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Brown, Batchelor win SGA spots

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

Wednesday's Student Government Association elections ended with Jeremy Brown snagging the presidency and Colton Batchelor winning his bid for external vice president.

One race is yet to be determined. An expected run off for the internal vice president will take place next week. The two vying for that spot are Jacque Steinmetz and Chris Carr.

Brown won by a long shot, snagging 78.94 percent of the votes. He topped Louis Constancio, who finished with 12.2 percent of the votes, and Carissa Noel Nichols, who followed with 7.27 percent.

Brown, who is this year's internal

vice president, pumped his fist when his name was announced.

"I am ready to get things going," Brown said. "I want to get our feet running, and hopefully, I can continue to fulfill the needs of the students. I put all my trust in the Lord God Almighty. I give thanks to him."

Thirty minutes before the announcement, Brown said he had just woken up from an hour nap.

"I am awake now," he said.

Batchelor's eyes were tear glazed five minutes after his name was announced. He took home 54.52 percent of the votes. Sarah Floerke finished with 36.33 percent, followed by Charles Lair who had 8.36 percent.

"I can't express it in words,"

Batchelor said. "I am extremely happy. I am glad I am not in a runoff so I can start working on things and focus on school. But this week of work was well worth it."

Batchelor now has to take on the task of traffic and parking problems at Texas Tech.

"First thing I am going to do is sit down with Leigh Mauer (current external vice president) and see what she feels and what is expected," he said. "Then I will follow that with my own personal opinions."

This is the second consecutive year a runoff will decide the fate of the internal vice president position.

Steinmetz garnered the most votes with 28.6 percent but was closely fol-

lowed by Carr, who gained 23.71 percent. Wesley Stephens finished in a close third with 20.06 percent, followed by Darbara Daily (15.54 percent) and Don Dildy (11.3 percent).

Carr said he is ready for another week of campaigning.

"I am pretty surprised but more nervous," he said. "Right now it is 50-50 (between him and Steinmetz). There are two of us now, and getting students to vote is the key."

Carr said he never had any doubts, but also was never too confident. "If it's God's plan to win, then it is God's plan," he said.

Steinmetz, whose brother was

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GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

SGA PRESIDENT ELECT Jeremy Brown hugs Sarah Stiles, a senior journalism major from Thrall, moments after he was named winner of the SGA presidential race in the Student Union on Wednesday.

Board to vote on fee hikes

By Kelly McAlister/Staff Reporter

The proposed 19 percent tuition and fee increase may become a reality for students beginning this summer if approved by the Board of Regents during its meeting today.

The proposed increases was prompted by a 7 percent budget cut across the state imposed by Gov. Rick Perry, requiring the university to return 7 percent of what was appropriated by the state and plan for a lack of sufficient funding for higher education for the next biennium.

Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Shonrock said he anticipates some discussion over the proposed fee document. Last year, Shonrock said, the Board solicited input from student government leaders in reference to the proposed fee increases.

Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith said separate fee documents for the university and Health Sciences Center will be presented. He said he is not concerned the state budget shortfall will create a stressful meeting.

"This Board has been through this before," he said. Smith said he will address the Board on the different state budget proposals and the potential impact of different scenarios.

If the state Legislature makes the proposed cuts, there will be an impact on the Tech Five Star Strategic Plan, Smith said. The goals of the plan are growth, diversity, people, partnerships and recognition.

"But as I've said many times before, it's still too early to panic," he said.

The Board also will discuss the status of the university's presidential search and establish qualifications for candidates.

Tech Interim President Donald Haragan said the Board maintains input about the president's job description, ac-

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Rally to shake spirit at USA

By Sara Schroeder/Staff Reporter

Grab the pom-poms, the red and black face paint, the frilly wigs and a favorite Texas Tech T-shirt; it's time to get rowdy.

The Student Government Association is hoping enthusiasm will be high Thursday night as the Spirit Committee hosts a Spirit Rally for the Lady Raider basketball team.

The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the United Spirit Arena, and all organizations are encouraged to attend.

Chad Greenfield, a freshman pre-medicine major from Monahan, and a member of the Saddle Tramps, said this event is to support the Lady Raiders in their upcoming game.

"The pep rally is to support the team for the game against Texas," he said.

Ernst Jones, senior director for KCBD-TV, and radio DJ Kidd Carson, from Z102-FM, will be celebrity guests at the event.

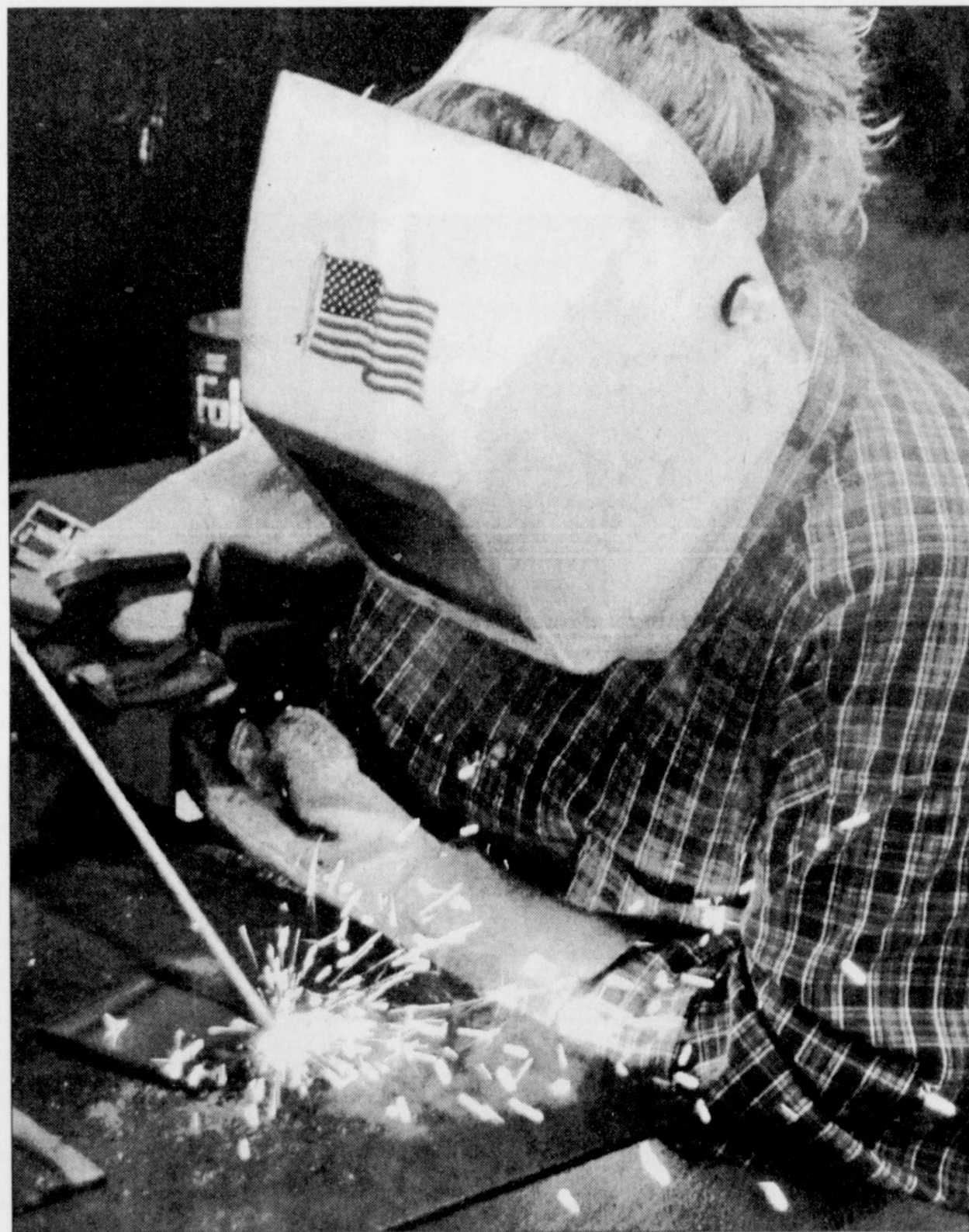
Elvis Moya, the SGA Spirit Coordinator, said Jones and Carson will be the masters of ceremonies for the rally. "They will be introducing the players and coaches, as well as giving out the prizes," he said.

The Tech cheerleaders, pom squad and the band also will be in attendance, performing during the event.

Organizations attending include the High Riders, the Saddle Tramps and the SGA. Many others are expected to attend.

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METAL MORPHOSIS



JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer

KELSEY YANTIS, A freshman agriculture communications major from Amherst, performs a welding demonstration during her agriculture systems management lab in the Agriculture, Education and Communications building Wednesday afternoon.

Iraq stages first major war drill

By Kiko Price/Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Huddling behind sandbags, patrolling rooftops with rocket-propelled grenades and mounting machine guns on pickup trucks, Iraqi police deployed around key western Baghdad installations Wednesday in their first major drill for wartime defense.

Civilian cars and trucks packed with police cruised the streets. A Jeep was parked on a downtown street, mounted with an anti-aircraft gun. Two portly traffic cops in blue uniforms tried on green mesh-covered helmets, giggling at the sight of each other.

Police in green uniforms and black berets patrolled around the Foreign Ministry with Kalashnikovs slung over their shoulders. A pile of sandbags was erected on one of Baghdad's main shopping streets. Two policemen in camouflage stood atop the minaret of a downtown mosque.

There was no official comment on the drill, but Iraqi news media reported Wednesday that President Saddam Hussein, in a meeting with police commanders the night before, asked the commander of west Baghdad traffic police whether his men had carried out a drill.

"Tomorrow a drill will be carried out," the commander, who was not identified, was quoted as saying.

"Good," Saddam reportedly responded.

Western Baghdad contains most government buildings and presidential palaces, while the east of the city is largely residential.

The commander was quoted as saying police already had carried out such drills. There was never any evidence

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Tech historians discuss U.S., European relations

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

The possibility of war with Iraq has raised many questions, including what it will do to gasoline prices and the economy. The question several Texas Tech historians tried to answer Wednesday is what is happening to U.S.-European relations.

Six history professors, representing four European countries and the United States, discussed several topics related to American foreign policy and possible military action with Iraq.

William Gray, who represented Germany, told the assembled students the panel was not advocating a country or its policies. All the professors were only giving background insights and interpreting what has been happening.

David Snead discussed the anti-war sentiment in the United States, saying there is a wide range of motivation instead of the usual protesters.

"There's obviously a clear, common thread in protest," he said. "How united that is, I'm not sure."

He discussed one reason why America is more aggressive.

"Bush sees a threat," he said. "He's assessing a threat. Whether it's there or not, that's his perception."

Americans saw the effects of Sept. 11, 2001, firsthand and therefore, look at the Iraq problem differently than Europeans, Snead said.

"Many Americans see Saddam Hussein as the Satan of the world," he said.

Paul Deslandes represented Great Britain, the United States' greatest ally at this point. Britain is in a unique position because while the government supports President Bush's war plans, the people do not.

British citizens have turned out in masses to protest a war with Iraq, he said, and the interesting thing is the diversity of the protest-

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TYSON JEFFREYS/Staff Photographer

PAUL DESLANDES, A professor of history, speaks with fellow colleagues about topics concerning world and U.S. affairs at a roundtable discussion Wednesday.

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The Rundown



Salvaged videotape found of shuttle's crew

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — A videotape salvaged from the wreckage of space shuttle Columbia provides what is likely the final glimpse of the astronauts before the shuttle broke apart. They are seen putting on their gloves and can be heard casually chatting, unaware of the impending destruction.

NASA said the video holds nothing of investigative value, but it will allow the public to see the astronauts and the inside of the shuttle minutes before the first sign of trouble. NASA plans to release copies to the media sometime this week.

Thirteen minutes of tape were preserved, despite burning that destroyed the rest of it, an official close to the accident investigation said Tuesday night. The tape shows four of the seven crew members doing routine tasks in the cockpit as the shuttle zoomed over the Pacific Ocean on Feb. 1.

The tape ends 4 minutes after the start of Columbia's atmospheric entry while the spaceship was still above the Pacific and flying normally. The first indication of trouble showed up in temperature monitors in the left landing gear compartment another four minutes after the end of the tape, the official said.

American Airlines bankruptcy possible

DALLAS (AP) — AMR Corp., parent company of American and American Eagle airlines, could be forced into bankruptcy as soon as May, its pilots' union warned.

An analysis of AMR's finances by the Allied Pilots Association found the Fort Worth-based company has just three months' worth of cash reserves.

American Airlines pleaded with employees earlier this month to accept steep cuts in wages and benefits to save \$1.8 billion annually. The pilots' analysis concluded that might not be enough.

"Realize that the \$1.8 (billion) is a minimum figure," a posting on the union's Web site says. "There is no guarantee that AMR won't ask for more. AMR states the alternative is bankruptcy."

American spokesman Bruce Hicks said the airline would not comment on specifics of the union's findings, but said talks with unions were productive.

"They understand the sense of urgency that we need," he said.

Most major airlines have struggled financially since the Sept. 11 terror attacks and two — United Airlines and US Airways — have sought bankruptcy protection.

Mexico shifting to U.S. position on Iraq

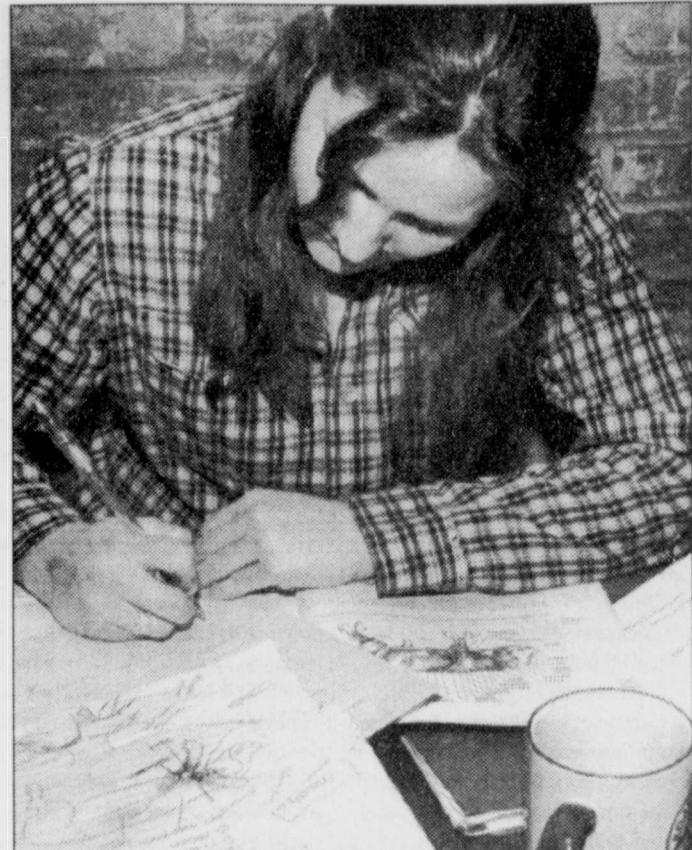
UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Mexico appeared to be the first among a handful of undecided U.N. Security Council members to shift toward the U.S. position on Iraq as Canada sought to find a middle ground among members split between disarming Saddam Hussein by force or giving weapons inspectors more time.

The Canadian proposal was rejected by the United States Wednesday after Secretary of State Colin Powell conferred by telephone with Foreign Minister Bill Graham. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the proposal "only procrastinates on a decision we all should be prepared to take."

Boucher recalled other governments tried earlier to set a deadline for Iraq. But he said meanwhile, "we have heard from inspectors again, and again and again" that Iraq had not agreed to fully disarm.

The change in policy for Mexico — one of the most outspoken supporters of continued weapons inspections instead of war, echoing French and German desires — was first presented in a key address by Mexican President Vicente Fox on Tuesday and then outlined in a new and confidential foreign policy directive obtained by The Associated Press.

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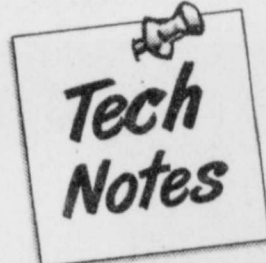
HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer
HOLLY KENT, A junior animal science major from Montrose, Colo., studies for her anatomy and physiology quiz at a coffee shop near campus on Wednesday morning.

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The Fine Arts Academy of India and the Department of Music will present Classical Dance of India in Odissi Style at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Allen Theatre in the Student Union. For tickets, call (806) 770-2000; tickets also will be available at the gate.

Applications for the 2003 Home-

coming Coordinating Committee are available at the Center for Campus Life in Room 228 of the Student Union building. The application deadline is Friday. For more information, contact Siobhan Shahan at (806) 742-5433 or siobhan.a.shahan@ttu.edu.

Lubbock's Pittman's Academy of Martial Arts is hosting a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Exhibition from noon to 1 p.m. Friday in the Student Union Courtyard. The event will include an introduction and explanation of moves and free Brazilian food and music. For more information, contact professor Antonio Ladeira at (806) 742-1550.

The application deadline for the Health Sciences Center's Summer Pre-medical Academy is Saturday. For more information or to access the online application, visit www.ttuhs.c.edu/medicine.

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Drill

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of those drills on the streets.

People went about their business normally. Traffic was heavy, and stores were busy and buses arrived from and departed for remote Iraqi provinces.

Even as Iraq prepared for war, it signaled it wanted peace. Newspapers appealed Wednesday to members of the U.N. Security Council to reject appeals from the United States to support a resolution authorizing an attack.

"Members have a great responsibility ... to make sure that the Security Council is a tool to preserve security, not a tool or a cover used to wage aggressive wars," Al-Thawra, the newspaper of the ruling Baath Party, said in a front-page editorial.

Iraqi and U.N. officials have spoken of increasing cooperation by Iraq's government with U.N. weapons inspectors charged with verifying Iraqi claims that the country has rid itself of weapons of mass destruction.

Chief inspector Hans Blix told the German weekly Die Zeit that his inspectors would need several months to complete their work even if the Iraqi government cooperated fully.

"The whole thing is a process that progresses only centimeter by centimeter. ... Even if Iraq were to immediately, actively and unconditionally cooperate with us, we would need several months," he was quoted as saying. "At the moment it's not even clear whether the Iraqis really want to cooperate."

"On the other hand, this country had eight years of inspections, four years without inspections and now 12 weeks with inspections. Is it the right time to close the door?"

U.N. inspectors visited a pit Wednesday to verify that Iraq, as it claims, unilaterally destroyed R-400 aerial bombs filled with biological weapons in 1991, inspectors' spokesman Hiro Ueki said. Another team surveyed the site from the air.

Saddam, in an interview with CBS-TV anchor Don Rather, dismissed the idea of going into exile to avoid war, saying he would rather die than leave his country.

"We will die here. We will die in this country and we will maintain our honor — the honor that is required ... in front of our people," Saddam said.

Excerpts of the interview were posted on the CBS Web site before the scheduled Wednesday evening broadcast.

President Bush said last month that he would welcome exile for Saddam, and some Arab countries — most notably Saudi Arabia — have proposed offering Saddam exile to avert war.

On Wednesday, Bush called the Iraqi leader "a master of disguise and delay," and said that for the safety of the American people and for peace in the world, Saddam Hussein will be disarmed one way or the other.

In the interview, Saddam also said he would not destroy Iraq's wealth by setting fire to its oil wells, and he denied his country had links to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

Relations

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The traditional anarchists are joined by nuns, university students, members of Greenpeace and many other interests.

"The importance of these things is to give people a good sense of the war," Deslandes said.

Many members of Parliament, including a significant number of Blair's Labor Party, also are against the war, as is the Church of England, he said.

France had two representatives on the panel, both of which reached similar conclusions about war sentiment.

"The world opinion in general in Italy is against the war," Aliza Wong said. "It seems to be kind of the people versus the state right now."

The Italians are protesting vehemently, she said. The trade union has announced it will strike soon, so it does not have to help the U.S. military, and people are blockading the trains used to transport military personnel and equipment.

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"There's been some foolishness in both countries in regard to the relationship," he said. "It's not exactly anti-American like the anti-French things we've been hearing in the United States."

Germany, the other European power, also has its population protesting, Gray said. They were less creative and less diverse, he added.

"My read on a popular protest is, in many cases, these are people who would have objected to any kind of war," he said.

He noted the German press has had numerous questions regarding Bush's aggressive stance toward Iraq but a gentler attitude toward North Korea.

Italy is in a similar situation as Britain, in that the government supports Bush while the people do not.

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American cultural imperialism. The people are anti-foreign policy, anti-war, anti-Bush Sr., Bush, Jr., but that doesn't stop them from wearing Levi's or drinking Coca-Cola."

Lorcin and Troyansky noted the same phenomenon with the French people.

"There's a real love affair with things American at the popular level," Lorcin said. "There isn't anything against the American people, but they are against American foreign policy."

There is some resentment that they cannot reciprocate, she said. French culture does not have a comparable impact on American society.

In Britain, Tony Blair is playing the Anglo card shared by the British and the Americans. Deslandes said there is a sense of unity that makes the relationship between the two countries "peculiar and special."

Britains are worried, however, about the effect of globalization on smaller economies.

"One needs to be aware that there is a certain sense in European countries that in the twentieth century, there has been a shift; a shift from European hegemony to American hegemony," Deslandes said.

In Germany, said Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder has, Iraq is not the central issue, but who is going to run the world is, Gray said. He has taken a bold stance about the war.

"Schroeder has decided they can actually move to prevent this war from happening," he said. "This is now a power play."

Rally

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"Many organizations have expressed interest in coming out," Greenfield said. "We really wanted to get the community involved."

Attire for the rally should include clothing showing off flare for organizations.

"(Students) should wear their organization's T-shirt, paint their faces and just be really rowdy," Moya said.

Besides introducing the players and coaches for the Lady Raiders at the rally, there will be free food and games, such as the Cingular three-point contest and a lay-up contest. The winners will be given prizes, Greenfield said.

"Prizes include a gift basket worth \$125, another Cingular gift basket and a gift certificate for dinner for two at Cheddar's Restaurant, who is also a sponsor," he said.

Students also will have a chance to receive free T-shirts, which will be given out by the Saddle Traps.

The main prize will be given at the end of the game, to the organization that shows the most spirit and rowdiness at the rally.

"We have a committee who will judge the people on their loudness and participation," Moya said.

The grand prize is a free private party at the Daiquiri Lounge.

"It's a great prize," Moya said. "The winners can use it for a date party, a mixer or a formal. They are getting a great deal."

The spirit event is a first for Lady Raider basketball.

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according to what it would like to see, although it is the search advisory committee that is responsible for compiling a job description to advertise for the position.

The first meeting of the advisory committee was scheduled for Tuesday but was postponed because of inclement weather in other areas of the state that prohibited some of the members from arriving in Lubbock, SGA President Kelly Stumbo said. The meeting has yet to be rescheduled.

The Board also will be briefed on the status of the U.S. Department of Justice's investigation and inquiry into a complaint filed against university biology professor Michael Dini.

The inquiry was launched into Dini's criterion for writing letters of recommendation for students. As reported previously in *The University Daily*, Dini requires that a student must "truthfully and forthrightly affirm a scientific answer" to questions related to the origin of human species before he will issue letters of recommendation to them.

In a Jan. 21 letter to the university, the USDOJ requested information by the requested date, and there has been no correspondence since.

General Counsel Pat Campbell said Dini responded to the USDOJ by the requested date, and there has been no correspondence since.

Also, the Board is scheduled to approve the contract for the new president of the Health Sciences Center, Dr. M. Roy Wilson.

The Board meeting, originally scheduled to be held in Junction, was moved to the Lubbock campus following the announcement of the statewide budget cuts, resulting in travel limits.

Elections

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SGA president last year, said she feels proud.

"I am really thankful for the opportunity to be where I am at," she said. "I was running against five incredible candidates. To progress this far is incredible."

Steinmetz said she will not slow down on her campaigning next week.

"I am going to give it 110 percent," she said. "I am proud and really excited. I know (Carr) is going to be a very hard-working, noble person to compete against."

Fifty four candidates were officially named on the Student Senate. Five students won with write-in votes and have to wait to see if they are eligible to serve on Senate.

The winner of the March 4 and March 5 run off will serve as the Senate President.

The winners from Wednesday will not be official until they turn in their financial disclosure form.

Before the winners were announced, current SGA President Kelli Stumbo had a message to whomever is next year's officers.

"This is your priority," she said.

"This should be taken seriously. For those who win, you are in charge now, and it up to you to take the torch and follow what the SGA has been doing."

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PERSPECTIVES

Ban on Kazaa great offense

Texas Tech students have to take a lot from this school—rising tuition, a possible transportation fee next year. But what they have been doing as of last Thursday has finally crossed the line.

Tech committed the ultimate offense against its students when it banned Kazaa and other media-sharing programs from all computers operating on the school's network. This time you may have pushed the students too far.

It may seem like a tough but fair move by Tech when you first look at it, but is it really worth it? Sure, these media-sharing programs may "technically" be illegal, but taking away this great program from students is a much bigger crime. In fact, should these programs be all that illegal?

The lawsuits in the music and movie industries do not seem to be going under the poverty line due to Kazaa. In fact, the music and movie industries do not seem to be suffering at all because of Kazaa.

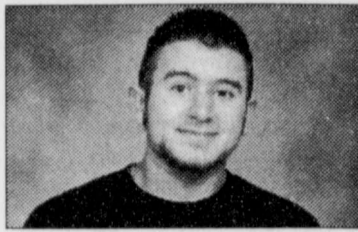
Most people download things with Kazaa merely to sample them before making a purchase. In case you have not noticed, the songs and movies you get off Kazaa are not too high quality. So if people are passionate enough about the music and/or movies they download, they will still purchase them.

I do not personally have Kazaa on my computer here, but I could not find one former Kazaa user that was not enraged about it being banned. I do not think the higher powers at Tech realize what they have done. Downloading movies and songs are a way of life for most students, and you just ripped it away from us. "WTF? Give me pornography or give me death!" exclaimed an anonymous former Kazaa user.

"What the hell? I can't believe they're enforcing this unjust law," remarked freshman Phil Padel after reading last Thursday's news article.

These are only two of the many students who were outraged over this decision. Just imagine the collective rage that now encompasses our fair campus.

The population of Tech is now unsettled and quite unhappy. I'd like to tell Tech to not back down from the fat cats and their lawyers threat-



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ening copyright infringement lawsuits and whatnot. Defend your students and their beloved Kazaa.

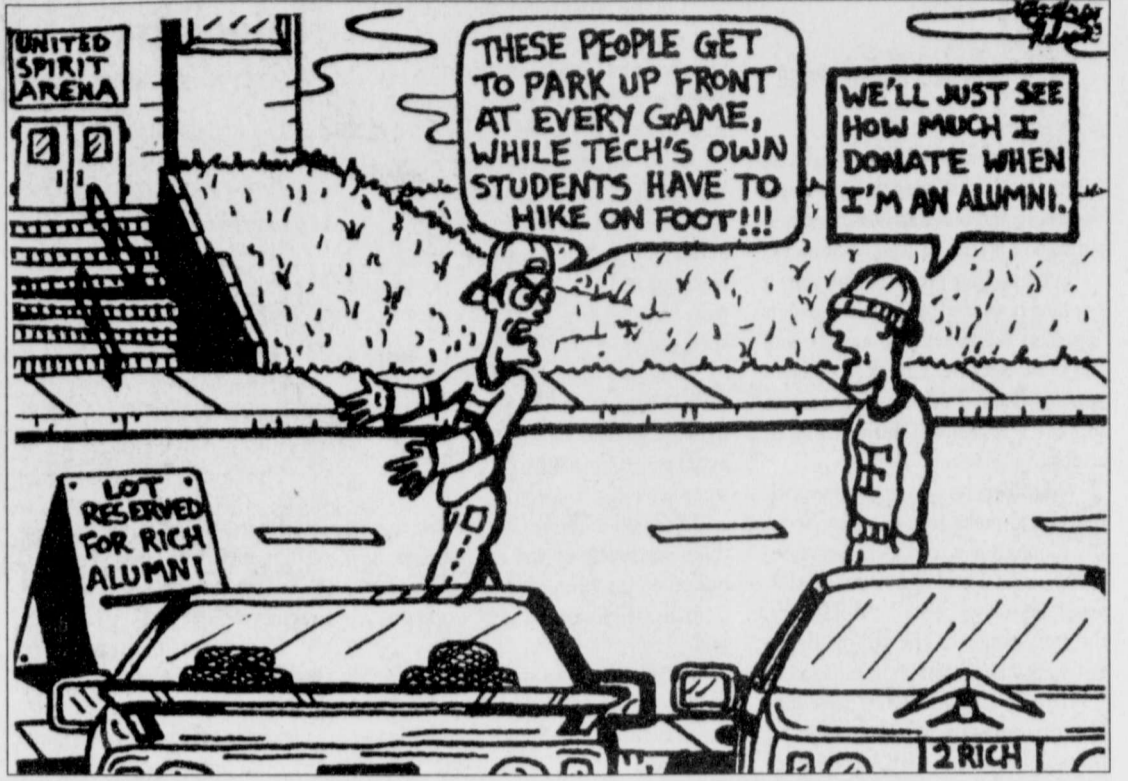
"Hell no, we download!" will be our cry of rebellion. The higher powers must back their loyal students and bring back Kazaa. These are the times that try Techsan's souls, but the powers that be cannot be sunshine patriots. They must be loyal to the people loyal to them, not those corporate fiends who are only loyal to the almighty dollar.

Don't think it is only students that are enraged. I would like the powers that be to ponder on this one for a moment. What if the living legend Bob Knight wants to download some Tech fight music while he's in his office? Do you dare take away Kazaa from the one person that this school is now best known for?

Ask any Big 12 or Big 10 referee. The last thing you want to do is make Coach Knight mad. So you better watch your back, dean. Now that you have possibly enraged Coach Knight, I would not be surprised if you get a folding chair shot to the back of the head.

If you take away our Kazaa, you take away our livelihood. Back in the glory days of freedom and Kazaa, a day wouldn't go by in which my chums did not download music and/or movies on their computers. Now, these are dark times for all Techsians, and I do not know whether we will ever be the same again.

So I beg the powers that be to repeal this new ban on Kazaa and other media-downloading programs. It is not worth it to have more than 27,000 angry and disgruntled people on this campus. Please, for the sake of the students, for the sake of the professors, for the sake of coach Knight, bring back Kazaa. For we are all entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of music and movies.



Look for good in all situations

I have always wondered if there was such a thing as true happiness. I've grown to become a pessimist and any time I see something good happen I wonder where the bad is. Does something good that happens to you have to have a bad with it? But a few instances happened in my life lately to make me less of a pessimist and more of a realist.



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I think that society has some how conformed my brain to think there can never be something truly good. You see it all around you in movies and on television. You see the happy couple and then something has to happen to break them up. Sure sometimes they get back together, but something always has to happen to make them question their love.

Why can't people just be happy without encountering some doom-filled situation that makes them re-evaluate their circumstances? I had never seen true happiness until this past month when I was put in certain situations to see the people around me truly content.

My best friend of five years became pregnant after one year of marriage. She made me promise over and over to be there when the baby came. I, of course, was there when she went into labor as I had promised. She made me promise to stay for the whole labor. I will

admit to you that these were the most horrific moments of my life. You have no idea unless you see it in person the pain and horror that labor entails. But I stuck in there for all of it because I promised. All I saw was my best friend in horrible pain.

But then you hear a little cry and everything else goes away. You forget the horrible pictures burned on your retina for one minute and see the miracle that has happened. This is when the first epiphany hit me of there being some good in the bad. I saw that she was in pain but she had no regrets because she had her little boy in her arms and everything was OK.

To this day, she swears she remembers every pain she had but thinks that it was all worth it because of what she came out with.

Another moment where I saw true happiness was when my sister got married. Because I was the maid of honor, I got to feel the excitement of it all around me.

There was such a vast amount of

energy going between my sister and her husband, the feeling was just contagious. You could not help but sit there and smile while they looked in each other's eyes and said their vows. I could tell that I was seeing love in action and it was something I will never forget. The bad in this situation was that I was losing my one sister. She would not just be my sister anymore she would also be someone's sister-in-law.

But then I realized I would be gaining a brother, a big brother who would not pick on me. So I gave something up but I gained something else in return.

I must admit that I have never felt this true happiness personally. Maybe it takes some profound moment in your life like my sister and my best friend had.

I wonder, do you have to look for these situations or do they just come to you? Or, do you have to have a baby or get married to feel this happiness?

Can you even remember the last time you were truly happy, when everything was right in the world and you had no worries to think about? Have you ever had a moment like this? I hope that you have had at least one.

After the situations, I stopped looking for the bad in everything. Now I take everything at face value and try to find some good in the things that are around me — the glass became half-full instead of half-empty.

New scholarship for whites only founded on bad idea

During a TV news segment tonight, I learned that Matt Coday is a moron. It's good that he's starting the United White Persons College Fund for himself because he is sorely in need of an education.

He thinks it's time for a serious discussion about the definition of discrimination in America and says this "scholarship" was created in response to the decreasing amount of funding

available to whites because of organizations like the United Negro College Fund.

Scholarships, unless my etymology needs brushing up, are awarded to scholars, Matt—white, black or blue. You speak as if someone somewhere is taking money that is rightfully yours and giving it to someone else just because they're not white.

My guess is, if you had been born

Letter to the editor M. Scott Crader

black, you still wouldn't have gotten any scholarship money. I base that guess on this fact: I'm white, and for several semesters after I started at Tech, I got a check cut back to me.

I actually had that much scholarship money coming in, and I didn't

even have to lie on my application. You know why I got that money? You know why minorities get scholarship money?

It's simple, really. We're smarter than you. At the end of the segment, the reporter added that Matt "will not be accepting contributions from any white supremacist organization."

I don't know who else would contribute to a scholarship fund so-

named. Matt said on camera, speaking of the name, that he's fully prepared for the firestorm that will come from this. I hope so Matt, because I won't be surprised if this doesn't once again earn Lubbock Johnny Cochran's attention. Of course it should, and I hope it does.

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Tech study works to keep couples together

By Angela Timmons/
Staff Reporter

The Texas Family Trust Fund is behind another research program currently under way at the Department of Human Sciences.

This program focuses on enhancing serious and committed dating relationships.

Steve Harris, associate dean for academic programs and principle investigator, said the program is mostly educational.

"We put together this study to educate people to do an evaluation of pre-marital educational programs," he said.

There are an "epidemic number" of people, Harris said, leaving marriages before they should.

"If they go into marriage with eyes wide open and know what to expect, their chances of divorce go down," he said. "You want to get hang-ups like religious beliefs on the table before marriage."

The program will provide its participating couples with a good idea of their similarities and differences, Harris said.

"Some theories suggest differences attract," Harris said. "Others say we tend to get hooked up with people like us, and differences can be detrimental."

Although couples participate in pre-marital educational experience, the program is not specifically designed for couples planning to get married, Harris said.

Chance Ates, a graduate student from Istanbul, Turkey, and program coordinator, said the program has involved about 40 couples so far.

"It is highly confidential and paid," Ates said. "We get to know the couples and help them learn."

Harris said the department plans to follow up the program, making it different from similar programs that do not intend to follow up on their research. The couples involved are predominantly Tech students.

Harris said the program begins with establishing where the couple is in their relationship, looking at similarities and differences, and encouraging dialogue and communication.

"Our feedback tells us they never thought about these things before," Ates said.

Harris said the feedback fosters communication.

"A lot of times, they never think about talking about sex, money, children, work," he said.

About four couples became engaged after their participation in the program, Harris said, but others realized they were not compatible.

"That could be considered success if we've helped someone successfully avoid divorce," he said.

Avoiding divorce has become a state and nationwide initiative, with more marriages ending in divorce, Harris said.

"It is the state's business to take care of welfare," he said. "That involves marriage and dysfunction. It can be a drain on the state."

Harris said a strain on the state involves things such as child support enforcement, which is a financial hardship on the state.

"If a man's not stepping up to responsibilities, the money is coming from somewhere," he said. "It's definitely the state's business to be involved in family welfare."

Harris said marriage success probably has less to do with chronological age than with maturity, but the predominant belief among college-aged students that there is only one person out in the world for them can be a hindrance to a successful relationship once an unattractive trait is realized.

"It is easy to think you're getting out because it's now wrong," Harris said. "The soul mate belief puts a hin-

drance on finding a partner through dating. More successful marriages include people who believe they could've been married to a number of people."

The program asks couples to evaluate how they feel about issues such as soul mate versus dating, family life, and values and beliefs. There is a six-month involvement program, including questioning sessions and follow-up.

Harris said the research is nationally helpful, as it is linked to national re-

search. "It will put Tech on the map as being a contributor," he said. "When it

is done, it will be the only study of its kind."

Ates said the program is always looking for more participants, stressing it is paid and confidential. Ates said the environment is fun and friendly, and because it is done on a voluntary basis, couples can stop participation anytime.

Ates said the program has been interesting for him because of current trends among young Americans and their dating, or lack of dating, techniques.

"We need to find out why they don't want to date," Ates said of the large number of Tech students uninvolved in serious relationships. "There are some people who just want to date, or they are dating and want to get married but don't want to say it. They need to come in and do this. It's fun."

For more information or to volunteer for the program, call Chance Ates at (806) 786-2103.

School aide charged with sexual assault of student

FREEPORT (AP) — A middle school instructional aide has been charged with sexual assault of a child and jailed after he allegedly had a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old female student.

Gilbert Ray Hernandez, 30, turned himself in to Freeport police Monday after investigators determined he had sex with the Freeport Intermediate School student, police Capt. Richard Miller told The Facts newspaper in Clute.

Although their stories differed, both Hernandez and the girl indicated the relationship had been going on for some time, Miller said.

Bond has been set at \$100,000. The charge against Hernandez is a second-degree felony. Under state law, children under the age of 17 cannot legally consent to sex.

"Were just in shock right now,"

school principal Clara Sale-Davis told The Facts. "Were devastated."

The girl's family had reported her as a runaway Saturday. Police found her with Hernandez at an apartment belonging to a relative, Miller said.

After she had been found, family members told police they suspected the two had a sexual relationship, Police Chief Henrietta Gonzalez said.

Hernandez, who is married with children, has been suspended with pay, Brazosport school Superintendent Rudy Okruhlik said.


This was Hernandez's first year at the school, Sale-Davis said. Besides his work as an instructional aide, he helped the school's basketball teams, Sale-Davis said.

"He did his job well," she said.

"A lot of times, they never think about talking about sex, money, children, or work."

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Charity charged with supporting terrorists groups

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. charity and four people involved with it were indicted Wednesday on charges they illegally sent millions of dollars to Iraq, the Justice Department announced.

A University of Idaho graduate student was indicted for failing to disclose on his visa application his relationship with an organization that operates Web sites praising suicide bombings.

The four were charged in Syracuse, N.Y., with transferring as much as \$2.7 million to Iraq in violation of government bans on money transfers to Iraq. They also set up a group, Help the Needy, which allegedly sought contributions. The money was deposited in central New York banks and then was sent to Iraq through the Jordan Islamic Bank in Amman, the indictment said.

Arrested were Rafil Dhafir of

Fayetteville, N.Y., an oncologist; Ayman Jarwan of Syracuse, N.Y., the executive director of Help the Needy; and Osameh Al Wahaidy of Fayetteville, N.Y., a Muslim religious leader at the state prison in Auburn, N.Y., and a math teacher at the State University College at Oswego.

The fourth person indicted, Maher Zagher, is living in Amman and is a former college student in Utica and Syracuse, N.Y.

The indictment grew out of a three-year investigation, the government said.

The fifth indictment involved Sami Omar Al-Hussayen, a citizen of Saudi Arabia who is a graduate student at the University of Idaho.

Al-Hussayen was arrested Wednesday in Moscow, Idaho, the government said.

He is charged with supporting the Michigan-based Islamic Assem-

bly of North America, both by supplying money from overseas sources and by providing computer expertise. He is charged with failing to disclose his relationship with the group, which, if revealed, would have resulted in the government rejecting his visa application, the indictment said.

Web sites operated by the Islamic Assembly praise suicide bombings and tout the use of airplanes as terror weapons, the government said.

According to the government, one article posted on a site read, "The mujahid (warrior) must kill himself if he knows that this will lead to killing a great number of the enemies. In the new era, this can be accomplished with the modern means of bombing or bringing down an airplane on an important location that will cause the enemy great losses."

PUMP UP THE VOLUME



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LEFT TO RIGHT: Provost William Marcy, Director of Student Media Susan Peterson, Interim President Donald Haragan, Chancellor Dr. David Smith, KOHM-FM General Manager Derick Ginter and Vice Provost James Brink break ground for new a transmitter building to be shared by KTXT-FM and KOHM-FM. The old building will be occupied by KTXT-TV.

Winter weather causes deaths, closings across mid-U.S.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — More freezing rain fell on the southern United States on Wednesday after storms dumped more than a foot of snow in Arkansas and contributed to at least 14 deaths.

Interstate highways were closed in Oklahoma and Texas, and at least three dozen flights Wednesday morning were canceled at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

The storm arrived in Washington hours earlier than forecasters had expected. Heavy squalls and slick streets plagued the capital during the morning rush-hour, and some schools canceled or delayed classes.

Forecasters said the storm would affect areas south of the Ohio River before reaching the East Coast south of New York.

In Texas, weather-related traffic accidents killed six people and three immigrants died from hypothermia. In Arkansas, five people died in traffic accidents, including a stranded motorist and two people who had stopped to help.

The three died Tuesday when a vehicle driven by state Rep. Johnnie

Bolin went over a slick spot and plowed into them on a median of Interstate 530 near Redfield. Bolin was hospitalized but not badly hurt. Police said no charges were being considered.

"I can't imagine worse conditions than what we have," Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department spokesman Randy Ort said. "Stay in if at all possible."

In Tulsa, Okla., Larry Carlin shoveled snow, hoping to prevent the 8 inches of snow already on the ground from freezing hard.

"The last time I remember it being this cold this long was way back in the 1970s," said Carlin, 60, who has lived in Tulsa for 26 years. "When we first moved here, about three years passed before it snowed. And even then, our daughter had to gather snow from four yards to build a snowman."

Interstates 20, 45 and 35 south and east of Dallas-Fort Worth were shut all night by jackknifed tractor-trailer rigs, stranding hundreds of motorists in their cars, officials there said.

"As soon as they clear one collision, another was happening," said Department of Public Safety Sr. Cpl. Robert White.

In Oklahoma, the freezing rain closed part of Interstate 40 about 90 miles east of Oklahoma City, near Henryetta, on Wednesday. A day earlier, the National Guard patrolled roads in Humvees and carried two dozen stranded motorists to a Red Cross shelter.

In Arkansas, some motorists were trapped in their vehicles for 10 hours on slippery Interstate 40 after a truck jackknifed outside Little Rock. Truck drivers walked down the highway knocking on car windows to make sure everyone was all right.

"My stomach was growling because I hadn't eaten anything," said motorist Renee Lewis. "That man went back to his cab. He brought us chips, cupcakes, baked chicken and rice. I cannot believe somebody took the time to do that."

Wrecks and slippery pavement also closed roads in parts of Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama; schools were closed in parts of all six states.

The University Daily READER'S CHOICE AWARDS

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Motivating MINDS

Students, faculty learn how to make life more successful

By Harvey Mireles/Staff Reporter

People strive for a vision or master plan for their whole life as they presently see it. What they would like to be doing or experiencing sometime in their lives endlessly drives them day after day.

The journey begins sooner than many believe, as each decision impacts how far each will go into those plans.

Freshmen and sophomores were given the opportunity Wednesday evening to take time out of their blossoming college careers to focus on goals and devise a reasonable means of achieving them.

Motivational speaker John Spence spoke before a handful of students on the concepts and ideas of strategizing a means of success in the students' college academics and making plans for the future.

"The education part is in front of them," Spence said. "Absolutely have a ton of fun, but never forget why you came here and what you want in the

end result."

Spence said many struggle the first year in college because of poor time management.

"It's not about all fun or having no fun, but having a balance between them," he said. "You've got to ask yourself every day, 'How much fun can I have today, have great grades, stay healthy and have the dream job I've always wanted?'"

He said the response from past seminars have been positive.

"I've had a few people cry when they realize how much this relates to them," he said. "One said it was the 'best kick in the stomach' she had ever had."

Spence said the more people he gets a chance to talk to, the more fun he has.

"It's been very rewarding," he said. "The thing is, it does not have to do with me; it's about the information. I've made a career out of studying excellence and achievement."

Spence said he hopes everyone in attendance leaves understanding that

having a successful, happy, exciting life will not happen through hope or chance.

"You've got to have a plan," he said. "About 90 percent to 98 percent of people have no idea of what exactly a happy life would be. It's impossible if you don't think about it."

He said one of his sayings is "successful people do what unsuccessful people weren't willing to do."

"You've got to take the time and think about where you want to go," Spence said. "Then you've got to think of everything you need to get today to help you get there."

He said success in life is to have an enjoyable job, make enough money and be happy.

"You don't need to get caught in the trap of 'I have made this much and I have to do this to be successful,'" he said. "There are many who are rich and insanely miserable. Money is no correlation for happiness."

Drew Fejes, a freshman undeclared

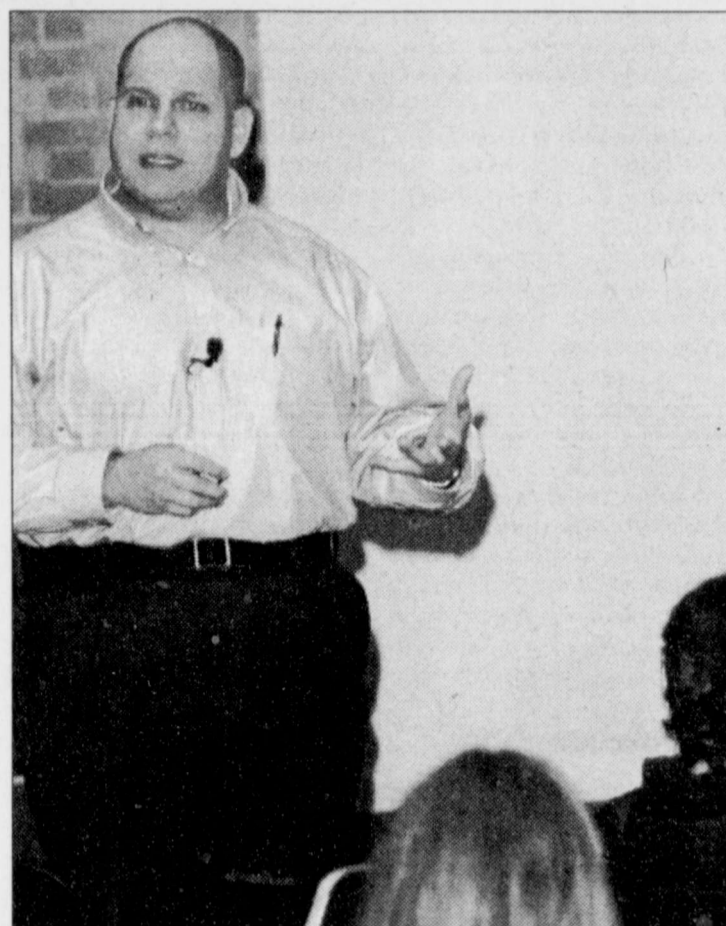
major from Abilene, said he believes it is important to be motivated.

"If I had been properly motivated, I wouldn't be a freshman at 20," Fejes said. "I thought we had the great motivator when we got Bobby Knight, but this guy was OK."

He said other colleges would be able to benefit from a seminar or two from a motivational speaker like Spence.

"Nothing great would ever be done if no one had the gumption to do it," Fejes said. "People like Phil Jackson are great motivators. Three championships in a row with the Lakers and managing five with the Bulls, Jackson can motivate those boys to move mountains and part seas."

Spence will continue his seminars this evening at 6:30 addressing juniors, and at 1:30 p.m. Friday he will speak before senior and graduate students. The seminars will take place in Room 202 Thursday and Friday in Room 067 of the Jerry S. Rawls Business Administration building.



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer
MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER JOHN Spence speaks to a small group of students and faculty about success and judging success in the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration building Wednesday.

Rec center offers trendy, new-age workouts for fitness buffs

By Jessica Johnson/Staff Reporter

In the past few years, several popular new-age workouts have become trendy in Lubbock and among Texas Tech students.

The Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center offers a variety of new workouts that are different from average ones.

"We decided to add a variety of new classes this year to the fitness schedule at the recreation center because of such a popular demand by the students for these popular workouts," said Janda Ibbetson, assistant director for Rec Sports for Fitness and Wellness.

The Rec Center offers classes such as yoga, tai chi, pilates, spin city and belly dancing. Yoga, pilates and tai chi are part of the mind/body workout, which provides excellent results, Ibbetson said. These classes range in price from \$10 to \$30 and are offered weekly.

One of the most popular new workouts is pilates. It teaches body awareness, good posture and easy,

graceful movement.

Pilates improves flexibility, agility and economy of motion. Also, it can help alleviate back pain. It is a mixture of movements that focus on the core muscle groups for a challenging workout, Ibbetson said.

Tracy McAskill, a junior math and physics major from Actus, Okla., who teaches the class, said pilates is a workout for people of all ages and at any level. It focuses on the powerhouse of the body, which is the abs, lower back, hips and thighs.

"Pilates is a great workout, and I would recommend it to anyone who wants to have a stronger, more graceful body," she said. "For example, when students carry backpacks around campus, it puts stress on the lower back muscles. Pilates works to stretch and

focus on the lower back muscles to help relieve some of the stress and pain in them."

Some of the benefits of pilates, McAskill said, are that it builds strength without "bulking up," it increases flexibility and agility, it develops optimal core control, and it creates flat abdominals, slender thighs and a strong back.

In the past few years, yoga also has surged in popularity. The word "yoga" is derived from the Sanskrit root "yuj,"

meaning to bind, join, attach and yoke; to direct and concentrate one's attention on, to use and apply. Also, it means union or communion. Almost every gym now offers classes, and instructional tapes and books are widely available.

Morgan McKillit, a Lubbock resident and a manager of Flex Fitness, said practicing yoga can prevent injuries such as shin splints and aching knees because it creates flexibility.

"I enjoy taking yoga because it is a

calming workout," McKillit said. "Yoga improves body awareness, flexibility and teaches patience. I love to run, and yoga improves my running workout. I also enjoy pilates as a cool down after a kickboxing class because it is not intense, and it strengthens and tones the body."

Another unique workout is Krav Maga, which is a self-defense class. Krav Maga is what the Israeli defense force has been using for 50 to 60 years as a workout, said Mark Caudillo, a

junior political science major from Los Angeles, and instructor at Tiger Martial Arts and Fitness.

"I teach this class, and I have noticed that many police officers take this class," he said. "It teaches strength, working muscles and breathing techniques, as well as self defense. It has been very popular among Texas Tech students as well."

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'Joe Millionaire' readying second edition on Fox

NEW YORK (AP) — Flush with the success of "Joe Millionaire," Fox executives said Wednesday that they are readying a second edition.

Fox would not say when the hit reality series would return or how a sequel would differ from the first, which was based on a joke that everyone but the female competitors were in on.

"It can't be done identically to the first one for all the obvious reasons," said Sandy Grushow, Fox Television Entertainment chairman.

Grushow said the network "has come up with a notion that carries all of the same values forward. We're obviously optimistic that it will perform extremely well when it returns."

An estimated 40 million viewers watched the final hour of the series on Feb. 17, helping lead Fox to its first-ever victory in a ratings "sweeps" month among viewers aged 18 to 49.

CBS was the most popular network in February when viewers of all ages are counted. But networks like Fox, NBC and ABC are intensely interested in the youthful demographic because it's craved by advertisers.

The chaotic February sweeps was marked by intense competition for Michael Jackson programming and reality series like "American Idol" and "The Bachelorette" that could be moved and expanded in a scheduling chess game.

CBS President Leslie Moonves called it the "craziest sweeps in the history of television." NBC Entertainment Chairman Jeff Zucker said it was "nutty" and his ABC counterpart, Lloyd Braun, called it "wild and woolly."



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Tech track and field head to Big 12 meet

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech track and field team is preparing to put the finishing touches on its indoor season this weekend. The Red Raiders travel to Lincoln, Neb., for the Big 12 Conference Indoor Championships Friday and Saturday.

Tech goes into the championships with a handful of competitors questionable. One of those competitors is sophomore runner Jonathan Johnson, who is ranked No. 4 in the nation according to Trackwire.com for the sixth consecutive week. Johnson said he is unsure of the extent of his injury.

"I believe I did it about two weeks ago at the Nebraska meet," he said. "I did something to my foot, but I'm not really sure what."

Even though it is questionable as to whether Johnson will be able to compete, he said he is still anticipating the team to do well among the tough competition of the Big 12.

"I believe the team will do good, partly because it's the Big 12," he said. "Being the Big 12, it's going to be better competition. We'll do good and set some (personal records) at this meet."

Johnson said the Tech squad hopes to perform well in the indoor season finale, but the team is better suited for outdoor competition.

"We're more of an outdoor team," he said. "You always want to do good in indoor though; it gets you motivated and sets the tone for outdoor. You want to do the best you can and get your confidence going."

Senior high jumper Michael Beasley, who holds the top jump in the conference, concurred with his teammate. He said the Raiders are looking forward to finishing up the indoor schedule.

"Outdoor, we're going to be a much better team," he said. "Once everybody gets through with indoor, they're going to be ready to go compete outdoor."

Wes Kittley, head coach of the track and field squad, said the Raiders do not have the depth other indoor teams have, but he still anticipates a good showing from his team.

"I'm hoping we can be in the top half," he said. "We're a lot better outdoor team. The teams with a lot of depth tend to do better. We have people in a lot of outdoor events who don't compete indoor."

Regardless, Tech is ready to compete indoors when necessary. Beasley said the Raiders are more optimistic this go-around.

"I think we've got more confidence this year than in past years that I've been here," he said.

Tech has a more experienced squad this year, which Beasley said should help the Raiders compete.

"Last year, we had a lot of freshmen," he said. "With the majority being freshmen, they were nervous. Now everybody's been here at least once or twice."

Kittley said this year's squad has

also had the chance to compete in the same venue the championships are being held in, which should help them.

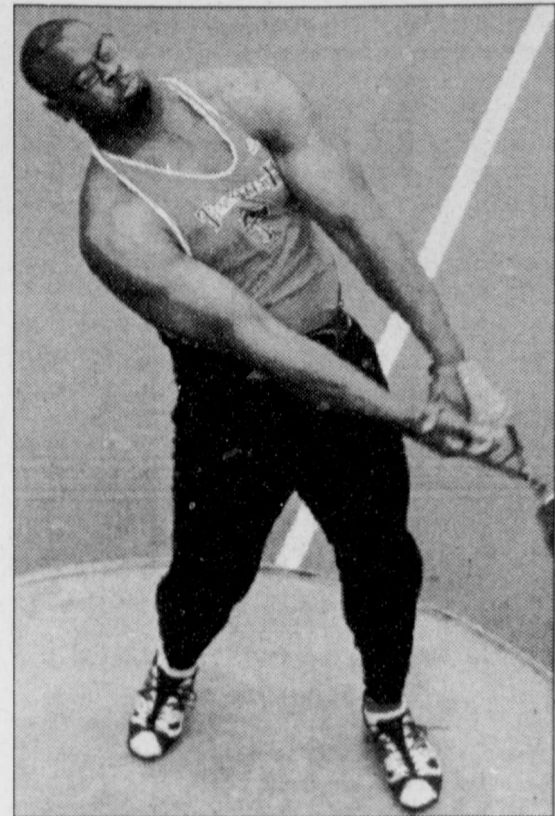
"We went out to Nebraska two weeks ago, so we've been on the track at that facility before," he said. "We're a lot more familiar with it."

The team's maturity should also help the Raiders, Kittley said, echoing the senior high jumper's statement.

"(Beasley) is one of only two seniors..." he said. "We're very young still, but I think that being there and going back, we're a lot more prepared for it."

The Raiders have struggled at the conference indoor championships during his time at Tech, usually placing 10th or 11th, but Beasley said the Raiders have no reason not to compete well this time.

"I think if everybody goes in there and competes the way they're capable of, we'll place higher than we have since I've been here," he said.



JASON YOUNG SPINS to gain momentum in the hammer throw during the Red Raider Invitational on Feb. 7 in the Athletic Training Center. Tech track and field will compete in the Big 12 Conference Championships this weekend in Lincoln, Neb. JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

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Softball taking progress to Corpus Christi

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

If the Texas Tech softball team has admitted to being anything, it is being a work in progress; and the progress continues this weekend at the Islander Invitational in Corpus Christi.

Tech is 8-13 this season with narrow losses to some Top 10 teams, and Tech coach Bobby Reeves said the Raiders are close to getting it all together.

"We had four players hit over .300 last weekend," Reeves said. "Our pitchers are throwing well, and we've only had three errors in five games. We're 8-13, and we could easily be 16-5. That's the aggravating part of it."

The Tech team held the notions of consistency and getting all things going at the same time in high regard in practice Tuesday. Tech was originally scheduled to play a doubleheader against New Mexico State today, but the games were cancelled because of poor weather.

Tech pitcher Kristina Blair said the team could focus more on consistency in a longer week of practice and try to get all aspects of the team's game going well.

"Our pitching is there for us some games," Blair said. "Then our hitting is there some games. We just haven't put it all together that often. The games that we've won, we have."

Although the Tech team admits to not yet having "put it all together," Reeves said he is not disappointed with his team, and with continued positive attitudes, the team will get better.

"The overall attitude of the team is great," he said. "They're not getting down on themselves and giving up a lot of runs. As a coach, you just keep on being positive and show continued confidence in the abilities of your players. Then you get that one hit that sparks the team."

Not giving up in games and staying close may be the Tech team's big attribute, as the team has lost by more than two runs only three times this season, with one of the lopsided losses coming to defending national champion California.

Blair said this year's team has a resilience that last year's team might not have had.

"We're performing better than last

year," Blair said. "Last year's team might have lost some of these games by a lot, and we've been sticking in there. Like against (No. 9 Cal State) Fullerton, we were good about staying in there. We can take that as a positive."

Tech will play host Corpus Christi A&M, New Mexico, Baylor, Wichita State and Eastern Illinois this weekend.

The Raiders have already faced Corpus Christi A&M this season, as the team handed Tech its first loss of the season 6-0. Reeves said the game would provide a revenge factor for the members of the team. The coach also talked about the other opponents Tech will face in the tournament.

"We start off with Baylor and New Mexico right off the bat Friday morning, and that should be good for us," Reeves said. "Then Wichita State is playing good. I don't know anything about Eastern Illinois; I didn't even know they played softball before now."

Overall, there was a sense of confidence about the tournament coming from the team in practice.

Infielder Andrea Joachims said the

team played hard in the previous tournament and should do even better in Corpus Christi.

"We played hard last weekend in those close games," Joachims said. "We think we can come out with a better record this weekend."

After the tournament, Tech will return for its first home game of the season when it hosts the Mutual of Omaha Lady Raider Classic.

Talk about the first home game brought smiles to the Raiders' faces as they anticipate the start of the home season.

"I know, I'm stoked," Blair said. "I've waited all year to get to play on our field, in front of our fans."

The cancellation of the home opener this week seemed to only heighten the excitement for the return home.

Joachims said the team is looking forward to finally getting to play at home even more now.

"It would have been nice if we could have played today," she said. "It was so anticipated to finally play at home. We've been on the road every week, but we're nearing the end of that."

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Texas lawmaker proposes pay for athletes

AUSTIN (AP) — Saying college athletes should cash in on at least some of the millions of dollars they generate for their schools, a Texas lawmaker has proposed letting state universities give them up to \$200 a month.

A bill filed this week by Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, would allow the schools to set up grant programs to give the money to scholarship athletes.

It is only fair, he said, to give something back to the football, basketball and baseball players who put on the uniform and represent their schools.

"These kids are raising a lot of money for the schools," Wilson said Tuesday. "(Many) of them won't graduate and the schools know it. They're being used for the schools' benefit without any kind of compensation."

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Kobe Bryant is clearly MVP

You can love him or hate him, and I bet you probably hate him. No matter how you feel about him, though, he's the best player on the basketball court - anywhere.

That's right, kids, Kobe Bryant has taken over Los Angeles, and now the entire nation, with his awe-inspiring play.

Bryant's nine-game streak of scoring at least 40 points has now tied him with the untouchable Michael Jordan.

How nice, seeing as when Jordan was asked at the All-Star game who he was "passing the torch" to, Bryant's name did not find the great one's tongue.

Don't worry about it, Mike. Kobe can blaze his own trail.

In fact, if Bryant scores 40 or more points tonight, he passes the King of the Wizards and moves on toward his pursuit of Wilt Chamberlain, who had 14 game streaks of 40 or more twice during the 1961-62 season.

Look, I'm not trying to knock Jordan. The fact that he can still go out and score 40 at age 40 like he did last week is remarkable. He is the greatest player the game has ever seen, but isn't it a shade odd that he wouldn't

SPORTS COLUMN



Kyle Clark

Blackshirts982002@yahoo.com mentions Bryant as one of the players he's handing off the game to?

Bryant started his tear before the All-Star game, and it didn't inspire "His Airness." I'll let that issue die, though. Jordan is the man, and he can feel however he wants about the next big thing.

The one compliment that shouldn't elude Bryant, though, is the honor of MVP.

If any player has earned the award, it's him.

His streak has not only highlighted himself as one of the most explosive players in the league, but also has pulled the Lakers from the doldrums of the NBA Western Conference and returned them to the ranks of the feared in the league.

Sure, Shaquille O'Neal is still the man in the middle and the most dominating player in the NBA, but he is not the centerpiece of the purple and yellow attack any longer.

The Lakers now look to Bryant exclusively for timely scoring and heroic acts, and after O'Neal's two-game vacation, that's the way it should be. O'Neal deserted the Laker team before its biggest game thus far in the season because of an injury to his big toe. His freaking big toe. You have to be kidding me.

Let the Feb. 18 game against the Houston Rockets that O'Neal missed be the defining point in Bryant's MVP campaign. With Laker forward Samaki Walker guarding Rocket giant Yao Ming, there was no chance the Lakers could compete near the basket.

Instead, the perimeter of the Laker attack would have to compensate for O'Neal's absence, and compensate Bryant did.

Bryant, who was bothered by a knee injury more intense than a knee injury to O'Neal's toe, scored 52 points in a double-overtime win against the Rockets that propelled the Lakers to the No. 8 spot in the West and a possible playoff berth.

Midway through the fourth quarter, Bryant's knee injury had intensified to the point that he could no longer run. The league superstar could only limp down the floor and fling away at the basket, making half of the shots he attempted.

That kind of performance is heroic and worthy of MVP conversation.

Sure, there are still knocks on Bryant. After the great performance against Houston, Charles Barkley said Bryant shot too much, and the other Lakers aren't having fun.

Hey, Bryant was the Lakers' only chance at offense. Aside from that, I'd say winning three NBA titles is pretty fun. I guess Barkley wouldn't know anything about that, though.

The fact is Bryant is hitting about 48 percent of his attempts, which is just as much as any player that is leading his team in scoring. In fact, the only player that is leading his team and shooting over 50 percent is Pau Gasol of the Grizzlies, and he's a post-position player.

Bryant is undoubtedly the best player in the game, and when the Lakers make another run at the title, he'll be holding the MVP trophy. Just wait and see.

Tech golf teams see success

Men win tournament

The recent inclement weather has affected the world of golf, as well.

The Texas Tech men's golf team, like the women's tennis and softball teams, had a tournament cut short because of poor weather in the San Antonio area Tuesday. It worked to the Red Raiders' favor, however.

Tech won its first tournament of the year, as the UT-San Antonio Invitational was shortened to one round.

The Raiders outplayed the 15-team field by two strokes and had two players finish in the top 10.

Andrew Dresser was one shot behind the winner, Zach Atkinson of North Texas, and Brooks Kelly tied for fifth with a 3-over 74.

Tech plays in the Louisiana Classic in Lafayette on March 10 and 11.

Women finish top 10

The Texas Tech women's golf team finished in the top 10 for the second time in as many tries Tuesday at the NCAA Central District Invitational.

The Lady Raiders followed their winning performance at the Lady Aztec Invitational with a sixth-place finish out of 15 teams in Parrish, Fla., at River Wilderness Golf Club.

Leading the way for the Raiders was Sheila Mendez, who shot a 1-under 71 in the final round to finish in a tie for 16th. Jackie Ey also finished in the top 20 individually at 18th.

The Lady Raiders' next competition on March 3 and 4 at the Texas A&M "Mo" Memorial.

Table with columns for Thursday and February 27, listing stations (KTXB, KCBD, KLBK, KUPT, KAMC, KJTV) and their respective programs.

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Lady Raiders shuck 'Huskers

The No. 7 Texas Tech Lady Raiders (23-3, 12-2 Big 12) closed out their 2002-03 travels with a 50-35 win over Nebraska (8-17, 1-13) on Wednesday.

The game started off slowly with turnover after turnover, and the Lady Raiders did not hold the lead until the 6:50 mark in the first half. It was a low-scoring affair entering halftime at a stalemate 22-22.

Jia Perkins represented most of the Tech offense in the first half, scoring 13 points. Perkins scored many of her 19 points on fast breaks off steals.

Tech opened up the score with a 6-0 run to start the second half. Shortly after, the Lady Raiders put the game out of reach with a 14-0 run that lasted nearly eight minutes.

Forward Plenette Pierson found herself in foul trouble early and was not much of a threat offensively, but she managed to pull down 15 rebounds.

Defense played a big role in the game. Tech was plagued by turnovers, but its defense prevented Nebraska from converting them into points.

Tech, on the other hand, fed off Cornhusker turnovers and outscored Nebraska 22-2 on points off turnovers.

The Lady Raiders will play No. 10 Texas at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at home.

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Raiders look to stay undefeated in Big 12

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

Cloud nine got a little more crowded last weekend with the arrival of the Texas Tech men's tennis team.

The Raiders were down from the clouds Tuesday, though, as they prepared in practice for the team's conference home opener against Oklahoma at 1 p.m. Saturday at the McLeod Tennis Center.

Tech defeated Nebraska 5-2 Friday and then beat Colorado 4-3 in two road victories. The team is now 2-0 in conference and 6-1 on the season.

At Tuesday's practice, Tech coach Tim Siegel gushed about what his team accomplished and how pleased he was with it.

"This is the most proud I've ever been of one team in my 11 years as a coach," Siegel said. "We beat two good teams on the road in matches we were fortunate to win, and I can't pick one or two MVPs in the victories. The entire team is responsible."

Siegel gave a brief synopsis of the come-from-behind victories against Nebraska and Colorado.

"At Nebraska, we were losing five of the six singles matches, and we ended the match 5-2," he said. "Then at Colorado, we played the singles matches first because of cold weather. We won three of the six singles matches, and then we split the first two doubles matches. In the third doubles match, it was 9-8, and we had to move indoors, while the tiebreaker was tied at one, because of snow."

Siegel said the way the Colorado match cannot compare to any other, saying he "hasn't been associated with a more exciting finish."

The excitement surrounding the victories was still evident at practice among the team's players.

Senior Alfonso Perez said the matches were the best he's ever experienced, and he is proud of every player and coach on the team.

When asked how Tech has

changed itself from being a preseason underdog to a 2-0 conference team, Perez brought up the unity and heart of his team.

"I'm surprised at how this team has reacted," he said. "They've responded fantastically. That shows how much heart we have and how close we are as a team."

It was Perez and the other seniors that Siegel showered with the most praise on in practice. Siegel spoke about Perez and fellow senior John Walker, and how they have impacted this year's team.

"Alfy (Perez), last year, was in and out of the lineup," Siegel said. "Now he's 6-1 as our No. 2 player. Last year, John wasn't in our lineup, and now he's 6-1 as our No. 6 player. They've really stepped it up and won some big matches."

Although Tech's thoughts were still somewhat on the wins, the future is something Siegel said Tech would need to concentrate on.

"The last thing we can do is start

feeling good about ourselves," he said. "OU is a dangerous team."

Perez also had much to say of Oklahoma and said the Raiders should be able to dispose of OU because of the location of the match at Tech's home court.

"They're the same team as last year," he said. "We won at their place last year, and now we have the home court advantage."

Perez talked about how the team feels about playing in the first conference home match.

"The team is excited to be back at home and to see how well our fans turn out," Perez said.

The attendance of the match was another main topic for Siegel, who said the timing of the match allows fans to get a good deal before the men's basketball game Saturday.

"We feel good about being back at home," Siegel said. "These guys love playing at home. Everyone should come out and watch the match before the basketball game."



DIEDERIK DE GROOT serves the ball to his opponent during Tech's win over Abilene Christian on Feb. 10. Tech takes on Oklahoma at 11 a.m. Saturday at the McLeod Tennis Center.

DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

Women's tennis travels to Kansas State after weather, illness halt Tuesday's match

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

Old man winter and the cold bug had a surprise for the Texas Tech women's tennis team this week. The two plagues forced the team to cancel its match against Abilene Christian.

Tech was originally slotted to play ACU at 1 p.m. Tuesday, but the match was rescheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday.

Cold weather in Lubbock, along with illness among players, caused the team to reschedule the match for later this season.

The Raiders' No. 2 player Anchen Lombard, who was placed in the hospital before the team's Saturday win against Iowa State, remains there hoping to be released soon.

Although Tech was looking forward to a home match against ACU, Tech coach Sandy Collins said it was good that the match would not take place.

"We're kind of glad we're not playing ACU," Collins said. "The girls don't want to play without the whole team with everything at half mast. This isn't a conference match, and it can be rescheduled for later in the year."

Other members of the team also were hit by illness, and the cancellation of the game may help them heal.

Freshman Tara Browning, who is Lombard's roommate, said it was tough having Lombard in the hospital and said fellow freshman Katja Kovacic and senior Kendall Brooks

have been sick.

Browning said though she would have liked to play this week, some things do not go as planned.

"I would have loved to play, but you can't control the weather," she said. "Or illness, for that matter."

Tech will play its next match against the Kansas State Wildcats on Saturday in Manhattan, Kan.

Last fall, Tech saw a glimpse of the Wildcats at the ASU Thunderbird Invitational in Phoenix, Ariz.

Collins said the Tech players would have a lot to prove to themselves against KSU.

Browning echoed that thought and said a match against KSU would provide Tech a chance to get a rivalry win and start a conference win streak.

"They won a few matches against us, so we'll be out for revenge," Browning said. "We're 1-1, and it's all up from here. We're stoked about conference play."

Tech started conference play with a 7-0 home win against the Iowa State

Cyclones on Saturday.

Before the win, Tech had losses to Air Force, Texas-San Antonio and Baylor. Collins said the matches were all winnable, but the team was having problems with mental breakdowns.

After a week when Collins said the team tried to focus differently, Tech earned a victory and what Collins said also was a new sense of confidence.

"Right now, it's match to match," Collins said. "They know they can win, and now we can go from there."

The mental lapses of before may not be entirely erased, but the Tech team is sure it is starting to get over the hump.

Barbara Schraml, who earned a win in her first match since surgery,

said after the win, Tech has improved on its mental mistakes, but there is still work to be done.

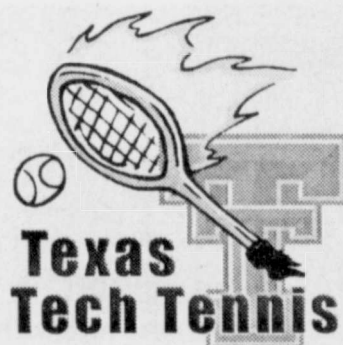
"It was a lot of mental problems," Schraml said. "(Saturday) we were mentally tough enough to win. I don't want to say we got over it, but it got better."

Although the rough start to the season has hurt Tech's record, it may have been what the Raiders needed to build character.

Kovacic said losses like the one lost 7-0 to Baylor are a motivating factor.

"It was good for us to have a match like we had in Waco," she said. "It gave us motivation. We should have won. We were better, but that shouldn't be an excuse."

Now the Raiders must turn that motivation to win toward the Wildcats on Saturday.



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