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Steinmetz wins internal vice president bid

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

Jacque Steinmetz won her bid for internal vice president of the Student Government Association on Wednesday night after a runoff election against Chris Carr.

Like last week's regular election, the race was close, as Steinmetz edged Carr by 5.82 percent. Only 807 students voted, and Steinmetz garnered 427 votes to Carr's 380.

After she was announced the winner, Steinmetz could barely catch her breath.

"I'm very excited and very thankful," she said. "I'm very honored to take this position, and I want to thank everyone who supported me. It has been a long two weeks, but now I can focus on my schoolwork."

She said it was a great race, and

the work she put into it was worth it. going to work with issues." "It was a good fight," she said. "Win

or lose, I am happy I walked away knowing that I worked hard."

With his face sunburned from standing outside the Student Union said. "I have gained so much experilowered his head when his name was and met new people." not announced.

"I did everything I could do," he said. "I gave it my best shot. Like I said at the beginning of the week, whoever works harder will win. I guess she outworked me."

Carr will continue working with Brannan said he expected a higher the SGA but as a senator at large. He said he is happy he can still be a voice for the students despite Wednesday's

"I'm a little disappointed," he said. "I thought I gave it all I got. I'm thankful I am a senator at large; I'm still

gained a lot of experience the last two against.

all day Tuesday and Wednesday, Carr ence and worked with many people

Last year, 1,091 voted in the internal vice president runoff. Carr shook his head when he looked at this year's vote tally of 807.

"This is way too low," he said. Election Commission Adviser Bill

voter turnout.

"It is a little lower than I expected," he said. "Because they were so close in the regular election, I thought there would be a good turnout for the run-

Steinmetz said she hopes to work

a lot with Carr next year and added Even though he lost, Carr said he he was a great candidate to compete

"I think his campaign was very "This was definitely worth it," he clean, good and tough," she said. "He was an awesome competitor. I look forward to working with him very closely in the future. I think we developed a friendship these last two

Steinmetz said she is disappointed that the same day the public sees she won is the same day the public will see that Wesley Stephens, who lost to her last week, is filing a complaint against her alleging she broke five election code rules.

"It is disappointing," she said. "I ran a clean race."

Steinmetz's next move is to meet

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JACQUE STEINMETZ IS congratulated by a group of friends after finding out she won the position of Student Government Association internal vice president.

Stephens files code complaint

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

Student Government Association Senator at Large Wesley Stephens filed a complaint to the Election Commission on Tuesday stating Internal Vice President candidates Chris Carr and Jacque Steinmetz broke election code rules while running their campaigns.

Election Commission Adviser Bill Brannan said his complaint was denied because Stephens was told he mentioned no names. However, Stephens is in the process of appealing or filing another complaint as quickly as today, naming Carr and Steinmetz.

Brannan refused to give The University Daily a copy of any complaints filed with the Election Commission. However, Stephens provided The UD a copy of his com-

Brannan said he would not comment on the situation unless Stephens has a complaint that reaches a hearing so he can speak on behalf of the entire com-Steinmetz defeated Carr in a runoff Wednesday

night. Stephens lost to both of them last week, finishing in a close third. Stephens alleges Carr broke three rules and Steinmetz broke five.

Stephens said he is not complaining because he wants personal gain or attention; he said he simply cannot stand when rules are broken.

"I'm not out to get anybody," he said. "I'm not a sore loser. I'm not trying to cause a big Al Gore reincarnation. It just frustrates me that a lot of people have gone to them and told them that rules have been broken, and no one is doing anything."

Carr and Steinmetz first heard of the news when

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City will continue WTMPA services

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

The Lubbock City Council voted unanimously Wednesday to continue its services with the West Texas Municipal Power Agency, although a major change is in the works.

Mayor Marc McDougal said Lubbock Power & Light has an agreement to buy all of its power from WTMPA, which it has continued doing, even while the audit was being conducted. The new resolution asked for an amendment to the contract that will allow the city to purchase some of its power from other sources.

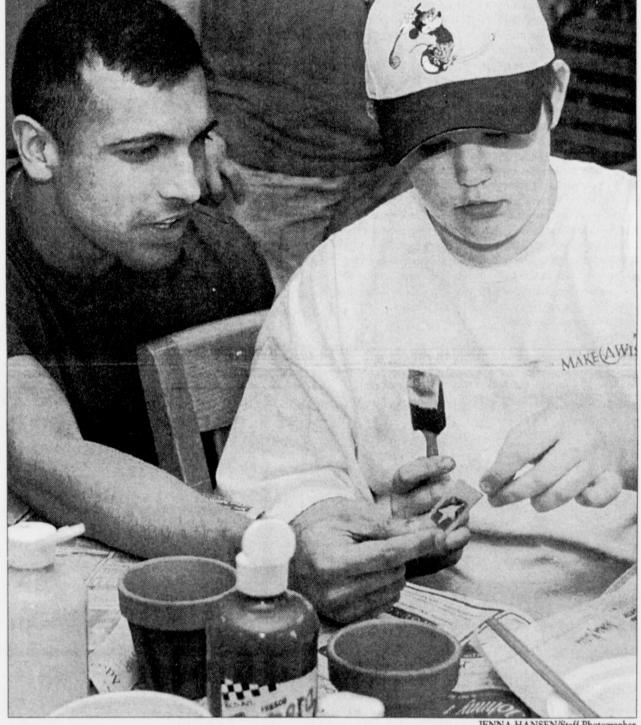
According to the agenda, the resolution authorized the City Council to enter into a services agreement with WTMPA, in which the city would provide management and related services for the wholesale power purchases on behalf of WTMPA and provide the city with compensation for the purchases.

WTMPA came under fire in October when the council became aware of a \$5.3 million debt the agency owed the city. Council members questioned the communication between WTMPA and the city, as well as the relationship between LP&L and WTMPA.

"We are starting the process of separating the two entities, where LP&L and WTMPA will work separately," McDougal said.

WTMPA chairman Ty Cooke, who resigned from the Council in February, said this is the same relationship the agency has had with the city all along; nothing has changed since the investigation began.

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JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer

SUNIL MANBUBANI, A third-year medical student from McAllen, hands a stencil to Andrew Kolb, from the Make-A-Wish Foundation, to paint on a clay pot at Buckner's Children's Home on Wednesday. The children will send the pottery to other children in the hospital.

CRAFTS for CHILDREN

Medical students help make gifts for children in hospital

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

he City Lights Charity Ball, now in its sixth year, has been helping charities throughout the community of Lubbock. It is made possible by the efforts of students within the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Medicine.

Alexander Threlfall, co-chairperson of City Lights, said medical students find ways to serve the community through charities.

"First-year medical students form the committee and choose three local or regional charities," Threlfall said. "It is a really good way to become involved with the city of Lubbock."

After serving the South Plains area for 46 years, Buckner Children and Family Services has been selected as one of the recipients. The first foundation was established in Dallas in 1877 and now has 11 locations throughout Texas.

"We are always involved in trying to help," Alex

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STUDENTS FROM THE Texas Tech medical school help children decorate cards to send to children who are in hospitals at the Buckner Children's Home on Wednesday.

JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer

Senators to introduce budget bill

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

The Student Senate will meet at 7 p.m. today in the Senate Room of the Student Union building and will hear the first of three readings of the 2003-04 Organization Funding bill that appropriates funds for the support of registered student organizations at Texas Tech.

Thursday's meeting will be nondebatable; it will simply introduce the

"This is one of the most important things that we do," Senate President Jeremy Brown said. "I am excited that we get to do this. It is a luxury we have that most universities don't get to do."

The budget and finance committee, which is led by Graduate School Senator Jeff Moss, met for eight hours Sunday to decide which organizations gets money and how much money will be distributed.

The money comes from student services fees that students pay while attending Tech. The committee was given \$255,000 to distribute as it sees fit. The total proposed amount is \$219,250, with 125 organizations receiving money. The remaining money is set aside for the appeals process, which will take place at the next two Senate meetings.

Moss said the committee decides which organizations get money after they turn in a budget packet and go through interviews and seminars to become eligible.

"We look at a different variety of factors once we determine they are eligible," he said. "We look at the number of people involved; we look at what kind of recognition they bring to Tech."

The organization proposed to receive the most money is the Livestock Judging Team, which is proposed to receive \$8,000. The least amount proposed is for the Classical Society, which is proposed to receive \$230. Some organizations are proposed to not receive any money.

Moss said 60 organizations that asked for money are proposed to receive none.

"The majority of the organizations that were declined was because they failed to meet a requirement," he said. "Organizations who did not get money were sent a letter explaining to them why they didn't get put on the bill."

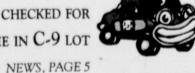
Moss said the bottom line of how money is distributed is how the organization affects students because they are who fund the bill.

"We really look and ask what do they do for students," he said. "That is what it comes down to."

Moss said about 15 to 20 new organizations reached the bill. However,

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The Rundown



SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Callhundreds of Texas college students Bush administration's plan for a possible war with Iraq.

The "Books not Bombs" student strike was coordinated by the National Youth and Student Peace Coalition, an organization formed after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

At San Antonio College, nearly 100 people gathered at noon to speak out against military action, waving anti-war signs and chanting slogans such as, "Wanna support the troops? Bring them home.'

"We want to show them what democracy looks like," organizer Mario no matter what.'

Students also protested at the University of North Texas in Denton, and the student coalition predicted tens of thousands of students would walk out of more than Wednesday.

Gutierrez, who passed out antiwar fliers in San Antonio, said the protesters are sending a message to the White House that Americans ficials have said. are not of one mind about how best to deal with Iraq.

said protests are valuable because most Americans are not paying attention to facts but are being swayed by fear-mongering.

"When they are actually informed, they come over to this side," he said.

A larger number of people gathered around the protesters, most to watch but some to counter the antiwar position with vocal support for Bush's plans.



Students across Texas War with Iraq to see Turkish army pushes

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a ing for peace over political might, strategy Pentagon officials are calling "shock and awe," U.S. forces plan to left class Wednesday to protest the drop 10 times the bombs in the opening days of the air campaign in Iraq

> war, officials said Wednesday. Meanwhile, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and the commander who would lead the war, Gen. Tommy R. Franks, met at the White House with President Bush to discuss the plan for disarming Iraq President new troop deployment resolution. Saddam Hussein.

after the White House meeting. "To do coups since 1960. so, he will have to disarm or leave."

Gutierrez said. "Democracy is not a they're ready; they are capable," government saying it's going to war, Franks said, adding that if war is or- three votes. dered "There is no doubt we will pre-

If Bush orders the invasion of Iraq, the powerful airstrikes with thousands bined with quick ground assaults — a 300 schools and universities combination aimed at overwhelming President Saddam Hussein's defenses, keeping him from mustering catahis forces they can't win, Pentagon of-

They said Wednesday that part of ern front against Saddam Hussein. that plan is to launch an initial air bom-Steve Denton, another organizer, bardment using 10 times the number of precision-guided weapons fired in the opening days of 1991 war. Targets include Saddam's military and political headquarters, air defenses, communications facilities and systems he could use to launch chemical and biological weapons the Bush administration says he has.

"If asked to go into conflict in Iraq, what you'd like to do is have it be a He spoke Tuesday in an interview with an Iraq war. American newspaper reporters.

protest war with Iraq 10 times more bombs for U.S. deployment

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) -Turkey's powerful military said Wednesday it supported letting in U.S. troops for a war in neighboring Iraq, boosting pressure on legislators to rethan they did in the first Persian Gulf consider their rejection of a measure allowing the American deployment.

> The comments from Gen. Hilmi Ozkok, the nation's top officer, came a day after Turkey's top political leader, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, indicated the government plans to reintroduce a

The two men are widely considered "Saddam Hussein can prevent the the most influential leaders in Turkey. use of force," Rumsfeld said in a joint The military is the most respected insti-Pentagon news conference with Franks tution in the country and has led three

Their statements seemed to have an "Our troops in the field are trained; immediate impact on parliament, where the resolution failed Saturday by just

"The conditions are changing fast," said Dengir Mir Mehmet Firat, a deputy chairman of the governing Justice and Development Party. "Many legislators of bombs and missiles would be com- are saying that they will cast a positive vote if the motion is brought to parliament again.

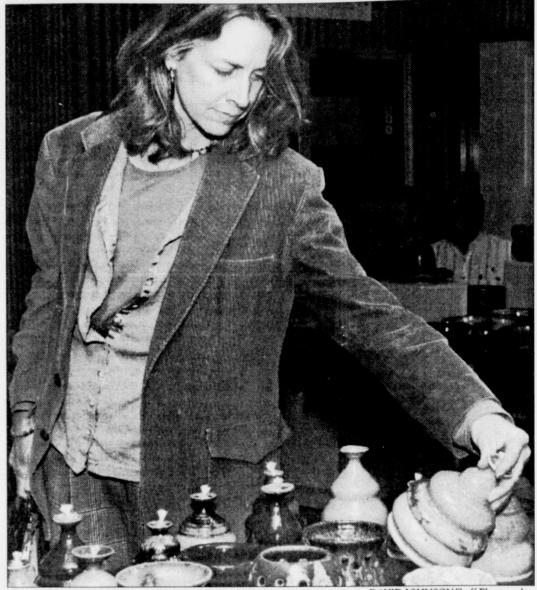
Washington has offered Turkey a \$15 billion aid package if parliament apstrophic retaliation and convincing proves the deployment of 62,000 troops. It wants the deployment so the U.S. military can develop a powerful north-

In his remarks, Ozkok said a war would be "shorter, there would be less pain" if the country backed Washington.

Ozkok said the military respected parliament's rejection of the resolution. But he appeared to urge parliament to reconsider, stating that if Turkey did not support the United States, Ankara would have no say in Iraq's future.

Many deputies said they voted against the resolution despite the short conflict," said Joint Chiefs of Cabinet's endorsement because pub-Staff Chairman Gen. Richard Myers. lic support is overwhelmingly against

CLAMORING FOR CLAY



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer LaGINA FAIRBETTER, AN instructor for delineation in the School of Architecture looks at a piece of ceramics for sale in the art building Wednesday evening.

Tech Notes

Texas Tech will conduct a test of emergency warning sirens today to ensure they are in working order. The sirens will sound for 1

minute at 11 a.m. today.

house from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday in its new location, Suite 317 of the Administration building.

will perform in their annual home concert at 8 p.m. Friday in the Hemmle Recital Hall of the Music building. Admission is free.

Texas Tech will host guest speaker Mark Sterner at 7 p.m. Sunday in the Allen Theatre of the Student Union building. For more information, call Pavilion, located east of the baseball the Tech Athletic Student Services stadium. Office at (806) 742-0150.

"Women's History Month Concert" will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the The Office of Community and Hemmle Recital Hall of the Music

Multicultural Affairs will host an open building. Admission is free and open to the public.

The St. Patrick's Day Concert of Irish Traditional Music and Dance is The Texas Tech University Choir at 8 p.m. March 14 in the Hemmle Recital Hall of the Music building. Admission is free.

The Texas Tech Alumni Association and Texas Tech Federal Credit Union will host a blood drive and baseball pre-game party from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 22 at the Frazier Alumni

The Chancellor's Ambassadors organization is accepting applications from students who will be juniors or seniors in the fall. Applications and interview sign-ups are located in the Administration building and will be accepted through March 28.

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Israeli bus bombing kills at least 15

HAIFA, Israel (AP) — A suicide bomber blew himself up aboard a crowded bus in the northern city of Haifa on Wednesday, killing at least 15 people and injuring dozens in the first suicide bombing in Israel in two months, officials said.

The powerful bomb ripped off the roof of the No. 37 bus, strewing wreckage and body parts across the street. Police said the suicide bomber detonated explosives that were strapped to his body.

The bus, packed with students from the nearby University of Haifa, had just stopped in the hilltop neighborbood Carmelia at about 2:17 p.m.

The driver, Marwan Damouni, told Army Radio the bus exploded as he opened the doors to let passengers off.

"I suddenly heard an explosion," said Damouni, who was being treated at Carmel Hospital. "I tried to move, to see if there were wounded ... I couldn't hear anything because of the force of the blast.'

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast, which comes as Israel's new hardline government is pressing ahead with a twoweek-old offensive against Hamas militants in Gaza, and as the Palestinian Authority is considering farreaching reforms.

President Bush denounced the suicide attack.

"The president condemns in the strongest terms today's attack on in-

nocents in Israel," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. "His message to terrorists is that their efforts will not be successful."

In the past, Israel has reacted with tough military measures after such attacks and has blamed Yasser Arafat, saying the Palestinian Authority does nothing to prevent terrorism.

"Once again, the bestial hand of Palestinian terrorism has struck at the heart of Israel," said Mark Sofer, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, adding that in the past two months, Israeli forces had thwarted almost 100 attempted attacks.

Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat condemned "any attack that is targeting civilians, whether Palestinian or Israeli. But he added: "We reject the Israel government fingerpointing that the Palestinian Authority is responsible.'

Haifa police chief Yaacov Borovsky said the explosion was caused by a suicide bomber. At least 10 people died at the scene and five others died at the hospital, police and rescue officials said. Dozens were seriously injured.

Police said the bomb was "medium-sized," laden with metal shrapnel and strapped to the bomber's body. The blast damaged cars as far as 30 yards away, toppled palm trees and left the bus a skeleton of charred and twisted metal.

Avi Zohar, a rescues services

spokesman, said there were "dozens of casualties, among them at least two dozen seriously injured. Some of the wounded were being treated at the scene, and others were evacuated.

"I suddenly heard a huge explosion and all the lights in my beauty parlor broke," said beautician Ronen Levy. "I am still in shock."

Ovadia Saar, who was driving another bus just behind the one that was attacked, said he saw "the back of the bus fly into the air, and the windows blew out and a great cloud of dust covered the bus.'

"I got out and ran toward the bus. It was a horrible sight. There were a few bodies in the street," he said. "Those we saw breathing we evacuated."

Israeli police went on alert throughout the country amid warnings that more attacks were planned, reports said.

The Haifa blast was the first terror attack in Israel since Jan. 5, when a pair of suicide bombers killed 23 people in Tel Aviv.

Abdel Aziz Rantisi, a spokesman for the Islamic militant Hamas, praised the attack but did not claim responsibility.

"We will not stop our resistance," he said. "We are not going to give up in the face of the daily killing" of Pal-

The attack comes days after the establishment of a new, right-wing government in Israel. Some of the key Cabinet ministers have in the past called for Arafat's expulsion.

READY TO DANCE



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

MICHELE FRANZWA, A senior excercise and sports sciences major from Houston, helps adjust the bandana of Liza Brown, a freshman animal sciences major from Brownsville, before a performance with Body Art and Soul Expression (B.A.S.E.) in the Hulen/Clement Lobby on Wednesday evening.

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Ruling keeps sex offenders on Web

WASHINGTON (AP) -The Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that photos of convicted sex offenders may be posted on the Internet, a victory for states that use the Web to warn citizens about potential predators in their neighborhoods.

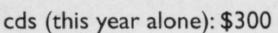
The court turned back a challenge from sex offenders who argued they deserved a chance to prove they aren't dangerous to avoid having their pictures and addresses put on the Internet.

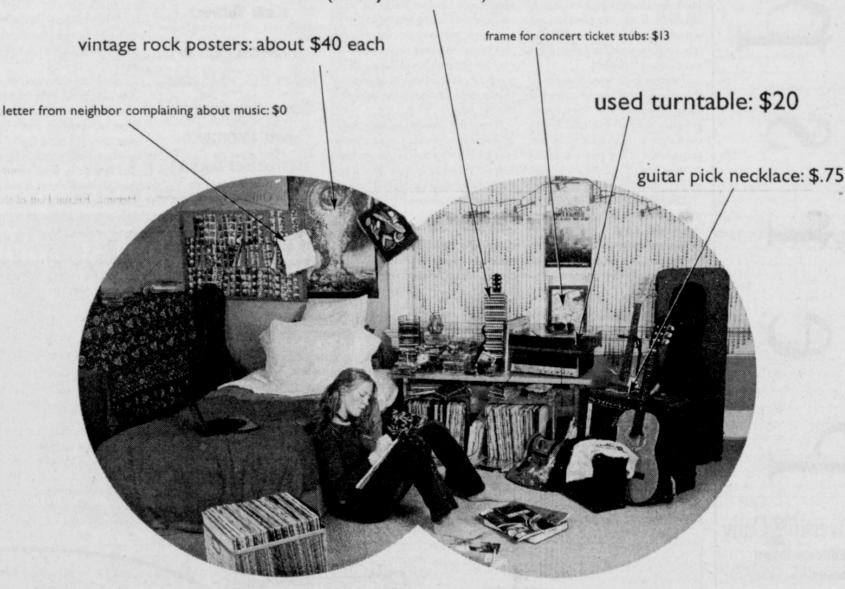
The decisions came in the Supreme Court's first review of what are known as Megan's laws. They have far-reaching implications because every state and the federal government have sex-offender registry statutes.

The laws are named for 7year-old Megan Kanka, a New Jersey girl kidnapped, raped and killed in 1994 by a convicted sex criminal who lived in her neighborhood.

The Supreme Court cases, from Alaska and Connecticut, required justices to balance the rights of offenders with the public safety interest in keeping tabs on people who may commit more sex crimes.

The court came down on the side of public safety in both cases, but left the door open for future constitutional challenges.





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Increases conflict with other goals

starting this summer.

Naturally, this causes students and their families to dig deeper into their pockets in order to pay for the increases, but what does it mean for the dents. future of Texas Tech?

After all, this kind of large increase is a shock to the system. Raising the cost of an education by 21 percent will leave a lasting impact on who becomes a Red Raider.

Over the past few months, the Tech administration has issued a number of press releases about improvements it would like to see as Tech grows.

I would like to point out that by gree. dramatically increasing the cost of a Tech education, the administration dent takes roughly five and one-half is dashing any hopes there may have been for meeting any of these announced goals.

The first of these desired improvements is to raise the bar for admission. During the Christmas break, it was announced Tech would like to become much more selective in regards to freshmen admissions.

Because of the increased costs of

veryone has read about the big attending Tech, many families may increases in tuition and fees opt to send their children to (much cheaper) community colleges for the first two years. This is a smart move that will cut costs and allow these students to enter Tech as transfer stu-

This also means Tech doesn't get the smarter freshmen, but rather only the ones with wealthier parents.

Many of these kids may be smart, but this means that ability to pay (instead of ability to achieve academically) is the overriding factor for applicants who end up at Tech next fall.

The administration also has claimed the strong desire to shorten the average student's time to get a de-

Presently, the average Tech stuyears to complete a Bachelor's degree. This is long when compared to other universities.

By increasing the cost of a Tech education, many students will take even longer to complete a degree when they can only afford to take the minimum number of hours each se-



William Mattiford

wamattifordjr@yahoo.com A public institution of learning isn't about perpetuating wealth; it's about bringing new people into the upper levels of the education system. It's about providing access to a better life.

work during the summer, or take a semester off for work instead of taking Many students may be forced to classes. This also will increase the

graduate.

Additionally, the administration claims it wants to increase diversity on Tech's campus, but more minority students come from poorer fami-

The increased costs will put a Tech education out of reach for many minority students. In fact, the increased costs will probably impact this group of students the hardest of any at Tech.

The increased costs also will im- this. pact the number of graduate students at Tech.

Most graduate students can choose from any number of universities and frankly, will go to the school that offers the best educational value

graduatė programs, but most are in the early to mid-growth stages and need to attract new students to build up the enrollment. Tech should be careful not to "out

price" the value of many of its graduate degrees.

Finally, I'd like to point out that Tech is a public institution of higher place.

time it takes for many students to learning. A public institution for education isn't about perpetuating wealth; it's about bringing new people into the upper levels of the education system. It's about providing access to a better life, and even one college graduate in a family makes a huge difference.

The attitude from the administration needs to change. There has been a callous attitude about the effect of the increases. Students are customers and deserve better treatment than

Much of the financial trouble at Tech was not started in Austin but by some high-ranking Tech officials, who have refused to admit Tech was caught with too many building projects at one time.

And they have even had the gall Tech has some well-established to start more projects while budgets are being slashed.

> Now I realize Tech doesn't have a permanent president, and we are essentially a "rudderless" ship, but someone should take the lead here.

> It's not just about the "business end" of education, but remembering why Tech is in business in the first

Students should get tested for diseases regardless

have noticed a growing trend lately, and it all seems to go along with sex. In the news, all I hear about is sexually transmitted diseases and how fast the outbreak has hit Lubbock and the rest of the world.

happen to them, but little do they know, more than likely, it has or probably will. If you are promiscuous, can give them along with your love. something will come of it. Whether it is a baby or some form of an STD, something will happen.

I started to do some research on this subject after I began hearing talk about the rise of STDs. You just can't get away from all this talk. People constantly write about how to protect yourself. They give you advice on what to do if you think you have an STD and where to go to get help.

But obviously, this doesn't seem to be making a difference; the num-like by then. bers are still rising.

ease. Because of these things, people think it's no big deal to have an STD. They feel that as long as there is medicine to treat whatever they have, everything will be OK.

If you are one of those people who Everyone thinks it will never sees getting an STD as no big deal, think about how fun it is to tell your partner you have an STD that you

> It's an awkward moment, I am sure, having to whisper in your lover's ear how you have some disease that you got from another special person in your life. It's embarrassing and very

I read in Glamour magazine that scientists have come up with a vaccine for the virus that causes genital herpes. This drug may be available to the public in five years, and I wonder what the number is going to be

Right now, 1 in 5 Americans have It seems scientists know how lazy herpes, and the saddest statistic is 80 to the virus—sorry guys, it doesn't people are. They know there are percent don't even know it. This vactreatments and ways to suppress a discine builds up a woman's immunity



Kelli Tolbert lilnymph_klt@hotmail.com

I have a plan to lower the STD rate. Since telling people how to protect themselves doesn't seem to work, I say show them.

Letter to the Editor

gotten the vaccine for herpes yet?

rate. Since telling people how to pro- sure they have seen worse cases than tect themselves doesn't seem to work, yours. I say show them.

When students are in fifth grade and getting the reproduction talk, show them pictures of what can hap-

Show them a video of a girl in pain having her baby. Show them it is not all nice and pretty. Showing them the numbers won't bring the issue close to home.

Show them pictures of the bumps that appear in your crotch, show them the pictures of the oozing sores that appear along with the itching and burning. Show them how sexy

I know some people are embar-So even better, we girls will have ease from someone. But from what I

something else to take care of. We hear, the doctors understand. They take care of the majority of birth con- don't sit there and tell you what a slut trol as it is, so now we will have an- you are, and how you should be less other question asked us. Have you of a ho. It is all very confidential. They won't spread rumors about you I have a plan to lower the STD or anything like that because I am

If you are having any form of unprotected sex, go get checked out. It's worth it just to not have something that big hanging from your shoulders. It's always better to know than to guess because not all symptoms can be seen. There may be things that are going on inside that you don't know about. And for all of you who think you know your body so well, you probably don't know it as well as you

This column is just to inform you that no one is invincible to everything. And even if you think you are, go get tested anyway-if not for you, then for that special person you are rassed because they caught some dis- thinking about sharing a special occasion with.

Pledge to be banned in schools March 10

As many of you know, public schools in nine states have until March 10 to stop reciting the Pledge of Allegiance after the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals backed its prior ruling that the words "under God" in the pledge are a government endorsement of religion. The nine states are

Idaho, Nevada, Alaska and Hawaii.

Michael Newdow, an atheist, is responsible for this ludicrous act. What's next? Change the currency because "In God We Trust" is on it?

sad. To show you how pathetic this is, let me display what Newdow said dur-

ing an interview on national television.

comprised of California, Oregon, an atheist and this offends me, and I Washington, Arizona, Montana, have the right to bring up my daughter without God being imposed into

her life by her schoolteachers," he said. Does he forget that he lives in the best country on the face of the planet? He should be thankful that his daugh-People of Lubbock, this is just plain ter has the opportunity to attend school. Because he is offended by the Pledge of Allegiance and the fact that this country puts its trust in God, he

that's the case, may I take Bill Maher to court because I was offended by his sarcastic remarks concerning Jesus

People like Newdow shouldn't be griping that their "rights are being violated," when in reality, they're not. And because he thinks "one nation under God" is contradicting "separation of church and state," he has ac-

that has been with us since 1954? If and atheists go to the Middle East and protest against their government and leader. They'd be shot.

We're the only country that allows people to badmouth the government, the president, our policies and most of all, God. My father didn't fight at the frontlines in Korea and Vietnam so people like Newdow could corrupt this nation under God.

- Fletcher Pendergrass is a freshman communications major from Midland.

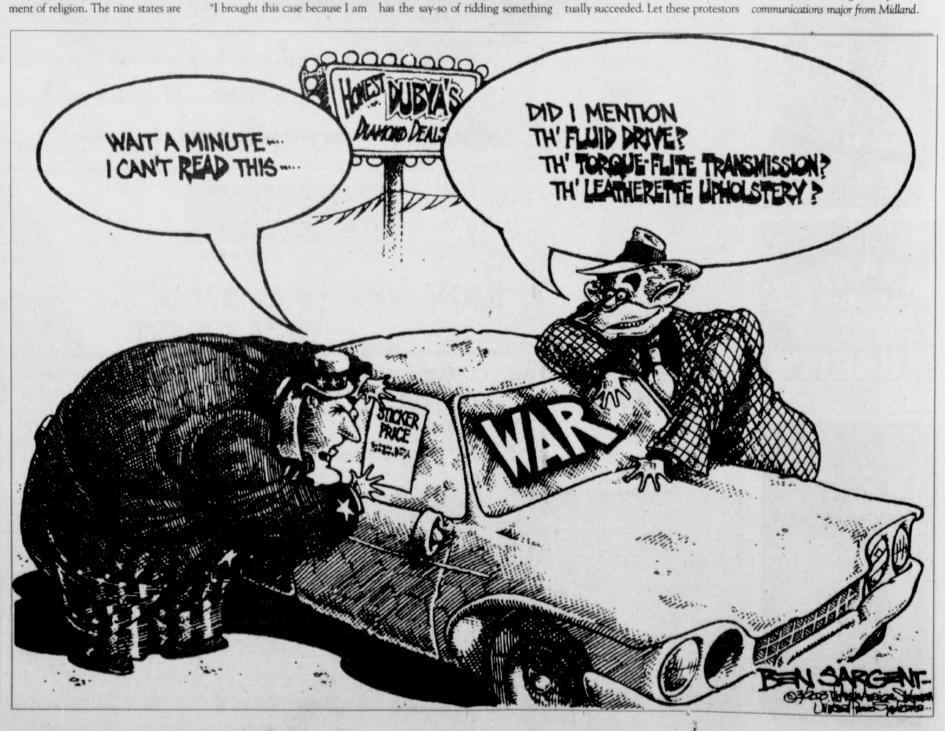
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Students can get free car checkup in C-9 lot

PLAYIN' IT SAFE: Mechanics will be available to inspect students' vehicles before Spring Break trip.

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech's fifth annual free car clinic coupled with Drowsy Driving Day will be held from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. today in the C-9 commuter lot.

Student Health Services and Student Government Association are sponsoring the event, along with other departments, to encourage students to be safe during Spring Break, Student Health Education Coordinator Jo Henderson said.

The clinic will allow students to drive in and have their vehicle's tires, fluids, belts and hoses checked for free by mechanics, Henderson said.

If something unsafe is found, the mechanics will direct the student to have it fixed before Spring Break, which begins

Henderson said she expects hundreds of students to attend the event.

There will be more than 300 door prizes, she said, such as oil changes, free dinners, a car stereo, detail jobs, a nine-month free parking pass for campus from Traffic and Parking, T-shirts and coupons.

The first 400 students, including passengers of vehicles, will get "goodie bags" containing prizes, condoms, advertisements and information on drowsy driving, road rage, drinking and sun exposure.

The event is important, Henderson said, because students need to remember safety during Spring Break.

She said there is potential danger for students while they enjoy the week, with the possibility of drunken driving, falling asleep at the wheel, or getting drunk and "having sex with someone you just met on

the beach."

"Over the years, we see people die in accidents from falling asleep at the wheel, drunk driving or other accidents," Henderson said. "After Spring Break, we will see a rise in STDs; we see people come back with a gift they didn't think they'd get over Spring Break.

Henderson said there also is a danger of date rape drugs, and students are unaware of them being slipped into their drinks.

"The whole thing is having a safe, fun Spring Break and coming back to us," Henderson said. "Stupid can be forever."

Precaution should be taken among those going home or staying in Lubbock during the break as well, Henderson said.

Michael P. Burns, an SGA senator and senior marketing major from Dallas, has spearheaded the Drowsy Driving effort and said he wants students to remember the importance of alert driving during Spring

While there will not be a special pre-

sentation today, Burns said there will be information handed out during the car clinic, and there are important points to keep in

mind during Spring Break.

"Last year, we lost three students to drowsy driving during the break; when Tech students go away from the campus, the chances are a student's going

to get hurt in a

car accident," he said. "We try to make students aware, and hopefully, this holiday season will be a safe one for all Tech students."

Burns said he worries students do not realize the effects drowsy driving can have on students, citing statistics such as approximately 100,000 accidents and 1,500

deaths per year are attributed to drowsy

"I just don't think students realize the

full impact of drowsy driving," he said. "It can happen to the student with the 4.0 GPA, the top athlete, administrators; it can happen to anybody.

We're really trying to

push the preventative measures.

Spring time is a crazy time for all the

Bbut hopefully, they just take care of their bodies and be safe on their way home, and come back rested and finish the semester well."

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LIVINGSTON (AP) - Convicted killer Delma Banks could become a historical footnote Wednesday night when he is scheduled to die by injection.

He is in line to become the 300th Texas prisoner executed since the state resumed capital punishment in

"That would be a nice round number," Michael Dewayne Johnson said sarcastically. Johnson was scheduled to be No. 300 until he and another death row inmate got temporary reprieves last month.

In the first two months of this year, Texas put nine men to death and is on pace to break its record of 40 executions carried out in 2000. Last year, 33 inmates died by lethal injec-

"They're killing people every day almost, every week," said Johnson, condemned for the fatal shooting of a gas station attendant near Waco in 1995. "It's not shocking any more. Most people don't even know unless they're involved. There's just a vague mention of it in the paper."

The Texas total is more than onethird of all the executions in the nation since 1976, when the death penalty resumed under a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Clearly the path from death row to the death house in Texas has become shorter in recent years.

Almost 13 years passed bet Charlie Brooks, execution No. 1 and Harold Lane, No. 100, in 1995. It took more than four years for Texas to get to No. 200, Earl Heiselbetz, in January 2000.

Now it will be just more than three years to reach the 300th execution - if not Banks, then almost certainly one of 10 other convicts on the current schedule for lethal injections.

The accelerated pace is fueled mostly by changes in appeals procedures since the mid-1990s that have imposed stricter deadlines on court filings and allow appeals to be con-

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sidered simultaneously in state and

federal courts. Also, as the death penalty has undergone court challenges over the past two-plus decades, there simply are fewer areas of appeal left.

So when the Supreme Court opens a new door on avoiding the death penalty — such as last year's ruling barring execution of mentally retarded inmates — prisoners swarm

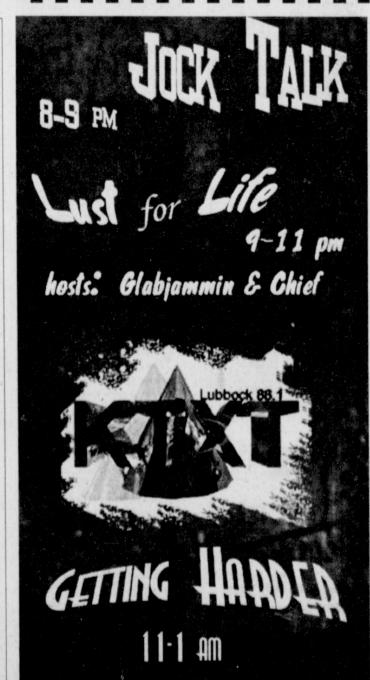
Sometimes it works. Gregory Van

Alstyne, scheduled to be execution No. 298, received a reprieve last month by presenting a claim that he is mentally retarded.

Sometimes it doesn't. Richard Head Williams instead became No. 298 on Feb. 25 after unsuccessfully raising the same claim, among oth-

Banks has been on death row since 1980 for fatally shooting a 16year-old Texarkana-area youth and stealing his car.

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HSC receives \$750,000 medical practice donation

By Kelly McAlister/Staff Reporter after making his choice to retire.

During a meeting Wednesday, of Health Care Systems Senior Director Lorri Velten discussed the parameters of the donation of his medical practice to the Health Sciences Center's School of Medicine.

The addition of Mehdiabadi's althe HSC has the potential to bring in an additional 3,000 patients, Velten said.

She said Mehdiabadi decided for personal reasons to donate his practice to the HSC School of Medicine

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"I know I ran a completely clean

campaign," Steinmetz said. "I have

worked hard. This is offensive to me to

find out that people are filing com-

plaints. My conscience is clean. I have

a third party to go door-to-door at resi-

Stephens said the candidates sent

"Several students have come for-

ward with complaints that they were

approached in their dorm rooms, asked

to vote for a certain candidate and then

had these representatives stand behind

them until they completed the voting

process," he said. "One of the RAs in

Carr and Steinmetz denied it.

said. "I know for a fact I didn't do that."

numbers were given to Carr, Steinmetz

and their friends to vote for them

puter lab (in Holden Hall), and they

saw someone vote for Jacque with 20

Carr said denied the claim.

different names," he said.

"I have no knowledge of that," Carr

Stephens also alleged personal test

"Two of my friends were in a com-

"I know for a fact we didn't do that,"

The other rule Stephens listed in

he said. "We have been fighting against

that. I have been fighting to get paper

his complaint, was he heard Steinmetz

was passing things out requesting stu-

dents to vote for her after 1 a.m. the

Monday before elections, which is

against the code. Stephens alleged

block parties were thrown for

dence halls to tell students who to vote tion, which was last Thursday, he said.

The UD approached them. They both

Conduct

denied the allegations.

done the right things."

for using their computers.

Wall/Gates told me that."

HSC Acting President Elmo with the HSC.

Cavin said an appraisal firm deter-Dr. Rustam J. Mediabadi and Office mined the practice was valued at The Board of Regents approved

their Feb. 27 meeting with a unani-A "gift-in-kind" is any gift or dolergy and immunology practice to nation in excess of \$250,000, Cavin said, and must be approved by the

Mehdiabadi's "gift-in-kind" during

Velten said Mehdiabadi is contemplating assuming a position at the School of Medicine for three to six months to assist with the transi-

"No, I didn't," Steinmetz said.

as damaging, Stephens said. He said

signs were posted by Steinmetz in re-

stricted areas. Stephens said the viola-

tion was cleared when departments

called the SGA. Another rule broken

was a miscommunication problem be-

tween Brannon, Carr and Steinmetz,

Stephens said. The code states if a can-

didate reaches a runoff, they still have

to turn in their financial disclosure form

before 5 p.m. the day following the elec-

But Carr said Brannon told him he

"(Brannon) told me I had until (to-

"I have had many people tell me

that they have heard rules have been

broken," he said. "I'm mad that no one

else is filing a complaint when they

know what went on. That really both-

Brannon today about the appeal pro-

cess or filing another complaint.

Stephens said he intends to talk to

"(Brannon) is not listening to any-

thing I have to say," he said. "He told

me, 'What it comes down to is you're

mad because you have lost two years in

a row.' The way I see it is nothing is

going to happen because I am the only

one filing a complaint. It will probably

fly through the cracks like it always

of the election commission and the

internal vice president position is

stripped, another election for the in-

ternal vice president spot will take

If a hearing does take place in front

did not have to turn one in until the

Neither made that deadline.

day after the runoff.

runoff," Carr said

The two other allegations were not

but alleged Steinmetz did.

Velten said the addition of the practice would add to the programs already in place at the Texas Tech Medical Center Southwest.

"The major value is the patient base," she said. "Anytime you have the ability to take on an established practice (is a good opportunity)."

He has been in contact with Velten about the specifics of the transfer including the possiblilty of Mehdiabadi assuming a position at the School of Medicine to assist with the transfer of patients.

"He has to determine for his own

tion of his patients to the providers business purposes (what is equitable)," Velten said.

She said Mehdiabadi's goal is to retire from his practice before the

end of the summer. "We're really in the beginning stages," she said.

The next step, Velten said, is to discuss how to best incorporate his practice into the corporation and the current programs.

She said she is going to discuss the shift with the departmental chairs as to the most feasible and effective methods.

Velten said the HSC would like to finalize the donation by June.

"I am going to tell her she better be

ready," he said. "This is a very challeng-

ing job. I hope she puts in the work. It

will be a challenge. But I am sure she is

will be up for the challenge.

Brannon said he thinks Steinmetz

"She knows her way around," he

said. "It will be a change for her. This

(position) is a bigger environment. Time will tell (how she does)."

Last week, Brown won his bid for

president and Colton Batchelor won

his for external vice president. Execu-

tive officers will take the oath of office

April 17 at the annual SGA banquet.

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with current Internal Vice President and President-Elect Jeremy Brown and discuss some ideas with him.

"I definitely want to work on our reputation," she said. "There are a lot of things I think we need to adjust from the inside. Communication from the inside will help us on the outside."

Brown said Steinmetz is a good addition to the SGA executive staff and has plenty of advice for her.

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day) to turn it in because I (was) in a they will only receive \$500 because that is the committee's policy. Stephens said he is frustrated be-"We put a cap on new organizacause no one else is challenging the vio-

tions because we don't want to give them too much money the first year," he said. The majority of the organiza-

tions on the bill received an increase, he said, but a few will get less than they did this year. "We really look at how the or-

ganization did this year, and we look at what they need next year," Moss said. "If we see they are not using the money right, we cut them. But the majority are using money responsibility." Moss said he hopes organiza-

tions that are not happy with the bill communicate with their senator and go through the appeals pro-"If you don't like it, take advan-

"What we really want to see is the Senate to debate it." Brown said if an organization

tage of the appeals process," he said.

appeals, they have to work quickly. "We still have plenty of money

to work with," he said. "If they didn't make the bill, I think they will more than likely get funding after the appeals process."

Also on the agenda is Resolution 38.21, which concerns the duties and responsibilities of the senators. Its purpose of passage is to make senators aware of their jobs.

"We are just reiterating the responsibility you take when you become a senator," Brown said. "We really want to stress responsibility."

Crafts

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Blocker, community director for the children's homes, said. "As a first-year recipient, it is very exciting for us."

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains was the second organization to receive charity from the cause. The Lubbock chapter covers 22 counties throughout the area. The final group selected for charity is Turff Hippotherapy.

"These are three phenomenal charities that have and continue to give back to the community of Lubbock," Sara Nikravan, chairwoman of City Lights, said. "So the theme of our event is 'giving to give."

To begin the campaign for these organizations, medical students and children from the charities gathered Wednesday to get acquainted and create crafts and gifts.

"The purpose of this is to get to know some of the kids and show them that it is just not a name on a card," Threlfall said. "We are getting involved and some of the crafts will go to children at Covenant Hospital."

The Charity Ball is scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at the Lubbook Country Club. Tickets for the event are currently on sale through March 28. They are \$150 per couple, \$100 per individual and \$35 for students and medical residents.

"This is our way to give back to the organizations that give so much," Nikravan said.

To reach a set goal of \$20,000, the students are hosting a silent auction to bring in more proceeds dedicated to the charities to benefit.

Contact Shea Madrid for more information at (806) 795-2459.

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"I believe at this time, we do not have the option because WTMPA issues bonds to build IRM-8, a gas-fired generator,", said Councilman Frank Morrison. "We have to maintain our relationship because of those bonds."

In addition to the monetary connection WTMPA has with the city, Morrison said the city should be a good regional neighbor, which participation in WTMPA is doing. Because of the agency, Lubbock, Brownfield, Floydada and Tulia are able to get electricity at lower costs.

"It's important for Lubbock to act as a positive participant in the neighborhood generally referred to as the South Plains," he said. "In the context of being a good regional neighbor, I believe we should be involved with WTMPA."

Morrison said he does have some concerns about how the agency has been operated and the relationship between LP&L and WTMPA. There are major problems, and they need to be resolved, he said.

"It may not be in the best interests of Lubbock or the other members of WTMPA for it to exist anymore," he said. "If that's the case, we need to figure out how to get out of this marriage. But I'm not willing to dissolve WTMPA until I see what long-term benefits it offers."

The council also voted to hire an external audit firm to review and define LP&L and WTMPA's cost-sharing processes with the participation of other WTMPA member cities involved as well.

"We wanted someone to come in from the outside; someone who is not related to LP&L and not related to WTMPA," McDougal

The internal audits were presented to the council in February. According to the WTMPA audit, several weaknesses were identified in the internal controls, accounting procedures and other practices by both the city and the agency.

However, the auditors did not find evidence of any misappropriations of assets or the intentional omissions of financial information. Much of the paperwork was found to be incomplete.

The LP&L auditor found the city to be involved with WTMPA. LP&L makes up 85 percent of the agency and operates the agency's generator. As of Sept. 30, WTMPA owed the city almost \$5.3 million.

The audit also stated there was a lack of communication within the city, which led to the problem. According to the audit, Cooke should have kept the other council members better informed of the agency's money problems.

Former LP&L director Paul Thompson also should have kept his supervisor, Deputy City Manager Debra Forte, more informed about the situation, according to

The final analysis of the internal audit was that LP&L took over WTMPA, and they were too

The council approved two new board members to the WTMPA Board, McDougal said.



He stressed Carr did not do that, place. Stephens said he would not run.

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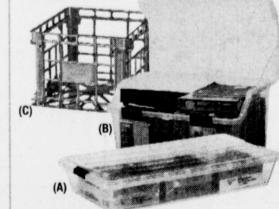


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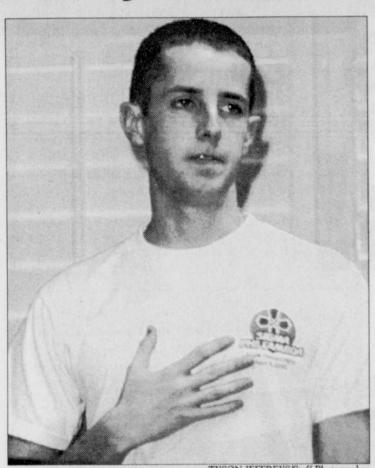
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Relay raises donations for cancer victims



TYSON JEFFREYS/Staff Photographer KEVIN ALLEY, A junior political science major from Lubbock, talks about his battle with leukemia at the Relay for Life Event Wednesday

By Harvey A. Mireles/ Staff Reporter

Ten-year old Kevin Alley was playing basketball when he began to feel tired and sick.

Alley's parents thought he might have the flu so they took him out of school for a week. During that time, his condition did not get better. His parents decided to take him to the something no one in his family was prepared for-he had cancer.

Alley was diagnosed with acute lymphoblasitic leukemia.

"I wasn't sure what that meant, since I was so young, until someone put it in simpler terms: 'You've got cancer," the junior political science were upset, and my friends were kind of shocked."

Spending the majority of fifth an initial 30 percent chance of living, Alley said he kept a positive attitude.

"People with cancer grow up fast," he said. "I just put my faith in God and friends. Doing that can get you through just about anything."

Relay for Life is a nationwide event that raises money for the American

Cancer Society. The donations raised are used to fund cancer research, education and patient services for those battling the disease, such as in Alley's

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is scheduled for April 10, but the event began generating excitement Wednesday evening with the Relay Rally.

At the rally, videos of past rallies doctor. The doctor ran tests and found and Relay for Life events were shown, stories of cancer survivors were shared and teams were signed up.

> Kathy Winn, executive director of the Lubbock American Cancer Society, said she is excited by the initial response for sign-ups for the event.

"We initially wanted this to be a campuswide thing, and it feels like it's major from Lubbock said. "My parents going to happen," Winn said. "We've definitely got a wide variety of groups signed up.'

She said she has received phone grade in the hospital and being given calls from several sororities, fraternities, Christian youth groups, residence halls and faculty members all inter- cer," she said. "It's really important to ested in participating.

> "The phone has been ringing off the wall," she said. "I'm really excited for the relay. It encompasses the entire Tech community and sets a very good example for other universities."

The Relay for Life is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. April 10 at Tech's R.P. Fuller Track. Participants will keep at least one member of their team walking on the track until 6 a.m. April 11.

People organize groups of about eight to 15 people and keep one person on the track the entire time. The event also will have activities such as a dunking booth, a volleyball tournament and live music.

Sarah Buck, a sophomore undecided major, attended the rally with fellow Alpha Delta Pi sorority sister Heather Jones, a freshman broadcast journalism major, to get more information about Relay for Life. The two Houston natives said they are really excited about the opportunity to par-

"It's a really good event," Buck said. "A lot of Tech community can be in-

She said she is going to be involved for personal reasons.

"My grandmother died of lung cansupport things like this because you don't know how important it is 'til it affects you personally."

Jones, a junior panhellanic delegate, said she is looking forward to

"I think this is a really neat opportunity for Tech," she said. "I'm looking forward to the race itself, but more specifically the luminaries. They light them up for the survivors and those who passed away. I'm sure it will be really touching.'

At 10 p.m. during the Relay, all the lights on the track will be turned off and the glowing luminaries will light the track.

Cancer survivors will join everyone who is participating and walk around the track.

The time is used to remember those who have lost their battle to cancer and to honor of those who are cancer survivors.

Alley said he is finished with his leukemia treatment and is looking forward to graduating from Tech as a member of the Air Force ROTC.

"When I graduate, I will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force," he said. "I've been wanting to be in the Air Force since I was five or six."

He said he hopes to become a navigator and is planning to go into field training this summer.

"I'm doing really good," Alley said. "Things like this don't mean you can't continue on with your dreams."

Tech guitarists rock on at international competition

By Sara Schroeder/ Staff Reporter

Dedication and determination are two key factors to winning a competition. Those who wish to reign over everyone else put their heart and soul into what they do, hoping to some day reach the level of perfection.

Two such people proved this week-lected," he said. end that hard work and hours of practice do indeed pay off.

Texas Tech graduate students Milen Parashkevov and Rade Amanovic received first and third Texas Guitar Competition at the Uniceived first and second place awards. and study." versity of Texas at Dallas on Saturday.

The competition, an international are where they met Bogle, who en- met Parashkevov

Bulgaria, Canada, Mexico, Arizona, reers. California and New Mexico.

James Bogle, professor of music and in Russia in 1996 guitar program coordinator, said en- where I was judgtries were based on taped auditions.

"The competitors had to send in tion," Bogle said. tapes, and the best performers were se-

This competition was nothing new tition, and since for Parashkevov, a native of Bulgaria, he was finishing and Amanovic, a native of Yugosla-

Both have played in international wanted him to place, respectively, in the finals of the competitions where they have re- come to the U.S.

These international competitions He said he

event, featured entries from several couraged them to come to the United "My mom wanted me to play the guicountries and states, including Bosnia, States and continue their music ca-tar."

> ing a competi-"I talked to him after the compeup with his schooling, I

"I met Rade

through a competition also.

"I also met Milen while judging a competition he was in and wanted to the competition, and Parashkevov pursue studies with him after he finished his studies," Bogle said.

they were happy to study with Bogle. I finished that I had won." "I told him 'Sure, I would love to do it," Amanovic said.

Both men began playing classical guitar as young boys.

gave me his classical guitar, and I've former." Bogle said. been playing since then."

Parashkevov has a similar story.

I was very involved with my

playing. I knew when I finished that I had won.

> **MILEN PARASHKEVOV** TEXAS TECH GRADUATE

> > good because I knew I played well," Amanovic said.

Amanovic received third place in placed first. "I was very involved with my play-

Bogle said the two performances

were amazing. "They have the musicality, the

achievement and the artistic develop-"I've been playing for 16 years," ment in composure and stage pres-Amanovic said. "My older brother ence—all things necessary to be a per-

At the level of competition the two men are competing at, both ex-"I started by accident," he said. hibited a professional status, Bogle

During the

competition last

weekend, the

two made it

through the

qualifying

round, both

contributed per-

formances that

helped their

professional ca-

"After play-

ng in the final

rounds.

"They both have developed in their professional skills," he said. "They have achieved to the international level of playing." Bogle also said their skills are bet-

ter than most professional classical

Amanovic said playing the classi-In the final calguitar in professional competitions is a unique experience.

"It's just so amazing," he said. "Whenever you practice, you know you can't play perfect, but you want to make yourself better and do everything you can to make yourself perfect."

Both men praise Bogle for his round, I felt so teaching abilities.

> "He is the best teacher I have ever had," Parashkevov said. "I was happy to be a student from his class."

Amanovic and Parashkevov were sponsored by Nancy Cochran, director of the School of Music, and Amanovic and Parashkevov said ing," Parashkevov said. "I knew when Michael Stoune, associate director of the School of Music.

> "They are very supportive of the guitar program," Bogle said.

Both men said they will continue to participate in classical guitar competitions.

"The competition is intense," Bogle said. "But they worked hard and did things normal people wouldn't do to get where they are today. This is why they are professional."

'Papers' about U.S. traitor

NEW YORK (AP) - In the early 1960s, Daniel Ellsberg was a high-level military analyst, ex-Marine and hawk who believed the United States could win in Vietnam. But within a few years, he had become a dove-and, by one measure, a national traitor.

The moral struggle of Daniel Ellsberg, and the extraordinary act it compelled him to commit, is the subject of "The Pentagon Papers," an inadvertently timely film pre miering on the FX network Sunday at 8 p.m. EST.

"He is one of America's greatest traitors who, in many people's eyes, became one of its greatest heroes," says Josh Maurer, the film's executive producer. "He was a man who was obsessed with the truth and willing to follow his obsession, even if it contradicted everything he believed in."

Ellsberg's evolution began in 1964 during a stint at the Pentagon, which sent him on a two-year fact-finding mission to Vietnam. As the war escalated, he became increasingly troubled by misinformation flowing back home.

Depressed at his failure to be heeded by government leaders, he returned to his old job a private think tank in California. There his thinking made another seismic shift with Rand's completion of a 7,000-page, Defense Departmentcommissioned report that concluded the United States couldn't win a war in Vietnam.

The government would deny the existence of this dismal report while continuing to reassure the public that victory was imminent. And the war continued to grow.

Finally, Ellsberg came to an agonizing decision: The top-secret study should be leaked to the American people.

The film portrays a whistleblower who risked life in prison to expose five successive presidential administrations-Truman through Nixon-as having lied to the American people

volvement in Vietnam. "It's never been about Vietnam," says Ellsberg. "It's always been about domestic policy: how to stay in office, win the election." No politician could appear to be soft on Communism. No president could let a war be lost on his watch.

about the growing level of U.S. in-

By leaking copies of the Pentagon Papers to The New York Times and The Washington Post, Ellsberg prompted a showdown between the First Amendment and the White House. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of a free press.



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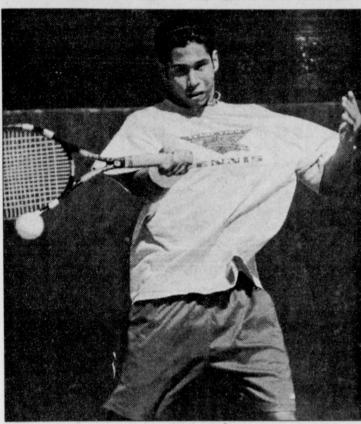
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A faculty committee will judge the essays. Loretto Jones of Lubbock was the winner in 2001. Kristen Reynolds of Amarillo was the winner in 2002. Application forms are available in the Financial Aid Office 305 West Hall. Telephone 742-3144.

Men's tennis rolls into next tournamen



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

ALFONSO PEREZ RETURNS the ball during a rally in Tech's win over Oklahoma on Saturday. The Raiders travel to Corpus Christi for a tournament this weekend.

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

In the midst of a five-match win streak, the Texas Tech men's tennis team hit the road Wednesday in pursuit of continuing its winning ways.

Tech defeated Oklahoma on Saturday to put the team at 7-1 overall and 3-0 in the Big 12 Conference. Now the team will focus on winning the Corpus Christi Invitational this weekend.

The early season wins may have surprised outside onlookers, who knew the program lost its No. 1 player from last semester, but it has not surprised the Red Raiders.

Assistant coach Efe Unstundag said the surprise of how good the team could play faded after a 4-3 loss to top 20 opponent Rice. After losing to the Owls, Unstundag said he and head coach Tim Siegel knew the team had potential.

"After nearly beating them, coach Siegel and I thought that we can really do some damage with this team," Ustundag said. "If we keep it up this week, we should have three wins and

was never any surprise to him, as he knew the players on the team were capable of fulfilling their promise.

"We never heard all the stuff about how could we do or any of that criticism," Perez said. "We made a commitment to play hard and accomplish some wins."

Ustundag also spoke about how the team was able to perform well early in the season.

"It was a combination of having something to prove and having nothing to lose," Ustundag said. "It's always easy to roll over, but they supported each other and won. This is an individual sport, but we have a great team atmosphere."

The unity of the team is something the Raiders said they depend on to win games.

Tech's No. 1 player Diederik de Groot talked about how the Tech players support each other to perform

"If I'm done with my match, I'll go over and watch the other matches and fire everyone else up," de Groot said. "We use each other to fire ourselves up. That's how we keep our

Unstundag also was pleased with Tech's amount of communication and how the team works together.

"We are a true team," he said. "Communication is the real key. Even though this is a cliché, this team has a lot of chemistry. I have never seen a team that bonds this well."

He said since the team uses each other for support, the road matches are not hard on the team, and the team never feels as if it is playing

team will have to bond together without its leader Siegel, who will remain home to tend a minor family accident. Ustundag said the situation is im-

This weekend on the road, the

proving and there is a possibility Siegel may eventually join the team in Corpus Christi.

Tech will begin play at 2:30 p.m. Friday against the University of

THURSDAY

UTA always has two or three good players who can cause problems for any opposing team.

Although Tech now cannot be sure of what teams it will be playing later in the tournament, Ustundag said it is likely the team will face Lafayette, which Ustundag said is the

team to beat. In the finals, Tech believes it may face Colorado in a rematch of the victory Tech had over the Buffalos earlier this season.

This time around, though, the Raiders may have even more confidence than in the first match because the team will have No. 3 player Esat Tanik in the match. Tanik was injured the first time the teams met.

De Groot said Tech could do better against Colorado with Tanik back.

"It would be a good match," de Groot said. "But we'd have a better lineup than the first time, so we could do even better."

MARCH 6

Track and field heads to Last Chance meet

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

For most things in life, one does not get more than one chance. At Iowa State this weekend, there will be a tournament held for that very reason.

Seven members of the Texas Tech track and field team are traveling to Ames, Iowa, Friday to compete in the Iowa State Last Chance tournament, so named because it will be the final opportunity for competitors to qualify for the NCAA Nationals on March 14 and 15 in Fayeteville, Ark.

Wes Kittley, head coach of track and field, said although his team prefers outdoor competition, he still wants to see it compete on the indoor national stage.

"It's big, and I want our kids to do well," he said. "But it's not as big as the outdoors. Indoors is second priority to outdoors."

Senior high jumper Michael Beasley likely is already going to the national competition, but he said he hopes his teammates can fare well at

"(Iowa State) is pretty crucial for some of the people who are going," he said. "Some of them are pretty close, and the more people we get at nationals, the better we look.

The track facility at Iowa State is one that may be better suited for Tech's potential qualifiers, Kittley

"Iowa State's got a long track and a fast track, so we're hoping our two female quarter milers, Rachelle (Evans) and Licretia (Sibley), will be able to open up and really run well," he said. "We are taking four pole vaulters. We're hoping to give them another opportunity to try and qualify also. We're also taking Chad Pharis in the high jump."

Of the competitors he is sending to the Last Chance meet, Kittley said he is confident in them all.

"I think every one of those people have a very good chance of qualifying," he said. "We're very close. We're on the bubble of getting them in. I think they have a tremendous opportunity there on a good track."

One of the Raiders traveling this weekend is junior pole vaulter Ken Wilson. He said he was not in the hunt for nationals last year but hopes to make the cut this go-around.

"Nobody ever expected anything big from me," Wilson said. "So this would be a very big accomplishment for me because it establishes me as a significant pole vaulter in the NCAA."

The brass ring of qualification has eluded Wilson's grab for some time now, but he said he wants to put it all together this time.

"Each of the last three meets, I've had some really good shots at 17 feet 6 inches, which is what the qualifying's going to be for the vault," Wilson said. "Each week, one piece of the puzzle is missing, and I just keep adding on. So hopefully this week, I'll

put in the last piece and soar over."

On the women's side, junior Rachelle Evans said her motivation is the opposite of Wilson's.

"We went last year in the (4-by-400 meter relay), and so it wouldn't feel right if I went last year and then didn't go this year."

Evans said she does not feel any added pressure from her coach going into either the Last Chance tournament or possibly the nationals.

"Coach Kittley just always expects us to do our best," she said. "He knows that we can't do anymore than that, but he wouldn't take us if he didn't think we could compete."



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Lady Raiders playing for win, momentum

In sports, momentum can carry a team a long way, and the No. 8 Texas able to do that." Tech Lady Raiders are hoping to gain some entering the Big 12 Conference Ayers said a win Tournament next week.

Standing in the way of that mo- than get the Lady mentum is No. 4 Kansas State (27-2, 14-1 Big 12) as the two Top 10 teams the postseason; it square off at 7:30 p.m. in the United would give them Spirit Arena.

On the line for Tech (23-4, 12-3) is a chance to ruin the Wildcats' title hopes ally important and to get back in the win column.

"We're going to play hard and here for team moleave it all on the court," Jia Perkins rale; no one likes said. "I think it would be a big win for to lose," she said. us because it's the type of thing that could get us going since we have the Texas game, evtournament coming up and get our eryone played so confidence back up, and like I said, just get us back on the right track."

Coach Marsha Sharp said it is important for her team to come out the victor Thursday because a win over ally help our mosuch a strong opponent can do a lot mentum and confor confidence entering the Big 12 fidence a lot if we could come out with ously, in this game, but I don't think

"I think no question," she said. "You really want to build as much mo- playing for a share of the conference

tournament, and I think it would be a to be playing for.

huge confidence booster for us to be

Forward Jolee would do more Raiders ready for a new faith.

"I think it's rethat we get a win "I think after the hard, and it slipped right through us at the end. It would re-

Sharp said her team may not be

By David Wiechmann/Sports Editor mentum as you can going into that title now, but there still is something the Wildcats' triple threat of Nicole

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LADY RAIDERS

- MARSHA SHARP

"There's obviously not as much on the line as we had hoped because we hoped we'd be playing for a conference championship," she said. "I think we're obviously, in this

playing for seeding in the NCAA's from ward, and you can't ever underestimate the importance of those factors and what a win against one of the Top 5 programs in the nation can do for you at this time of year. There's some pride in-

HEAD COACH volved, obviit's completely a pride game because of everything that's still on the line."

Ohlde at center, forward Kendra Wecker and guard Laurie Koehn.

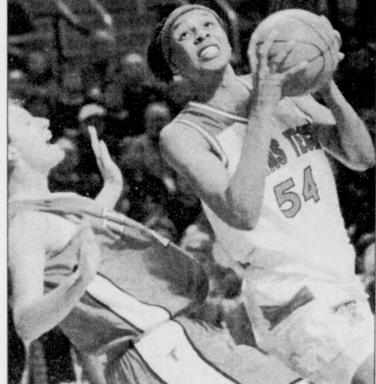
Sharp and her players compared the trio to three stars at Texas: Stacy Stephens, Heather Schreiber and Jamie Carey.

Ohlde is a big threat inside, standing at 6 feet 4 inches. Wecker can shoot outside like Schreiber, and Koehn is a scoring threat from anywhere on the court.

For Tech to score, it will have to this point for- break down KSU's zone defenses. Ayers said seeing the zone late in the season will help prepare Tech for the postseason and give the Raiders a chance to test new offenses to get past

> Perkins said the key will be shooting, then going inside.

"I think we did everything we needed to work on against Texas last week," she said. "I think we did everything right; we just weren't hitting our shots. I think once we hit a couple of shots from the perimeter, they're going to have to come defend us, and that's going to open up the post players. So that's going to be good to make them Beating KSU will require stopping do things that they don't want to do."



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

FORWARD PLENETTE PIERSON drives past Heather Schreiber of Texas. Pierson and the Lady Raiders take on No. 4 Kansas State at 7:30 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena.

Women's tennis battles Missouri; sickness weakens lineup

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

After dropping a conference match and losing a No. 2 player for at least a month, many teams might fall into a state of perpetual disappointment. Don't expect that from Texas Tech, though.

The women's tennis team lost to Kansas State on Saturday and will be without No. 2 player Anchen Lombard for its match against Missouri at 11 a.m. Sunday at the McLeod but she cannot do any heavy activity

more time, as she will likely be out of match anytime soon. action for a month while she recovers

Lombard initially came down with a case of bronchitis more than two weeks ago. The illness grew more intense, and the player caught mononucleosis and eventually an inner ear

Tech coach Sandy Collins said Lombard is growing stronger every day,

Although Collins said Lombard was a major player on Tech's team, she said the team was not giving up in her

"We'd like to have another body," Collins said. "The girls are doing the best we can. They haven't acted discouraged. You could see that in the match against Kansas State."

Tech won the doubles point against the Wildcats and then won

Tennis Center. Lombard will miss and will not be available to play in a only one singles match. The win came sial call in that match. We had a tough ing the team back is closing out close ing in the No. 6 position.

> The 5-2 loss to Kansas State was a match Collins said was close, and a match where Tech did some good things. Collins also said Tech was hurt by some officiating calls that went in

"We played well in doubles," Collins said. "We lost two matches in three sets. Kendall (Brooks) had a real tough match. There was a controver-

from Barbara Schraml, who was play- time with calls, but these girls don't matches, and the team will focus on give up."

Giving up is not in the plans for the Raiders anytime soon either.

Freshman Tara Browning said the team realizes the match against KSU could have been won and is not growing discouraged.

"Kansas State was a close match," she said. "It could have gone either way. It's kind of disappointing because it was so close, but we could have

Collins said the only thing hold- play the way we know we can."

doing so against Missouri.

Missouri is a team Collins said was tough and has been competitive in past years. Although Tech beat Missouri last year on the road, Collins said beating the Tigers this season at home would be a challenge.

Browning said despite the team Tech is facing, its goal remains the

"I know we can all play," she said. 'We're just going to go out there and

