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Tech reacts to possible tuition deregulation

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

Tuition deregulation may loom in the state's future.

A tuition deregulation bill, which would give state universities' Board of Regents the power to name tuition costs rather than the state, was approved in the House Higher Education committee Wednesday. If passed through all committees, the bill would go into effect in 2005.

The bill still needs to move into the larger House for further review, where it will be debated, Texas Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith said.

The good news about the bill, besides it

not being fully passed yet, is it involves parameters for the amount universities can raise tuition, Smith said, and it does not yet completely uncouple state universities from the Legislature.

Smith said the bill also includes provisions to raise scholarship funds, which are important to Tech students who do not have average incomes as high as students at the University of Texas or Texas A&M.

The danger with deregulation, Smith said, is students could be disproportionately hurt because universities would be forced to raise costs without the help of the Legislature.

"It's such a challenge with the House budget numbers, with such huge cuts in higher

education, and we're not going to have much flexibility because we're not going to have money for higher education," Smith said. "We need the support of the Legislature as a public institution. Otherwise, we will have to raise tuition and fees. It's a matter of magnitude here. They're trying to push the budget here."

Smith said he is concerned about the long-run future, with the possibility of deregulation looming in 2005 and increasing numbers of enrolled students. The deregulation, however, allows the state to give up financial responsibility with universities and is an answer to budget shortfalls.

"It allows universities to stay in business while cuts are being made, but it's a question

of degrees," he said. "How far can we go until we start hurting access? I have concerns over not pushing higher education out of the reach of middle-class families. If we get this authority, we'll have to be very judicious about it at Texas Tech."

The Legislature will meet again in spring 2005, Smith said, and until then, there are caps on increases for the next biennium. Smith said he hopes the bill will move into debate in 2005 and possibly not go into effect. He and other administrators are already aware of the raises they have had to make recently at Tech.

"There's going to be a great deal of debate about these bills in the joint conference committee," he said. "It still has to go to the greater

House."

Smith said he believes the students' voices were heard in Austin when Student Government Association senators lobbied against deregulation this semester.

"That may have been a big reason it was pushed back to 2005," he said.

Jeremy Brown, SGA president, said the deregulation bill hurts the people of Texas.

"It's ridiculous that our state is doing this," he said. "Education is the greatest assessment they could make for the people of Texas."

The bill would hurt the economy in the long run, as students, particularly at Tech,

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REACHING for a CURE



JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer

PARTICIPANTS IN THE March of Dimes warm up before going on a 6.5-mile walk Saturday morning at Maxey Park. March of Dimes raises money for research on the causes and cures of prematurity and birth defects.

Lubbock residents walk for research in annual March of Dimes

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Two proud, loving parents watched their blond-haired, blue-eyed, laughing little girl play at the park Saturday morning.

What makes this scene different from any other day at the park is that Cheryl and Steve Brown almost did not have 4-year-old Hallie. She was born six weeks premature after Cheryl spent almost three months in the hospital.

What also made this scene different is the Browns were joined by thousands of Lubbock residents who gathered together for a 6.5-mile walk to raise money for research on the causes and cures of prematurity and birth defects in the annual March of Dimes.

"The March of Dimes is a valuable help organization with the mission of preventing birth de-

fects and infant mortality," said Delia Case, executive director of the Northwest Texas March of Dimes. "It's an exciting day. We have this campaign beginning in January, and today is the celebration day."

Case estimated between 2,500 and 3,000 walkers woke with the sun Saturday to start at Maxey Park and walk through Lubbock. They were celebrating the many months spent raising money to fund research, education, community services and advocacy; for the Browns, they were celebrating their family.

"We're here just because we don't want other people to go through what we went through," Steve said.

The Browns were not the only people at the walk with close ties to the problem of prematurity.

"My nephew was just recently born; he was born prematurely," Texas Tech student Jokari Davis said. "I figured it would be a good reason to come out here today."

The freshman general business major from Canadian said she believes the problem is getting more serious, and what the March of Dimes accomplished is important in alleviating the problem.

Irma Sanchez sees the effects of premature babies and birth defects every day. She was part of a group from the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. The members sported camouflage shirts that read, "Fighting the war against birth defects."

"It is close to our hearts because that's what we

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Tech campaign raises tuition, fees awareness

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

Student may wonder why fees are added to tuition and what they are used for. The Texas Tech Division of Student Affairs received these questions among several others concerning the cost of higher education.

That is the reason they are conducting a campaign to make students understand and be aware of the increase in tuition throughout the nation.

Matt Overbey, the marketing analyst for the Student Affairs Marketing and Promotion office, said they organized focus groups comprising students and parents to gain feedback on these issues.

"Our research showed that students as well as parents had several questions for us regarding where their money goes to in all these fees," he said. "Then we pulled their ideas and

different points of view to let the students of Tech know what resources they have."

To present these to the students, the division is working together to develop certain types of mediums that are most appealing to them, Overbey said.

Brody Price, art director for marketing, said they are sending postcards to students and faculty and are in the process of developing a brochure for the purpose of the campaign.

"We are trying our best to let everyone know about the rising costs in tuitions not only here at Tech, but around the country," he said.

Kaley Paris, promotional editor, said the office has created an online location strictly for this effort.

"We have produced these types of promotional items to direct our audi-

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UT to lay off hundreds to cope with budget cuts

DALLAS (AP) — The University of Texas plans to lay off hundreds of people in the coming months to cope with state budget cuts.

UT President Larry Faulkner's announcement came in a campuswide e-mail Friday and included word of a limited retirement incentive to non-academic staff.

UT is one of just a few universities in the state to plan layoffs in the wake of state budget cuts, the *Dallas Morning News* reported in Saturday editions.

The Austin campus must cut an estimated \$35 million to respond to state budget cuts and has trimmed a lot of that amount, Faulkner wrote in his e-mail.

"There are notable successes; however, the university does not have \$30 million in fat," he wrote. "I must be frank now and say that some layoffs will be required."

At the most, UT will lay off 350 of its 22,103 full-time and part-time employees, said Kevin P. Hegarty, UT's vice president and chief financial officer.

To keep the number of layoffs down, UT is offering a voluntary retirement incentive in May and June to more than 400 nonteaching employees. Known as classified employees, the group includes janitors, groundskeepers and managers of technical departments. UT will offer \$16,000 as an incentive.

The incentive is open only to nonteaching staff, but layoffs would affect all types of positions, including lecturers, Hegarty said. Because of hiring freezes and layoffs, class sizes will grow.

Regardless of the Legislature's final decision on the budget, UT will

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Campus groups join in Arbor Day festivities

By Michelle Bowles/Copy Editor

The weather did not inhibit this year's Arbor Day festivities. Clear skies, warm temperatures and a slight breeze were the setting for the Plant a Tradition celebration Friday afternoon at Texas Tech.

More than 16,000 people from 90 student organizations and departments gathered to plant flowers, bushes and trees across campus.

Belissa Ramirez, a member of Delta Gamma sorority, said she enjoyed the weather and company of her friends at Arbor Day.

"We're having fun enjoying the nice day," the sophomore speech, language and hearing science major from Odessa said.

As this was Ramirez's first Arbor Day to participate in, she said it was bigger than she had expected.

"I'm glad there's a lot of people," she said. "I didn't think there would be this many people."

Delta Gamma participates in the planting every year, Ramirez said. The group also applied for several student organization awards presented before the planting.

"Our whole sorority is doing it, and it's a good cause," she said.

Broken Cypress, an alternative rock band comprised of Tech students, performed on a stage at Memorial Circle to entertain the crowd waiting for planting to begin.

Lead singer and guitarist Zach Newberry said he was pleased with the turnout and hopes the concert leads to more opportunities to perform in local venues.

This was the band's first time to perform at Arbor Day, Newberry said, but he hopes it will not be the last.

"It was really cool," he said. "I hope we can do it again next year."

After the concert, the masters of ceremonies, homecoming queen Laura Snider and

homecoming king Anthony Contreras, gave a brief history of the Arbor Day celebration, which Tech's second president, Bradford Knapp, began in 1938.

Then they turned the microphone over to Chancellor Dr. David Smith, who commended the students involved in Arbor Day festivities.

"Because of your efforts, I believe we have the finest looking campus in the country," he said.

Arbor Day celebrations leave a legacy on campus, Smith said, and this legacy makes a lasting impression on visitors and potential students.

"We are the finest campus, and more importantly, we have the finest student body in the country," Smith said amid cheers from the crowd.

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HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer
CELINA FLOTTE, A senior accounting major from Midland helps Yolanda, 8, plant Lantanas on Friday during Arbor Day in Memorial Circle.

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The Rundown



A&M cadets accused of hazing sophomores

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M University officials have recommended the expulsion of a Corps of Cadets student and the suspension of several others in a continuing investigation into alleged hazing within the 60-member cavalry.

The investigation opened in October after A&M senior Ty Keeling, commander of the Corps' Parsons Mounted Cavalry, reported the alleged hazing to Corps Commandant Lt. Gen. John Van Alstyne.

Juniors in the 60-member cavalry were accused of forcing sophomores to do push-ups and sit-ups, beating them and even dousing them with urine and horse feces, the *Houston Chronicle* reported in its Saturday editions.

The alleged incidents took place over a number of years, according to a student who was recommended for a one-year suspension and did not want to be identified.

Iraqi exiles return to rebuild government

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is sending to Baghdad teams of Iraqi exiles with professional experience suited to rebuilding the government in postwar Iraq, defense officials said Saturday.

The group comprises small teams of individuals selected for the kinds of expertise needed to revive various government ministries such as oil, public health, industry and transportation.

The teams have been assembled by Paul Wolfowitz, deputy secretary of defense.

Wolfowitz said in an interview Saturday that about 150 Iraqis who have been living in the United States or Europe have volunteered to go back, and a small number already have gone.

"We're moving people in as fast as we can have the facilities to support them," Wolfowitz said.

Afghan gunbattle kills two U.S. soldiers

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — A second American soldier died Saturday from wounds suffered the day before in a battle with rebel fighters in eastern Afghanistan, a military spokesman said.

The soldier died hours after Friday's battle, Col. Roger King said from Bagram Air Base, the headquarters of U.S. operations in Afghanistan. Another U.S. soldier died Friday.

The Pentagon on Saturday identified the first soldier killed as Pvt. Jerod R. Dennis, 19, of Oklahoma. Dennis was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment at Fort Bragg, N.C. His hometown was not given. The name of the soldier who died on Saturday was not released.

"Afghanistan continues to be a combat zone," King said.

Thirty coalition soldiers have died in combat since the war in Afghanistan began in October 2001, King said.

China shuts down theaters, cinemas

BEIJING (AP) — China on Sunday shut down all theaters, cinemas and other places of entertainment in Beijing in an effort to curb the spread of SARS.

The official Xinhua News Agency said the length of the closures would depend on progress made in combatting severe acute respiratory syndrome, which has killed at least 42 people and sickened 988 in Beijing.

The city's entertainment businesses have already suffered severe losses as nervous Beijing residents shun public places for fear of catching the virus.

SARS has killed 122 people and sickened more than 2,700 across China.

Earlier Saturday, Health Minister Zhang Wenkang resigned amid criticism that China's response to the outbreak was slow. Parliament assigned his duties to Vice Premier Wu Yi, the government said. Wu, China's highest-ranking woman, is a respected former trade envoy and already was the top official in charge of health care.

The closures are the latest in a series of increasingly stringent measures by authorities to contain SARS in Beijing.

At least three of the city's hospitals have been sealed off because of SARS infections, and thousands of residents have been placed under quarantine, some at home and others in hospitals.

At a meeting in the Malaysian capital, health officials from across

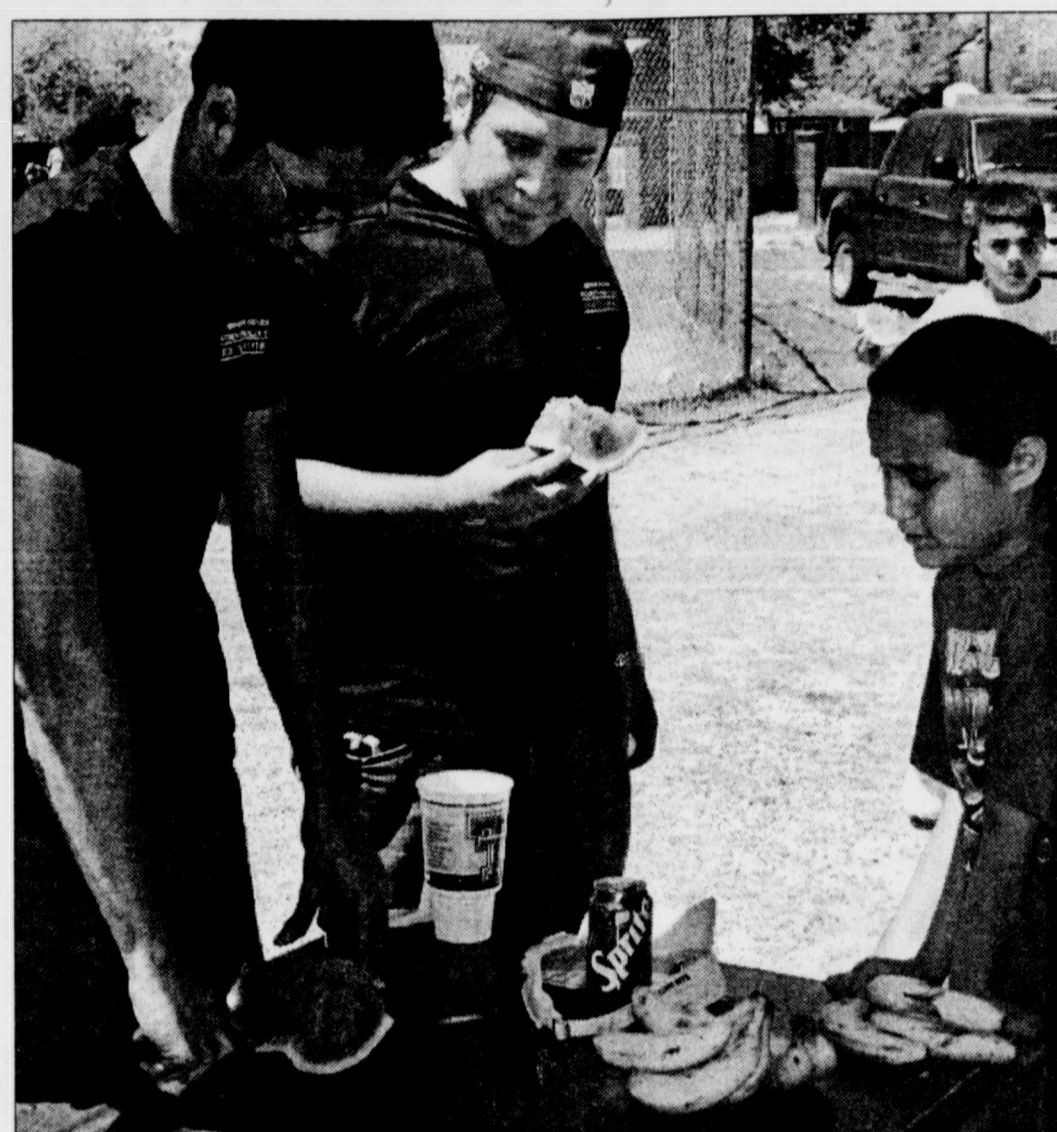
Asia came up with a joint plan to fight SARS with tighter screening of travelers.

"We must use every weapon at our disposal," the regional director of the World Health Organization, Shigeru Omi, told health ministers and senior officials from Southeast Asia, China, Hong Kong, Japan and South Korea.

The health ministers approved a plan to boost screening at international departure points, bar travelers with SARS symptoms and require health forms for visitors from affected countries.

The worldwide spread of SARS has been blamed on travelers in Asia, particularly in Hong Kong and southern China, where the flu-like disease emerged last fall.

WATERMELON, PLEASE



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH HISPANIC Association Members Marco Galindo, a junior accounting major from Houston, and Alex De la Cruz, a sophomore finance major from Dallas, cut watermelon for the kids at the Optimist Boy's and Girl's Club of Lubbock on Saturday afternoon. The organization spent time playing kickball and basketball with the children from 11:45 a.m. until 3 p.m.



The underpass north of the university greenhouse at Main Street and Hartford Avenue will be closed to pedestrian traffic for four weeks while the natural gas line is lowered in preparation for the Marsha Sharp Freeway. Students and faculty should find an alternate route. Texas Tech journalism graduate

and novelist Robert Taylor will be presenting readings from two of his books and a volume of short stories at 7 p.m. today in the Garden Room of St. John's Methodist Church, located at the corner of 15th Street and University Avenue. The presentation is free, open to the public and will include a book signing following the program.

Omega Delta Phi is raffling an autographed 2002-2003 Lady Raider basketball signed by the team and coach Marsha Sharp. Proceeds will benefit a Special Olympics scholarship. Tickets cost \$2 each or \$5 for three. Tickets can be purchased from members or contact Jon Bentancourt at (806) 632-0319 or e-mail jonnoj@hotmail.com.

The drawing will be Wednesday.

Students for Social Justice is holding a protest against American Imperialism. There will be a discussion of America's history and the war. The event will take place from 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Wednesday in front of the Student Union building.

The Last day to drop a course, transfer between colleges or withdrawal from the university is Friday.

Join Gamma Beta Phi in beautifying Lubbock in project GRIP, Get Ready To Improve and Plant, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The event will feature a picnic, guest speaker and beautification. If your organization is interested, contact Laura at (806) 724-4656.



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Tech administrators frown on student-faculty dating

By Rachel LaFerney/
Associate News Editor

It is a situation that sounds like a rerun of "Friends." A professor becomes romantically involved with a student to the surprise and disapproval of the rest of the community.

At the end of the sitcom, the situation is resolved and the end credits begin rolling.

But this is not just a funny situation for millions to watch on television. It is a real situation that can often turn sour.

The University of California plans to vote on a policy to prohibit faculty-student romantic and sexual relationships.

This vote comes after a Title IX complaint brought against the University of California at Berkeley by a former law student alleging she was molested by the former dean of the Boalt School of Law, John P.

Dwyer, after a night of drinking with the dean and other students, said UC-Berkeley spokeswoman Janet Gilmore.

The student claims she was unconscious during the incident. Dwyer said it was consensual, and the student kept quiet about the incident until she graduated in May 2002. The dean later resigned in January.

Here at Texas Tech, there also is no policy banning the relationship between students and faculty. Such relationships are not prohibited but are not encouraged, Provost William Marcy, said.

"(It) depends on the context. People that are of age can have any relationship that they are comfortable with," he said. "However, (faculty) in positions of authority or power could lead to sexual harassment or other problems. But (the university) can't dictate what happens in a relationship two adults are involved in."

Marcy said during his time as provost, no incidents had crossed his desk, but he does not doubt in the 75-year history of the university that it has happened.

While there has not been a significant problem; it does not mean there could not be one in the future.

Tech has established an operating policy that prevents conflicts of interest. Faculty must avoid evaluative positions over someone they have an affectionate relationship with, said Dee Thomas, assistant director of the Office of Equal

Employment. There also is an extensive campus-wide policy prohibiting sexual harassment.

Faculty Senate President-elect and associate professor of the classics Nancy Reed said, "There is a prohibition against sexual harassment, and that should be sufficient. Since (student-faculty relationships) could come under the category of sexual harassment, I would discourage them."

Jonanna Varian, a junior education major from Plano, said students

may choose whomever they want to have a relationship with.

"It's up to the student's decision as to pursue (a relationship with a professor)," she said. "Personally, I feel it shouldn't happen."

Varian said she had a personal experience with the negative consequences that can come from a student-teacher relationship. A girl in her class began dating their professor after he initiated a romantic relationship. She said she found out last week when the girl told her.

"Since then, I've looked down on the teacher," she said. "My view of him definitely changed. Professors should have the decency to not (form relationships with students)."

Kathryn Quilliam, Tech's ombudsman, said students often come to seek her guidance on the subject of student-faculty relations.

"On occasion, students have come here with concerns about fac-

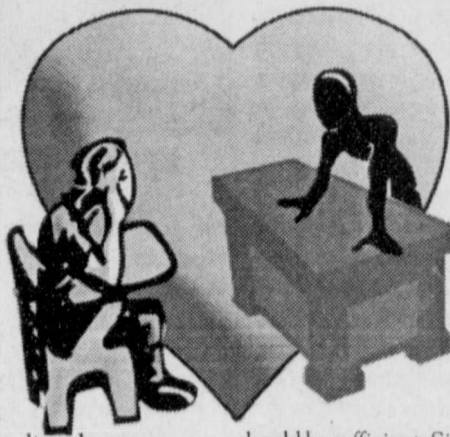
ulty, specifically TA type of faculty, behaving inappropriately in a teacher-student situation," Quilliam said.

If students find themselves in a situation with faculty that make them uncomfortable, students should realize the potential harm in that relationship, she said.

She also would encourage students to get out of that situation by any means possible because ultimately the student could be harmed, she said.

Philip King, a graduate student from Mount Carmel, Ill., studying electrical engineering, agreed, saying a student-teacher relationship can only lead to problems for everyone involved.

"The teacher is in such a position of authority over students; it might be easier for teachers to use that authority to the student's disadvantage," he said.



SPRING FLING



ZACH SMITH, A (left) freshman geosciences major from Waco, races Zach McCoy, a senior history major from Kingswood, in a game during Spring Fling at Urbanovsky Park on Saturday afternoon.

DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

Bush pays tribute to fallen journalists

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a solemn address to a gathering of the capital's most influential journalists and their guests, President Bush paid tribute Saturday to reporters who died covering the war in Iraq.

"Since we last gathered for this dinner, we have lived through some extraordinary events. We have seen a dictator defy the world, and we have seen a coalition of free nations give its answer," the president told the annual White House Correspondents' Association dinner.

At least 13 journalists from around the world died covering the U.S. invasion of Iraq and the ousting of its leader, Hussein. In his address, Bush honored two American reporters who died early this month in Iraq.

"Michael Kelly's readers knew of his intellectual courage. He wrote with integrity and moral conviction, never attempting to gain favor or to please the powerful," Bush said to applause.

Kelly, 46, editor at large for The Atlantic Monthly magazine and a syndicated Washington Post columnist, died April 3 near Baghdad when the vehicle he was riding ran into a canal.

The president called David Bloom, a 39-year-old reporter for NBC News and weekend anchor of the network's "Today" show, "the perfect man to carry viewers along on the charge to Baghdad."

"David had a natural sincerity that people liked," Bush said.

Bloom died April 6 from a blood clot while covering the war south of Baghdad. After the president's address, the gathering was entertained by jazz legend Ray Charles.

First lady Laura Bush accompanied the president to the event.

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PERSPECTIVES

Real world of alcohol is risky

When the cast of the reality-based spring break movie "The Real Cancun" asked adorable Alan Taylor why he wasn't drinking alcohol, he sweetly said he didn't want to "ruin his sobriety."

Before spending nine days with 15 strangers, who, as the show claims, "stop being sober and start being real," Taylor, a freshman Tech student, said he had never experimented with alcohol.

In fact, in his audition tape he said, "I don't drink because my dad was an alcoholic and my granddad was an alcoholic, and I can pretty much tell you that I would be an alcoholic, too."

But while sitting at a beckoning bar in Mexico with guys ordering him to "do the manly thing" and take a shot, his innocence faded as he threw tequila back like a champ.

One of the bikini babes declared how absolutely proud she was. (my god!)

I don't know Taylor or the Tech twin girls that went wet-T-shirt wild all over the big screen.

But some of you may recall a column I published March 3 declaring I was dropping drinking for Lent because I was tired of the lush lifestyle.

Therefore, it interested me to see someone seemingly secure in himself choosing to take the polar opposite path when he knows he is at high risk

for alcoholism.

When a virgin drinker drifts into a world of body shots, binge drinking and black-outs, it's not always easy to step back into sober shoes, especially when your genes guide you elsewhere.

On camera, when the adventure came to an end, Taylor said there were no regrets.

But on the movie's Web site he writes, "Looking back at some of the things I've done this week, I'm thinking that maybe I don't need to drink. Maybe I can have fun without alcohol."

It's the maybes that concern me.

The Web site designers joke the "A" in Alan stands for ambivalent and "maybe AA," when Taylor expressed his fear of being unable to become a moderate drinker after the experience.

John Murray, the producer, said in an interview with ABC news that it will be the older generation that views the events as shameful and tasteless.

"I really think it's a really fun comedy," he said.

Comedy? Hmm.

Taylor's future fate is yet unknown, but in either case, none of it is a laughing matter.

Let's get real — this is a serious deal.

The "d" in drunk definitely stands for denial, depression, drama, destruction and maybe death.

Our subculture says it's acceptable to drink this part of our lives away, which causes many of us to waste the



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best years of our lives on an elusive experience we feel we should indulge in while we're young.

I've seen too many potential-filled people slowly destroy and degrade pieces of their lives because of the power in this drug.

For those readers and others, I haven't touched a drop of alcohol in more than 50 days.

I say that not as holier-than-thou, because as I wrote last month, I've been where Taylor and the twins have been.

But in going back to who I was before that first string of shots, this time has shown that everything is better about my life without abusing alcohol. Not easier, but better.

The twist on the real-world catchphrase has it backwards. To tell the truth, it should read: Only when you start staying sober can you start being real.

Intoxication creates a false reality filled with distorted feelings. It's one of those paradoxes poisoning building social skills, when actually it destroys

them.

Only when you stop drinking do you see how difficult it is to relate without liquor leading the way.

When my column was published, some drinking buddies kept calling to ask if I was kidding.

They didn't understand why partying was becoming a non-priority.

I still tried to go out, but it was unbelievably uncomfortable at first. It was difficult to say no to guys wanting to buy me a drink, because without it, I just wasn't as relaxed and carefree as I used to be.

Sitting there shy and sober is that much harder when you know the answer is only feet away just waiting to be poured.

During this time, I will tell you that I had some of the worst times at clubs and bars that I've ever had in my life. Holding a rum and coke minus the rum, I wasn't as cool or confident.

Life without alcohol is less exciting, and that probably is the healthiest part about it.

For me, the amount of drama in my life went down considerably, and for that I'm truly grateful.

When you get off the elevator of extremes, you find a balance built on a firm foundation.

Most people believe if they haven't hit rock bottom then they don't need to back off from the amount of alcohol they consume.

Only when they lose their job and/or relationships do they realize what they've allowed alcohol to do to their lives.

Why ride the elevator all the way to the bottom when you can get off much earlier and save a lot of pain?

Bill Pluymen, of Austin, wrote a book called "The Thinking Person's Guide to Sobriety."

Twice recognized as one of the best lawyers in America, he never hit the point where his drinking began to tear his world apart; he stopped before that could become a reality.

However, he said little by little, and happy hour by happy hour, the quality of his life gradually began to decline.

He gave this advice: "If you are performing at 80-percent of your capacity and life is going fairly well but your dreams are unfulfilled, why not function at 100 percent and have your fondest dreams in life come true."

There is another way to live, and no one can find it until they put down the bottle and embrace a reality beyond their wildest dreams.

If you have a desire to stop drinking, attend a celebration of recovery at 7 p.m. in Room 226 of the Human Sciences building to hear the stories of fellow students who, for differing reasons, chose that path. E-mail me or call (806) 742-2891 for more information.

Power is a tool to be handled with care

This is a true story about a boss. "The Boss" is in charge of a group of people in this city; we'll call this enterprise the Firm. Many are gifted and claim the Boss is not.

So why should the Boss deserve a column? Because anyone who's ever worked closely with "The Boss" (B) will tell you that B is quite possibly one of the worse managers anyone has ever seen. In any workplace, a complete unity of opinion on any issue is hard to find. Not so with B.

The person I call "The Boss" actually exists; keep in mind this isn't just a type I'm describing. I call this individual "The Boss" mainly to protect the people who work under B, but I also use the alias because it transforms distant, isolated incompetence (personality to dismiss) into a universal personality type we all recognize.

We've all had someone like B over us sometime in our life. The faults of B are the faults of bosses everywhere. This is a column about people in power who shouldn't be. People like B are dissatisfied. Their

revenge is to try to make others feel the same way.

The main thing to understand about B is that B is a victim. Or at least that's how B sees it. It explains everything B does. But how can perennial "victim" achieve power?

Simple. First, professional sufferers are connen who know how to arouse undesired guilt and sympathy. Second, much more insidious, is that belief in one's complete and utter victimhood has a way of wiping away all rules of ethics.

Herein lies the fallacy of reparation theory and redistributive justice. It says: I am morally allowed — nay — obligated, to take the hard work of others and claim the results of my own — especially if I think they've had it better than me. To take credit for the labors of everyone else even if I do nothing myself. "Don't I deserve this?" thinks B. All bad bosses do this, but the B of this column in particular is a master thief when it comes to claiming credit for the fruit of others. Ironic, because B has done more to sink the Firm than anyone.



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Last year, a chance occurrence almost closed the Firm. B had not yet been hired then. Feeling the Firm's demise, the Public Relations Guru, with the Firm's Second-in-Charge, worked nonstop, toiled many hours to save it. They did. It was a selfless miracle. But B decided to take the credit. The audacity of it was staggering, and there would be worse.

Now B keeps shorter hours than almost anyone else at the Firm. This is when B actually shows up, as he or she has disappeared for weeks at a time, claiming one thing or another. B claims almost twice as many hours as the Second-in-Command, who actually runs the Firm, even

before B was hired.

Why was B hired in the first place? Probably because B had been there so long. That means experience, right? Or love? You'd think. But whenever the firm has big public events or voluntary endeavors of any kind, B almost never helps out.

There are a lot of these, but B is never there. Weekly, the Firm's staff meets. B's attendance has three forms: B is late, B stays for a while, makes excuse, then leaves or sometimes just skips meeting altogether. When B does stay, B's contribution is a grab-bag autocratic declarations, falsities, sloppy assumptions, laments and garbled communications from the Firm's overseers.

The Staff learned long ago not to argue with the B to stay; meetings go much smoother without. Or any kind of group endeavor.

Example: another part of B's job description is to oversee the hiring of new staff. B does not do so, and if B takes an interest at all, it is to recommend, without regard to merit or interview, B's favorites for said position.

B might like you because you're a crony, or because you arbitrarily "look the part," or because you've listened to B bitch in the past, or because you're just aesthetically pleasing.

The Second, particularly, learned to deal with B long ago.

The Second raised some questions about B's policies and behaviors. The Second was then told that he or she wasn't on "Team Boss." The B sounds like a movie villain, but what I have reported here is very much true. B has more petty crimes than I could write about. But is the Boss a bad person? Not necessarily. B's just a person with problems who shouldn't have been given influence.

The Boss, in the end, is the wrong person in a job where being the right person is so crucial. This is why the old saying about power and corruption is somewhat incorrect.

Power isn't good or evil. It's a tool, like a knife, with right and wrong ways of use. Power doesn't corrupt people. People corrupt power. People like The Boss. Who would you blame? The craftsman, or the tools?

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North Korea ignores South's call to disarm

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)— South Korea demanded Sunday that North Korea abandon any atomic weapons development, but Northern negotiators in Pyongyang stonewalled the nuclear discussion, calling it a matter between North Korea and the United States.

Chief North Korean delegate Kim Ryong Song refused to confirm a claim made during talks last week with U.S. and Chinese officials in Beijing that North Korea is making nuclear weapons, and instead sought to steer Sunday's Cabinet-level talks toward inter-Korean economic projects, Seoul officials said.

Washington believes North Korea has one or two atomic bombs and may be trying to make more.

The North has disputed that claim, saying its nuclear program is meant to generate much-needed electricity.

Possession of nuclear weapons would be a "serious violation" of a 1992 inter-Korean agreement to keep the peninsula nuclear-

free, South Korean Unification Minister Jeong Se-hyun reminded North Korea, according to South Korean government spokesman Shin Eun-sang.

"We made it clear that we can never accept North Korea's possession of nuclear weapons," Shin said Sunday, according to South Korean pool reports from Pyongyang. "We emphasized that the North should dismantle nuclear weapons, if it had any, as well as its nuclear facilities."

Jeong is leading a five-member South Korean delegation to Pyongyang in the first high-level talks between the Koreas since President Roh Moo-hyun took office in February. Foreign journalists were not allowed to cover the event.

Seoul officials were encouraged by the North's willingness to hold the talks after canceling previous Cabinet-level meetings earlier this month.

But North Korea remained defiant, saying in its official Rodong Sinmun newspaper that it would arm itself with "a physical means of deterrence" if Washington refused to sign the nonaggression

treaty it seeks.

Pyongyang, which President Bush has dubbed part of an "axis of evil" with Iran and prewar Iraq, has accused the United States of planning an invasion after the war in Iraq is over.

"If Washington does not give us a legal guarantee that it will not take military actions, including use of nuclear weapons, against us, we have no other option but to do everything possible for our self-defense," Rodong said.

The Bush administration has ruled out such a treaty, but U.S. officials have said some form of written security guarantee could be possible.

The three-day inter-Korean talks in Pyongyang, on the heels of the Beijing discussions, come amid renewed tension over North Korea's suspected programs to develop nuclear weapons.

A senior U.S. official said in Beijing that North Korea threatened to test, sell or use atomic weapons, depending on Washington's actions.

March

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deal with on an everyday basis," she said.

Randy Rushing, sponsor of the National Generosity Society at McKenzie Junior High School, was at the event with a group of students.

"It teaches them about volunteerism and makes them aware of the need for money for research and other things the March of Dimes supports," he said. "The kids like meeting with other kids, other people, and seeing the city of Lubbock come together."

Vickie Bennett was in the crowd for several reasons. She was the coordinator of the group from Cox Communications and is president of the March of Dimes Board of Directors. She recognizes the importance of the fund raising.

"It's important that we're all here today because this year, 200,000 babies will be born prematurely, some with birth defects, some so tiny they can't even cry," she said. "We don't hear about it in the news because they're born one at a time. Because they're born one at a time, it's a national tragedy that we don't even know about."

Ricky and Rhonda Green turned out with a group from PNB Financial. They also had more than one reason for being there.

"We're here to support the March of Dimes," Rhonda said.

"And to have fun," Ricky added. They also had a more personal reason for being at the walk.

"We have two kids, and we also have a granddaughter, and I've also been acquainted with a man for about 22 years whose wife was helped through polio when she was a small child," Ricky said.

The day was especially sweet for the Browns, who enjoyed the opportunity to be out in the sun and playing in the park with their daughter—the same park Cheryl's window overlooked during her 89-day stay at Covenant-Lakeside.

She spent her days watching the park and the people in it, walking and playing with their children, she said, and hoping for the day she would get to do that.

To make the day doubly special, it was the Browns' anniversary weekend, Cheryl said. They were usually out of town for the event, but not this year.

"I've been looking forward to this," she said.

Deregulation

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would rely heavily on loans, Brown said.

"It seems like they're overlooking all that, and it's so frustrating to me," he said. "Education is the last thing they need to be cutting."

Brown said he feels the Legislature supports education, adding the bill has only passed with one committee and still has a ways to go until reaching full passage, if it does.

For now, Brown said everyone must remember deregulation has had a negative affect on other states that have tried to implement it.

In addition, the state needs stronger support for higher education, as greater numbers of Texans are going on to college, he said.

"For now, we're just going to see what we can do and let them know what we think," Brown said. "It's important for students and families to get together, call, write, e-mail the Legislature and let them know how this affects us," he said.

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Campaign

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ence to our Web site called www.costofhighereducation.com," she said. "And we have contact information for them if they have any questions concerning where their money is going."

Michael Shonrock, vice president for Student Affairs, said he wants students to see the meaning behind fees.

"We want students to view the fees as an investment and become aware of the opportunities they are offered from those," he said. "Students in the focus groups want an explanation about the cost of tuition and why it is going up for next year, and we are presenting these to the students so they understand."

The Web site displays comparisons between several services students pay for and the cost of each, such as doctor visits, Shonrock said.

"We are trying to compare apples to apples with the fees students compensate for, and we show the real value of the full opportunities we are offering," he said. "We are looking to make a paradigm shift from just seeing them as fees to understanding what they can use them for."

Overbey said students should realize what they are paying for in college fees.

"When a person goes to college, they make an investment not only for themselves, but also for the other 27,000 students at Tech," he said. "When any student has a question as to why tuition is rising, we want to be the ones they ask, and they shouldn't hesitate to talk with us."

With this campaign in action, Paris said she hopes the Division of Student Affairs can help students change their disapproving opinions of fees.

Arbor Day

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Student Government Association President Jeremy Brown announced the winners of the student organization awards, including newcomer of the year, most improved and best organization of the year in several categories, as Smith individually congratulated representatives from each group.

Eric Stegemoeller, a member of Farmhouse fraternity, which was named best fraternity on campus, said the award is a great honor and the first for the organization since he has been a member.

"We've been working really hard this year as far as trying to improve our chapter," the senior accounting major from Waco said. "It shows that we have a very strong competition on campus."

When all the awards had been passed out, students made their way to their allotted portions on campus where flowers and bushes had been set up by Grounds Maintenance workers.

Layoffs

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still have to lay off employees to balance its budget by Sept. 1, Hegarty said. It has trimmed several million dollars from the shortfall in a variety of ways, including a fee for students paying tuition bills with a credit card.

All state universities, like state agencies, had to cut their budgets by 7 percent in the middle of this school year. They've been told to make 12.5 percent cuts in their budgets for the next school year.

Texas A&M University has made no announcements about possible layoffs, said Lane Stephenson, a spokesman. Just one other school in the UT System, the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, has laid off workers.

The Galveston school laid off 50 workers and plans to cut more than 300 by laying off a group of clinical workers that provide medical help to prisons, said Michael Warden, a spokesman for the UT System.

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Annual Crawfish Festival has large turnout

JOEL CASEBOLOT, A sophomore marketing major from Temple, tosses a washer as Toby Berry, a sophomore animal science major from Lampasas, watches at the 14th annual Crawfish Festival on Sunday.



JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

For the 14th year, the members of Tau Kappa Epsilon held their annual Crawfish Festival on Sunday at "The Big Backyard," located on Broadway.

The festivities began at about noon with performances from the Geoff Spahr Band, Wade Bowen and West 84, and the Mike McClure Band. The two headlining bands, native Texans Bowling for Soup and country music artists Cross Canadian Ragweed, finished up the day at about 7 p.m.

Jon Crosswhite, a senior architecture major from Abilene and a member of TKE, said he was surprised by the turnout.

"As my fourth year doing this festival, I had the best time this year," he said. "It is by far the best turnout we have had since I have been around. I might be graduating in December, but I will still be around here."

Will Turner, co-chairman of the festival, said the line at the gate remained

there for most of the event.

"There was a constant flow of people and an incredible amount at the door just trying to get in," he said. "We were having to work double time to get their wristbands on and in the gate to enjoy the day."

Steve Hozhabri, president of TKE, said the event was better than he had anticipated.

"We had high expectations, but I think we doubled the attendance from last year's event easily," he said. "The main reason for that is probably the band lineup we had scheduled this year."

Sean Sznajder, a junior business major from Dallas and a TKE member, said the entire event went as planned.

"I had a blast, and everything went absolutely smoothly," he said. "It is bigger than last year's Crawfish probably because Texas country music like Cross Canadian Ragweed pulls a lot of attention here in Lubbock."

Crosswhite said that he enjoyed the performances from the bands.

"The bands that were here are awesome," he said. "The mixture of both country and rock was a great idea."

Warm, sunny weather also helped make the event successful, Sznajder said.

"Can't beat weather like this," he said. "People continued to just pour in the gate, and our sponsors are awesome for helping us. It is going to a great cause."

The money received from the event is going toward the Clay Warren Memorial Scholarship. Warren was TKE member who was killed in an accident, Crosswhite said.

Crowd reactions were fairly similar throughout the event grounds.

Justin Kieschnick, a junior broadcast journalism major from Vernon, said he went to the festival because of the bands.

"I came because I heard Bowling for Soup and Cross Canadian Ragweed were going to be here, and they are off the hook," he said. "Also there are a lot of great looking women out here."

Brian Breithaupt, a senior accounting major from Midland, said he needed

a break from his schoolwork.

"I have been studying all semester long, and I decided to come out here and party with the boys of TKE, Cross Canadian Ragweed and Bowling for Soup," he said.

Adrian Parsons, a sophomore business major from Dallas, agreed with the others about the music but had a different reason for attending.

"I like crawfish and beer," she said.

As this was his first time at the festival, Matt Kennedy, a freshman undecided major from Arlington, said he was impressed with the event.

"I will come back again next year, no doubt," he said. "I had a good time, and the headline bands set it off from there."

Tom Gray, a friend of Kennedy's from Arlington, traveled to Tech for the weekend to go to the festival.

"I had a friend that went last year, and I heard about it so I thought I would check it out," he said. "It is awesome, and I will be back next year."

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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'Identity' gives audience a slick, smart thrill

Too many movies these days just have the makeup and monsters to try to be scary, but lack the brains to intrigue audiences while making them jump out of their seats. "Identity" is a film that will keep audience's eyes and ears glued to the screen while making their knuckles white from holding onto the arms of their seats.

On a dark night in the middle of nowhere in Nevada, a storm is raining down so hard that it's difficult to see very far beyond the hood of one's car. Because of seemingly random occurrences, a group of 10 people wind up stranded at a motel because the roads are flooded in every direction.

The group includes Ed (John Cusack), a former cop who now drives a limo for a celebrity (Rebecca De Mornay). Another cop (Ray Liotta) is transporting a mass murderer (Jake Busey) to his trial when they are stranded at the motel.

There's a newly wed couple (William Lee Scott and Clea DuVall) and a hooker (Amanda Peet) who is aban-

doning her former lifestyle to start fresh.

Finally, there's a small family who has suffered a horrendous accident. John C. McGinley is the husband whose wife (Leila Kenzie) is bleeding to death while her son (Bret Loefer) watches in horror.

The motel is run by a creepy little weirdo (John Hawkes), who plays a drinking game by himself as he watches "Wheel of Fortune." As the reluctant guests arrive, he puts them all in their rooms, numbered one through 10.

It is not long before people start dying in gruesome fashion.

While the events at the motel unfold, there is a separate story in which a last-minute hearing is being held for a death-row inmate who is to be executed in hours.

But in the meantime, our attention remains on the events at the motel. Early on, viewers will begin asking themselves questions and trying to pick out the killer. There are times when the film is obviously throwing the audience a curve, and we wonder just how smart this movie actually is.

FILM REVIEW



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To answer the question carefully, I will just say it is smarter than we are.

Whodunit movie fans will obviously look to the very least likely suspect, but even they will have their suspicions upset when their suspect is killed.

Unlike most films of this type, the movie does not simply reveal the mystery with a stunning revelation sequence. Rather, the mystery is unwrapped slowly like a grandmother opening a Christmas present, so slowly and carefully as to not tear the wrapping paper. The tension, in both cases,

is merciless.

The film is moved along at a brisk pace by director James Mangold. The excellent cast takes the material seriously, and each character seems to be more of a person rather than just a caricature of the typical horror-movie stabbing victim. There is not a weak performance in the bunch.

Standout performances include Cusack as a conflicted but wise former cop with a skeleton or two in his closet; Peet, who still has a bright future in movies ahead of her; and McGinley (from TV's "Scrubs") as an obsessive compulsive bundle of nerves who is forced into a situation for which there is no manual.

While "Identity" throws in some wild twists, it does play fair and does not cheat the audience with cheap tricks like other movies ("Basic"). In my humble, albeit correct, opinion, a horror movie is much scarier when it proves it has the brains to toy with its audience as a sadistic killer toys with his or her victims.

EPPLER'S RATING: ★★ ★ 1/2

'Real Cancun' lacks appeal, purpose to Tech students

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech student Carson Wells walked out of Tinseltown Theater on Friday night and said five words: "What a waste of money."

The sophomore English major from Houston had nothing else to say. That was his reaction to the recently released movie "The Real Cancun."

He had plenty of company. "Don't go see this movie in the the-

ater," said Ryan Davie, a junior history major from Stephenville. "I wouldn't even rent it. Wait 'til someone else spends the money on it. And if you are bored, then maybe watch it."

The movie opened in theaters Friday across the country. Of the 16 stars in the film, three attend Texas Tech; Roxanne and Nicole Frilot, twin junior public relations majors from Albuquerque, N.M., and Alan Taylor, a freshman broadcast journalism major

from Rowlett.

Some who watched the movie said the three Red Raiders were the center of attraction during the movie, which was created by the producers of MTV's "Road Rules" and "Real World."

The film was taped in Cancun during Spring Break. There was no script; everything on camera was true with no acting involved.

"Tech was resembled well in this movie," Davie said. "You have these two beautiful twins that everyone has their eye on. Then you have Alan, who was supposed to be a good old country boy."

That changed in the movie. Tay-

lor, who in his audition tape told producers he had never had a sip of alcohol in his life, decides to change his ways in the film and explore the world of tequila and Corona.

At one point in the movie, Taylor takes a tequila shot and quickly says, "You know what I deserve? Some boobies!"

"Alan is the only storyline in the entire movie," said Christie Gomez, a student at South Plains College. "He is pretty funny to watch. It goes to show Tech students easily buy into peer pressure."

So why was the movie so bad? "I think they tried too hard to act like serious things were going on," said Rachel Moore, a freshman advertising major from Lubbock.

Other opinions? "This is a movie high school kids might enjoy," Davie said. "Because us college students have seen all this stuff up close. I did not see any creativity in this film."

Enter Lubbock High School student Michael Gomez, Christie Gomez's brother.

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Cowboys get help at corner with Newman

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The first draft pick of the Bill Parcells-Jerry Jones partnership lacked fireworks — no big trade, hardly even a debate.

Making what Jones called the safe choice, the Dallas Cowboys selected cornerback-returned Terence Newman from Kansas State with the fifth overall pick Saturday.

Newman's proven ability at cornerback, a position where the team needed help, plus his return

skills overshadowed questions about nerve damage in his left shoulder and the fact that he will be 25 when the season begins, about two years older than the average first-rounder.

Second-round pick Al Johnson, a center from Wisconsin, and third-rounder Jason Witten, a tight end from Tennessee, also were considered among the tops at their position, giving the Cowboys their second straight solid draft.

But the intrigue in this draft went

beyond whom Dallas took. It was about how the new coach and his new boss got along in the first pressure-packed test of their business relationship.

Jones said they were "very much on the same page." Parcells described himself as "just part of the process."

"As I've said from the beginning, this is a 'we' decision," Jones said after taking Newman. "Bill is very involved. He has tremendous respect from me, and I really do listen to his

input. He very much does influence the decisions that we make."

Parcells, speaking after all three picks were made, said: "I gave my opinion, just like everyone else. It had substantial weight, but it wasn't the entire reason anybody was taken."

Jones loves hyping his picks, and he did not hesitate this time, comparing Newman's speed to Deion Sanders.

"He's got the skill and potential to impact our team immediately," he said.

Simms falls to third round, picked up by Buccaneers

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Chris Simms had given up on the NFL draft and turned his television to the NBA playoffs.

The disappointed Texas quarterback watched the end of the New Jersey Nets' overtime loss to the Milwaukee Bucks in the NBA playoffs Saturday, and had just started getting into the Philadelphia 76ers-New Orleans Hornets game when he received a call from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers at the end of the third round.

Simms, son of former New York Giants star Phil Simms, expected to go anywhere between 15th and 25th overall. Instead, he went 97th — and was the sixth player drafted at his position.

He wound up with the Super Bowl champions and a coach — Jon Gruden — that has a reputation for molding successful quarterbacks. He is still determined to prove the league's other 31 teams made a mistake.

"It's been frustrating. I stopped watching the draft about two hours ago," Simms said. "I'm glad

it's finally over with. Now I go play football and show the other people they didn't know what they were talking about."

Even though starter Brad Johnson is coming off his best season and Tampa Bay also has three experienced backups in Jim Miller, Shane Matthews and Shaun King, Gruden said Simms will have every opportunity to develop and realize his potential with Tampa Bay.

"We think he has great promise," Gruden said. "We have something to prove, Chris and I both, that we made the right choice."

Simms completed nearly 59 percent of his passes and threw for 7,097 yards and 58 touchdowns in four seasons at Texas. He said he was not concerned about heading to a team with so many veterans ahead of him on the depth chart.

"I just look forward to being there with the team, learning as much as possible," he said. "I could have easily been drafted in the first round and wound up in the same situation."

Softball ends regular season with win at Iowa State to head into Big 12 Tournament

The Texas Tech softball team finished its conference schedule with a win as the team defeated the Iowa State Cyclones on Sunday to go to 21-39 on the season.

Outfielder Kelly Rhyne, who dominated the team's series with New Mexico State on Wednesday, struck again against the Cyclones with two home runs and five RBIs.

Kristi Robles, who hit a two-run double in Tech's first game against ISU on Saturday, also had two hits and an RBI.

Freshman Erin Crawford pitched a complete game, allowing four runs with two strikeouts.

The win puts Tech in a tie for 11th place in the conference with a 4-14 record in the Big 12.

The team did have its winning streak of last week snapped prior to Sunday's win Saturday, as the team fell 6-3 to the Cyclones in Ames, Iowa.

Tech was riding four straight wins over Oklahoma City and New

Mexico State going into the game against ISU, but could not muster a fifth consecutive victory.

Catcher Lisa Lawler and outfielder Esmerelda Perez finished the game batting 1.000.

ISU scored first in the game in the fourth inning with a home run by Katie Ruby, who also had given the Cyclones their first hit.

The Cyclones would strike again in the fifth with a two-run single by Erica Martinez that gave Iowa State a 3-0 lead. Again in the sixth, ISU crawled further ahead of Tech with a two-run single by Lindsey Herrin that put the Cyclones up 6-0.

Tech would try to get back into the game in the seventh inning with an RBI single by Shayne Gipson and a two-run double by Robles, but Tech could not get enough hits to make a run at winning the game.

Tech will return to the field again this weekend in competition at the Big 12 Tournament.

Men's tennis downed at Big 12 Tournament

The Texas Tech men's tennis team completed its 2003 season Friday in the Big 12 Tournament in Kansas City, Kan., in a loss to the Texas A&M Aggies.

The No. 4 seed Aggies, which beat Tech 7-0 earlier this season, once again blanked the No. 5 seed Red Raiders with a 4-0 victory.

Tech began the match losing the doubles point to the Aggies with a loss by the team of Michael Innerebner and John Walker to the Aggie team of Khaled El Dorry and Ryan Newport and a loss by the team of Jonathan John and Casper Steenkamp to the Aggie team of John Nallon and Matt Loucks.

The Raiders did get a doubles win, as Alfonso Perez and his partner, Esat Tanik, defeated the Aggie team of Ante Matijevic and Lester Cook.

Tech could not get going in singles action, as Tanik lost to Cook, Innerebner lost to Matijevic and John fell short against Nallon.

With the loss, Tech finished its season 13-8 and 3-4 in Big 12 play and stands at No. 58 in the national rankings.

Men's golf tees off at Southern Hills

The Big 12 Conference Championships begin today for men's golf in Tulsa, Okla. The Texas Tech Red Raiders were projected to finish seventh by a coaches' poll prior to the tournament starting at Southern Hills Country Club, home of the 2001 U.S. Open.

Tech enters the tournament with freshman Andrew Dresser leading the way. He has a 72.3 average in the spring season. Dresser also won the Lubbock qualifier for the Texas Amateur this summer.

As a team, the Raiders won their first tournament of the year, the UTSA Invitational, and finished fifth at the Louisiana Classics. Tech has struggled lately, placing no higher than 13th in their last two tournaments.

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Raiders outgunned by No. 6 Cornhuskers

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Red Raiders (25-20, 7-13 Big 12 play) dropped two of three games to the No. 6 ranked and Big 12 Conference leading Nebraska Cornhuskers (33-11, 15-6) this weekend.

Game one was an offensive show. Trailing 5-2 going into the bottom of the sixth inning, Tech exploded, scoring nine runs on seven hits and two defensive errors.

Senior leftfielder Scooter Jordan hit a two-RBI triple to give Tech a 6-5 lead. The scoring did not stop there. Sophomore catcher Cooper Fouts, whose sore shoulder almost kept him from playing, went 3-5 with a career-high five RBIs and drove in three runs on two hits in the inning.

Tech added five more runs in the bottom of the eighth to put the game out of reach for good. Nebraska managed only four more runs, putting the final score at 16-9.

Senior starting pitcher Nathan Fouts threw 7 1/3 innings, giving up three earned runs and striking out six.

In game two Saturday, the Raiders struggled defensively as they gave up four unearned runs on three defensive errors.

Tech watched a 1-0 lead dissipate into a 6-1 deficit. Sophomore rightfielder Madison Edwards hit a two-run home run in the eighth inning to put the score at the final of 6-3.

Senior pitcher Dusty Buck took the loss for Tech despite pitching a complete game with eight strikeouts and only two earned runs.

Sunday's rubber match fell apart for the Raiders when the 'Huskers went on a home run binge.

Home runs accounted for seven of the 'Huskers' eight runs. Junior starting pitcher Steve Gooch gave up two two-run homers, one in the third and one in the sixth. Junior reliever Jeff Karstens gave up a two-run bomb over the leftfield fence in the seventh, and junior pitcher Corey Gerstner gave up a

solo shot in the top of the ninth. Tech's offense was paced by junior first baseman Doug Beck, who went 1-1 with a solo home run and a sacrifice fly. The final score ended up at 8-4.

Head coach Larry Hays said the offensive struggles have been frustrating.

"We just don't hit," he said. "That's the big thing. Our offense makes it where we never can separate ourselves when we have the opportunities and have a team on the ropes. We always leave them right there with us where if we make one mistake on defense,

it hurts us. That's been our story the whole year." Beck said he does not know why the Raiders struggle as much as they do.

"Everybody's frustrated, and we can't figure it out," he said. "I don't know what to do."

Gooch said the Raiders were never blown out, which has been frustrating.

"That's the way it's been all season," he said. "We've lost more one-run or two-run games, and there's not much you can do. ... You've just got to get it done sometimes, and that's not what happened."

Jordan said Tech capitalized on situations in Friday's game but could never pull it out Saturday or Sunday. "(Saturday) and (Sunday), we didn't score with runners in scoring position, we didn't get the two-out hits, and we didn't make a couple plays," he said. "When you don't do that against a good team, it's going to cost you."

Following Sunday's loss, Hays said inconsistency remained the bane of Tech's existence.

"It was a real inconsistent day for us," he said. "We pitched a little bit in spots but not for the whole game. We made some good defensive plays but not for the entire game. We had two or three guys hit but not when we really needed them to. So it was just a real inconsistent day for us. It's kind of who we've become in all ways."



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer
SHORTSTOP T.J. BRUCE backhands a groundball during Tech's 8-4 loss to Nebraska on Sunday at Dan Law Field. Nebraska won the series, and Tech faces New Mexico on the road Tuesday.

Pierson selected fourth by Phoenix Mercury in WNBA Draft

By David Wiechmann/Sports Editor

Plenette Pierson said she ran through the house screaming when she saw it on television. She was selected as the fourth overall pick in the 2003 WNBA Draft by the Phoenix Mercury on Friday.

The third team all-American said she was surprised by the early selection because she expected to go somewhere closer to the middle of the first round.

"I'm very excited about this," she said. "And I'm very surprised I went so high in the draft. I don't think I expected it. I think everybody else told me; I didn't believe it. I didn't want to believe it."

The latest Texas Tech addition to the professional ranks said she found out about her selection on television with ESPN2's coverage of the draft, and she could not believe her eyes.

"I'm sitting there thinking, 'I'll wait to the fifth or sixth pick to get nervous,'" she said. "And they said, 'The fourth overall pick,' and I'm minding my own business, and all of a sudden they said, 'Plenette Pierson.' ... I was running through the house

screaming, 'I can't believe it!'"

Believe it or not, she's headed to Phoenix where the sun shines, and maybe the Mercury will rise. Pierson is expected to contribute to the Mercury in the No. 3 position on the hard court. She said the coaches want her to work on her shooting ability more and use her athleticism down the road to possibly put her in the post from time to time and try to make the team a defensive threat.

Pierson had no knowledge the Mercury was looking at her until she heard earlier in the day that Tech assistant coach Linden Weese talked with the Mercury coach, John Shumate, that morning.

Talking to the Mercury herself was a little more difficult, as modern technology gave way while Pierson received a phone call shortly after her selection.

"All of a sudden my phone starts ringing, and it's unknown," she said. "And I don't answer no unknowns. I don't know what made me answer this one, and it was them. And I was like, 'Oh,' and I was really embarrassed because my phone cut off. It went off, and I was like, 'Oh great, I hope he

calls back."

The WNBA and the Players Association recently ended a contract dispute between the two sides with a tentative agreement. Pierson said being thrown in the complicated situation does not worry her at all because she understands what has been happening. But she said she loves basketball and wants to take every opportunity she can to continue playing.

"I comprehend everything that's going on with the collective bargaining agreement," she said. "My thing is money is not a thing to me as far as this is. I just love to play the game, and if they were going to pay me \$10,000 for three months, I'd go because I love the game."

"I don't think (money) should be a factor. Of course, everyone wants to get paid for what they're doing, but there's a limit to how much you can get, and you have to be satisfied with what you get because you only get a job for three to four months out of the year at the most."

She said contract discussions will begin Tuesday with the Mercury.

Pierson's growth on and off the

court since her junior year may have increased her stock value in the draft. Pierson said she grew a lot since her suspension in 2001, and her performance on the court as a leader put her among the first chosen picks this year.

"I definitely think it helped as far as where I was drafted being more mature," she said. "I think they want more mature players, and players that are able to handle a lot of adversity and get through things the right way and be kind of a role model for other kids, and I think I showed that."

Pierson said she is psyched about the chance to play professional basketball, which is something she has wanted to do since the inception of the league in 1996.

"Since they created the league, it's been long-term goal of mine, and I've always wanted to go," she said. "It's just finally here, and I'm glad to be a part of it."

"They've expressed how excited they are. I can't even express to them how excited I am to be picked, but I'm just ready to go and do what they want me to do."



FILE PHOTO/The University Daily
FORWARD PLENETTE PIERSON became the latest Lady Raider to be drafted into the WNBA on Friday. The Phoenix Mercury chose Pierson with the fourth pick in the draft. The WNBA season begins May 22 with training camps opening May 1.

Palmer No. 1 pick by Bengals in 2003 draft

NEW YORK (AP) — The Cincinnati Bengals, hoping to reverse a recent history of draft flops, took Southern California quarterback Carson Palmer to open the NFL

draft Saturday.

Palmer agreed to contract terms Thursday. He's the first Heisman Trophy winner selected at the top of the draft since Vinny Testaverde went to Tampa Bay in 1987.

Palmer is expected to back up Jon Kitna this season.

Kingsbury, Hunt heading to NFL, chosen in sixth round

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

Two of Texas Tech's all-time record holders said goodbye to the past Sunday and moved on, possibly hoping for a chance to set records at the next level.

Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury and defensive end Aaron Hunt were drafted in the sixth round of the NFL Draft on Sunday in New York, N.Y.

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He became the third quarterback to throw for 10,000 career yards last season, as he threw for 5,017 yards. He also threw 45 touchdowns with 13 interceptions and was given the Sammy Baugh Award for best quarter-

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Kingsbury was not available for comment, and Hunt did not return phone calls.

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