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Tech begins task of maintaining accreditation

By Adam Boedeker/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech will soon begin the process of reaffirming its accreditation through the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges.

Universities must apply for accreditation every 10 years. It is required for many things, including qualifying for federal government grants and contracts and other federal programs like the Guaranteed Student Loan Program.

Tech has been accredited since 1928, which means the university has met and complied with SACS standards.

Vice Provost James Brink said SACS accredits institutions from beauty colleges to Level VI research, doctoral-granting universities, which is what Tech is.

Tech's report on accreditation for compliance is due Aug. 15, 2004. The Quality Enhancement Plan is due six

weeks before an on-site visit from SACS.

Brink said Level VI universities are evaluated by people from other Level VI universities. The only requirement is they cannot come from the same state the university is in.

Brink said this accreditation will not be as painful as ones in the past.

"In the past this has been a very arduous process," Brink said. "They (SACS) used to have a book of 468 criteria, which I called the 'adolescent approach.' By that, I mean the authority doesn't believe anything you say, and you must prove everything. Now what we have is more of an 'adult approach.' Now there are only 68 standards to meet; it asks you 'do you comply with this standard, if so tell us how?'"

Brink said instead of a lengthy 3-inch thick book as a report, they will instead be able to submit an online report

that will link readers to other sources that will corroborate the university's claims of being compliant.

Brink said in this report they will tell the university's story.

"We have to tell the story of the university," he said. "They want to know if our students are getting a good education, if the core-curriculum classes are laying a solid foundation for the students' education. They are also interested in things like students services being available like the recreation center and whether the buildings on campus are heated or cooled properly, everyone is truly involved."

Brink said the key to the reaffirmation process is constant assessment.

"We are constantly assessing what we're doing, whether it be groundskeepers, traffic and parking or the School of

Mass Communications," Brink said. "We need to make changes based on assessment and always make sure what we are doing is right. If it's not, we have to know how to fix it."

The other element of the reaffirmation process is the Quality Enhancement Plan. This plan will take feedback from the university community and use it to better the current state of the university.

The Quality Enhancement Plan is due by February 2005 at the earliest. The plan will include suggestions provided by SACS, which will get feedback from the university community, including students, faculty, staff and alumni.

"The QEP is very exciting because it involves as much

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Thousands evacuate as 'Cane Isabel charges

MANTEO, N.C. (AP) — Traffic surged off the Outer Banks island chain Tuesday as more than 100,000 people were urged to evacuate the North Carolina coast before the arrival of Hurricane Isabel, which had weakened but remained a dangerous storm on a track toward land.

The National Hurricane Center posted a hurricane watch from Little River Inlet, S.C., to Chincoteague, Va., including Pamlico and Albemarle Sounds and a large part of Chesapeake Bay.

On tiny, low-lying Tangier Island in Chesapeake Bay, Wallace Pruitt stored outdoor furniture at the bed-and-breakfast inn he runs with his wife, Shirley.

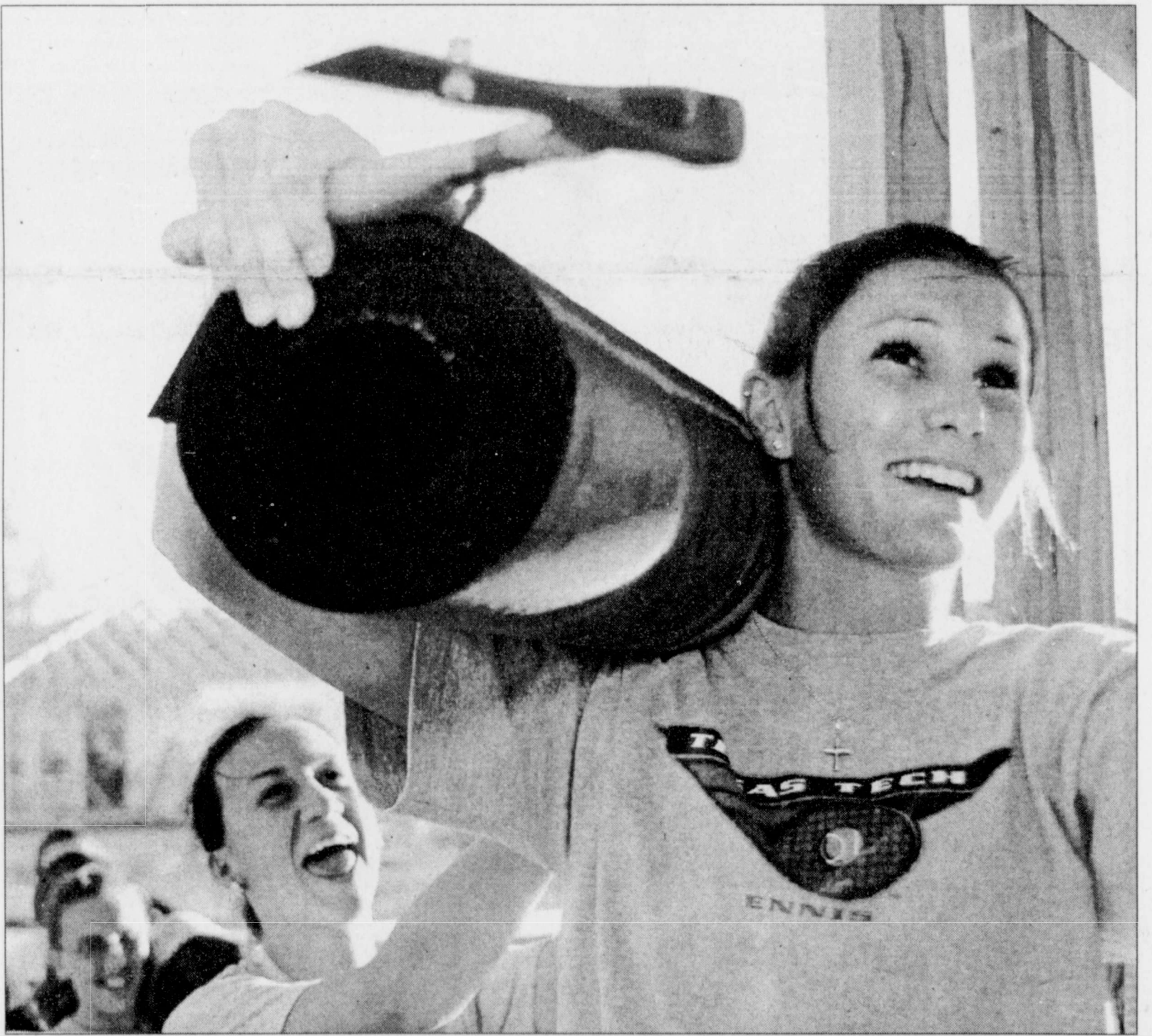
"I don't usually get too excited about something like this, but this one has so much force I've been preparing for two days," said Pruitt, 63.

Forecasters said Isabel appeared to be on a course to hit Thursday on the North Carolina coast and move northward through eastern Virginia. Large

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BUILDING BONDS



SGA Freshman Council election process begins

By Jennifer Prieto/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Student Government Association Freshman Council elections are just around the corner, and preliminary preparations for students planning to run for a position with the organization start Thursday.

Heather Smith, director of freshman committees for the SGA, said the Freshman Council is comprised of elected individuals who aim to bridge the gap between high school and college student government.

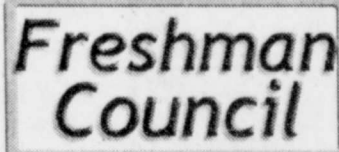
She said one of the main objectives of Freshman Council is to support the Student Senate and to be the representatives of the freshman class.

"It is a great transition between student council in high school government at Tech," Smith said. "It helps them learn more about their university and their peers."

She said members of the Freshman Council participate in all SGA events, including SGA Day and RaiderGate. They are involved in community service, and they raise money for a scholarship given to a student senator.

Smith said her personal goal is for Freshman Council members to learn how the Student Senate works and about the different Tech departments. She also wants members of the Council to get involved and learn from

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Tech women's tennis team builds team unity while constructing a house for Habitat for Humanity

By Joiey Kirk/Staff Reporter and photos by Jaime Tomás Aguilar/Staff Photographer

Instead of tennis rackets, the Texas Tech women's tennis team had hammers in their hand Monday night. After a long day of classes and practicing, the team gave back to the community by building a house as part of the Habitat for Humanity program. Building wins can wait.

For three hours Monday, head coach Cari Groce and several tennis players gathered at the site.

"It is important to make sure and instill that giving back to the community is a great opportunity," Groce said. "We are excited to help out with the effort."

Groce said she is already seeing the positive affects of the team's unity after a couple of practices and this event.

"For the year coming ahead and the team we have, I am proud and pleased to see what they have accomplished," she said. "They are really enthusiastic about helping and to know that, it is a good sign."

Iva Gyurgina, a freshman player from Bulgaria, said she liked helping out because of the people, as well as getting to play with the tools.

"I wanted to help," she said. "We get to meet a lot of nice people, and I wanted to hold a hammer."

Tara Browning, a sophomore from Perth, Australia, said she enjoyed getting to give back to the people who support the team.

"Coach Groce came and told us about the event and decided to change



TOP: LAKANN WAGLEY, a freshman tennis player, moves a roll of roofing felt up a ladder. ABOVE: Wagley and teammates nail down roofing felt on the house the team helped build as part of Habitat for Humanity.

practice," she said. "Also, it is the least we can do for the community and those who actually come out to the games and support us."

After reading about Habitat for Humanity, Groce said she jumped on the opportunity to help out.

"This is our first opportunity to work with Habitat for Humanity," she said. "This is just the beginning because we plan to help out more this year with things around the community."

Along with constructing houses, Groce said the team builds a bond together while working.

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BUILDING KNOWLEDGE

TERRY ALLEN, AN artist from Santa Fe, N.M., steadies the sculpture BOCKMAN Red "Reader as Byron Peterson from Wala Wala, Wash., prepares the base for installation. DARREL THOMAS/Student Media



The Rundown



Texas lawmakers shake hands in Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — The bitter infighting in the Texas Senate for the past six weeks gave way to handshakes and warm embraces Tuesday as Democrats and Republicans appeared together on the Senate floor for the first time in a month and a half.

"Today was a wonderful showing of good faith on every senator's part," Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, said after the Senate met briefly.

"All of us are professionals," said Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas. "We can disagree without being disagreeable."

During the last six weeks, the senators seemed to be anything but agreeable after 11 Democrats staged a boycott of the Texas Senate over GOP attempts to redraw the state's congressional districts. The boycott brought the Senate to a standstill during the second special session because not enough senators were present to make a quorum.

Republicans, who hold every statewide-elected post in Texas, say they should have more representation in the Texas congressional delegation, currently controlled 17-15 by Democrats. The Democrats have argued that the current districts should stand and have said that plans before the Legislature this year would hurt minorities.

Historic documents on display in Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — The original Constitution, Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence, locked away for two years for treatment to ensure their longevity, are going back on display in state-of-the-art cases.

And for the first time, all four pages of the Constitution will be on permanent display. Previously, just the first and last pages had been on exhibit at the National Archives.

The documents, displayed at the Archives since 1952, were shielded from the public when the building's enormous marble and limestone rotunda was closed to tourists on July 5, 2001, for renovations. The documents were then given a careful review, the first close examination of the three pieces of history in half a century.

President Bush will help unveil the new exhibit Wednesday, along with Chief Justice William Rehnquist and congressional leaders. On Thursday, the rotunda will open to the public.

John Carlin, archivist of the National Archives and a former Kansas governor, thinks the newly remodeled rotunda and remounted documents will help convey their historical significance.

"We want people to have a real experience coming here," Carlin said. "We want them to come away with feelings about the importance of records, the importance of these documents."

The new exhibit will be much more user-friendly. For example, the Declaration of Independence was mounted high on a wall in the previous exhibit, making it hard to read.

S. Korea takes lead in Internet connections

GENEVA (AP) — South Korea holds a large lead over the rest of the world in the percentage of people who have high-speed Internet connections, the U.N. communications agency said Tuesday.

Between 60 and 70 percent of all households in South Korea have a broadband connection, and cybercafes where students play online games are "almost on every corner," said Taylor Reynolds, one of the authors of a report by the International Telecommunication Union.

"Broadband is just an essential part of everyday life. They use it for e-mail, they use it for chat, for music, all sorts of things," Reynolds said.

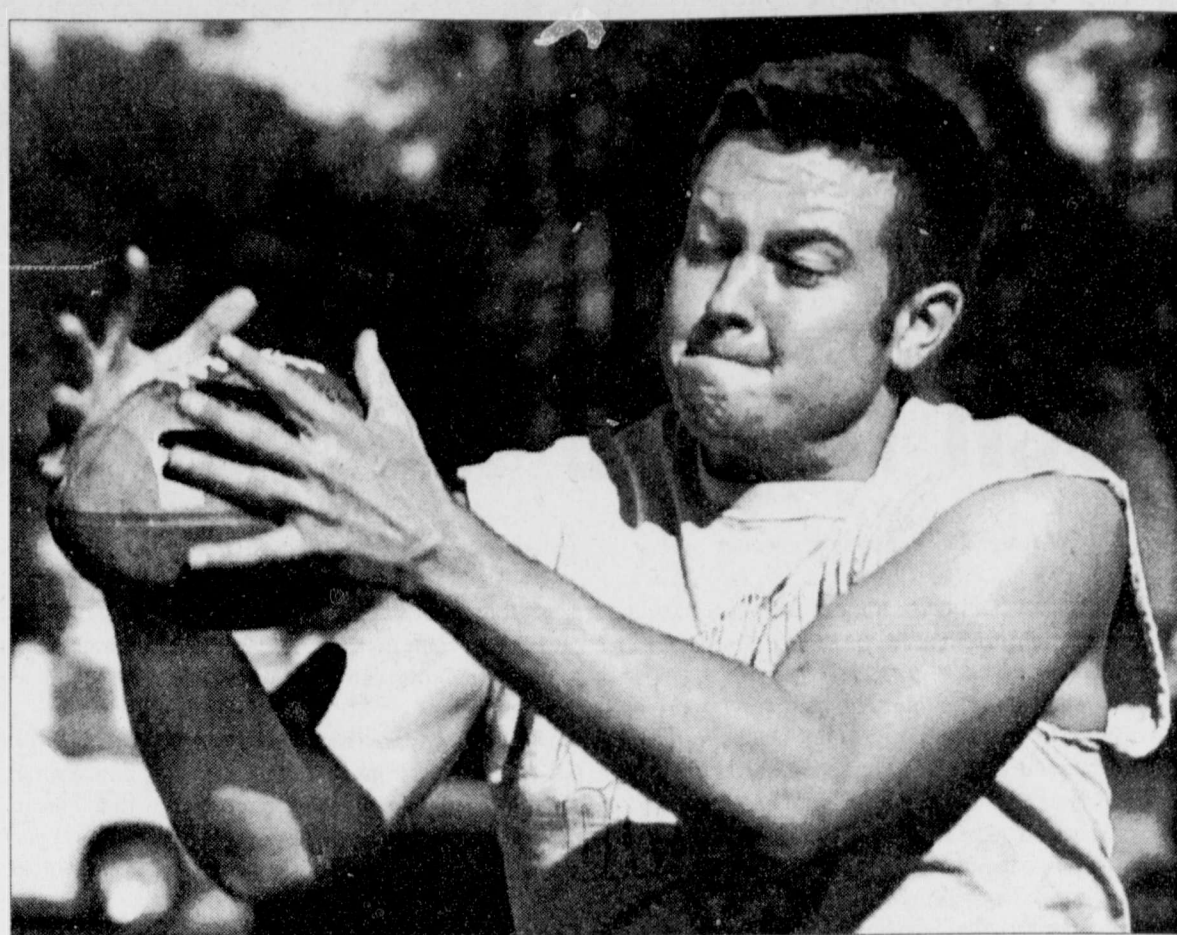
The ITU's 196-page report found 63 million broadband subscribers worldwide at the start of 2003.

The report also found more mobile phone users than people with fixed-line phones, 1.13 billion. The ITU first estimated that wireless phones had begun outnumbering landlines in May 2002.

More than 10 million of the world's high-speed Internet users are in South Korea alone, a rate of 21.3 broadband subscribers per 100 inhabitants. Hong Kong was in second place with 14.9 percent and Canada was third at 11.2 percent.

The United States was in 11th place in the per-capita broadband rankings at 6.9 percent, though it had the highest overall total with 19.9 million subscribers.

NICE HANDS



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

LUKE MACKLE, A junior finance major from Cypress, catches the ball during a Pi Kappa Phi intramural football practice on the area south of the Merket Alumni Center on Tuesday afternoon.

Court considers to allow music industry subpoenas

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court panel offered few hints Tuesday whether it will permit the music industry to continue using special copyright subpoenas to track and sue computer users who download songs over the Internet.

The three-judge panel from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia tossed tough questions at lawyers for all sides. Judges plainly wrestled with esoteric provisions of the disputed 1998 law that permits music companies and others to force Internet providers to turn over the names of suspected pirates.

The decision, expected later this fall, could have important consequences for the music industry's unprecedented campaign to discourage piracy through fears of expensive civil penalties or settlements.

The Recording Industry Association of America, the trade group for the largest labels, has issued at least 1,500 such subpoenas this summer.

It has filed civil lawsuits against 261 people it accused of illegally distributing music online and promised thousands more lawsuits.

Verizon Communications Inc. is challenging the constitutionality of the subpoenas under the 1998 Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

U.S. District Judge John D. Bates earlier had approved use of the subpoenas, forcing Verizon to turn over names and addresses for at least four Internet subscribers.

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Tech Express accepted at more businesses

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

McDonalds, United Supermarket, Ralph's Records, Lowe's, Rawls Golf Course, and the Lubbock Cotton Kings do not appear on the surface to have much in common.

However, all these companies, plus more, help support Texas Tech students by welcoming TechExpress, a debit-type student ID program.

TechExpress expanded its off-campus vendors to 78 locations this fall. Last year, six off-campus locations offered the alternative payment option.

Dolores Harper, manager of the TechExpress system, said new locations are being added every day.

TechExpress is accepted at most on-campus locations, including the new campus bookstore and Starbucks. All of the dining halls on-campus take TechExpress.

The program was established in 1989 by the dining services. More than 8,000 students are taking advantage of the program.

Wells Fargo's active role in helping to expand the usage availability of TechExpress by contacting local companies interested in becoming a vendor has expanded the supporter list.

Efforts are under way to add at least 20 more locations by the end of the semester, Harper said.

Cilantro's Burrito Grill and Wendy's will accept the card in the near future, as will Hub City Creamery, a new ice cream shop on Broadway Avenue, once it is open for business, she said.

"I think it is a good program for

students," Harper said. "It is a convenience for them."

The Lubbock Cotton Kings also want to tap into the Tech student market.

"It is an expendable income that we'd love for them to spend with us," said Matt Marshall, broadcaster and director of media relations. "That's why we did."

There is a catch to accepting TechExpress, though.

The organization must pay a certain amount that is deducted from what they make, Marshall said.

"It allows for more students to

come out," he said. "That is good for us and good for them."

Although TechExpress will be accepted at the entryway and to purchase tickets, it cannot be used at the concession stand areas or souvenir booths.

"You can't use it in the game because of alcohol," said Marshall. "We only have one machine, and it will probably stay at the gate."

Double T Bookstore was one of the first locations to begin accepting TechExpress in 1997.

Since then, they have had great success with students purchasing their textbooks using the card, general manager of Double T Bookstore Chris Toelle said.

"The only problem is from freshmen who come in who think they can automatically use it without putting money on it," Toelle said. "Some students don't understand exactly how it works."

Toelle said the monthly fees for having the program available, simi-

lar to those credit card vendors must pay, have decreased.

"It was a lot more expensive before Wells Fargo started doing it," he said. "It is now attracting more businesses."

Students have the opportunity to add money onto their account through various avenues.

Payments can be made online at the TechExpress Web site by credit card; in person at ID/TechExpress Office in Room 123 of Doak Hall or the Student Union across from the information booth, or checks can be mailed to the TechExpress office or

deposited through any of the Wells Fargo Bank locations.

There is a 2 percent deposit charge when money is added to TechExpress by a credit card, Harper said.

Student Government External Vice President Colton Batchelor said he supports the program and encourages students to take full advantage.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity for students and parents to make sure students have food," Batchelor said. "Then the parents don't have to worry about where the money is going."

Some businesses that use Tech Express are:

- TGI Friday's
- Sonic Drive-In
- Domino's Pizza
- Varsity Bookstore
- Carl's Jr.
- Cingular
- Coffee Haus
- Cotton Patch

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of the university as possible," Brink said. "An on-site committee will come in Spring 2005 to look at our QEP. When we tell them we're going to do something very ambitious, they'll want to know how we're going to accomplish these goals. They're coming to pick apart what we said in the QEP report and then they write a report based on their visit. That will be sent to the SACS membership and in December 2005 they will make the decision whether we've been reaffirmed for both compliance and the QEP at the same time."

Sue Couch, chairwoman of the Quality Enhancement Plan Committee and a professor in the College of Human Sciences, said the main focus is to improve student learning.

"The purpose of the QEP is to improve student learning over the years to come, by focusing on some issues that can improve student learning," Couch said. "We'll be asking the university community for input on that."

Gary Elbow, professor of geography, said there is a link on Tech's

homepage for SACS reaffirmation at www.ttu.edu.

In a few weeks it will include a questionnaire for students, faculty and alumni to fill out.

"We will ask people to rank five suggestions that were identified by the Quality Enhancement Program," Elbow said. "We can identify what people's priorities are based off their answers. There will also be a space to add additional input for issues that weren't addressed."

Issues that will be addressed in the questionnaire include experiential learning such as internships, ethics and professionalism, and other topics such as improving diversity and undergraduate, and graduate research and teaching.

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"It is awesome," she said. "I can see the team is building relationships with one another and unity between all of them."

Another positive affect of helping is changing the setting.

"Usually, we are always on the court practicing," she said. "And this is a chance for us to get away from that and be involved with other things besides school and tennis."

The women's tennis season begins next week when they will travel to Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 26-28 for the Hurricane Invitational.

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IN THEATRES SEPTEMBER 19

Playboy, Wal-mart a perfect match

Sam Walton just rolled over in his grave. Wal-Mart, the family-oriented chain of department stores and No. 1 retailer in the world, has been approached by Playboy.com to allow a "Women of Wal-Mart" series, according to a Monday article on CNN.com.

Playboy wants any woman over the age of 18 who works for Wal-Mart, sports a well-endowed chest and has the courage to flash more than just a smile.

An offer like this one is akin to Pat Robertson asking porn star Ron Jeremy if he would like to work with him on his next book.

Typically, Wal-Mart tries to ingratiate itself with the morally respectable middle class families of America.

For instance, Wal-Mart stores will cover up magazine covers depicting scantily clad women while they are on the shelf.

CDs with explicit lyrics are often edited, sold without certain tracks or not sold altogether.

Wal-Mart spokesman Tom Williams said the Playboy thing isn't where the corporation wants to be.

In fact, Wal-Mart stopped selling the men's magazines "FHM", "Maxim" and "Stuff" earlier this month in order to enhance its image as a family-friendly store.

However, I think it could both be a boost to sales and downright hilarious if Wal-Mart played along.

You think the Wal-Mart parking lot is

crowded on weekends now?

Imagine the new slogans:

"We're rolling back more than just prices."

"Wal-Mart: Dad won't mind shopping here anymore."

"We're all smiles. You will be, too."

"Now you know why we have a smiley face on our logo."

"Hardware ain't the only place to find knockers anymore."

"Wal-Mart: Always low prices... and hot women."

It doesn't have to end there.

Think how much more fun a trip to Wal-Mart would be if they ousted the enfeebled retired soldier with the loverboy tattoo on his forearm who greets you at the door in favor of someone a little more sensual, like a Playboy centerfold.

I know I'd be making more trips to get cans of Pringles at 4 a.m.

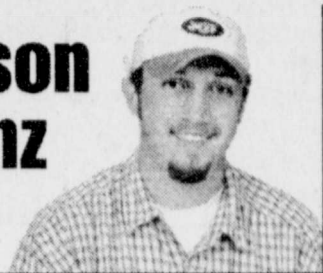
Wal-Mart has also recently started selling NFL inflatable dolls.

Well, why stop there? The cutie that checked you out could have her own inflatable doll down aisle 7.

The Playboy people could do their shoots in the store, too.

People would have to steer clear of the produce section for a while after they did, but I imagine they would get a lot of business in the meantime.

Jason Lenz



Think how much more fun a trip to Wal-mart would be if they ousted the enfeebled old retired soldier with the loverboy tattoo on his forearm who greets you at the door in favor of someone a little more sensual, like a Playboy centerfold.

There is, admittedly, a glaring concern I have about Wal-Mart taking part in such an endeavor.

For one, when was the last time an attractive young lass checked you out at Wal-Mart? I usually get either the 75-year-old woman with

rapidly developing senile dementia and a strange phobia of the credit card machine or the embittered young high school student stricken with acne and wishing he was playing Street Fighter.

Then again, I have faith in the wisdom of the Playboy decision-makers to prevent a disaster like that from occurring.

Wal-Mart is stuck between a rock and a hard place on this one.

On one hand, they could possibly make themselves seem really cool to the younger demographic, but on the other hand, the Wal-Mart executives don't want to see several hundred old women have heart attacks.

Although it likely will never happen, I can only hope the higher-ups in the Wal-Mart hierarchy to have pity on the otherwise bored men of America and permit the pretty ladies they have working for them to show why Wal-Mart has surpassed Disney Land as the greatest place on earth.

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Embrace change; status quo needs to go

Caterpillars become butterflies. Oceans rise and fall, carving out new shorelines, feeding rivers that flow and flood and cut and curve.

Amoebas become fish; fish grow legs and breathe air and become reptiles.

Wind buffets mountains, altering their shape over millennia.

Nations rise and fall.

Every few years our leaders are replaced with a new set of our choosing.

As the poet Yeats said, "The center cannot hold, things fall apart."

If there is one constant in this world it is change.

Relentless, unstoppable change permeates our lives.

We change our tastes, our clothes, our minds.

We change a five spot. We change a tire.

Talking Head David Byrne wrote, "I've changed my hairstyle so many times now, I don't know what I look like."

We even change time twice a year.

So, it's with some confusion I note there are some people who resist change, who want nothing more than to remain in a static quo.

Something that resists change and desires to remain in its original state is called "conservative."

It's become a political banner as well, signifying a return to "traditional" ideals. Silly, really.

You can no more resist change than you can stop the tide.

Still, there are those that try.

Conservatives (meant in the sense above, and not in the political sense of the opposite of "liberal," though it often works out that way) fight to keep in place outdated laws, uphold a sort of archaic, dead morality that exists in dogma and language only, but not shown to be a living part of their lives.

You can stand and rail against the tide all you want, but come nightfall, it will swallow you.

J.P. Acreman



Change offers us a new way of looking at the world. It grants us the opportunity to experience new things, to walk in someone else's shoes, to be on the front lines of progress.

Change, or die. Adapt and live.

There are those of us who know this, who accept and embrace change, not just as the inevitable result of any given process, but as something desirable and wondrous.

Change offers us a new way of looking at the world.

It grants us the opportunity to experience new things, to walk in someone else's shoes, to be on the front lines of progress.

We live in a time now that requires change. Technology moves that requires pace that we are left breathless trying to keep up. Increased communication allows ideas to move at near-light speed.

Globalization of commerce sweeps across the planet, bringing with it economic development, education, and opportunity.

Social change is one I think we're having a particularly hard time grappling with these days.

It comes as quite a shock to many that

people are choosing to act and speak and love in ways that, not too long ago, would have gotten you jailed or shunned (the mineral variety.)

This change requires us to take long, hard looks at many of our moral strictures and decide if they really still apply.

What is the good of keeping them? What's the real harm of revising or outright discarding them?

With change comes uncertainty.

This is justified.

No change is guaranteed to be for the better, and many times change has wrought some harm to us.

Pollution. Disease. Warfare. Chaos. It's easy to look at the world and blame progress for our ills.

It's easy too, to step aside, evaluate the situation and find a solution.

Environmental problems arise; we can see that our methods of industry must be altered.

Crime increases, and we note that perhaps the old way of dealing with criminals isn't really helping.

We look on our political horizon, and ... well, we see that sometimes things don't change that much.

Still, transforming natural change to real progress often involves stepping aside from an old way of thinking, and adopting a new paradigm, which requires more change.

When does it end?

It doesn't — not ever.

So stop trying to avoid it. Stop trying to cram your feet into shoes that we have long since outgrown. It's a human race out there. So pick up your feet and start running. There's a new world on the way, and some of us want to hurry up and catch up with it.

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Letter to the Editor

Students should stop complaining

You always get more by spending less, right?

Lately I have become fed up with the money situation at Texas Tech.

No, not that Tech raised tuition or mandatory fees, but, rather, the constant complaints from the student body.

Every day it seems that I hear someone complain that "Tech is becoming too expensive," only to follow up that comment by saying "And the parking sucks, we need more lots," and "I'm tired of TAs teaching classes; Tech needs to hire more professors."

Memo to Tech students:
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Ever tried to park at UT?

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— Dean M. Williams, junior broadcast journalism

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Mentoring program helps female students

By Megan LaVoie/Staff Reporter

How often do women dream about what it is really like to be a woman in their chosen career? How do women in a certain profession dress? What is a typical day on the job like?

Answers are on the way. The Texas Tech Department of Women's Studies is sponsoring its fifth annual Women's Studies Community Connection Program for the 2003/2004 school year.

Esther Lichti, coordinator for the Women's Studies Program, said female Tech students classified as a sophomore or above are encouraged to participate.

"The program is designed to match women students at Tech with a woman professional in their desired career that works in the Lubbock community," she said. The student becomes the professional's protégé and the professional, the student's mentor." Lichti remembers one student's experience.

"One year, a young lady was paired with an Orthopedic Surgeon, she had a wonderful experience because she was able to accompany the surgeon on her rounds and view the doctor performing a surgery," she said.

Gwendolyn Sorell, an associate professor and director of Studies of Women's Studies believes the mentoring program is an excellent way for women to get a head start in a difficult job market.

"There is still a speculation that the gender gap in the job market still exists," she said. "There are most definitely male and female dominated professions; however, there are very few that are both."

Sorell said she believes there are

few differences between men and women, but said statistics show there is about an 80 cents for every dollar difference between men and women's wages, with men receiving the higher income.

"There is still a widespread belief that women's emotions interfere with their ability to handle complex tasks and that a women's reproductive capacity interferes with their job manageability," she said. "It is so ironic that there is no evidence to support these widespread beliefs."

Sorell believes women have made significant increases in the work force as well as graduate school enrollment in the past few years.

"Currently at Texas Tech, the medical school and the law school's enrollment is 50 percent men and 50 percent women," she said.

The downside to those statistics is

women do get jobs; they just don't get paid as much as men do.

Sorell said she believes the mentoring program could make a small dent in the gap between women and men.

"The mentoring program gives students an inside view into their desired profession, a contact with a professional that can give them guidance and advice, and the mentoring program is a great networking device for students to use once they are ready to head out into the work force," Sorell said.

Kristin Ryan, a junior public relations major from Dallas, said she had never heard of the mentoring program but thought it was a good idea.

"I didn't know a program was offered like that; it sounds interesting and I will definitely look into it," she said.

Beth Shapiro, director of the Women's Studies Community Connection Program believes the program is a unique and neat opportunity for students to experience an inside look into the career that interests them.

"This program works very well-last year we had 23 protégés, and this year we expect to have even more students participate," she said.

For applications or more information, contact The Office of Women's Studies at (806) 742-4335. The Office of Women's Studies is located in 213 of the Administration Building.



Latin Film Fest to bring Hispanic culture to light

By Nikki Siegrist/Staff Reporter

Students have a free glimpse at different cultures coming their way. Starting today, the Center for Campus Life, in conjunction with the Office of International Affairs, is showing three films from Latin America for three days.

The committee responsible for the festival is called What If?, and the films will be shown at 7 p.m. in Holden Hall Room 150.

Jana Vise, coordinator of events and programs for the Center for Campus Life, said the film festival's purpose is to make students aware of Hispanic Awareness Month, from Sept. 16 to Oct. 15.

"This gives them insight into a new culture," she said. "It introduces them to painters and artists. It gives them a chance to see movies made outside of the U.S. that reflects different cultures."

Vise said the crowd she anticipates could be from 30 to 150 students, depending on what is taking

place on campus.

Myra Michele Brown, a member of What If?, said she was excited when Vise came to her with the idea.

"People can learn about other cultures," Brown said. "We have a lot of international students that will also be interested."

Brown said events like the festival help promote diversity.

"Things like this make the world more connected if we can learn about others," she said. "These are current movies that cover real issues."

Brown said there are other movies to be provided for the students of other cultures later in the year.

"We are going to show a German movie for Oktoberfest," Brown said. "We're showing a Chinese film for new year. There will be something for everyone."

Miguel Lopez, a senior management information systems and marketing major from Fresno, also is on the What If? committee.

"I helped to review the films," Lopez said. "I made sure they were something that reflect the Hispanic culture. These are very well selected films."

Lopez said the films should be inspiring to students.

"I think most of the films are a bit inspiring because the characters face and overcome some of the struggles put in front of them," Lopez said. "It's interesting how they overcome their struggles."

He said the goal is to fill the room and share the Hispanic culture with all students.

"This is not just for Hispanic students but for all students," Lopez said. "I would be thrilled to see students of all nationalities. It is important for all students to come out and see these films. This is really good and students who don't come will miss out, and it's



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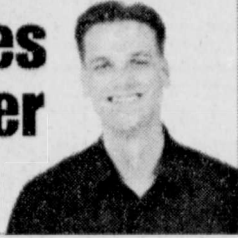
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'Mexico' a stylish shoot 'em-up experience

When Texas-based filmmaker Robert Rodriguez was shooting "Desperado," the sequel/remake to his "El Mariachi," he was advised by friend Quentin Tarantino to make it into a trilogy—much like Sergio Leone's "Dollar" series with Clint Eastwood. That was in 1995. Eight years later, we have "Once Upon a Time in Mexico," which is supposedly the final film in the series.

James Eppler



called—has gone into seclusion after the murder of his wife and daughter. He is found, however, and brought by henchmen to meet Sands (Johnny Depp), a corrupt CIA agent working in Mexico. Sands wants El Mariachi to kill a cartel kingpin (Willem Dafoe) who is planning an assassination of the Mexican president.

There have been few truly fascinating characters in the movies this year, but two of them are played by Johnny Depp. His big splash with "Pirates of the Caribbean" has possibly provided him with an outside shot at an Oscar nomination, and he simply owns every scene he has in "Mexico." Half of the credit belongs to Rodriguez for writing the character, but Depp makes the character all the more intriguing. We watch his character go from authoritative and crafty to helpless and dependent. In truth, Depp nearly steals the film. These days, he is enough of a reason to watch anything.

"Mexico" plays like more of an afterthought than a continuation of the story. This film comes on like gangbusters with an opening similar to "Desperado," with a man telling a tall tale about El Mariachi (Antonio Banderas) shooting up a cantina full of men with automatic weapons—only this time, he is aided by his woman (Salma Hayek). This scene, which is a blast to watch, is only a precursor to some of the action ahead. After the tale is told, the opening credits run as Banderas plays a song on his guitar.

The desperado hooks back up with two of his Mariachi friends with lethal guitar cases to get the job done. Perhaps one of the reasons that this film is not entitled "Desperado 2" is because Rodriguez chooses to focus much of his attention on new characters. In fact, El Mariachi nearly takes a back seat as other characters are given ample screen time—Sands in particular.

There are so many things that work here that it is easy to forgive the silly plot and the ridiculous shootouts. Indeed, Rodriguez sure knows how to shoot 'em up. The action sequences are excellently photographed, ultraviolent, and super cool.

That's exactly what the first two films did, and Rodriguez delivers again. Rodriguez is a bit of a rarity in that

he nearly makes his movies by himself. In this film, he serves as writer, director, producer, cinematographer, production designer, editor, visual effects supervisor and composer. That's a lot of jobs for one man, but it conveys the idea to the audience that the results are exactly as he intended in every aspect.

One of the problems I had with the film, however, is that Hayek is grossly underused. Since her character is dead, we only see her in flashbacks. She probably doesn't have more than twenty minutes of screen time in total, which is a shame.

She does, however, sing a gorgeous song over the end credits called "Seinte mi amor," written by Rodriguez. In fact, the music in this film is one of the major appeals. The Spanish guitar is a thriving force in many scenes and Rodriguez also chose to let some of his actors write some of the music. Depp wrote his character's theme, and Banderas also wrote a song for the film.

may not be as epic as it would like to be, but Rodriguez proves that he is still a stylish and innovative filmmaker who consistently comes out guns-a-blazin'.

EPPLER'S RATING:

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
■ Eppler is the UD's film critic. Send comments to James.D.Eppler@ttu.edu.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ - Flawless
★ ★ ★ ★ - Excellent
★ ★ ★ - Good
★ ★ - Mediocre
★ - Awful

Fest

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The free movies are "Real Women have Curves" on Wednesday, "Y Tu Mamá Tambien," on Thursday and "Frida" on Friday.

"Curves" features a Latin American girl clashing with her parents' traditional mindset because of her new-world attitude, Lopez said.

"The movie shows the struggles a family may have coming here and having trouble adjusting," Lopez said. "It shows a lot of what our culture is based on and our morals and how people have to break down their barriers."

Brown agreed with Lopez and said she believes students could relate well to this film.

"A lot of students on some level or another are different from their parents," Brown said.

"Tambien," is for a mature audience because it has strong sexual content.

"This is about growing and learning," Brown said. "It's about friendship and trust and honor."

Brown said "Frida" is about the struggles painter Frida Kahlo and her husband Diego Rivera overcame.

"The movie is about overcoming things," she said. "Especially the bad things that happen. It's about family, life and growing as people. It's something everyone can benefit from."

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—MYRA MICHELE BROWN
Member, What If?

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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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Volleyball begins Big 12 play against Buffalos

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech volleyball team is coming off a three-week, non-conference schedule in which the Red Raiders went 8-1, all on the road. Now the Raiders are ready to run with the big dogs in the Big 12 Conference as they prepare to face off with Colorado Wednesday (8-2) in Boulder, Colo.

After starting the season 8-0, Tech dropped a match to New Mexico State in consecutive games Wednesday. Sophomore outside hitter Bre Pursley said the Raiders just broke down.

"It was not necessarily a mental breakdown," she said. "We just weren't clicking. We didn't have chemistry. It looked like we were exhausted out there from all

the playing. We just didn't play very well together."

Getting over the loss is something Pursley said head coach Nancy Todd has emphasized heavily.

The Big 12 is one of the best conferences in the United States. If you think, all the best players are on these teams, and there isn't a bad team.

— ANGELA MOONEY
SENIOR OUTSIDE HITTER

"As soon as the game was over, we just put our heads back up," she said. "Everybody just decided we're going to win. After the game, Nancy was like, don't dwell on this. Go out there and get it done."

Morale is still high among the Raiders. Senior outside hitter Angela Mooney said the team is ready to start anew with conference play.

"Everybody is ready to start play-

ing and get going," she said. "Conference is a whole new season. Preseason is to get you ready, and conference is the real deal. Everybody's ready and fired up."

The first conference game will be a different type of game. Mooney said the Raiders anticipate tough competition from here on out.

"The Big 12 is one of the best conferences in the United States," she said. "If you think, all the best players are on these teams, and there really isn't a bad team. You never know if you're going to win on any given night. When you play non-conference, you can sometimes determine who's going to win on a given night, but it's not that way in conference. In the Big 12, it's very competitive, and everybody's really good."

Todd said the Raiders' non-conference schedule has been leading toward Big 12 play.

"Each week we kind of worked up in the non-conference play," she said. "New Mexico State is a great team, and it's headed toward what we're going to be facing in the Big 12. Of course the Big 12 Conference is one of the top three in the country. Every

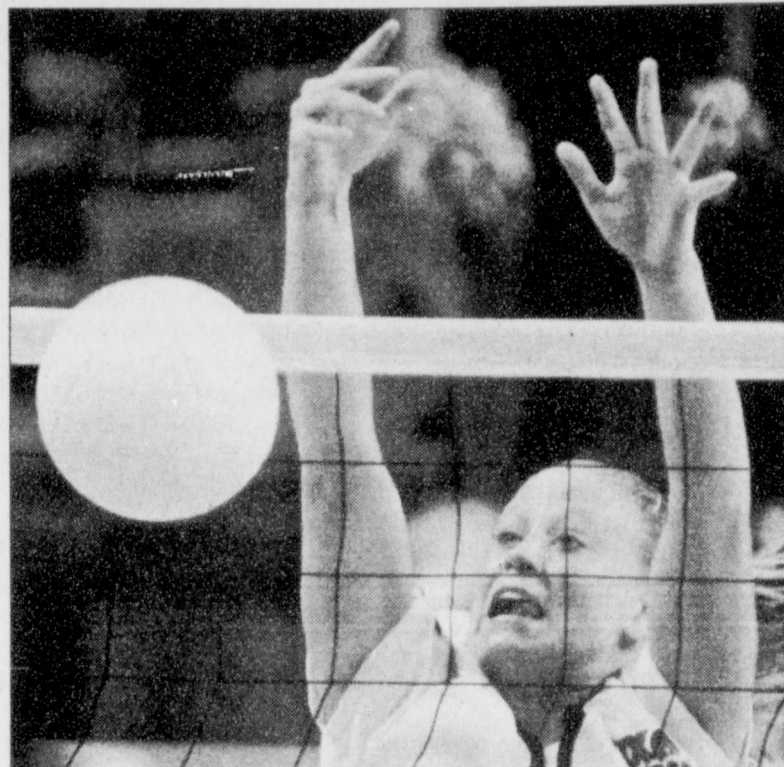
night you know it's going to be a challenge. It's nothing we can look ahead to. We've just got to take it one night at a time."

One necessity in playing conference opponents is ample preparation, Mooney said.

"All of it is preparation," she said. "Knowing about each team, knowing the tendencies of each player, who their go-to players are, and really watch tape and prepare ourselves. Then when we get in the games we won't be shocked by anything. If we're prepared, then that's less time that we have to adjust during the matches and more time that we can worry about what we're doing and not be worried about what the other side is doing."

To be successful against Colorado and beyond, Todd said the Raiders need to focus on their own efforts.

"We have to do things on our side," she said. "We have to clean some things up from last week. We need to keep our fast pace and do a good job of serving tough. We need to do a better job of that for sure, so we can be a tough serving team and take them out of their system."



FILE PHOTO/University Daily

TEXAS TECH VOLLEYBALL player Laura Grote blocks the ball during last year's game against the Oklahoma Sooners. The Red Raiders begin Big 12 play against Colorado today at 8 p.m. in Boulder, Colo.

2003 Tech Volleyball Conference Schedule

9/17	at Colorado	10/25	vs. Missouri
9/20	vs. Kansas State	10/28	vs. Nebraska
9/24	at Missouri	11/1	at Baylor
9/27	at Nebraska	11/5	at Oklahoma
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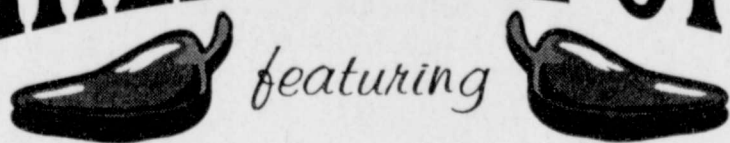
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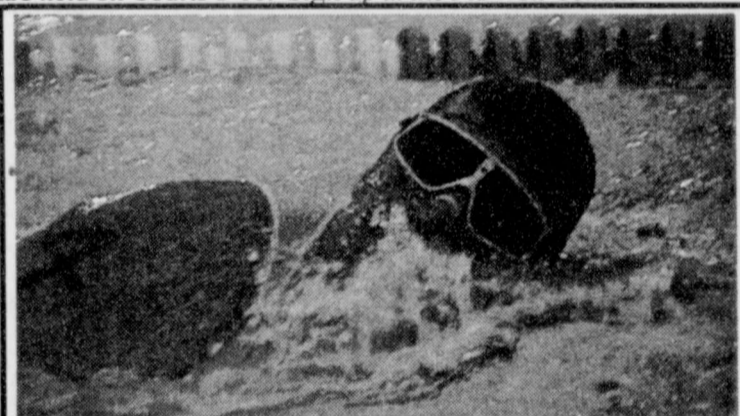
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Mud Volleyball

Third time is a charm. MUD volleyball is back and better than ever. That's right, you ask for it; Rec Sports delivers again. We have two-day tournament set for September 18th and 19th. The mud pit (located by the Intramural softball complex) will open on Thursday, September 18th @ 1:30 pm and play will begin at 2 pm. The Special Events department of Rec Sports will take the first 40 teams. So, get your friends and come pick an hour that you can play. There is still time to get your team in, or if you are an individual without a team, we can help. The deadline for entering your team is Thursday, September 18th. For more information call George Juarez @ 742-3351, or come by room 202 in the SRC.

Ambush The Aggies Run Scheduled

Enjoy a fun run through campus and show your school spirit Saturday morning October 4 when Recreational Sports sponsors the annual Ambush the Aggies 2 and 4 mile fun run. There is not cost to run though those wanting a t-shirt must pay the \$7.00 fee.

No entries are required unless a person wants to ensure that they have a t-shirt. Entries are available at the Student Recreation Center and can be turned in at the Fit/Well Center or room 202. The race will begin at 9:00 am at the north entrance to the Student Recreation Center. Both the 2 mile and 4 mile route will be run through campus. Maps will be available on the day of the race. For further information please contact the Recreational Sports office at 742-3351.

INTRAMURALS

Wanted A Few Good Umpires

If you have been searching for a fun, flexible job that offers good pay, and a chance to meet new people, then we have the JOB for you. You can become an intramural softball official! Students wishing to learn how to officiate softball are encouraged to attend the **first training clinic on Monday, September 22nd, at 5 pm** at the Student Rec Center (SRC), Room 201. Softball officials make \$8 per game and are thoroughly trained in the rules, mechanics, and gamesmanship. Any questions should be directed to the intramural staff by calling 742-2945 or by coming by the SRC's room 202.

Take It Deep...Fall Softball Is Coming

As baseball prepares for the glories of October, intramural sports has one last chance to get the bats and gloves out. Fall softball is coming. Sign up starting Tuesday, Sept. 23 in the intramural sports office. (SRC 203) Entries will close on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 5pm. Remember every Wednesday during team sign-ups is Papa John's Sign-Up Day. Register between 3-5pm and get FREE PIZZA!

Fall softball is open to Men's, Women's and Co-Rec teams. Team captains should bring their rosters, with student ID numbers and a \$30 refundable forfeit fee to enter. Players may play on one men's or women's team and one co-rec team.

Putt-Putt Golf Results

This past Friday, 22 participants came out to compete for a chance to win in this years first event. Once the smoke cleared, three participants came out on top. Philipp Poeld recorded the lowest round of 18 holes with a blistering 34 (2 under par). Unfortunately, he gave it all back on the second 18 to record a final score of 82. Tony Scanio drained 7 holes-in-one for a respectable score of 83 (40,43). However, John P. Garcia was the model of consistency by winning the event over Sumeet Batra by two strokes. John recorded a 36 and 38 for a grand total of 74, whereas, Sumeet's scores were 36 and 40 respectively.

SPORTS CLUBS

Upcoming Games and Events:

- Men's Club Soccer travels to Texas A&M on the 20th and to Baylor on the 21st
- Women's Club Soccer hosts Texas State University (formerly SWT) Sunday the 21st
- Ultimate Club Travels to Austin on the 20th and 21st to compete in the Texas Sectionals
- Club Baseball General Information Session Wednesday, Sept. 17th at 8pm Room 201 of SRC

Game Results from Sept. 6th

Men's Club Soccer beat Baylor 4-1

Women's Club Soccer lost to Baylor 5-0

Game Results from Sept. 13th

Men's Club Soccer beat Rice 1-0 (forfeit)

Game Results from Sept. 14th

Men's Club Soccer lost to UT 2-0

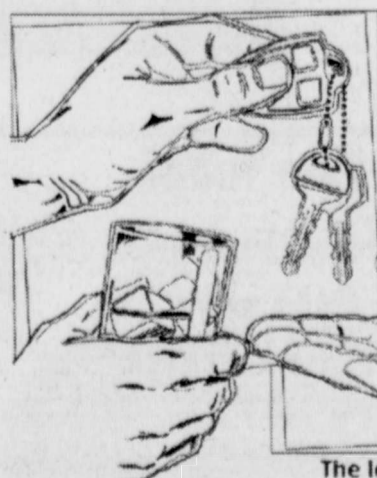
If you are going to drink...

Do it responsibly.

1,400 college students die each year from alcohol related incidents!

Use the following Harm Reduction Strategies:

1. Know what your consumption limits are.
2. Designate a driver. Safe Ride is available 7 days a week. Contact 742-RIDE.
3. Eat a meal before going out.
4. Always drink in moderation.
5. Learn to recognize the signs of alcohol poisoning.



For further information on alcohol awareness, visit www.alcoholscreening.org or www.rap.ttu.edu.



The legal drinking age in Texas is 21!
It is illegal to drive with a BAC over .08 in the state of Texas!

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