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Students react to proposed tuition hike

By Adam Boedeker/Staff Reporter

C. Robert Black, chairman of the Texas Tech University Board of Regents, said the reduction of state funding Tech has received recently coupled with tuition deregulation is making universities pick up more of their administrative costs from tuition and fees.

Those, along with other reasons, are why Tech administrators will propose a tuition increase of \$10 or \$11 per credit hour for the upcoming spring semester.

"I think I speak for all the regents when I say every time we look at a raise in fees we examine it very carefully because of the burden it can put on students and their families," Black said.

Black said the proposed increase will only be for the

short term, and after the spring they hope to minimize the tuition costs for students.

"We've asked administrators to consider ways to lessen administrative costs for Fall 2004," he said. "We've told them to completely review the tuition and fees structure and come forward (in the spring) with a recommendation that would be applicable for Fall 2004."

Black said the Board of Regents realizes that the high rate of enrollment growth brings on some needs for the university.

"The hiring of new faculty will be a top priority for the university," he said. "We're blessed to have experienced the growth we have, but with that growth comes problems that we have to address."

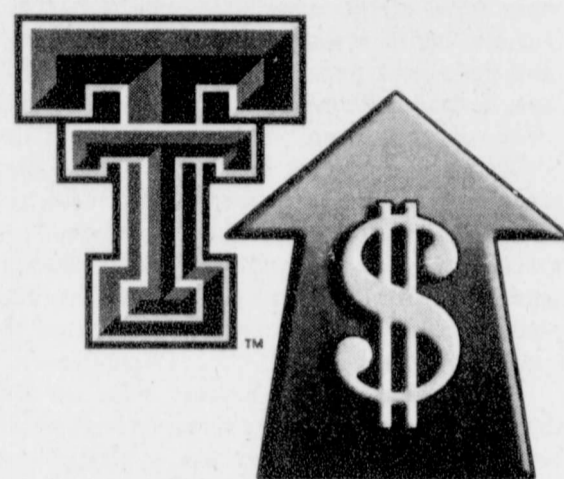
Tech students had mixed reactions when learning of

the proposed tuition increase, after a 19 percent increase from last spring to this fall.

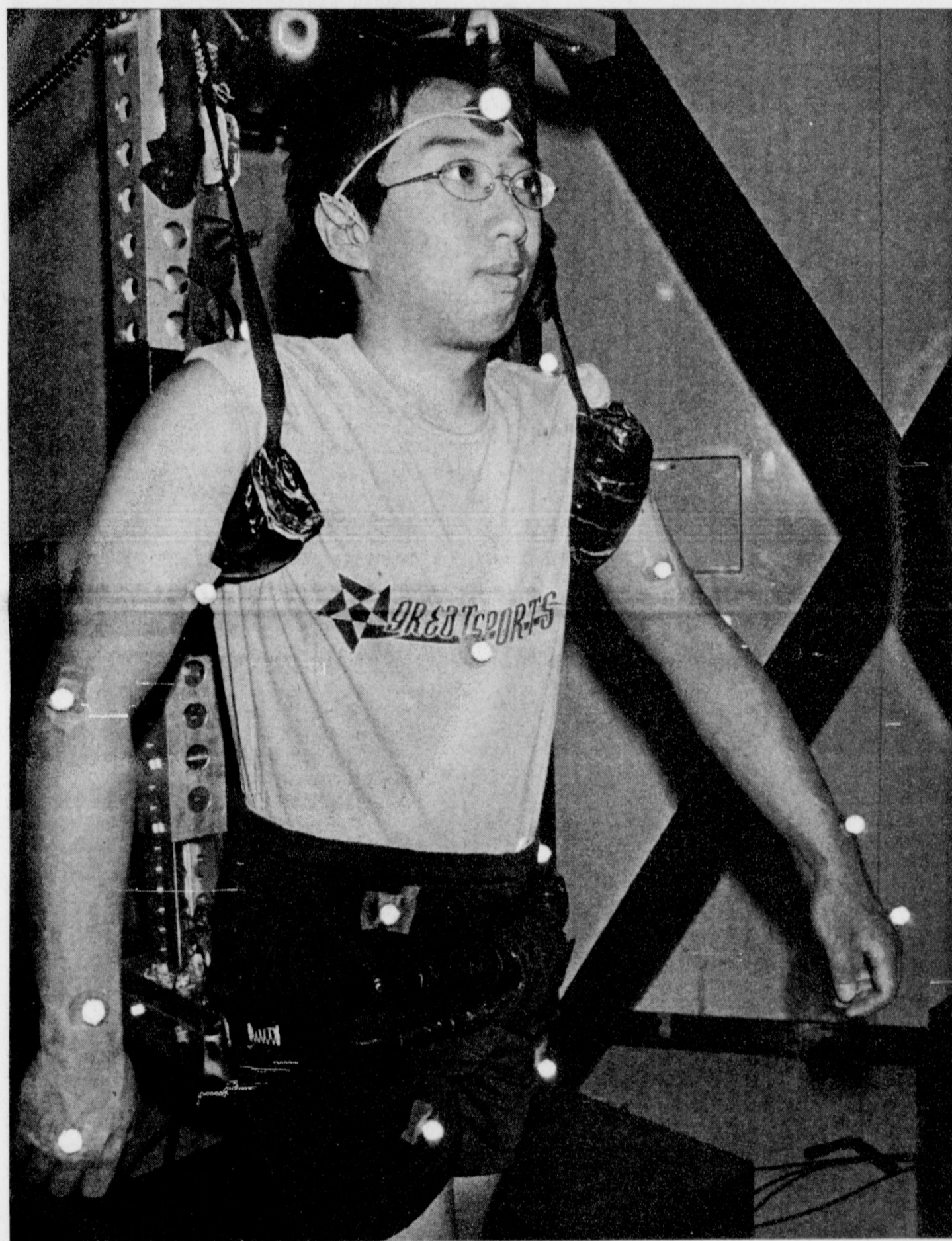
"I just wonder if there will be a continual increase with tuition," freshman business major Amar Thakrar, of Lubbock, said. "You set aside a certain amount of money for college, and you think that's what it will cost; eventually students will run out of money."

Thakrar said he sometimes questions what his tuition money is used for.

"Sometimes I just don't see where (the money) goes," he said. "I see all these big fancy buildings and wonder if they're necessary. Look at the statue of the person made of books by the UC; is that necessary?"



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Three grants help support building of new parking lot

PARK AND RIDE: New lot will be located near the University Medical Center with 1,500 spaces available

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter

Workers are in the process of building a new parking lot for Texas Tech students. Once the project is finished, the parking lot will be located near the University Medical Center.

The new lot is being built with the assistance of three grants that have taken three years to receive, said John Wilson, general manager of Citibus.

"The first grant was for \$990,315. Then we received \$990,029. We just received our last grant of \$1,165,000," Wilson said.

Buddy Knox, Tech's director of Traffic and Parking, said some of the grant money came from the Texas Department of Transportation. The grants are being used to begin building the first 1,000 lots of the new parking lot. The final 500 parking spaces will be built soon.

Knox said purchasing parking permits are all students will have to support the new services.

"Since the money comes from grants, we can't make any money off of the lot," he said. "We'll sell parking permits that will cover the maintenance, upkeep, and the landscaping of the lot."

Wilson explained the process of how the spaces are going to be built.

"We started the first two phases of the parking lot with the first two grants. We just found out this week that we got the last grant, and that will be used for phase three," Wilson said.

The future plans of the parking lot will coincide with the Texas Tech Parkway being built soon. Knox said many of the

routes that students have become accustomed to will change.

Three of the lots at the Indiana Avenue commuter lot will disappear because of the new parkway. The extra parking in the Hasting's parking lot and the surrounding dirt area will also be affected.

"The Hasting's parking and the dirt parking will be evaporating once the road comes through," he said.

Ashley Hermann, a junior occupational therapy major from Albuquerque, N.M., said that she likes the idea of the new parking lot.

"I have a parking pass, but I spend most of my time parking in the Hasting's lot, because everything else is full," she said. "The new lot would be great, absolutely, especially if I'm paying for a parking pass with nowhere to park."

The entrance to the new parking lot will be at 10th Street. The parking lot will include lighting, security cameras, shelters, and a pull-out for the buses, Wilson said.

Since the entrance and exit will be on 10th Street, Wilson said UMC and Tech have put together money to make some changes.

"UMC is using \$ 600,000 to rebuild, because they want to extend 10th Street to Texas Tech Parkway. Tech is putting in \$ 120,000 to make sure that 10th Street will be able to carry the buses," said Wilson.

Five new buses will probably be added to help the new parking lot, he said.

"The BA route will change to the new lot. The new route will go to the BA, Holden Hall, and the [Student Union Building]. We will probably have five new buses to create a five-

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Two banks robbed; crimes may be linked to August robberies

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

An aggravated robbery Thursday at a bank inside the United Supermarket on 50th Street and Avenue Q may be connected to a robbery that occurred later Thursday in Amarillo, Sgt. Tony Gribben of the Lubbock Police Department said.

The suspect entered the supermarket at about 10:30 a.m. and demanded \$50 and \$100 bills from the teller. He left with an undetermined amount of cash from the Wells Fargo branch in the Lubbock grocery store.

Gribben said the suspect did not display a weapon, but he did threaten the teller and said he had a gun.

The suspect took the money and fled out of the main entrance of the store. He entered a white SUV and drove westbound on 50th Street. The vehicle is described as an early 1990 model S10 Blazer with tinted side windows.

The driver of the vehicle was a white female with sandy-colored hair, Gribben said. The suspect is a black male 6 feet 2 inches to 6 feet 3 inches tall and weighs between 160 and 180 pounds. He was last seen wearing a white shirt, dark wind pants and a blue and white baseball cap. He had on a multi-colored rag underneath the cap.

The suspect also has facial irregularities that are possibly caused by ingrown hairs, Gribben said.

At 1:34 p.m. Thursday, a man matching the description of the Lubbock crime robbed an Amarillo bank branch inside the 2530 S. Georgia St. location of the United Supermar-



ket. Police are linking the suspect to four additional bank robberies that have occurred within the last month.

The Lubbock location of the American State Bank branch in Albertson's at 50th Street and Indiana Avenue was robbed Sept. 3. The Aug. 17 robbery of an Albertson's in Ponca City, Okla., the Aug. 20 robbery of a United Supermarket in Wichita Falls, and the Aug. 27 robbery of a United Supermarket in Amarillo have the same circumstances surrounding them.

The suspect described in all robberies is similar in both his physical appearance and the method used. Gribben said the suspect also may be linked to other robberies throughout the southwest United States.

Gribben said the FBI is involved in the case because it is a bank robbery, and the Amarillo and Lubbock FBI units are in contact because of Thursday's robberies.

There is surveillance footage of the crime, and the police took statements from witnesses at the scene. Gribben said the police would look at the evidence they have collected and build a case.

"People are all over looking for him," Gribben said. "If anyone knows or thinks they may know, they should call the Crime Line."

Anyone with additional information regarding these robberies should contact the Crime Line at 741-1000 or Detective Roy Vierge at 775-2407. Witnesses will remain anonymous.

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VIRTUAL weightlessness

The Department of Industrial Engineering introduces its simulated gravity environment

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter
photos by Craig Swanson/Staff Photographer

What do Texas Tech and the planet Mars have in common? Texas Tech's Department of Industrial Engineering is out to answer that question using a simulated gravity environment. The project also could benefit the medical profession.

For the past four years, the industrial engineering department has used its simulated gravity environment to learn more about rehabilitation for stroke victims and creating devices to be used in space.

Simon Hsiang, an industrial engineering professor, said the research project began from research grants from the Air Force and NASA. The department works on projects throughout the year, and they turn in quarterly and annual reports to the Air Force and NASA to report their findings.

"Near the end of projects they will sometimes have a scheduled visit," Hsiang said.



LIN JI, A first year industrial engineering graduate student from China demonstrates how the virtual gravity machine works at the industrial engineering lab Thursday afternoon. Ji is also pictured in the dominant photo.

The Rundown



Senator aims to end top 10 percent law

AUSTIN (AP) — In a move likely to spark a fight at the Capitol, a state senator is working on legislation to repeal the law guaranteeing the top 10 percent of high school graduates a spot in the state university of their choice.

Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, said after this summer's U.S. Supreme Court ruling allowing the use of race as a factor in college admissions, he has decided the top 10 percent law is unnecessary.

Wentworth doesn't see the topic coming up during the current special legislative session, but he is working toward getting it on the agenda next spring when Gov. Rick Perry is expected to call a special session on public school finance.

"It seems to me we can go back to the way we were admitting people before, which is better than the top 10 percent rule," Wentworth said in Thursday's editions of the Austin American-Statesman.

House approves 'do-not-call' legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House approved legislation Thursday aimed at ensuring the national "do-not-call" list goes into effect as scheduled next week so consumers can block many unwanted telemarketing sales pitches.

The House voted 412-8 after less than an hour of debate. Lawmakers from both parties uniformly blasted a decision by U.S. District Judge Lee R. West, who ruled Tuesday that the Federal Trade Commission lacked authority to create and operate the registry.

"The judge in this case is dead wrong and I'm sure his decision will in turn be overturned," said Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. "We should probably call the bill 'This Time We Really Mean It Act' to cure any myopia in the judicial branch. The bill leaves no doubt as to the intent of Congress."

The bill says the FTC may operate the list, which was approved by Congress earlier this year and is scheduled to take effect Wednesday.

Strong quake hits northern Japan

TOKYO (AP) — A strong quake with a preliminary magnitude of 7.8 rocked the northern Japan island of Hokkaido early Friday morning, knocking out power and starting a fire in an industrial area.

The government warned local residents to avoid coastal areas due to the possibility of tsunami, or ocean waves caused by seismic activity.

The quake was strong enough to rock buildings on the island and shake books and other objects off shelves.

Japan's public broadcaster NHK reported that at least several people had been injured and a fire had broken out in the city of Tomakomai.

Black plumes of smoke and flames could be seen leaping from the site in an industrial area. Streams of water were aimed at the flames.

Television footage showed an office in which books were knocked off shelves, and desks and computers swayed back and forth.

Japan's Meteorological agency warned that waves of up to 3 feet were expected to hit coastal areas. The quake, which hit just before dawn, was focused off Hokkaido's eastern shore.

CHILD'S PLAY



IMELDA MONTANO, A sophomore pre-nursing major from Odessa, enjoys playtime at the Early Childhood Development Center on Thursday afternoon. She works as a student assistant at the pre-school.

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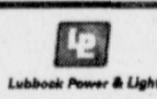
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CORRECTIONS

The Sept. 25th issue of *The University Daily* had a mistake in the abortion story. There is a difference between the RU-486 abortion pill and emergency contraception, the morning after pill. RU-486 causes a woman's body to expel a fetus, while

the morning after pill only alters the lining of the uterus, stopping ovulation. If a woman is pregnant and uses the morning after pill, the fetus will not be harmed. RU-486 is a medication-induced abortion, the morning after pill is a form of contraception.

The Sept. 25 issue of *The University Daily* reported the proposed tuition increase of \$10 or \$11 per credit hour was a 6 to 6.4 percent increase. The amount of the tuition increase

is more than 20 percent. The increase in tuition and fees is 6 to 6.4 percent. The numbers reported were provided by the President's Office. The UD regrets the error.

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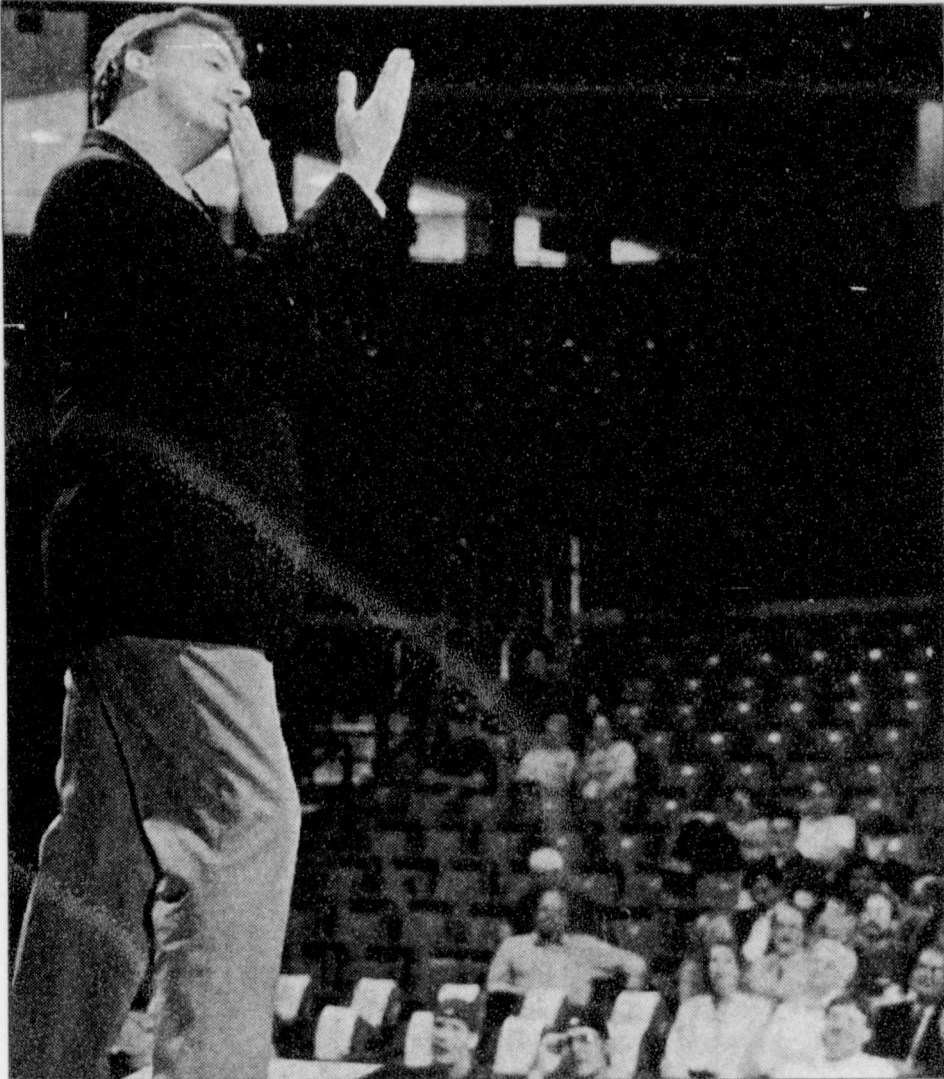
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USA Today reporter shares war stories



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

USA TODAY FOREIGN correspondent Jack Kelley describes a close conversation he had with the Dalai Lama during a speech Thursday at the United Spirit Arena.

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

The end of the war in Iraq not only meant the return of some U.S. troops that fought, but it also meant the return of some of the journalists who reported the actions of the war.

Jack Kelley, a war correspondent for USA Today, spoke on Thursday at the United Spirit Arena about his experiences overseas.

While Kelley chose to not be embedded with the troops, he did witness the events first-hand in Baghdad. Because he was not embedded, Kelley had to sneak across the Iraq-Kuwait border with a convoy of fellow journalists. During this journey into Baghdad, the convoy was ambushed.

"When you're getting shot at, 45 seconds may not seem like a long time, but it's a lifetime," Kelley said.

A U.S. Delta force rescued Kelley and helped him to Baghdad. He was there when the United States bombed the city, he said.

The war in Iraq was not Kelley's first overseas coverage. He has worked for USA Today for 21 years and reported on the pope's visit to Cuba, the Persian Gulf War, the terrorist bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania and the U.S. war on terrorism in Afghanistan.

Kelley had war memorabilia on display, which included pictures recovered from one of Saddam Hussein's houses. The pictures varied from one of Saddam and his grand-

children to one of a dead prisoner.

"I can't describe to you the brutality of one man," Kelley said.

Kelley said the future of embedding journalists will continue during the next conflict.

"Something tells us there will be quite a few wars coming up," Kelley said. "They are going to get us. It is just a matter of time."

The first thought Kelley said he had after the World Trade Center terrorist attack was that there were more attacks to come.

Some may call him unpatriotic, but Kelley said he has to be impartial and accurate in his reporting.

This means not tipping off the government on some information until he has seen the events unfold and can report on it.

After certain incidents of being lied to, Kelley said it is hard to know whom to trust, and he does not have a blind loyalty to the U.S. government.

Kelley said he takes his role as a journalist seriously and said he feels a responsibility to the reader to be accurate and unbiased.

"I have a passion for reporting the truth," he said. "It's not a job. It's a calling."

Kelley has witnessed various types of atrocities that occur in other countries, but he said he has learned from every experience.

During the famine in Somalia, he witnessed a starving boy chew the food for his younger brother over the bodies of their dead parents. This sacrifice cost the older brother his life, as he died of starvation. This action proved to Kelley that there is no greater thing than to lay down the life of one for another.

He is scheduled to return to Baghdad Nov. 15. Kelley and his wife have a 1-year-old daughter, and he said it may influence his future decisions concerning assignments.

"Before you cross a mine field, you think 'Do I really want to do this,'" he said.

Kelley is scheduled to speak at the Student Government Association conference in Waco on Friday. He will also speak at Pennsylvania State University before returning to Iraq, but he said these are the only universities he is speaking at.

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— JACK KELLEY
USA Today Foreign Correspondent

Writing Center offers help for students

By Jennifer Prieto/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech English department encourages students to use the Writing Center to further improve their writing skills.

Leslie Akchurin, tutor and assistant director for the Writing Center, said the department gives students the opportunity to be tutored for 30 minutes on any writing assignment.

"Students can get help on anything from brainstorming for an assignment to editing it," she said. "They can get help with writing resumes, scholarship applications, and anything else that is related to writing."

Akchurin said the center will help students learn from their mistakes, and it will allow them to recognize where their major problem areas are.

"We work with them in identifying where they are making the most mistakes, and how they can change it," she said. "We do not do the work for the students, but will guide them through their writing."

She said the center helps students from any of the colleges in campus. Tech undergraduates, graduate students and staff member are welcome to visit the center.

"We try to tell students to bring in their assignments so we know exactly what they need to do,"

Akchurin said. "Every professor has different ways to do things and we need to know what they expect from the student."

She said some students do not use the center because they are afraid the tutors will make fun of them.

"We are all very nice people," Akchurin said. "We don't criticize. We try to educate students of some of their writing problems."

Tutors at the center make sure students understand that writing is complex, she said. Writing takes practice to perfect, and tutors are proud of all students that take the time to better their writing skills.

She said students should call at

least a day before they come in, so they can get a time that is suitable for them. Walk-ins are welcomed, but students might have to wait for tutors to finish with appointments.

The center offers a service online where they can submit their papers, and a tutor will make comments on the writing. The Web site is <http://english.ttu.edu/uwc01/>.

"They have to submit it at least 48 before the assignment is due," Akchurin said. "They will get an e-mail telling them the assignment has been checked. We do not correct it; we are not a proof-reading program. We just offer suggestions on how to make it better."

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'That's so gay' not nice to say

I waited until I heard the actual statement. I waited until I was provoked. I'm not on a witch-hunt. I'm simply responding to an unsettling trend that has swept our nation. Really, the whole topic is just so ahh ... well ... for lack of a better word ... gay. So gay, huh? What does that mean anyway? I hear people say it all the time, "That's so gay!" So, what does "That's so gay!" mean?

Sarah Looten



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Try this on for size.

You and your friend are walking to class. You see that boy, that, (please circle one): drunken, obnoxious, horrendous, God-forsaken, know it all, who-let-that-person-live-after-the-age-of-12, person.

You despise this person so much and your heart actually starts to pound.

You can literally see red.

You focus on taking deep breaths now. (This is just an exercise, it's not real.)

Your friend leans over and says, "God they are such a/n (insert your name here)." Yep, this person you can't stand, that no one can stand, seems to be much akin to you — so much that he/she uses your name as an insult.

Not very nice is it?

It hurts your feelings, doesn't it?

So next time you see something silly and you're about to say, "That's so gay," why don't you stop and mentally replace "gay" with your name.

See how it makes you feel.

If you have no qualms with it, and you are OK with the fact that you're a not so pleasant person, go ahead and use gay as an insult.

This has been "Upping your Tolerance" with Sarah Looten.

■ Looten is a junior political science major from Panhandle. E-mail her at sarah.looten@ttu.edu. P.S. She likes boys

Could it be all of these things?

Or none of them?

For those of you playing along at home, the correct answer is ... none of the above.

Bob, tell them what they have won.

"Well Sarah, our winners at home have won an all-expense paid trip to 'I'm not a jerk-off because I don't use people's sexual orientations as an insult' Land!"

F-a-a-abulous Darling, fabulous!

Now if only we could cue the cheesy game show theme song and be done with it all.

But that's not the case.

Our multiple-choice answers were stereotypes.

While stereotypes do exist, that doesn't make them correct.

And the subjects of stereotypes are not silly, dumb, immoral, amoral or unsightly.

Well some people are unsightly, but that is more to do with personal preference rather than stereotypes.

Stereotypes exist because of egregious misunderstanding.

Once upon a time it was OK to use the N (and no, I don't mean nitwit) word as an insult.

It is socially offensive, taboo, not politically correct.

However it is widely accepted as more than OK to call someone the f-word (and yes, I mean faggot) if you don't like him or her.



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Guest Column

My struggle with, recovery from Bulimia

Here's my story about wanting to die, and then dying to live

Hi, my name is Ashley and I'm a bulimic. My story begins when my loving parents brought me into this world 23 years ago.

I was raised in a loving home.

When I was about 3 years old my mom gave me the biggest gift in the world — a baby sister (Alisha).

I loved her more than anything in this world.

I had a pretty normal early childhood with lots of love and care from my parents. They worked hard to give us what we needed.

Looking back, my early childhood is my fondest memory.

But, as time passed I noticed some changes about myself and other family members.

It seemed as though the older I became, the harder my parents worked.

They owned several hair salons in Lubbock and worked hard to keep all of them running.

As a result, my sister and I usually stayed home with a babysitter.

During this time I began to feel the tension between my parents.

They were fighting constantly.

And, as a 7-year-old I began to notice my body.

I began noticing differences my body was making compared to other little girls.

There was an instance when I was made fun of by other girls at school.

I will never forget how painful that was for me.

It was then the serious issues began.

I began to watch the people that came in and out of my parent's salon.

I watched how my mom ate and dressed.

I noticed all the attention my mom received for the way she looked.

She always was absolutely gorgeous, and when I looked at her I didn't feel I measured up.

My mother was involved in several beauty pageants and always did very well — she became my idol.

I wanted to look exactly like her — it almost became an obsession.

I thought if I looked like her, I wouldn't have any problems — I wouldn't be made fun of.

As time went on, I became more obsessed with my body.

I was growing in places I didn't want to grow.

Since none of the girls had this problem, I believed something was wrong with me.

I was different somehow.

At age nine I started searching for ways to cut calories and lose weight.

I was an active child and found a new love I thought would help me stay small — BASKETBALL!

I loved the sport.

I started playing at a young age and played all through high school.

Basketball became one of the only factors that made me feel good about me.

I just wanted her to let me die. I began imagining my funeral.

I was then that the miracle happened. I went to treatment and stayed there for nine months. I finally found a reason to live.

I became obsessed with the sport. I played at school and AAU.

I loved it.

At age 10, I began researching different programs for losing weight.

I begged my mom to take me to Weight Watchers, and after many tears, she did.

I was so excited.

It was actually working.

I continued the program for about a year until I realized I wasn't seeing the results I wanted.

During this time my parents separated, and I was devastated.

You can imagine how horrible it felt to be 10 and have your dad walk out on you.

At that exact moment I thought to myself, if I was skinny and had good grades my dad might come back one day.

It was then I took a turn for the worst.

I began smoking and drinking on a regular basis.

I was a mess.

It wasn't until I was 13 that I started trying more methods to lose weight.

This is when I discovered my new best friend, my answer in life — bulimia.

From the very first time I tried it, I knew. I had found my answer in life.

I felt I could do the deal if I had this. I fell in love with the idea of eating whatever I wanted, and still losing weight.

I went from bingeing and purging twice a day to ten times a day in just a few months. I loved it.

After about six months of practicing my addiction I began missing school due to fatigue from bingeing and purging so much.

I lost about 30 pounds.

And, was now hitting 95 pounds.

I was in and out of the hospital due to electrolyte imbalance.

It was then my family started getting the big picture.

I didn't understand why my mom was confronting me on this issue. I thought she would have been proud of me.

All I wanted to do was please her.

At age 17, I was now hitting 84 pounds and was homebound due to fatigue.

My parents were putting me in hospitals and making appointments with a therapist in a desperate attempt to help me.

It was then my mother put me in a treatment center.

I told her I didn't want to go.

I just wanted her to let me die. I began imagining my funeral.

It was then that the miracle happened.

I went to treatment and stayed there for nine months.

I finally found a reason to live.

It was in treatment I found out I wanted to live again, and I wasn't a weak person.

I learned I suffered from a disease.

Like any other addiction, I had used my eating disorder to medicate my feelings.

Compare this to an alcoholic that drinks to escape reality or a drug addict that shoots up.

It numbed me.

All this time I thought my problem was weight, when in reality it was actually just a symptom of the real problem.

After getting into recovery I came back to Lubbock and discovered what I call the biggest goldmine for college students in America.

I discovered Texas Tech offered a program for students recovering from an addiction to attend college and receive a scholarship for being in recovery.

It was the Center For the Study Of Addiction in human sciences that made one of the biggest impacts in my recovery process.

I had never heard of a program where recovering students could come together and be such a strong support system for one another.

The Center offered 12-step meetings to all recovering addicts, which allowed me to see I was not alone.

As of Sept. 23, I have six years in recovery.

It's an absolute miracle.

It was due to a power greater than myself that carried me through.

Never in a million years did I believe I would be a college graduate and attending graduate school in counselor education to help other addicts receive recovery.

Today my life is filled with love and happiness.

It has not been perfect by any means. I have gone through a divorce and many family issues; however, through support from the Center For The Study of Addiction and great people have loved and supported me.

I am still in recovery. I still attend meetings every week.

I since then met an incredible guy (Chris) that I adore.

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Gravity

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The simulated gravity environment contains a treadmill that creates the movement within the mechanism.

Under the treadmill is a force plate that judges grunt reaction force. There also is an electromyography that measures muscle activation.

While the subject is moving inside, there is a high-speed camera that evaluates the human motion. In front of the person using the device is a projector system, he said. "There is something called visual ocular reflex. If we move our finger in front of our face very fast then we won't be able to focus on our finger. But if we keep our finger stable and move our head fast, we can still stabilize on the horizon while moving," Hsiang said.

Visual ocular reflex is important to the device, because it is what a subject has to deal with while in the environment, Hsiang said.

When the projector is on, it presents a view that can be described as a walkway simulator.

This view is important for the rehabilitation of stroke victims because of the visual and physical exertion that the subject will go

through, he said.

"The rehabilitation is a partial unloading scheme. We can tease the subject by making the image so that the feet will stroke harder or slower," Hsiang said. "The optic flow of the roller coaster image can deviate to make it look like they are walking too fast or slow or swaying too much or less."

He said the device has the ability to use this rehabilitation to force the subject to over or under compensate.

"We can force movement to sway to the right. Then the patient will want to use their body to move themselves in the right direction," Hsiang said.

The vision and biomechanical changes are important aspects of the experiment. Hsiang's first argument is at the center of human intelligence, humans can adapt to different environments.

his adaptation is because of biomechanical properties changing.

"If you have your hand out, and I drop a book on your hand, the biomechanical changes is the arm stiffening to hold the book," he said.

The interesting part of the project is including the visual aspect. He said if vision were eliminated before the book dropped in the hand, the biomechanical properties would be stronger than if the

subject could see the book drop.

These experiments help to determine how much information is guided by vision.

The other question is what is the best set-up to modulate the body. These questions are asked because vision must be included to explore different worlds, Hsiang said.

The applications of the device for NASA could involve spacesuits and androids. Hsiang said the movements of the subject inside the environment could be used to build a spacesuit.

The environment is also helpful in judging the visual and physical movement of a possible android on Mars.

"In space, the android would be controlled by a man above the planet. That space causes a time delay, so the movements and the vision by the android would have to be created and controlled by the human," Hsiang said.

The study of the environment is similar to an arcade, he said.

"It is like an arcade game, we want to know why some have high scores and others have low scores," Hsiang said.

He said different sets of intelligence are important to the study of the environment, because it can compare physical activity on Earth with activity on other planets.

Increase

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A popular consensus among students was the idea of hiring additional faculty with some of the money received from the tuition increase.

"I think if we do give them more money it should definitely go to hiring more faculty," Thakrar said. "That's the first place it should go; I don't think the (faculty to student) ratio is anywhere near what it should be."

Thakrar was not the only student who had those feelings.

Gina Biondillo, a junior public relations major from Houston, said she would like to see the recipients of the money be looked at more closely by administrators.

"A lot of money goes to things I know I would never use," she said. "I think a lot of things students don't actually use much are getting money. I'd like to see them fix the parking situation and make it cheaper, we spend too much money to park on campus when we're already paying so much to go to school."

Jessica Leinwand, a junior political science major from Lewisville, said as long as the money is being put to good use

she can accept having to pay it.

"I'm not too happy with the increase," she said. "But if it's going toward academics and hiring new teachers to improve our college experience, then that's what needs to be done."

She also hopes to see the money put into financial aid, which is discussed in the proposal.

"If it's going toward financial aid, that's good because there's a lot of students here who need it," she

said. "No one likes spending more money but sometimes it's just what you have to do."

Aaron Reddell, a sophomore business major from Abilene, said he does not mind the increase.

"It doesn't bother me because it's really not that much money," he said. "If it actually brings more faculty, which we do need, then it will be put to decent use. As long as it doesn't go to the stadium, I don't care."

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Pregnant women face unique health issues

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

Expecting a child should be a miracle of life, but sometimes complications with pregnancy make the experience more like a nightmare. Dr. Gary Sutkin, a gynecologist

at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, said a disease called preeclampsia has been around for centuries and has caused the deaths of many mothers and babies for years.

Sutkin said preeclampsia affects

pregnant women in the late second or third trimester. The disease is common, especially in young women from the ages of 18 to the early 20s.

"Unfortunately, there have been no breakthroughs that I'm aware of," he said.

Preeclampsia is characterized by changes in vision, stomach aches or pain in the right shoulder, hypertension, racing pulse, mental confusion and often results in seizures.

"It's called toxemia because the theory is that toxins in the placenta are released into the blood stream, causing mom to get sick," Sutkin said. "The only problem is, we don't know what the toxin is."

Sutkin said the condition is frustrating because it has been around for centuries, but still there is no cure. He sees a couple of cases a week.

"The only way to really get rid of the disease is to deliver the baby," he said. "There is no medical treatment for preeclampsia."

Sutkin said administering magnesium to the mother through an IV helps to stop seizures but does not cure the disease.

The cause of preeclampsia is not known. Early diagnosis of the disease is essential, because combating the disease often equals pre-mature birth, he said.

"The main fact that predicts whether or not the baby will live is how early we have to deliver," he said. "That's the problem with preeclampsia."

Preeclampsia is not the only worry expectant mothers face.

Stephanie Bennis of Fort gave birth to a boy two weeks ago. Bennis, 22, said her doctors did not talk about preeclampsia with her, but she was aware of it and other difficulties her baby could encounter, such as communicable bacterial infections.

"My doctor didn't really discuss it," she said. "I think they only talk about it if you have it. They told me I could wind up with a baby with low birth weight or Down's syndrome."

They have no control over some things, and that's really scary to hear."

Bennis said her doctor kept a close watch on her during the pregnancy.

"You're constantly stuck with needles to make sure you don't have infections," she said. "They check you a lot to make sure you're healthy."

Eating well was a priority.

"They were very specific about diet," she said. "You have to make sure you eat lots of fruits and vegetables and stick to the food chart they give you."

Sutkin agreed diet is important when a woman is expecting.

"Women do not eat for two," she said. "It's more like 1.5."

Women only need about 300 more calories a day when they're pregnant."

Bennis said sticking to such a strict diet was tough because she had to drink a lot of water and integrate other things into her diet that was not used to.

"It was hard because I can't drink milk," she said. "I hate milk, and I had to drink at least two to three glasses a day."

Bennis said she did not have weird cravings for pickles and ice cream, but she did develop an affinity for cheese.

"Everything I ate had to have cheese on it," she said. "Cheese just sounded so good—it went on everything. I ate a lot of nachos."

Sutkin said resisting cravings for unhealthy foods is a wise decision.

"Eat some broccoli. Babies like fruits and vegetables," he said. "Babies don't like McDonalds."

Sutkin advises expectant moth-

ers to stay away from alcohol or tobacco.

"Avoid smoking and alcohol," he said. "They are very bad during pregnancy; they are already bad for your health."

Sutkin said smoking is directly related to pre-term delivery.

Women who smoke while pregnant are more likely to have their babies put into intensive care and be put on a ventilator for extended periods of time.

"Smoking can also cause a condition called abruption," he said. "This is when the placenta detaches

from the uterus, and the baby loses its blood supply and can die. The mom can bleed to death as well."

Exercise is good as well but only in moderation. Sutkin said if the mother is already active, she can safely

maintain her routines but should not increase intensity.

"Moderate exercise is good," he said. "No crazy exercising."

Bennis said her doctors suggested exercise, but it was not a requirement.

"I did a lot of walking around tracks and things like that," she said. "As far as physical exercise, I wasn't going to be able to do it."

However, Bennis said of doctors do not suggest she stay off her feet completely.

"They don't want you to lay up in bed for nine months," she said. "That's not really going to work for you."

Bennis said there are a lot of things her friends who had experienced pregnancy neglected to tell her, such as the pain she would be in after labor.

"No one mentions your feet swelling, hot flashes and your

clothes not fitting because you're growing out of them so fast," she said. "Those are the parts everyone seems to forget; I think those are the most important parts."

Bennis said the worst thing about pregnancy was going to the bathroom often.

"It's not like you can hold it in," she said. "When you gotta go, you gotta go. You have somebody pressing down on your bladder."

Bennis said she could not take most medications because they could harm the baby. She could take regular Tylenol for headaches, which she experienced frequently, but the medication did not help.

"At the beginning, I slept all the time," she said. "You feel better when you're sleeping."

Bennis said the best part about being pregnant was having people wait on her.

"The being pampered part, that's the part that I miss the most," she said. "Everyone's so nice to you when you're pregnant."

Sutkin said mothers often experience "baby blues" for about the first two weeks after giving birth. Feeling weepy or a little unhappy is normal, but suicidal feelings may be a sign of depression.

Sutkin said new mothers who have these feelings often suffer in silence, resulting in dangerous consequences.

He suggests anyone with similar thoughts seek help at HSC or the Student Counseling Center.

Bennis said being a parent is more difficult than being pregnant.

"Pregnancy is not comfortable," she said. "But I could get up and go when I was pregnant. Now I can't get up and go; there's someone else I have to think about."

Bennis said the difficulty of pregnancy is amplified if done alone.

"I think it should be left for husband and wives," she said. "It would be a lot easier to have someone who's in your corner."

For more information about preeclampsia, go to www.preeclampsia.org.

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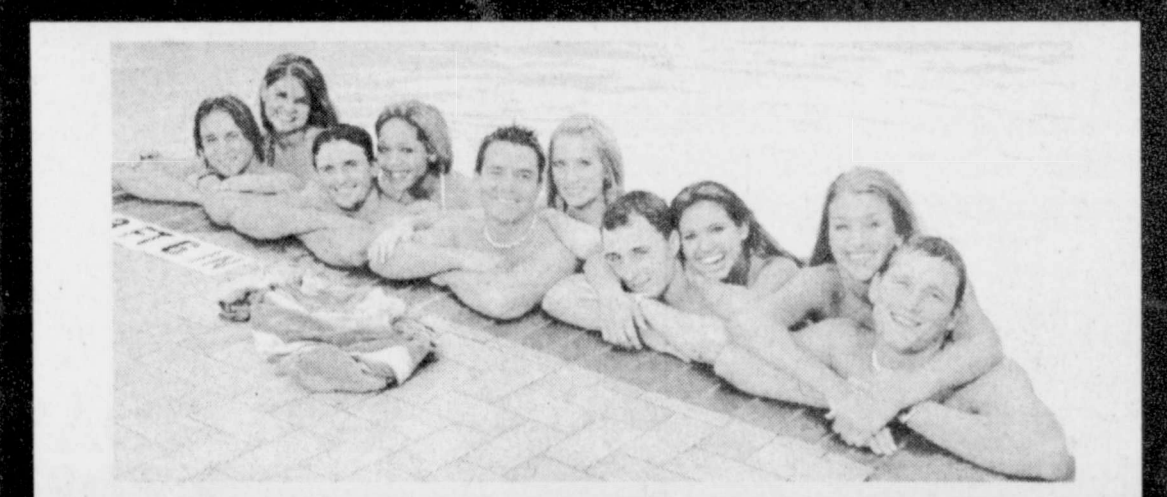
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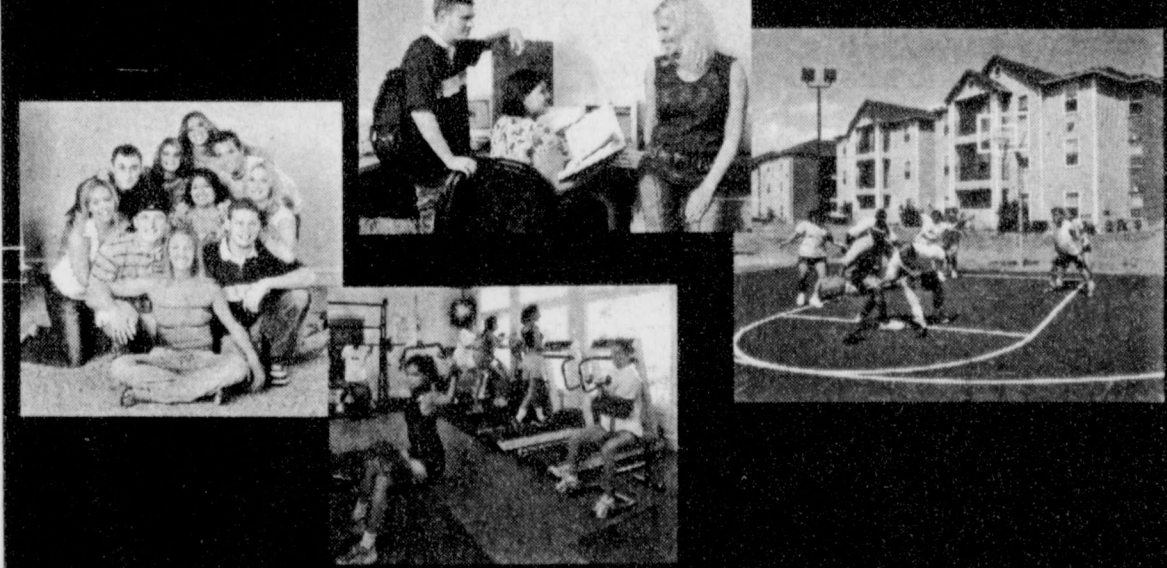
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minute headway," he said.
Knox said he believes the new parking lot will alleviate the parking problems Tech students experience.
"This will help the parking situation. We are just doing this for the students. We can't get the students

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'Major' Change

Students say changing majors not unusual

By Erica Gonzales/Staff Reporter

Students come to college after high school and are forced to make decisions immediately upon arrival. One of those decisions includes declaring a major. But can students really know what they want to major in and do for the rest of their life without changing their minds?



Colleen O'Connor, a senior photo communications major from Dallas, is on her third major. Her first major was studio art.

"I didn't like the classes I was taking," she said.

Her second major was advertising. She said she liked her introduction to advertising course, but it made her realize she did not want to do advertising after college.

Now she is in her senior year and might be graduating later than anticipated, but said she enjoys her major and will stick with it.

"I think it's good to get a feel for more than one school and find out where you fit the best," she said.

It is realistic and normal to change majors, said Stacey Moore, staff psychologist and coordinator for the career services and outreach services for the Student Counseling Center. In the workplace people change careers up to six times.

"A lot of students don't know a lot about the workplace when they come to college," she said.

Coming to college with little perspective combined with the pressure to make a decision about a major can be overwhelming for a student, she said.

"None of us come in knowing enough information to make a decision," she said.

The best thing a student unsure about his or her major is to go undecided until the student has explored several options, Moore said.

To find the best major, get involved on campus and take on leadership positions, she said.

Even though Hieu Vo, a senior

marketing major from Andrews, is graduating in May, she said she is not sure she wants to go into business. After declaring her major undecided, she became a marketing major because the business field offers more opportunities and because it is what her parents want her to do, she said.

"I don't see myself doing this in the future; business is boring," she said.

She wants to be a school teacher but her parents put too much pressure on her to get a degree in a field that would make more than a school teacher salary, she said.

"I hate my classes," she said. "I've gone this far. I can't quit now."

Now that Vo is in her senior year, she said she is finally realizing she wants to go ahead and get her teacher's certification. But she will have to attend school for another year.

Jay Killough, associate director for the Career Center, said one of the worst things students can do if they hate their major is to stick with it just so they can graduate.

"It's OK to change your major, you might be doing the job for the next few years," he said.

Students can get career counseling at the Student Counseling Center, talk to advisers, or go to the Career Center, he said.

There also are career tests students can take through the Career Center to help students find what they are good at and suggest possible majors and careers, he said.

Students should do some career exploring and find a major that interests them, he said.

"If you're going to spend all this money, major in something you like instead of struggling through a major," he said.

For more information on the Career Center, call 806-742-2210. For more information on the Student Counseling Center, call 806-742-3674.

'Underworld' nothing new underneath

The movie "Underworld" is one of those movies that is fun to watch but is easily forgettable after a good night's sleep. It is forgettable, because we have seen this stuff before. This "vampires versus werewolves action extravaganza" has the look of "The Matrix" and the feel of "Blade", which is a mixture that already yielded "Blade 2."

As the film opens, a vampire "death dealer" named Selene (Kate Beckinsale, "Serendipity" and "Pearl Harbor") is perched on the ledge of a building and tells us through narration that a violent war between vampires and werewolves (or lycans as they are called) has been going on for centuries. Selene, with a leather outfit painted onto her curved body (watch out, Carrie Anne Moss) tells us that it is her job to exterminate as many of the werewolves as possible. With that she leaps off of the ledge and ends up in a subway where the film's first of many shootouts takes place.

Yes, you guessed it-the vampires all wear black leather and kill werewolves with automatic weapons. Sounds familiar, right?

The movie, which takes place in New York City, a city of seemingly eternal darkness, has both the vampires and werewolves living under ground. The vampires live somewhat of a Eurocentric lifestyle-lounging around drinking wine glasses of blood in their fortress under ground. The werewolves on the other hand are merely beasts that roam the under-

James Eppler



The movie, which takes place in New York City, a city of seemingly eternal darkness, has both the vampires and werewolves living under ground.

ground looking for vampires to kill.

That is, until the werewolves begin hunting a human, which is unheard of. Selene discovers that the werewolves are after a human named Michael (Scott Speedman), a medical intern. Selene sets out to save Michael, only after he has been bitten by a werewolf and begins turning into one of them.

But Selene soon finds herself falling in love with Michael, which is problematic since her job is to kill his kind.

Selene is also having trouble with Kraven (Shane Brolly), a fellow vampire who is challenging her for the

position of the head of the vampires. Selene suspects, however, that Kraven is in league with the werewolves.

Meanwhile, the vampires' former leader, Viktor (Bill Nighly), has been hibernating for a couple 100 years, and still has another 100 left to sleep. Burdened by all of the trouble with Kraven, Micheal, and the werewolves, Selene decides to rouse Viktor, her mentor, from his sleep 100 years early for his advice.

Viktor, like most of us, is not a morning person (or vampire), and hates being woken up early.

Viktor, before he can become active again, goes through a long physical transformation in one of the film's better special effects. He is not happy with Selene's love for a wolf.

Things get ugly.

In effect, "Underworld" plays like a gothic love story or a monstrous version of "West Side Story." But you will not hear numbers like "When you're a Wolf, you're a Wolf all the way."

Instead, you will get an endless amount of blood and gore, which is bound to please the action fans in the audience. The movie's also got some great set design going for it, along with booming sound that begs to be played loudly.

Admittedly, the movie is fun for the most part. Beckinsale is the main draw here with sultry action perfor-

mance that puts Laura Croft to shame. She makes this film worth watching.

There are many things that do not work, though, namely Shane Brolly, whose accent goes in and out like he's got a bad case of Kevin Costner syndrome. His performance is needlessly way over the top, making his character seem like more of a cartoon. The film's resolution is also a little silly, (namely a character who turns into what looks like fierce member of The Blue Man Group).

But there is plenty of room here for a sequel.

EPPLER'S RATING:



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Red Raiders look to get over final hump and win first conference crown

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter
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Take a look at the powerhouse football conferences and it may be hard to determine which is the best. There's the South East Conference, Big Ten, Atlantic Coast Conference, Big East, Pacific Athletic Conference 10 and the Big 12 Conference.

But the coaching staff at Texas Tech believes the Big 12 is hands down the best conference in the nation.

"I think it's the most competitive conference in the nation week in, week out, both North and South," said defensive tackles and special teams coach Ruffin McNeill. "There are very, very good teams in both divisions, and we take pride in the Big 12, and we take pride in representing the Big 12 both in the conference and out of conference."

The Red Raiders have something to be proud of in their conference. Last season eight teams went to bowl games, including a BCS bid for Oklahoma. Tech traveled to Orlando for the Tangerine Bowl and left the city of magic with a 55-15 victory over Clemson.

Knowing there are so many top teams in the conference the Raiders have to prepare themselves well every year. They did it this year with a stout non-conference schedule with North Carolina State and Ole Miss on the road. Playing a strong non-conference schedule is something McNeill said gets Tech ready for the daily grind of Big 12 Conference play.

"Unlike most teams in our conference we get a pretty good non-conference schedule," he said. "You go into Ole Miss and NC-State those are pretty tough out of conference opponents. That prepares you for what you're going to see in the Big 12 as far as fan base. North Carolina State had a hostile crowd; Ole Miss will have a hostile crowd."

McNeill said the conference could benefit from every team slating such a challenging non-conference schedule, but "to each his own."

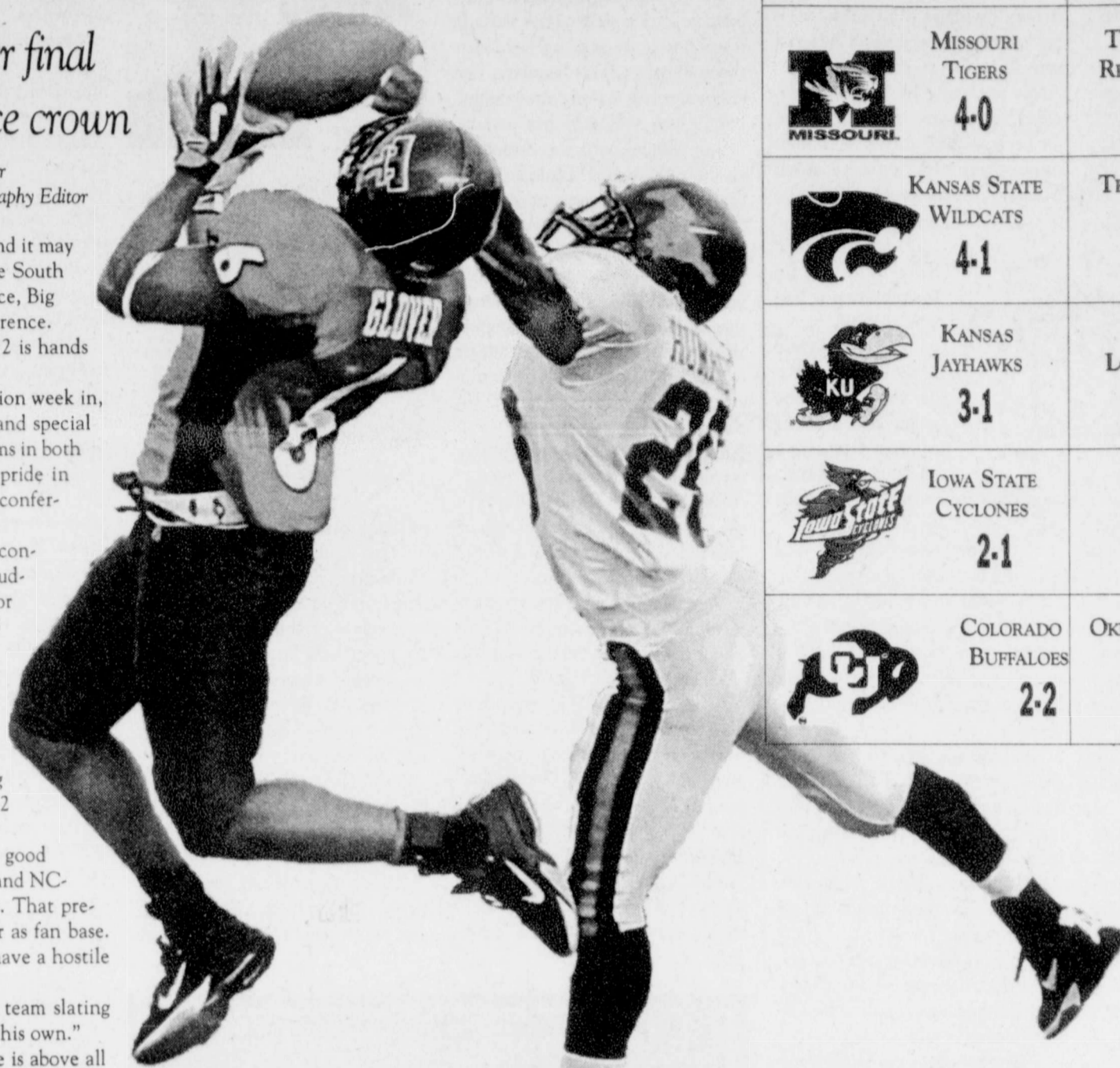
Head coach Mike Leach believes the Big 12 Conference is above all the rest as well, and he said it's because of how the Big 12 came into being.

"When you combine two big conferences, when you combine the Big Eight and the Southwest Conference, you end up with an even better one," he said. "So I think it's tougher than both the Big Eight or Southwest Conference was before because you took the best of both conferences and put it together."

Preparing to play such tough competition might be on someone's mind the entire season, but Leach's philosophy is to take it one game at a time, and his motto is "Win one game a week." So, the rivalry match to open conference play Oct. 4 against Texas A&M is not on his mind yet.

"We're not looking at it yet," he said. "We've got Ole Miss coming up. So, that will start on Sunday."

Leach knows once October rolls around the competition will be getting stiffer because a conference title is on the line, and he also knows to be afraid of the little guy, too.



"I think the top teams are always tough, and you fight your way through it," he said. "And I think the bottom teams are getting better."

McNeill said he enjoys coaching in the Big 12. He would not want to be anywhere else right now, and he credits a lot of that to how much of a fight it will be to get to the Big 12 Championship game in Kansas City, Mo., this year.

"I love the Big 12," he said. "That's one of the reasons that brought me here when coach Leach got the job, personally. One: for working with coach Leach. And the second was the competitiveness of the Big 12. Every week you got to bring your A game as a coach, and you've got

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to bring your A game as a player. That type of competition was one of the reasons I came to Tech, and I love it here at Tech."

Last season the Raiders were the Kings of Texas by defeating all the Big 12 teams from the Lone Star State. McNeill said that would be nice again this year, because it fits into the game plan.

"That's our goal. If they're part of that one game a week, that's our goal," he said.

Tech enters its fourth game of the season ranked third in the conference in scoring offense with the No. 1 passing offense in the nation. Defenses of the Big 12 should be on the lookout when the Red Raiders come up on their schedule.

The No. 2 offense in the nation opens Big 12 play at home against Texas A&M in what has become a heated rivalry over the last four years. Tech has won the last three games in this series.

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Texas seeks answers

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter



The Texas Longhorn sighed in relief when wide receiver Roy Williams announced he would be returning for his senior season. He has a national title on his mind, and he couldn't get it by entering the NFL Draft.

Another question the burnt orange had was who would replace quarterback Chris Simms now that he has graduated and gone to the NFL. The answer to that question is Chance Mock.

Mock will be taking snaps for head coach Mack Brown this season and looking for Williams downfield to put up points for the Longhorns in 2003.

Williams is the nation's No. 3 returning receiver in yards with 2,787 yards.

In the running game for the Longhorns the team has junior running

back Cedric Benson. Benson became only the fifth freshman in UT history to run for 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons, and he did it his first two years there.

Critics may say UT has a soft non-conference schedule with New Mexico State, Rice and Tulane on tap. But Texas also scheduled Arkansas this season, but were beat by the Razorbacks 38-28.

Texas starts Big 12 play against pre-season Big 12 North favorite Kansas State. The Red Raiders will play the Longhorns in Austin Nov. 15.

Woods leads OSU attack

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter



Oklahoma State has the dubious distinction of having already played a game in the Big 12 Conference. The Cowboys lost the season opener to the Nebraska Cornhuskers 17-7.

Senior Heisman Trophy Candidate and wide receiver Rashaun Woods is already turning heads this season. With an NCAA record seven touchdown catches against SMU, Woods is attempting to prove

why he was chosen to the 2002 All-American team.

Passing to Woods is junior Josh Fields, who was the first quarterback in OSU history to throw for more than 3,000 yards in a season last year.

The Cowboys host the Red Raiders on Oct. 18.

Buffaloes struggle early

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter



Colorado opened the season with a 42-35 victory against Colorado State. Colorado (2-2) in the past had made a routine of losing the first game and rebounding, but this year has gone differently as the Buffaloes followed up the opening day win with a loss to Washington State and a 47-7 loss to Florida State in Tallahassee, Fla.

Colorado defeated UCLA in the second week of the season. Running the ball for the Buffs this season is

Bobby Purify, who split duties with now graduated Chris Brown last year. Purify's ankle injury, however, will likely see him sidelined.

Colorado begins Big 12 play on Oct. 4 against Baylor in Waco. The Buffs travel to Lubbock to take on Texas Tech Nov. 1.

New coach revives A&M

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter



After a mediocre season by Aggie standards, Texas A&M has a new head coach and is attempting to improve. The Aggies got Dennis Franchione to leave the Crimson Tide behind in Alabama and move to College Station.

Franchione may have one of the toughest critics in Aggieland. The 2002 campaign brought Aggie fans two wins out of six games. It was the Aggies' first losing record at home since 1983. Overall it was the first non-winning season for Texas A&M since 1996.

The Aggies have started the sea-

son off 2-1 with their loss coming against No. 5 Virginia Tech on the road. On their schedule at home this year are Big 12 North and South 2002 last place finishers Baylor and Kansas. This week A&M plays Pittsburgh at home.

The Aggies come into Lubbock on Oct. 4 to open conference play against the Texas Tech Red Raiders in a remodeled Jones SBC Stadium.

ISU seniors lead Cyclones

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter



Three of Iowa State's top senior players were originally walk-ons when they began their careers at Iowa State. Receivers Jack Whitver and Lane Danielsen and defensive tackle Jordan Carstens did not receive scholarships or recruiting to come and play, but have shown their potential as starters for the Iowa State program.

Senior defensive back JaMaine Billups poses a threat for his opponents gathering 24 tackles. Linebacker Brandon

Brown leads the defense with 26 tackles.

Iowa State opens Big 12 play at home against Oklahoma at 6 p.m. Oct. 4, and will travel to Lubbock to face Texas Tech at 6 p.m. Oct. 11.

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the second half right now. As you can see, in the first half we played well... We just have to figure out a way to play like that for four quarters."

Defensive end Adell Duckett agrees. "You really can't say (what hap-

pened in the second half)," he said. "It's just that on defense you got to put 60 minutes together, and I don't think we've done that yet."

Duckett challenges will be met. "We are young, but I think we're just getting better," he said. "And playing on the road, you just gotta learn to deal with what you got and just become mentally tougher to fight through the second 30 minutes."

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Sooners eyeing title

By David Wiechmann/
Staff Reporter

The No. 1 ranked Oklahoma Sooners enter this season with high expectations. Head coach Bob Stoops enters his fifth season as coach, in search of his second national title. The Sooners boast one of the nation's best defenses and an offense that will be looking to put up plenty of points.

Offensively, Oklahoma is led by senior Jason White at quarterback. White was pegged as the starter for the past two seasons but a torn ACL in the second start of each season sidelined him. Now healthy, the Sooners hope White's experience, size and strong arm can lead the offense.

The task of replacing 1,800-yard rusher Quentin Griffin falls



to sophomore Kejuan Jones and junior Renaldo Works. Last season Jones rushed for more than 600 yards and scored 14 touchdowns behind Griffin.

Returning at the wide receiver position, juniors Will Peoples, Mark Clayton and Brandon Jones will be White's primary targets this season.

On defense, the Sooners are short only two starters from last year's roster.

Junior Jonathan Jackson will attempt to harass opposing offenses from his defensive end spot. Anchoring the middle is junior defensive tackle Tommie Harris, who enters this season

after sitting out past of last year with a groin injury.

A solid linebacking corps is highlighted by senior Teddy Lehman, who is on the Butkus Award watch list this season.

In the secondary, senior free safety Brandon Everage and senior cornerback Derrick Strait return for their third season starting in Oklahoma's defensive backfield.

The Sooners have opened up this season with a 4-0 start, winning against North Texas, Alabama, Fresno State and UCLA. Oklahoma has a bye week this Saturday and then begins Big 12 Conference play Oct. 4 against Iowa State in Ames, Iowa. Oklahoma squares off against the Red Raiders Nov. 22 in Lubbock.

Wildcats waiting for Roberson to return

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

Now ranked No. 16 after its 27-20 loss to Marshall Saturday, the Kansas State Wildcats are still expecting big things this season. The Wildcats are 4-1 on the season.

Head coach Bill Snyder enters his 14th season as the Wildcats' head coach. This season is not without hardship as Heisman Trophy Candidate Eli Roberson was injured in a game three weeks ago, but is expected to be healthy enough to play in Kansas State's Big 12 Conference opener Oct. 4 against the Texas Longhorns.

Behind Roberson, the Wildcats boast

a solid running back in Darren Sproles, who was a pre-season All-Big 12 Conference team selection.

Among Roberson's throwing targets is freshman wide receiver Jermaine Moreira, who has earned the No. 1 position on the depth chart.

Defensively, the Wildcats are anchored by senior linebacker Josh Buhl who has 46 tackles so far this far. Prior to the season's start, the Wildcats were looking to earn the distinction of the best defense in the Big 12, but have given up more points per game than last season.

Kansas State does not play Texas Tech this year.



Nebraska relying on defense to win

By Kyle Clark/Sports Editor

The Nebraska Cornhusker football team entered its 2003 season looking to broaden its offensive horizons by passing the ball more often.

Four games into its 2003 season Nebraska is averaging 293 yards rushing per game this season, which ranks No. 3 nationally. Its defense is allowing 208 yards per game, which is first nationally.

The Cornhusker offensive attack is led by Senior quarterback Jammal Lord, who led Nebraska in rushing last season and set the Nebraska record for rushing yards by a quarterback in a single season in 2002. He is joined by senior running back Josh Davis, who jumped from third-string on the 2002 depth chart to first-string this season.

Defensively Nebraska is spearheaded by its linebackers Barrett Ruud and Demorrio Williams. Ruud leads the team in tackles with 25 and has recovered two fumbles this season. Williams has 22 tackles this season and leads the team in sacks with three.

The Cornhuskers begin conference play Oct. 11 against the Missouri Tigers in Columbia, Mo.



Jayhawks begin conference play

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

With a 2-1 start to the 2003 season, the Kansas Jayhawks begin Big 12 Conference play against Missouri Saturday.

Senior quarterback Bill Whittemore has taken to the air with more than 1,000 yards and 10 touchdowns. The Jayhawk offense is averaging 304 yards passing per game.

In the backfield, sophomore running back Clark Green has 374 yards and one touchdown.

With a young defense, both sophomore linebackers Gabriel Toomey and Brando Perkins lead the team in tackles and sacks, respectively.

Kansas begins Big 12 Conference play at home on Saturday against Missouri.



Tigers riding arm of Smith

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

After finishing last season at 5-7, the Missouri Tigers are showing more potential starting the season at 4-0 going into Big 12 competition.

Leading the Tigers is sophomore quarterback Brad Smith who is returning for his second season, after starting all 12 games last year.

During his freshman campaign, Smith was ranked second in the Big 12 in total offense with 280 yards per game. Since the beginning of the season, he has racked up a 71 percent completion rate with 642 yards passing.

Three-year starter, Zack Abnon, has been in the backfield for the Tigers. He has 368 yards rushing with six touchdowns.

Junior Thomson Omboga has 19 receptions for 209 yards this season.

Red-shirted freshman Brian Smith is a threat on Missouri's defensive line, picking up six sacks. Both linebackers, senior Brandon Barnes and junior James Kinney, have 40 tackles each.

The Tigers open up Big 12 play against the Kansas Jayhawks on Saturday. Missouri Tech will play in Columbia, Missouri on Oct. 25.



Baylor Bears off to best record in three years

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

After being under the ranks of head coach Kevin Steele for four years, the Baylor Bears have a new man in the control seat. Guy Morriss has led the Bears to a 2-2 start, its best since 2001.

Junior quarterback Aaron Karas started 10 games last season and set

the school record for career completion rate of .612 and a .598 for a single-season record.

In four games Karas has completed more than 50 percent of his passes with four touchdowns and 630 yards.

Junior receiver John Martin and senior running back Rashad Armstrong are Karas's favorite targets, giving them more than 100 yards receiving each. Armstrong has five catches for 108 yards. Martin has 12 catches for 139 yards.

Armstrong has picked up three touchdowns and 423 yards.

Senior linebacker John Garrett leads the defense in sacks. Sophomore defensive back Maurice Lane has 35 tackles for the Bears.

The Bears begin conference play against Colorado at Waco on Oct. 4. Baylor will face Texas Tech on their homecoming Nov. 8.



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Big 12 play begins for Red Raider soccer

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech coach Felix Oskam understands soccer minds think the Red Raiders have no chance to win the two games slated this weekend. But that is why sports created the underdog role. All Tech has to do is complete that role with an upset when it faces Oklahoma State today and Kansas on Sunday. But that is easier said than done.

"We have to keep fighting and have confidence in our abilities," Oskam said. "There are no easy games in the Big 12 Conference and we realize that."

Oklahoma State is currently un-

defeated, with a record of 8-0, while Kansas has improved from last year, reaching eight victories already compared to a total of 11 games all last season.

Oskam said the team has been focusing on OSU all week to find a way to make up for what Tech lacks.

"OSU is a very athletic team," he

said. "They have a lot of speed, which is one thing we have little of." In the past seasons, Tech has always been able to play and keep up with the Kansas team. Oskam said this season is no different but because of the popularity they have gained from their eight victories, Kansas will be looking to

down Tech.

"They have played very well in the past games," he said. "Kansas is always a tough opponent and they have now received some votes for being in the top 25 for women's soccer."

Even though Kansas did not get into the Top 25, sophomore forward Kim Warren said the Jayhawks as well as OSU always present challenges for Tech.

"They are real tough opponents," she said. "And just because they have eight or nine wins, they think they're unbeatable but we are all looking forward to playing them after winning against Texas State."

Veteran player Catie Arsenault said she recalled how Kansas barely beat Tech last season.

"Kansas won the game in the last 47 seconds when we let one goal slip past us," the senior forward said. "This year, we have to take it to them and we will after coming off a good victory."

Sophomore midfielder Karen Stephens said playing both OSU and Kansas in the past will have an effect on the outcomes of the games.

"We know how to play both of the teams and we know what to expect from them," she said. "We all feel well about it and we have to go in there to start of conference right."

Confidence is overwhelming Tech's players after a 3-1 victory against Texas State but Oskam said this weekend is crucial to the success of the team for the rest of the season.

"Out of the two games this weekend, we at least have to get one victory," he said. "We have a great opportunity to upset two very good teams. We just have to get the job done."

Tech will travel to Stillwater, Okla. and play Oklahoma State at 7 p.m. Friday. The Red Raiders return home to R.P. Fuller Stadium Sunday to host Kansas at 1 p.m. in their first home game since Aug. 29.



Volleyball team still waiting to find Big 12 play win column

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

Though four consecutive losses were not part of Texas Tech volleyball's plan, the Red Raiders are not biting their fingernails yet.

Wednesday the Raiders (8-4 overall, 0-3 Big 12 Conference) traveled to Missouri, losing in three games, 30-13, 30-26, 30-22. Now the Raiders travel north again, this time to take on the No. 7 ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Junior libero Jessy Herrera said the first game versus Missouri was a sign of a lack of team cohesion.

"It was a blur," she said. "We didn't perform the way we were supposed to. It almost seemed like no matter how hard we tried we

couldn't get anything right. It's just one of those days."

A recurring theme in games two and three was mistakes towards the end of the game. Herrera said the Raiders would do well if volleyball games only went to 20 points.

"We did really well all the way until 20," she said. "It was like we couldn't get those last 10 points. We were definitely there with them. They're a really good team, but they're beatable. If we could take of those points between 20 and 30, I think the outcome would have been a lot different."

Head coach Nancy Todd said the Raiders did not get tired. They just could not finish the match.

"It's not the gas," she said. "It's

being able to finish what they started and play to 30. We play great to 20."

Tech is going to travel to Nebraska this Saturday for the second game without senior outside hitter Angela Mooney, who had knee surgery to repair a torn meniscus and could be out for two to eight weeks. Among the players who have to step it up in Mooney's absence is sophomore outside hitter Bre Pursley, whose 12 kills led the Raiders against Missouri. Pursley said Mooney's absence was a loss of leadership.

"Because of the senior leadership," she said. "We have a lot real young players, all of us basically are. We missed her out there."

Nebraska is not going to be any easier, but Pursley said she cannot be concerned with what the opponents are doing.

"I'm not really thinking about the people on the other side of the net," she said. "I know they're going to be good. For myself, I have to go out there and just do it and not be concerned about the 6'4" blocker. She's only 6'4", it's no biggy."

Among the Raiders facing the tall players in the middle is sophomore middle blocker Jessica Watson. Watson is 6'1".

"I used to think I was tall until I started playing in the Big 12," she said.

The Raiders have continued to improve over the course of the sea-

son, Watson said. Though the wins have not been readily available as of late, team unity is growing.

"Even though we're always looking for a win, we're still growing together as a team," she said. "That's just as important."

Despite the four consecutive losses, Pursley said she is not worried yet.

"Just a little bad luck for a couple of games, but we'll bounce back," she said.

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