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Free speech petition gathers signatures

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

The Students for Free Speech passed out petitions in the Stangel/Murdough dining hall Monday in an effort to challenge Texas Tech free speech policies.

Tech students and visitors from University Day crowded the Market dining hall at 1 p.m. as about nine members of the organization recruited people to sign petitions addressed to President Jon Whitmore.

"We are collecting them all and are going to find a unique way to turn them in," said Sean Boyle, a junior sociology major from Keller and member of the Students for Free Speech.

The organization has about 15 active members and works with other organizations such as Students for Social Justice, Boyle said.

After three weeks of passing out petitions, the organization collected more than 700 signatures, said Beth

Robinson, a senior human development and family studies major from Birmingham.

"We are trying to show that it is not just a few students," she said. "We want a free speech campus."

Six free speech zones are not acceptable for the more than 27,000 Tech students, Robinson said.

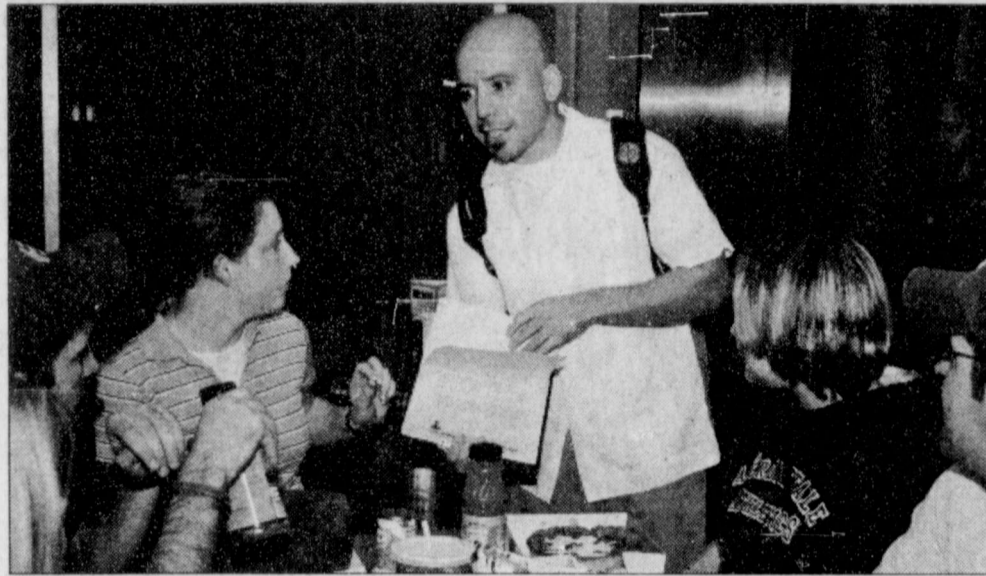
Boyle agreed that even though Tech expanded its number of forum areas to six, these areas are not appropriate.

"The free speech zones are in low traffic areas," he said. "It's an inconvenient way to get the information out. It is more productive to break the rules and stand where the people are."

There were mixed emotions among the Tech students present.

Taylor Hood, a freshman business major from Fort Worth, said because Tech had not been a free speech cam-

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BRIAN ROA,
A graduate philosophy major from Lubbock, passes around a petition regarding Tech's free speech policy Monday morning at Stangel/Murdough Market.

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RIPE RESEARCH



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ASHLEY BASINGER, A second year graduate student in horticulture from South Land, extracts grape sap to indicate presence of hormone ABA.

Students needed to take kids to Tech football game

By Jennifer Prieto/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech students will have the opportunity to take a child from the Lubbock community to the Tech versus Colorado game Nov. 1 through the Take A Kid to the Game program.

Tech students will have a chance to participate in a Tech tradition that has been part of the university for 11 years. In the past years, Tech students have gotten the chance to spend time and have fun with a child at a Red Raider football game.

Colton Batchelor, Student Government Association external vice president, said their goal is to take 1,000 children to the game, so they need about 1,000 Tech students to volunteer.

"I've been a participant and coordinator for this program before, and it was an awesome time," he said. "You get to hang out with a kid and do great community service. It is a win-win situation."

Batchelor said the children participating in this program will be fourth-through sixth-grade students in Lubbock. There will be about 400 children from the different local churches and about 600 children from the Lubbock Independent School District elementary and junior high schools and other organizations.

"This is a great opportunity to bring the community and Tech students together," he said. "It gives children the chance to spend time with a Tech

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FILE PHOTO/The University Daily
KIM DODSON, A sophomore HDFs major from Allen holds Princess Hont at last year's Take A Kid to the game in Jones SBC Stadium.

Redistricting map sent to Perry's desk

By Natalie Gott/Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — It took six months and three special legislative sessions but lawmakers finally have signed off on a new congressional redistricting map that likely will send more Texas Republicans to Washington.

The Texas Senate approved the bill Sunday, sending it to Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who is expected to sign it.

Republicans have said that under the map they could pick up as many as six additional seats in the Texas' 32-member congressional delegation that is ruled 17-15 by Democrats. Democrats said the map would add seven Republicans.

The GOP, led by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, had been trying for months to pass a new redistricting plan, saying recent voting trends showed the state should have more Republicans representation.

After the vote Sunday, Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said a congressional redistricting map had finally been created that reflects the voting trends of the state.

"I think this map will lend, will create, new members of Congress being elected in the 2004 elections," Dewhurst said.

Democrats opposed the redistricting effort, arguing that the congressional boundaries drawn by a court

after the Legislature failed to do it in 2001 should be left intact and that redistricting proposals hurt minority voters.

Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, said the map was crafted with one objective in mind and "that was to increase the maximum number of Republican congressmen and women in the state of Texas."

"In doing so, it ripped apart communities of interest, it tore at the heart of rural Texas and it violated the voting rights millions of African-Americans and Hispanics," Van de Putte said.

Dewhurst said the map will "elect more minority members to Congress."

Republicans acknowledge that more Texas GOP seats would come largely at the expense of white Democrats.

Although the bill was approved, Democrats twice held up the redistricting effort by staging boycotts of the Legislature.

House Democrats broke a quorum in their chamber, killing the redistricting effort, when they fled to Ardmore, Okla., in May. Senate Democrats held their own quorum bust when they fled to Albuquerque, N.M., for the full second special legislative session.

The Senate Democrats came back reluctantly after one member of

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Science funds low for startup packages

MONEY PROBLEMS: Science department may have trouble competing for new faculty.

By Adam Boedeker/Staff Reporter

With the recent increase in tuition aimed at hiring new faculty, Texas Tech will be looking to bolster its faculty numbers in the near future.

However, hiring new faculty members for the science departments could be a problem if there is not enough money for competitive startup packages for new professors.

Provost William Marcy said the university has a serious lack of funds for startup packages for science and engineering faculty.

"The most we would be able to offer an individual would be \$100,000, and that would be for only one person," he said. "The problem with startups is finding a new source of funding to specifically address startup packages. It's something we'll have to work on, and it may require some creative thinking to do that."

The main focus for startup packages goes to the hard sciences such as chemistry and biology. These packages are used to set up incoming faculty with the needed laboratory equipment, Jane Winer, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said.

"Anthropology, mass communications and psychology need minimal startups," she said. "On occasion, they may need more than a computer and a printer. Sometimes health and exercise and sports sciences need as much as hard science. For example, if they're studying how people's bones and muscles react to stress, they'll need monitors and scanners to measure that."

Winer said the average startup packages have changed in amount and time available to spend the money.

"Over the past decade it hasn't been at all unusual for science faculty members to be committed to \$150,000 to \$300,000 over three years, which used to be the time set forth," she said.

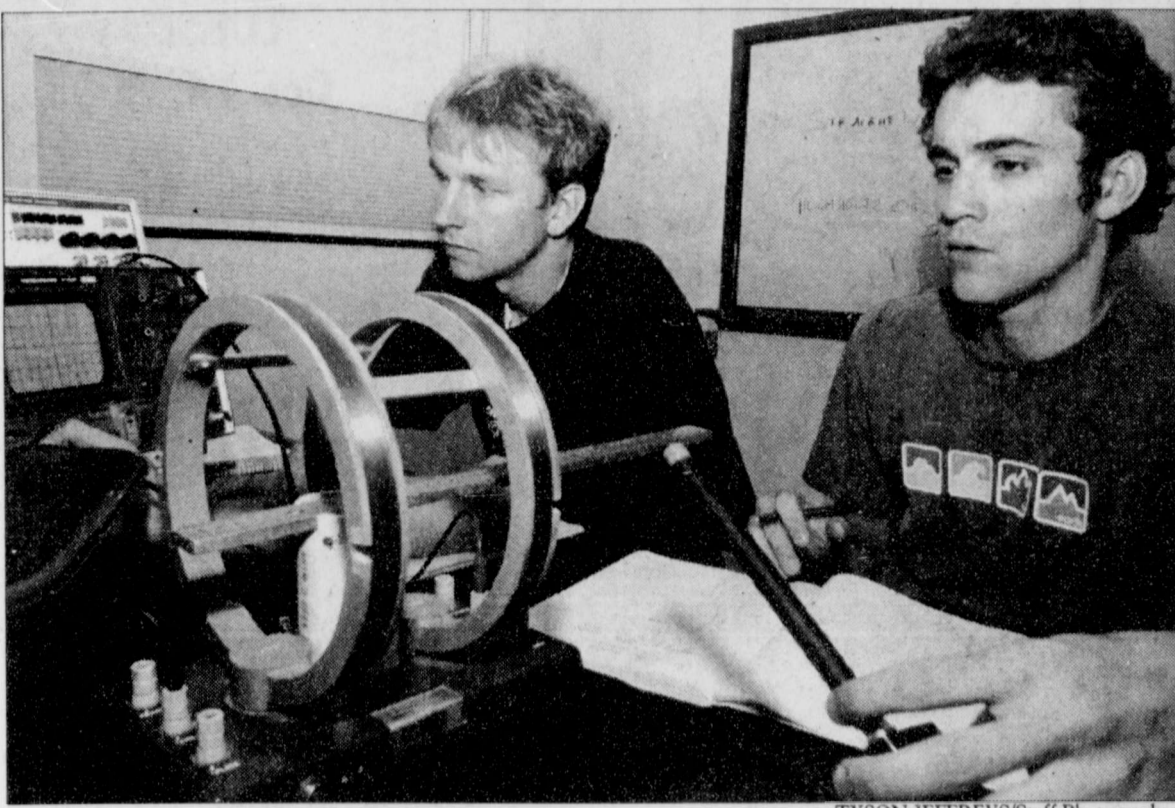
The reason money cannot be allocated over three years is because the money for startup packages comes from Higher Education Assistance Funds, which ends in Fiscal Year 2005, Winer said.

"If we don't spend existing HEAF funds by the end of FY '05, it will be lost," she said. "It can't be continued."

Winer said this new situation has

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MEASURING MAGNETS



CHAD LARSH, A junior electrical engineering major from Tyler, and Padriac Fowler, a junior geophysics major from Lubbock, take measurements of an electromagnet during a physics lab Monday afternoon.

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Baylor stops bringing live bear to games

WACO (AP) — Baylor University has changed a decades-old practice of having a live mascot, a black bear, at home football games after veterinarians said crowd noise could agitate the animal.

The decision follows a protest that began last year by members of Chicago-based Showing Animals Respect and Kindness, or SHARK, who claimed the bears were driven into a state of psychosis because they were kept in a mostly concrete environment.

The facility on the Waco campus houses two female North American black bears: Joy, almost 2 years old, and Lady, almost 3.

School officials denied that the bears were being harmed and cited satisfactory inspections by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

But the school plans to start an \$800,000 fund-raising drive this fall to upgrade the facility built in 1976, said Larry Brumley, a Baylor spokesman. The "bear pit" will extend along Waco Creek with trees and more grass.

It's not the first time changes have been made in the bear program, which is more than 70 years old. In recent years, trainers stopped feeding the bears Dr Pepper when veterinarians advised against it. Dr Pepper was created in Waco in 1885 and is the official Baylor soft drink.

Colleen Gardner, a SHARK member from Salt Lake City, praised Baylor's recent actions.

Church bus rams tractor-trailer, kills 8

TALLULAH, La. (AP) — A church bus taking senior citizens on a tour of historical sites slammed into the shoulder of a highway Monday, killing eight people and injuring seven others, state police said.

The bus driver survived the wreck and told investigators he fell asleep at the wheel before crashing into the truck, authorities said. Someone on the bus yelled, awakening him just before impact, said Trooper Julie Lewis.

Fifteen people were on the bus when it crashed around 11 a.m. on Interstate 20 in northeastern Louisiana. The truck driver, who had pulled onto the shoulder to check his brakes, suffered minor head and neck injuries.

Thirteen passengers and two drivers were headed toward Vicksburg, Miss., on the second day of what was to have been a 16-day trip sponsored by their Baptist church in Texas, state police trooper Julie Lewis said.

The "senior ambassador tour" was to include visits to a Mercedes-Benz factory in Alabama, the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville and the Civil War battlefield in Gettysburg, Pa. Lewis said each passenger paid \$960 for the trip, sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Eldorado, a town of about 2,000 people some 160 miles northwest of San Antonio.

Lewis said the injured were taken to several hospitals in Mississippi and Louisiana, and at least one was injured critically. The bus driver, Kenneth J. Thomas, 66, of Eldorado, suffered moderate injuries.

Identities of the passengers were being withheld while families were notified.

Carolyn Mayo, Eldorado city secretary, said the senior citizens on the bus included retired teachers and a retired nurse.

"This is a real active group — they have lots and lots of active members," said Mayo.

Mayo added that the church group usually takes about two trips each year.

Planes scour jungles to protect U.S. trainers

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The U.S. military has deployed surveillance planes to scour jungles in the Philippines for al-Qaida-linked guerrillas posing a threat to American counterterrorism trainers, officials told The Associated Press on Monday.

The heightened security comes ahead of a visit Saturday by President Bush and after the Philippines scored a victory in the war on terrorism by killing one of the most wanted terrorist suspects in Asia, a top bombmaker for the regional group Jemaah Islamiyah.

Praise rolled in Monday from U.S., Australian and Singapore officials for the shootout that ended a manhunt for the escaped Jemaah Islamiyah operative.

Fathur Roman Al-Ghozi, who slipped out of the main Philippine police headquarters three months ago with two other terror suspects, was hit Sunday by five bullets after he and a companion opened fire on troops and police trying to flag down their vehicle.

"It's a step forward in terms of getting terrorist organizations in Southeast Asia under control," Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio. "It's a help, because Al-Ghozi is one of the masterminds of terrorist attacks."

Downer cautioned: "I don't ever want to say the risk is gone. The risk is there."

The threat is underscored by the schedule for Bush's visit to Asia. Focused on the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Thailand, the president's itinerary includes stops in the Philippines and Indonesia that will last only a few hours to cut security risks.

The United States has been working closely with Manila on modernizing the 113,000-member Philippine military, whose air force consists of about 30 Vietnam War-era Huey helicopters and other aging aircraft.

Orion P3 spy planes, at least two of which are stationed at a central Philippine air base, started surveillance flights over the southern island of Mindanao two weeks ago as part of a stronger security shield for U.S. counterterrorism trainers there.

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Area farmers may benefit from rising prices

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter

Farmers in the region may be able to use the record cattle market to pay off debts and create a better foundation for business in the future.

Earlier this month, feedlots in Texas and neighboring states reported that packers paid as much as \$90 per 100 pounds of cattle. The price is an increase by \$3 to \$4 from previous weeks, surpassing previous records by \$2 to \$3. Cattle traders and market analysts predict new records in the coming future, according to Reuters.

Chance Brooks, assistant professor of meat science, said the cattle market and meat lab at Texas Tech have usually broken even in sales because the meat industry does not turn over great profits. "Meat is a low margin business. It is

a big industry, but the profits are low," he said. "This is a great time for the producers. They are seeing the prices they wanted. The meat prices have gone up, the demand has increased and the consumer still gets a good product."

One of the main reasons the cattle price has increased is because the American-Canadian border has been closed since last spring, said Mark Miller, professor of meat science. Canada is having a problem with mad cow disease.

Although the country is fixing the problem, no live animals have been sent across the border for processing, Jay Johnson, a professor of animal science, said.

"Some boxed meat has come from Canada, but no live animals have come across. After the first of the year or later that might change, but the demand for

beef is still good in the market," Johnson said.

Brooks said producers and farmers in North and South Dakota and Washington normally send their cattle to plants in Canada. However, because of the situation, once the cattle are sent to Canada they could not be shipped back.

"It costs too much to send the cattle from the Dakotas and Washington south, so they would send the cattle to the Canadian plants. Now, they aren't able to do that," Brooks said. "The decrease in the supply caused the increase in prices."

The decrease in the supply from Canada caused a larger demand for cattle in the United States. Brooks said if the Canadian border stays closed, then it could cause a better situation for cattle producers in the United States.

"The increase in demand made the prices increase. If the border stays closed, the prices will increase again in the spring," he said.

Normally, the prices increase in the spring and continue into the summer. By September, there is a national decline in prices because of weather and a decrease in outdoor grilling. However, this theory may not hold true for the cattle market this winter, Brooks said.

"There is always a natural cutback for this time of the year. It is a cutback in production. Instead of working six days of the week, they will work five days," he said. "The high prices will hold through the winter because of the steady demand."

Johnson said the market should have a good affect on farmers if they have cattle to sell. On the other hand, the

market is venturing out into uncharted territory.

"I've been talking with friends who are active in the market and they said, in their lifetime, there has never been a market like this," Johnson said.

Although there are some in the market who are unsure where the market may go, many big companies in the industry expect a strong finish to the year, Johnson said.

"Big companies are expecting the market to stay strong in the winter," he said. "I don't think anybody knows where it's going."

The uncertainty has caused the cattle market to become a risky business. Johnson said people are split between being scared in the market or trying their luck.

"The market has some scared. They

don't want to take the risk, so they lease out their pasture. Some will try and it could go either way," he said.

For those who are successful, it will give them an opportunity to make some money, Johnson said.

"There is an opportunity to lock in on a profit. Mentality wise, the market is being good to the psyche of the farmers," he said.

The possibility of prices increasing again in the spring is real, but certain situations could cause the market to turn. Johnson said the rainfall will need to stay steady during the winter to keep the wheat good for the cattle. If winter is harsh, the market could see a jump. Most importantly, if the Canadian border stays closed throughout the winter, then the American market in the spring could be good for cattle farmers.

HSC gets new VP of academic affairs

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

On Friday Dr. M. Roy Wilson, president of Texas Tech's Health Sciences Center, appointed Dr. Roderick Nairn to fill the joint position of executive vice president for academic affairs and dean of the graduate school of biomedical sciences.

Nairn will officially begin Jan. 1. Wilson said he chose Nairn for the job because he worked with him before in a similar capacity at Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, Neb. He hopes the same success will be transferred to Tech.

"He is a very energetic person with lots of skills in dealing with academic development," he said. "And with my academic focus, he is really the perfect fit."

Elmo Cavin, vice president of the HSC, said Nairn's appointment is important because the position has been vacant for two years.

"We've had positions in the past that had to do with academic affairs," he said. "But the last person in this position left when Dr. Smith became chancellor."

Cavin said the need for someone in this position came out of several factors, such as the rapid expansion of the HSC. There has been a 21.6 percent enrollment increase at HSC.

"In addition to that, our research is starting to grow," he said. "We, in turn, are wanting to enhance the position that is responsible for nurturing those efforts."

Though the number of students at HSC has increased, funds have not. Cavin said this has not kept HSC from striving to achieve their goals of being responsive to health care shortages in Texas.

"At least we didn't cut class size," he said. "We're making attempts to do more with less; part of our mission here

is to graduate health care providers for all the vast distances in West Texas and beyond."

Cavin said unlike Tech's general academic campus, the medical school is not accustomed to such increases.

"Given all of these things wrapped together, the president felt it was important to have someone who was responsible for directing the academic affairs function at the HSC," he said.

Cavin said Nairn will be in charge of research efforts, administration and animal care facilities. Under the academic affairs section, he will make sure everything runs smoothly; as the dean of biomedical sciences, he will be responsible for academic programs.

"He will be responsible for coordinating academic affairs, including interdisciplinary programs between the schools of the HSC," he said.

Alexia Green, dean of the school of nursing, said from an academic standpoint, she believes Nairn will help promote interdisciplinary education between nursing students and physicians in training.

"All of us are being challenged and are trying to improve," she said. "All educational health programs need to focus more on interdisciplinary education to build stronger teams."

Cavin said though Nairn will work closely with the deans at the HSC, they will not

answer to him.

"The deans are still chief academic officers of their respective disciplines," he said. "They report directly to the president."

Dr. Rick Homan, dean of the school of medicine, said he believes Nairn is more than qualified for the job.

"He brings a wealth of experience

in developing academic programs and improving research quality," he said. "We're looking forward to having him join us to help improve research quantity and quality."

Green said none of the schools at the HSC have been doing well in the field of research, but she believes Nairn will be instrumental in helping the HSC improve.

"We capture very limited federal and state dollars," she said. "Our goal is to work with Dr. Nairn to capture research dollars like other prominent schools."

Green said she is confident that Nairn will help HSC get the funding it needs to improve research efforts.

"He has very extensive experience in capturing national funding," she said. "He has a particular interest in working with us to do that."

Cavin said he believes Nairn will be a good addition to the HSC team.

"I feel very positive about the impending arrival of Rod Nairn and very much look forward to a working relationship with him in order to continue to improve the quality of programs at (the HSC)," he said.



Petition

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pus before did not mean it could not try being one.

"There's no reason to not have a free speech campus," he said. "We could try it and see."

Lindsey Jasbring, a freshman undeclared major from Mesquite, said she would like to see the whole campus be a free speech zone.

"I'm all for free speech," Jasbring said. "As long as it's done peacefully, I don't see any problem."

Not everyone agreed.

"There's a place to protest," said Jennifer Sheridan, a sophomore public relations major from Sherman. "It is not in the cafeteria when people are eating."

Other students said they did not agree with the petition at all.

"I don't want people in my face when I'm walking on campus," said Brad Rieger, a sophomore business major from Decatur.

Nick Stanley, a sophomore political science major from Arlington, agreed.

"It's a given right already," he said. "There doesn't need to be a protest all over campus. It's not a peaceful environment."

A lawsuit filed in June by Jason Roberts, a student at the Texas Tech School of Law, against 13 Tech employees, said the university "unlawfully restricts" students' First Amendment rights.

The ruling on this lawsuit is pending, said Victor Mellinger, Tech's associate general counsel.

"Both sides have filed motions for summary judgment to decide who wins," he said. "It is down to the judge to decide."

Elaine Willerton, 27, is a graduate of Tech. As a student, she said she was active in the Students for Social Justice. She said she was in town and jumped at a chance to help the organization.

"Students have been very enthusiastic for the most part," she said. "For the most part students have been eager to help out."

Students for Free Speech wants to collect at least 1,000 signed petitions before presenting them to Whitmore, Willerton said.

About 320 signatures were collected, said Allison Spikes, a junior political science/philosophy major.

Spikes said she moved from Kansas recently and she could see a difference in how Tech approaches some subjects.

"They feel threatened by different opinions," she said. "Everything is very restrictive."

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It's time to be real

In Walden, one of Henry David Thoreau's many classic pieces of literature, he writes, "If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away."

So many of us have lived fraudulent lives for so long that we have forgotten who we are at the root, at our very essence.

In the midst of finding ourselves, we have found an untrue self, and deep within, we know the person we see every morning as we rise is an imposter, perpetrating to be what we are too afraid to become: real.

In our society finding people who are genuinely real is comparable to the purchase of a new car; everything looks superb after the initial examination, but only time will tell how good the motor is.

In fact, if we were real with ourselves, many of us never would have smoked that first cigarette, which has become the habit we cannot break.

Many of us never would have swallowed that first drink, which has led to the cycle of alcoholism we cannot seem to break. Many of us never would have slept with that first person, which has led to that life of promiscuity that we cannot seem to live without.

So, my question today is simple; if in our journey to find self, we found someone else, would we be man or woman enough to change, or would we allow ourselves to get so wrapped up in living a life that is not our own that we successfully convince ourselves that we are "real?"

It is so hard to be who you really are when society and those around you expect you to be the man or woman they first met.

We get so caught up in a vicious cycle of being synthetic and phony that we allow this counterfeit way of life to become who we believe we really are.

Every expression from our smiles to our laughs is insincere; and, if the truth were to be told, there is sadness behind those smiles and unhappiness behind that laughter.

Being real with others as well as with ourselves is a luxury many of us cannot afford. So many of us have become so accustomed to being a different person around different people that neither we nor they know who truly resides behind the façade we portray so well.

Isn't it time we stopped pretending and became people who were real no matter what the cost? We lose friendships because we are fake, and smiling in one's face is as easy for us as slipping the knife in their back.

We lose love interests because saving face is of greater value than saving integrity, and we can't be real and come clean with our own selfish actions.

Yet, most importantly, we lose ourselves at that moment when we chose to compromise being who we truly are for an opportunity to receive notoriety and recognition from those people and things whom we have unconsciously deemed a credible power over our lives.

At the moment we give something or someone the power to define who we are, we have sold our identities for an unjust price. Who we are, at the core, is priceless.

Many of us have sold out. That fraternity or that sorority that once provided you with an unconditional bond now dictates your yes and your no while controlling the very quality of your life.

Daniel White

At the moment we give something or someone the power to define who we are, we have sold our identities for an unjust price. Who we are, at the core, is priceless.

Those friends who once provided you with a community in this big collegiate world now dominate your decisions and govern your judgment.

That boyfriend or girlfriend who once loved you so and compassionately desired to see the best in all things for you, now dictates self-esteem, presides over your negative self-consciousness, and manipulates your level of intimacy.

When do we break this cycle, become real with ourselves, and live lives of freedom?

I like what Lao-tzu said when he stated, "He who is able to conquer others is powerful; he who is able to conquer himself is more powerful."

That person, that organization, those friends seeming to have authority and dominance over your life may be powerful, but when you are able to "conquer" you, you become more powerful.

It is about being willing to stand up and say no to what people expect of you and being real enough to know the person whom they expect is not really you.

It is about not letting others define who you are but making your own personal beliefs and standards the only definitive authority in your life.

It is about loving yourself enough to be who you know that you are. So many of us leave good homes to come to college where we are to "find ourselves."

Yet, so many times we become so entrapped by leading lives that are inconsistent with whom we really are that if six years ago we could see ourselves now, we would not even recognize the man or woman before us.

It's time to stop playing Danny, and it's time to stop playing Bill, and it's time to stop playing Jen; it is time to be real, and it is time to be that man or that woman you were destined to be.

I am a firm believer in the idea that you can only go so long being something or someone that you are not before the crisis of your identity becomes the crisis of your life.

Never compromise yourself. Never conform to that which you are not, and if you do, be willing to change for the betterment of yourself. For, in the words of John F. Kennedy, "Conformity is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth."

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OH, PREPARE, MY FRIENDS, FOR THE END IS NEAR! DO YOU DOUBT THE SIGNS? DO I HAVE TO SAY "RED SOX-CUBS" TO CONVINCE YOU SCOFFERS?

BEN SARGENT
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Hispanic Heritage Month should be recognized

I was given an assignment to write a paper about the history of my family, and I began thinking about my Hispanic heritage.

Then, I read that Hispanic Heritage Month was every year from Sept. 15 until Oct. 15.

I wondered why I had never really learned about Hispanic culture or history except from stories my grandparents had told me.

Dolores Huerta, Cesar Chávez, Ellen Ochoa, Severo Ochoa, Rita Moreno and Dr. Carlos Finlay are just a few names you have probably never heard in your life, right?

You may be thinking, those names sound Spanish?

And, you would be right.

We should be celebrating these and other Hispanics like them right now, since it is Hispanic Heritage Month.

Now do not get me wrong, this is not an attack on Black History Month, which is very celebrated every February.

If you can remember high school and even elementary school, you would probably remember every February we learned about Eli Whitney and Martin Luther King Jr., but do you remember ever learning about Dolores Huerta, Cesar Chavez or Dr. Carlos Finlay? It is very strange how much you never learn in school.

For instance, you learn about segregation and how blacks were treated, but my grandparents, and even my parents, have told me about how they and other "Mexicans," as they were

Lucas Flores



We are not black or white and are generally forgotten. Race relations have been like the television — multi-color came into the mix after a long period of purely black and white.

workers would be treated fairly and have better working conditions.

Some people even compare their struggles to those of Martin Luther King Jr.

Many Hispanic accomplishments have gone unnoticed.

Today we should recognize these many accomplishments.

For example, Dr. Carlos Finlay was the first person to solve the mystery of what caused yellow fever, but no one would believe him that mosquitoes carried the disease because he could not prove it.

Hispanic heritage became lost in the mix. Hispanics did not fit in to the visible spectrum.

We are not black or white and are generally forgotten. Race relations have been like the television — multi-color came into the mix after a long period of purely black and white.

Our struggles and accomplishments were not as publicized as others, but they are just as important.

Hispanics have contributed a lot, and some time this month you should see what we have done for us all.

If anyone takes a little time to learn about Hispanic heritage, then Hispanic Heritage Month has served its purpose to make everyone more aware of Hispanic contributions.

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Letters to the Editor

Legalizing same-sex marriage will not harm our society

I felt the need to respond to Tim Hadley's opinion article published Oct. 8 opposing same-sex marriage.

Initially, I was going to comment on Mr. Ingram's opinion, but Mr. Hadley managed to do that for me.

However, his problem with the change to the social and legal structure of our society bothered me because this same argument has been heard throughout our country's history.

It was thought abolishing the practice of slavery would destroy our society. There were great social upheavals, but we are still here, and we are a stronger nation for the action. This idea was ratified with the 13th Amendment to the Constitution.

It was thought giving other races the right to vote would destroy our society. There were great social upheavals, but we are still here, and we are a stronger nation for the action. This idea was ratified with the 15th Amendment to the Constitution.

It was thought giving women the right to vote would destroy our society. There were great social upheavals, but we are still here, and we are a stronger nation for the action. This idea was ratified with the 19th Amendment to the Constitution.

Now we think giving homosexuals the same legal rights as heterosexuals have will

destroy our society.

We already feel the upheavals beginning, but we will prevail, and we will be a stronger nation for the action. All we need now is the 28th Amendment to the Constitution.

— Sean Kelley, graduate student in the Department of Theatre and Dance

Cartoon by Jay Leeson quality

This letter is in response to the Oct. 9 issue of *The UD* displaying a new cartoon by Jay Leeson.

I have to say congrats. You guys finally found a cartoonist that can draw professional-looking political cartoons that are relevant to our campus community.

I would definitely like to see more cartoons from him instead of the nonsense, which looks embarrassing in the paper, usually scribbled from Nelson's fingers.

Although it saddens me on the days you don't publish the Ben Sargent cartoons (and instead put one of Nelson's third grade drawings in its place), Leeson's cartoon made up for it today.

I would like to see more from Leeson even if it takes some cash flow from all the constant tuition hikes to persuade him a bit.

— Daryl Pollak, senior construction engineering technology major

Depo-Provera not best birth control method for women

I wanted to take a moment and comment on the birth control ads that keep popping up in *The UD*. I really feel it is necessary to warn women about this product.

The ad itself states, "Depo-Provera is 99.7 percent effective." There is still a chance you will get pregnant. What happens if you are in your second month of using the birth control product but get pregnant?

You won't know for another two months when you are supposed to have your period that you're actually pregnant. During those two extra months you could be consuming alcohol, doing drugs, or smoking without realizing the consequences for the baby. Those first few weeks are critical for the baby, and fetal alcohol syndrome is likely to occur.

I think that it far better for you to take regular birth control pills to decrease these detrimental effects on the .3 percent chance that you do become pregnant. The bottom line is no birth control product is error proof. As a woman, I know "the time of the month" is dreaded, but you have to realize that God created it for a reason. Who are we to tamper with his plans? Just because you'll only have a period four times a year does not mean you should.

— Tara Bratovich, sophomore early childhood major from Richardson

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Kid

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student, and at the same time, Tech students get the opportunity to mentor and spend time with a kid from the Lubbock community."

Cory Powell, associate director with the office of Community and Multicultural Affairs, said people from the community know about this annual event, and they make sure to sign up the children who want to participate.

"We try to get a collage of children from the LISD schools and other

schools in the Lubbock area," he said. "I've worked with Hispanic and African-American pastors in the past so we have many children from diverse cultural backgrounds attend this event."

Powell said children will be dropped off at the Dan Law Field at 11 a.m. Nov. 1, where they will meet with the Tech students.

Each child and Tech student will be given free T-shirts, hot dogs and soft drinks while they spend time at Raider Alley and Raider Zone until the game starts.

"There will be one sponsor for every seven children in the group,"

he said. "They still get to hang out with the Tech students, but at the same time they will have a representative from their school or organization with them."

Powell said the sponsors will be there to supervise the children and to help the Tech students with anything they might need.

The main goal of this program, he said, is to get Tech students to encourage children to strive for excellence and seek higher education.

"We don't care if they go to Tech, even though it would be great; we just want them to consider a higher education," he said. "We want to encour-

age them to make goals and make sure they stay in the right track with their education.

Powell said he appreciates all the participants and the sponsors.

"This is not just a feel-good thing," he said. "This is something we believe in and invest our time in so we can help and encourage the next generation students."

Students who are interested in participating can sign up at the SGA office on the third floor of the Student Union building, or call Batchelor at 742-3631 by Friday.

"I would really like to have all the volunteers by the end of this week,"

he said. "If any organization has a problem and has to sign up late — just let me know."

Covenant Health Systems is the main sponsor for this program.

Public Relations and Marketing Director Eddie Owens said they will be providing the tickets for the children to go to the game.

He said the main reason why they sponsor this program is because they have a long commitment to the Lubbock citizens and to provide support for programs that meet the needs of the underprivileged.

"This is probably the only chance these kids get to go to a ball game,"

he said. "If it wasn't for this program, some of these kids would never get to go to a Tech game."

Richard Ybarra, principal of Jackson Elementary School, said this is the second year his school will participate in the program.

"It is a great opportunity for our students to realize what Tech has to offer them," he said. "I know they are young, but it is a good way for them to start getting encouraged to get a higher education."

Ybarra said the school was provided with about 75 tickets and fifth- and sixth-grade students will participate.

Science

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made it difficult to assure the necessary funds are available to make needed hires.

"We can no longer make commitments beyond the upcoming year, which makes it more complicated," she said. "We need to limit science faculty hiring unless we have sure funds. Sometimes a department will tell me they can come up with money from private industries, but that's typically not the case."

Potential faculty members do not care more about the amount of money than the time frame on it, Winer said.

"Chemists say \$150,000 to \$300,000 over three years is very low relative to our competition," she said. "They have provided examples of people who became assistant professors at other universities who get a lot more than that."

Richard Bartsch, chairman of the

department of chemistry and biochemistry, said the administration needs to decide whether it will support quality research faculty in the sciences.

"We can document that startup money given to one of our faculty members will be repaid in external grant funds within three years," he said.

Winer said if the Texas Excellence Fund is re-established it could give the university more money to fund startup packages.

"If it is re-established, and we're allowed to use that money, it will be a big help," she said.

Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith said this fund was vetoed by Gov. Rick Perry in the last legislative session but was brought back and passed in the latest special session.

He said the bill passed the House of Representatives on Friday and the Senate on Sunday evening.

"Now we just have to wait for the governor to sign the bill," Smith said.

"We will also have to wait for leadership to meet and figure out how to allocate the money."

Tech was assuming there would be no extra money through the Texas Excellence Fund this year, so any amount would be a welcome surprise, Smith said.

"They're aware of Tech's needs," he said. "This year we had to assume we would have no money. Now we can restore some faculty, which is critical because of the increased enrollment."

Winer said as of now there is not enough money to fund everyone's packages that are hired.

"Unless there are other sources like the TEF or private industries, we have to make some tough decisions," she said. "We need to decide where faculty is needed most and where we have the greatest chance of hiring excellent people."

She said the ideal situation would be if she were able to hire whomever she wanted and provide them with

an adequate startup package.

"I know it's not ideal," she said. "But we have to be realistic with what we can do. We just can't proceed as if we have what we don't have. The university can't just go across the street and take out a loan."

Chemistry departments across the United States at research-intensive universities such as Tech offer, on average, \$325,000 for startup packages, Bartsch said.

"At Tech we have only been able to offer \$150,000 to \$200,000," he said. "So we've had to emphasize a lot of other factors."

Bartsch said he has to exclude the top applicants from faculty searches. He said before someone is brought on campus for an interview they are told the size of the startup available.

"If they say \$150,000 is not enough we say 'thank you for your interest in Texas Tech,'" he said. "If they need \$350,000, there's no point in bringing them to campus because we're just not in that ball game."

Redistrict

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their group decided to return to Texas.

Because the Legislature took so long in approving the plan, it also was forced to vote to push back the Texas primary election by one week to March 9 to allow for the new congressional districts to be incorporated on the ballot.

Although the legislative battle is over, Democrats have pledged to fight the new map in court.

"Today we find ourselves at the, some would say, at the end of the

redistricting saga in this state, and I would say to you we've just (begun) a new ball game, one that will move to the courts," Van de Putte said.

The Senate approved the new map only after the House agreed to Senate demands and endorsed an unrelated bill that reorganizes certain parts of state government.

One major part of that bill strips power from Republican Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn.

After approving the government reorganization measure, the House adjourned from the third special legislative session.

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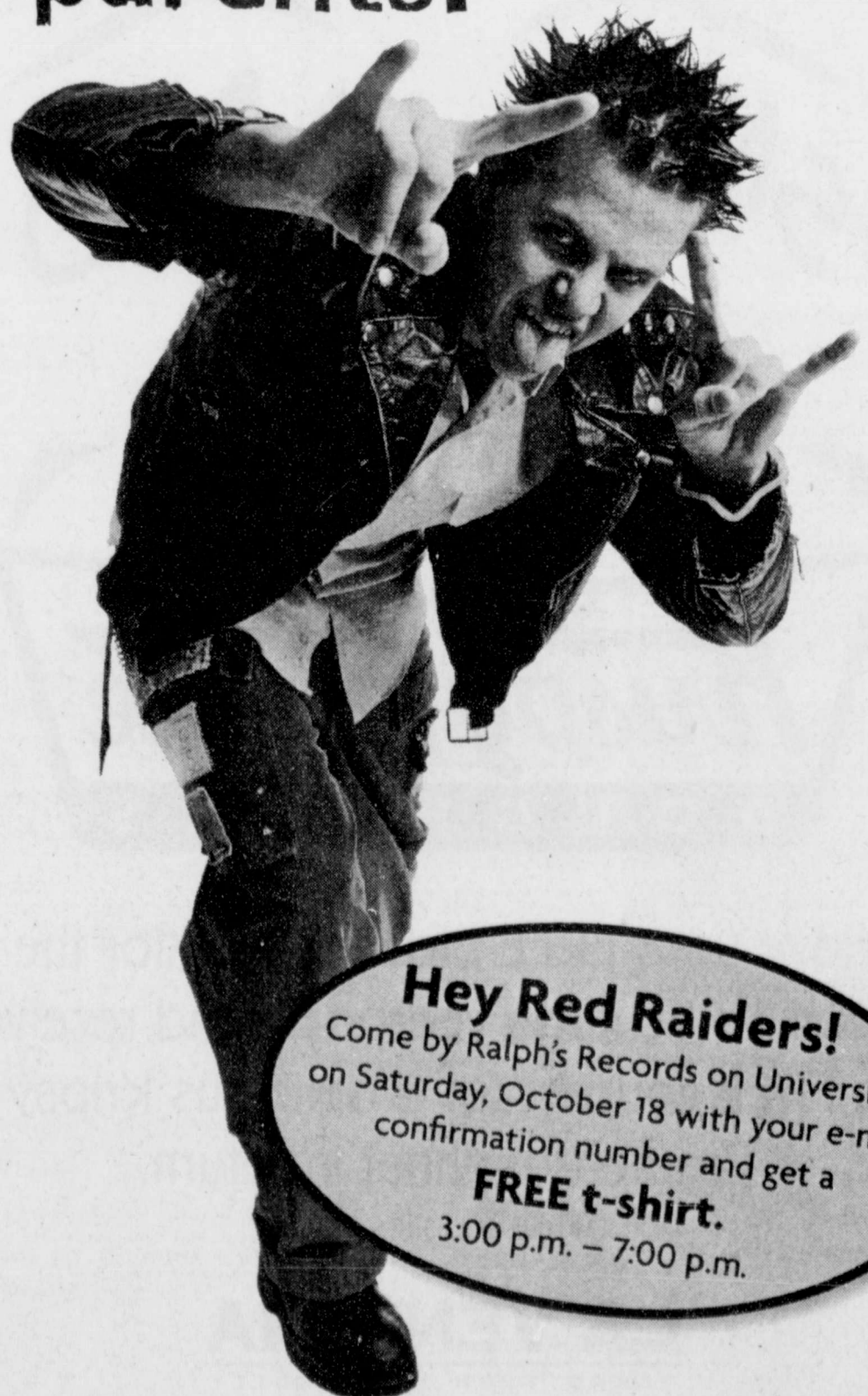
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Life with roommates may take a little work

By Sabra Jennings/Staff Reporter

Rebecca Boal found out living with roommates is not always easy. The sophomore design communication major from Lubbock lives in a house with two other women. This is the first time that she has shared a living space with roommates.

One of Boal's roommates did not like how bills were being split, so the women

held a house meeting to discuss the problem, she said.

"After that, we still had the same problems, but my other roommate deals with it because she knew her more," she said. "She threatened to move out, but she's the only one on the lease, so she's the only one who can't move out. But then we worked it out."

Stacey Moore, staff psychologist at the Student Counseling Center, said

clear, direct communication is the most important thing to keep in mind when living with roommates, either in a residence hall, apartment, or house.

Roommates should talk with each other about their needs and expectations at the beginning, she said. Such topics include personal study habits, how phone messages are to be taken, and good times for visitors to be over.

"Be clear on your own needs and wants, and make sure you get to know what the other person's needs and expectations so you don't cause problems by accident," she said. "The idea is to talk about as much as you can ahead of time so that little things do not evolve into really big things."

If a problem does arise, communication is key, Moore said. But roommates should not talk only when there is a prob-

lem.

"If things are working really well, let people know that you feel good how things are going and you're excited about having them as roommates," she said.

Students often have trouble with assertiveness, Moore said. Not communicating make things more in the long run.

Living with roommates is a part of the learning experience of college, said Sean Duggan, director of housing and dining and residence life. Only a small minority of students have big problems living with a roommate, he said.

"The vast majority of students on campus get along with their roommate, can work things out, can come to an agreement of how to live together, and be academically successful," he said.

Duggan also believes that most prob-

lems come down to a lack of communication.

Chad Crowl, a freshman and history major from Centro, said he and his roommate have had no problems so far, but if anything did arise, they could probably talk about it.

"I am pretty messy, and I take care of it. I asked if it kind of bothered him, and he said, 'No, only if people come over,'" he said. "It's very different (to have a roommate), but it's not bad. You get used to it."

If students living in residence halls have problems with their roommate(s), Duggan suggests talking about it with a community assistant or one of the hall staff.

"They can be an objective listener to both sides and can help try and solve problems before they become so heated

or that relationships can't be mended," he said. "They're trained to assist the students on solving problems."

Moore said talking with a friend could help things before they get out of hand.

The bottom line is communication. Students should be clear on their needs as well as respecting the needs of others, Moore said. And one of the main things to remember is: when there is a problem, assertiveness does not mean aggressiveness.

"Assertiveness just means that you state what you need clearly, and you respect what someone else needs, that way both people get their needs met," she said. "When you're being passive, only one person gets their needs met — the other person. When you're being aggressive, the other person gets their needs met."

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Tech, other college students at risk for drinking, drug habits

By Nikki Siegrist/Staff Reporter

She got drunk for the first time in eighth grade. It was her mom's birthday party; she drank 10 beers.

She said it was horrible, but nobody saw anything wrong with it.

At 15, she did her first line of cocaine and was drinking on a regular basis, and at 16, she was taking Ecstasy and acid. A year later she met her boyfriend, a cocaine addict. She started snorting as much as her boyfriend and as often as he did.

Lisa Able, a junior accounting major from Houston, said she thought these habits were what everybody did.

"I never thought there was anything wrong," she said. "I was just like, 'Hell yeah, I can hang.'"

Able made nearly straight As and played soccer during high school, and when she went to choose a college, she said Tech was supposed to be a party school so it was a logical choice.

When she came to Tech, her cocaine addiction did not last. She said her

friends were not as accepting of the habit.

Able became depressed. She had gained 30 pounds her senior year of high school and could not lose it.

"I worked out twice a day and ate perfectly," she said. "But I drank."

Able was binge drinking.

According to a survey by Alan Reisman, chief investigator for the Center for the Study of Addiction, 45 percent of Tech students also binge drink. This is not far from the national average of 44 percent. A binge-drinking episode is defined as five or more drinks in one setting.

The second semester brought a new drug.

"Everybody started smoking a lot of pot," Able said. "I smoked as much as I could without always calling (home) for money."

Able said she wanted to concentrate on schoolwork her sophomore year, but on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights she could not say no.

"A friend said, 'Let's go to Colorado for the football game,'" she said. "We packed up and we decided to go."

While driving, Able said she was under the influence of marijuana the whole time. After they arrived, she and her friends went to a bar. Between herself and another female friend, she rang up a bar tab of \$120. She said she didn't want to drive home, but she did.

"I swerved and saw lights (of a cop car)," she said. "I had three tries at three sobriety tests, and I failed every one."

She was charged with a DUI, equivalent to a DWI in Texas. Her father flew to



PEOPLE HANG OUT at a local bar. Two drink alcohol, one chooses to abstain from drinking.

Lubbock and said Lisa had a few options.

"I could go to rehab, or do what I was doing, and he would stop supporting me," she said. "I pulled the car over and started crying, 'I'm not an alcoholic.'"

Able went to the Raider Assistance Program, which started in June 2002, with her dad, who had heard about the program by looking at the Tech Web site and calling several people.

"The more I learned about it, the more I saw that the Texas Tech had the best program in the nation," John Able said. "Most universities don't want to acknowledge it (students with drinking problems). I was pleasantly surprised."

Lisa Able was skeptical of the program but decided to try.

"Bonnie (Bourland, director of the Raider Assistance Program) was so nice to me," she said. "If not for her, I would have walked out."

Next, Lisa Able went to a treatment center for five weeks. She said they talked about problems and how to cope with them. She met five days a week for two hours and met with a counselor once a week.

The Raider Assistant Program has helped 25 students become involved with treatment programs and has educated more than 2,800 students in the last year, Bourland said.

"When I first came, I was so terrified," Lisa Able said. "I had lost myself and my skills. I didn't have anything to say. I didn't know what to talk about. I didn't know how to interact."

Lisa Able was able to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, and after seven months of treatment, she said

she could finally step into a bar without wanting a drink.

Tech police made 103 arrests for liquor law violations in 2001, according to the campus crime report. They made 191 referrals that year. The Lubbock police made 601 arrests for DUIs and DWIs from October 2001 to mid-September.

Lisa Able has been sober for almost a year. She has managed to keep most of her old friends.

Lisa Able's friends said she her attitude and outlook have changed.

"She's got a better attitude; she's nicer," friend Stacy Scobee said. "She used to be raging."

Lisa Able's employer and friend, J.D. Arredondo, said he has a hard time believing some of the stories he has heard Lisa tell about her past.

"We hear the stories, and it's a totally different person from what we know," Arredondo said. "She's doing really good. Me and my friends will go out, and she'll come but won't drink. I think she's come a long way."

Nell Able, Lisa's stepmother, said she was afraid for Lisa before seeking treatment.

"I was scared for her," Nell Able said. "I have siblings and cousins who are alcoholics, and I have seen what their life has been. I've seen what alcoholism has done, and that she can deal with it now in a really supportive environment is incredible."

The irony in Lisa Able's choosing Tech because of its reputation as a party school still makes her laugh.

"It's amazing," she said. "I chose to go to Tech for the parties and I got sober. God works in mysterious ways."

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Symons planning to play Saturday despite injury

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech fans may have had lumps in their throats Saturday night when quarterback B.J. Symons hobbled off the field following a touchdown pass to Wes Welker.

Symons was happy he only sprained his knee.

Symons said the injury should be nothing to worry about, and the Oklahoma State Cowboys can expect him to be leading the "Air Raid" in Stillwater.

"B.J.'s gonna play," he said. "B.J. feels great."

Tech coach Mike Leach said the injury occurred during a post-play ritual Symons does.

"He kinda does that little skip; I'm sure you've seen him do it," Leach said. "He did the skip, and he skipped different than he skipped before."

In the middle of a Heisman race and heading into a road conference game, questions swirled when Symons hurt his knee, but Leach said the fact he continued to play should be an indicator of his status for Saturday.

"Look at how he finished the game, and you can gauge your articles from there," he said.

When questioned on the screen passes and handoffs initially run at that point in the game, Leach said he did not change his game plan when Symons entered the game with a brace on.

He also said Symons can miss practice if he needs to rehabilitate, to make sure he is 100 percent for Saturday.

"Anybody's a guy that can miss," he said. "This is football; people miss all the time. Some guys make all of them."

Missing practice may be acceptable, but being a Heisman contender may put missing a game out of the question. However, Leach said he expects Symons to play because he believes his quarterback is playing for the good of the team.

"I think all B.J. cares about is winning. I don't think he cares about Heismans," he said. "He's been asked a lot of questions about that lately, but I think all he cares about is winning games."

Symons agreed with Leach that playing after injuring himself should be a sign of hope for the fans and that he will have the green light this weekend to play.

"Injuries are part of the game," he said. "You go back in the game if it's not bothering you, and it wasn't bothering me."

The nation's No. 1 quarterback said he believes he will be 100 percent for Saturday's game, but if he can't play, backup Sonny Cumbie said he will be ready to take the reins.

"If I have to. That's my job to prepare every week as if I'm gonna play," he said. "And if at the first snap B.J.'s out there playing, then I'm gonna support him and try to help him however I can."

B.J.'s gonna play.

B.J. feels great.

— **B.J. SYMONS**
Texas Tech Quarterback

Separation Saturday saved by Symons

During a Saturday ESPN billed as "Separation Saturday," I was about as excited as Newt Gingrich in a detoxification center.

I will be the first to say that "Separation Saturday" was a flop. In the future, ESPN should keep from jinxing the entire weekend for everyone by not coming up with a catchy name for the day of games. The head honchos at the network should get the numbskulls they have in marketing and have them concentrate on coming up with concrete evidence to back up analyst Mark May's mindless chatter.

Although the Disney family took a numbers blow by showing some of the worst games on television, college football was ultimately separated on Saturday. There are only three undefeated teams remaining with a legitimate shot at the national title (I'm sorry to say TCU doesn't have a snowball's chance in hell).

Texas was embarrassed by Oklahoma — again. Oklahoma won 65-13. That is disgusting to say the least. Longhorn re-

Kyle Clark



ceiver Roy Williams said he came back for his senior season to win a national championship. Sorry Roy, but hey, an Alamo Bowl ring is a nice fallback. Williams should be on the phone to agents as I type. Take the money now Roy. Who cares if Texas gets suspended? Mack Brown and your teammates cost you another Red River Shootout win, another national title, and more importantly roughly \$8 million.

Florida State quarterback Chris Rix choked against Miami — again. What can I say about this guy that hasn't been said by every other sportswriter in the nation? Nothing.

But fear not, college football fans, a shining beacon has appeared on the

verge of conference supremacy ready to thwart the Big 12 kings of parity.

The offensive wiz Tech coach Mike Leach and his trusty sidekick quarterback B.J. Symons furthered the hope that the national media will finally focus its attention on Lubbock with a 52-21 beating of Iowa State.

Symons had another impressive game through the air and Leach proved that the pages containing the running plays of Tech's playbook were not lost as the Raider running backs rushed for 240 yards against the Cyclones.

Forget Symons' four turnovers and forget the quarterback's injury. Those are weak storylines that will be used to disguise the fact that the quarterback continued to hurl the ball through another overmatched defense.

The truth is, turnovers happen. Ask Florida State and Nebraska. But instead of losing, Symons led the squad to another lopsided victory. And the quarterback's injury is about as likely to keep his out of action this season as an

ingrown toenail. In fact Symons said at Monday's news conference he will play this week.

Analysts throughout the nation have started to recognize the fact that Symons is the No. 1 quarterback in the nation. Now Tech turns its attention to Oklahoma State and what could be a track meet style offensive game. But don't expect me to buy into Symons vs. Josh Fields as a great quarterback showdown. Eli Manning and Philip Rivers haven't been able to keep pace with Symons, and Saturday, the quarterback will separate himself from the competition again. But this time it will be televised on the ABC.

Maybe ESPN and Disney should have saved "Separation Saturday" for this weekend.

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Boston College accepts invitation to join ACC

(U-WIRE) CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — Boston College has secured the future of its athletic department by joining the Atlantic Coast Conference, University President William P. Leahy announced at a Sunday press conference. Leahy accepted the invitation issued by the ACC within an hour after the conference presidents voted.

In June, the ACC's presidents decided at the last minute not to extend an invitation to join to BC, and to invite the University of Miami and Virginia Tech. Four months later, another vote was taken via conference call among the nine presidents of the ACC. BC was extended the invitation it thought it would receive this past summer by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Leahy, along with athletic director Gene DeFilippo, cited academics, athletics and finances as the three reasons for BC's departure from the Big East.

"The ACC is a good fit for us because it has five top-40 national institutions," said Leahy. "It has a balanced mix of private and public institutions."

"The demographic within the area of the ACC will enhance our student recruiting efforts in the years ahead, and in addition the ACC has a program of academic cooperation and collaboration which is attractive to us," he continued.

"The ACC is a strong, stable conference, and membership in it ensures

the future of our intercollegiate athletic program. Third, finances. The move to the ACC will generate greater revenues in the future, and that's important to us as an institution."

"We are extremely excited to be having an opportunity to compete in the future in the Atlantic Coast Conference," said DeFilippo.

"This really helps to secure our future, and this is a great fit for us both academically and athletically and we are very excited."

While the exact date of BC's departure is uncertain at this point, it is clear that it will have to pay an exit fee to the Big East and eventually an entrance fee to the ACC.

"We will abide whatever the valid provisions of the Big East's constitution and bylaws," said Leahy. "There certainly was discussion over the summer about increasing the withdrawal penalty."

The atmosphere of this press conference was different from the one that took place this past June, where Leahy and DeFilippo announced BC's exclusion from the conference.

"In June, I knew the situation remained unclear to the extent that there wasn't a 12th team," said Leahy. "Until a couple weeks ago, we had no inkling about what was going on in the Atlantic Coast Conference. [The ACC] had interest in Boston College from the start and in the last couple of weeks, they realized that BC was a great fit."

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Raider running game revived against Cyclones

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

Old school football says the running game sets up the passing game but the Texas Tech offense practices the opposite.

The nation's No. 1 statistical passing offense in the nation had 240 yards on the ground in Saturday's 52-21 win against Iowa State.

"Basically, it is a case of the pass opening up the run," said quarterback B.J. Symons. "Traditionally you think the run sets up the pass, but when you pass as much as we do, people start dropping back into zone coverages, and that's when we can really take advantage of the running game."

Tech running back Taurean Henderson said Tech's opponents almost have to pick their poison as to how they choose to defend the Raiders, because the old belief Symons mentioned works in the opposite way for Tech.

"I think it goes vice versa," he said. "Whenever we pass the ball, teams generally start dropping back, and that leaves creases in there for the running game. When we run the ball, they start bringing people up, and it opens it up for the pass."

Tech took advantage of the three-man fronts the Iowa State defense

brought in the game, and Symons checked into running plays at the line of scrimmage to give Henderson carries.

Henderson ran for 113 yards on 13 carries with one touchdown.

He said he was glad to have executed the game plan of running down the Cyclones' throats well and hopes head coach Mike Leach will have confidence to go to him in the future.

"With our offense, most people think we're just gonna come out and pass the ball because that's what we do," he said. "But we were able to do a lot more running the ball successfully. Coach Leach just kept on calling my number."

Racking up 240 yards of running offense may have been surprising to people reading the box scores in the newspapers and Henderson agreed, but said it is all because of the passing attack Tech has become famous for.

"That's a big surprise for this offense right here because we're gonna pass the ball left and pass the ball right. But we're able to do that because we have successful receivers," he said. "Toby (Cecil) told me that that's the first time since he's been here that we rushed for 200 something yards."

Wide receiver Carlos Francis said defenses have something else to worry about from the Raider offense.

"After you start throwing 500 or

600 (yards) a week, they'll probably start putting more DBs in the game, and that will open up the running game," he said. "If you can throw the ball well, the running game will be there. And if you can run the ball, the passing game will be there."

Believing in the running backs is important to their success as well, and Francis said he and the rest of the team never doubt the abilities of their backs, Henderson and Johnnie Mack.

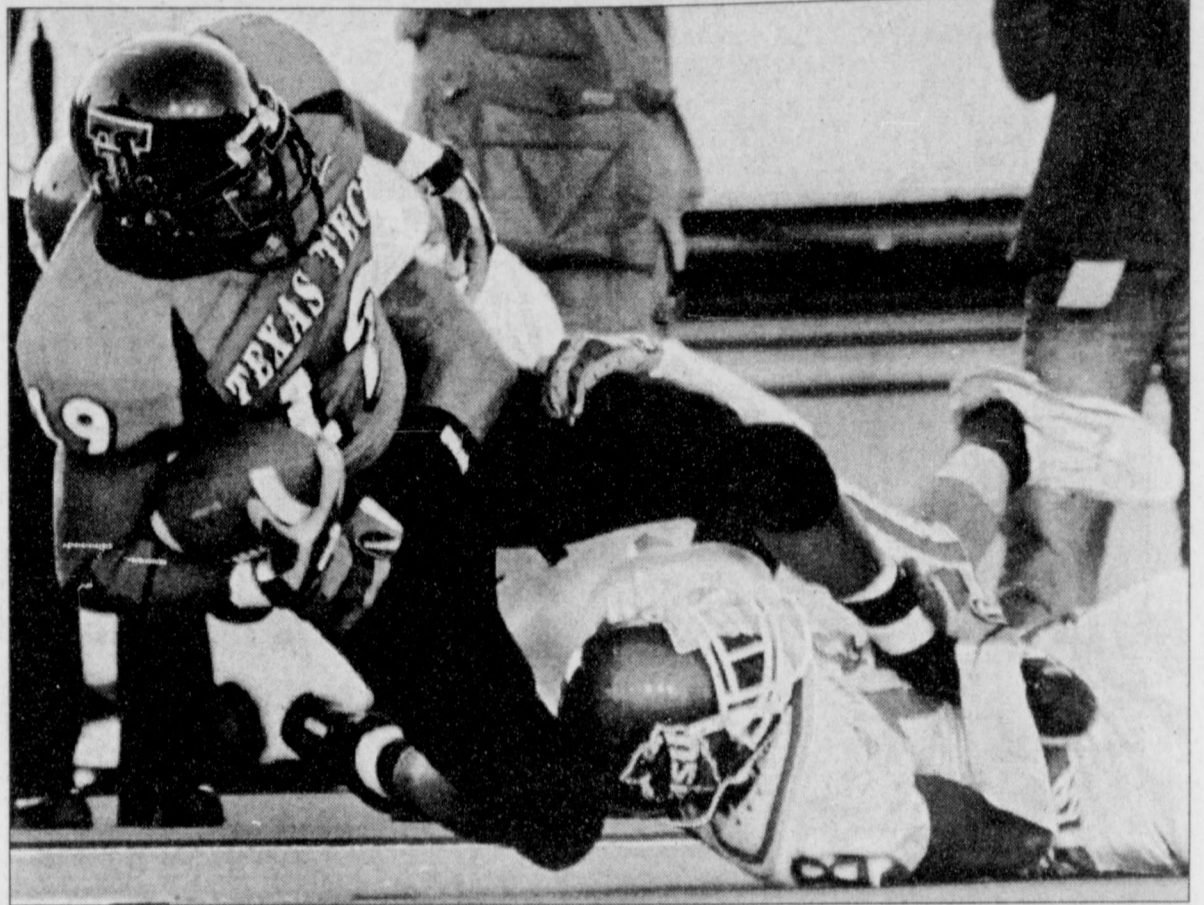
"We believe in our heart if we take care of business, Taurean will get his rushes and Johnnie will catch the ball," he said.

The success of the Raiders on the ground came as no shock to Leach either, and he said Henderson should receive some credit.

"(I'm) not totally surprised," he said. "We just tried to identify what they were giving us and try to attack it. I thought Taurean played really well, and that had something to do with it."

Leach believes the run-then-pass theory can be applied to his offense, and he joked that he has been planning this all season long.

"We tried to throw a lot the last five games so we could get a couple hundred yards rushing this game, and it all worked out exactly to plan," he said.



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TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Taurean Henderson is tackled after a run during Tech's 52-21 victory against the Iowa State Cyclones on Saturday at Jones SBC Stadium. Henderson had 13 carries for 113 yards and one touchdown in the game. The Red Raiders had a season-high 240 yards rushing against Iowa State. Henderson and the Raiders will face Oklahoma State Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in Stillwater, Okla.

Women's tennis, golf teams taste success; soccer team loses two games

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Texas Tech women's tennis team won four of five singles matches at the Air Force Academy Invitational in Colorado Springs, Colo., last weekend. Tech also won first place in doubles.

Freshmen Lakann Wagley, Iva Gyurgina and Hristiyana Gocheva defeated their opponents in singles to help out with the wins, and sophomore Katja Kovacic rounded out in

competition to give Tech the fourth and final victory in singles for Sunday's games.

In doubles, Tech split with one win and a loss. Sophomore Tara Browning and partner Gocheva lost to a doubles team from the Air Force Academy.

Kovacic and Wagley defeated another Air Force doubles squad to win first place in doubles play.

The team will travel to Fort Worth Friday to compete in the ITA Regionals.

GOLF

The Texas Tech men's golf team finished fourth at the Fresno State Lexus Classic on Saturday. It is the third consecutive time for the Red Raiders to finish in the top five.

In three rounds, the team combined for 18-under par and a total of 846 (281, 281, 284), the best finish of the season.

Sophomore Andrew Dresser led Tech as he finished in a tie for fifth with a score

of 209 (68, 72, 69), seven-under par.

Sophomores Erik Stenman and William Haddrell finished with scores of 213 and 214, respectively.

Junior Shaun Melville had a season low of 217 but tied for the 33rd position.

With a score of 219, junior Chris Pace placed 43rd, and sophomore Casey Jones finished with a 220 in the 46th spot.

Tech will play Sunday at the Duke Golf Classic in Durham, N.C.

SOCCER

The Texas Tech soccer team was shut out twice this weekend against Big 12 opponents.

Friday, the Red Raiders lost to No. 5 Texas A&M 8-0 in College Station after the Aggies took a 4-0 lead before halftime.

After the half, Tech remained scoreless, and the offensive effort of A&M proved to work, scoring four more goals and setting a season-high

record of eight goals.

Sunday Texas beat the Raiders 7-0. Texas managed to score seven on 15 shots-on-goal Sunday against Tech. The Raiders struggled with only two shots-on-goal for the 90-minute game.

Tech returns to action against Oklahoma in Norman, Okla., at 7 p.m. Friday to try and raise their 2-9-1 overall season record. Sunday, the Red Raiders come back to Lubbock to face UTEP in a non-conference matchup.

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