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Sexual orientation may be added to policy

CONFLICTING COMPROMISE: Administration, faculty debate adding words into non-discrimination policy.

By Adam Boedeker/Staff Reporter

For the past few years, Texas Tech faculty and administrators have been struggling to find a compromise about adding sexual orientation into the protected classes of the university's non-discrimination policy.

The protected classes are clauses set forth by federal law. They include such classes as race, color, religion, sex, age and national origin.

Both sides agree the university's code should include not being discriminated against because of sexual orientation, but

there are more specific issues the two sides are trying to resolve. Several times in the past years the issue has been approached by the Faculty Senate, but it gets forgotten higher in the legislative process, law professor Tim

"(Administration) says they'd like to do it," he said: "But they haven't gotten that far yet, and I'm not sure why that is."

A Tech official said the reason Faculty Senate is included in the decision is because they brought the issue up.

"Faculty Senate initiated the resolution,"

he said. "So we'd really like to try to work something out that everyone feels comfort-

The issue has never been including sexual orientation in the non-discrimination policy, but the clarifying language that may need to be included with it, the official said.

The clarifying language the administration speaks of is in regard to the possibility that if sexual orientation is added to the policy, the administration may have to worry about having to extend spousal benefits, such as health care, to domestic partners.

"The Faculty Senate sent a resolution to the president a couple of years ago," he said. "It suggested putting sexual orientation into the non-discriminatory policy. Once we got the resolution we started working with General Counsel, and that's when the issue of clarifying language came up. Ever since then it's been an issue of the administration wanting the language included with the policy and the faculty not wanting it. The fact no one should be discriminated against has never been debated.'

Ronald Phillips, chief of staff for the president, said the issue will be closely examined by the university's legal team.

"Discussions will continue," Phillips said. "In light of recent legislation regarding benefits and availability of benefits to same-sex partners, we hope that we can reach a resolution in this matter because we all agree that an individual shouldn't be discriminated

against because of their sexual orientation." Phillips said the issue has always been

about benefits not discrimination. "It was never an issue of should or shouldn't they be put on the list," he said. "It was an issue of contractually entering a situation where administration would have to ex-

tend benefits to same-sex partners." Assistant professor of architecture Clifton Ellis said (approving and passing legislation) is the administration's role, not Faculty

"What exactly is Faculty Senate's role? It's just an advisory board; the administration is making it seem as though Faculty Senate is

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sitting TALL

Pi Beta Phi, Phi Gamma Delta hold annual pole sit fund-raiser at Greek Circle

By Nikki Siegrist/Staff Reporter

itting on a pole at night can get cold, especially when the wind blows. But Wednesday's elements did not keep Pi Beta Phi and Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) from their annual pole sit "It's fun. You get to meet new people and sit with them for an

hour," Fiji member Jacob Seller said. "It's comfortable, and it's a really good idea and a good way to raise money." Sellers, a freshman from Silvur Springs, an undecided major,

said he expects the sitting to be cold and for the bench to wobble due to the wind when he climbs it.

One Fiji member and one Pi Phi member sit on a bench mounted on an approximately 25-foot tall pole in one-hour shifts for 48 hours. The bench is about five feet long and a foot and a half deep with a back about two feet tall. The bench is located just north of the Fiji lodge at Greek Circle.

"People pledge money like they would if they were running a marathon," said Brad Rieger, social services chairman for Fiji.

This year, the money will go towards polycystic kidney disease research. They chose to donate to this research because an active member's mother has the disease, Rieger said.

"We used to donate the (Fiji) Olympics money, but now we're doing this," said Rieger, a sophomore business major from Decatur.

The money raised from Fiji Olympics this year went to spinal muscular atrophy because an alumnus' son died of the disease, said Rieger. This year, the organization was able to donate \$8,000 to spinal muscular atrophy.

The pole sit has been an annual event since 1984, and the money raised has gone to different charities each year, said Rieger. It was started by Fiji to be an original and different way to raise

"There are so many different (charity walks) out there," he said. "It's something unique to us. Who else has a pole sitting out-

The pole sit started at midnight Wednesday and will continue until midnight Friday.

"They stay up there," Rieger said. "If they have to come down, someone will be there to take their place."

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CAMERON SCHNEIDER, A freshman medicine major from Houston, and Shelly Lazar, a freshman

business major from Houston, sit on the 25 foot high pole during the Fiji Pole Sit Wednesday afternoon.

GPSGA president resigns from post

By Jennifer Prieto/Staff Reporter

Dustin McAfee resigned as president of the Texas Tech Graduate and Professional Student Government Association Wednesday morning.

McAfee said the reason he resigned is because he was elected to be a representative of graduate students, and the GPSGA is currently not the voice of the graduate students.

"I did not resign my position as a graduate student leader, but I did resign my affiliation with the GPSGA," he said. "I was elected to serve a one-year term as a graduate student leader, and that is exactly what I'm going to do."

He said the GPSGA has not registered with the Center for Campus Life, meaning they are not an established student organization or a student government.

"They are a broke graduate student service organization with no power - that is all the GPSGA is right now," McAfee said. He said GPSGA executives, graduate school faculty and some Tech employees within the graduate school were sending e-mails to the graduate students with incorrect information

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Tech students fight for more speech freedom

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

Despite the expansion of the free speech forum areas to six, some Texas Tech students are petitioning the university's free speech policies. However, they are not petitioning in one of the designated areas. Instead, they appealed to students eating at the Market Monday afternoon.

"I don't care what the petition is about," said Ethan Logan, assistant director for the Center for Campus Life. "Am I concerned about it? No. They've already done it."

Logan said Tech does not have rules that deny students their First Amendment rights.

"We don't inhibit or limit free speech to that area," Logan said. "Our expression policy is as free as you can get it." The meaning of free speech zones often is misinterpreted, said Douglas Laycock, a professor of law at the University of

"It doesn't mean free speech is censored," he said. "Just certain kinds of speech and speech methods. They don't literally

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Tech medical examiner formally retires

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

Former medical examiner Dr. Jerry Spencer signed a contract Wednesday to formally retire from his position with the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Pathology Department, said Sally Logue Post, interim director of News and Publica-

HSC President M. Roy Wilson must sign the paperwork to finalize the retirement, Post said.

Spencer's retirement will go into effect on March 31.

His decision to retire comes after allegations surrounding the retention of items during an autopsy. The allegations and internal review of the case led to the removal of Spencer as medical examiner.

Jim Laible, vice president for health systems at HSC, said he had spoken to Spencer about retiring quite some time before the internal review was blown out of proportion. Spencer had also discussed his retirement with Post.

"He's been talking about it for easily six months,"

Spencer was ready to do something else with his

Spencer was no longer performing autopsies for the

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county or city. The Lubbock County Commissioners appointed Sridhar Natarajan as interim medical examiner Monday.

The actions of the commissioners were in response to the decision of the HSC to no longer allow Spencer to perform

the responsibilities of medical examiner because of the allegations.

A coworker of Spencer's notified university officials of one incident where Spencer retained breast implants and an intra-uterine device that were later recovered in his

Spencer said he kept them for the purpose of teaching and demonstration, said Dale Dunn, professor and chairman of the department of pathology. Dunn is handling the investigation, along with Dr. Richard Homan, dean of the School of Medicine.

There is a hospital rule indicating it is at the discretion of the medical examiner as to whether items are kept. It is not unusual for items such as prosthetics and stints to be kept for medical teaching practices in the autopsy suite, Dunn said.

The internal investigation into Spencer's case is ongoing, and it could be awhile before it is finished, Post said.

HANDY MAN



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTER student employee, Nathan Harvey, a senior environmental conservation of natural resources major from Ingram bolts holes onto the climbing wall in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center Wednesday afternoon. The wall will be used for women in climbing workshops, which begin Oct. 30.

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The Rundown



SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A the University of Texas at San An-

Alpha Lambda Tau, which has membership to all men. Its goal is to improve overall campus diversity, said Chris Forbrich, the group's

The organization will go before Wednesday to make its case for inclu-

"We want to make a place where gay people themselves could feel comfortable participating in Greek life," Forbrich said.

"It's no different than any other fraternity, except that it attracts gay men," he said.

The council's general assembly is expected to vote on the matter Nov. 5. The general assembly, made up of representatives from other campus fraternities, will make a recommenwill make the final decision.

Misty Kelley, the program adviser UTSA, said the university has alfrom the council in the past.

Kelley said to become a new fraternity, a group must show what cruit members.

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Gay frat seeks support Staten Islan ferry Three Americans from UT-San Antonio crashes while docking killed in Gaza Strip

NEW YORK (AP) - A Staten group of gay students is seeking rec- Island ferry crashed Wednesday afterognition as the first gay fraternity at noon as it was docking, severely in-ploded under a U.S. diplomatic conjuring more than 20 people, some of whom lost limbs, officials said.

four members, wants to expand its pilings along the side of a dock as it arrived on the Staten Island end of its run across New York Harbor just before the ian officials for the attack, which start of the evening rush, said Fire Department spokesman Mike Loughran.

UTSA's Interfraternity Council on lives," rider Bob Carroll told TV station NY1. "It was like an absolute looked like an opener on a can."

Firefighters made their way through the damaged section of the ship, the Andrew J. Barberi, looking for victims. The ship sustained a huge hole in its side, officials said, and debris may have fallen on passengers.

The ferry, which has three levels, has a capacity of 6,000. It was not immediately clear how many people were aboard at the time.

dation to university officials, who said another department spokesman,

"There were numerous injuries for leadership and Greek life at like fractures and lacerations," said Fire Department spokeswoman ways accepted recommendations Maria Lamberti. "There were a couple of people with amputations responsibility for the bombing. - legs and arms."

lustin Girard, a witness, told NY1 positive attributes it would bring to that he saw smoke and heard screams the campus and its potential to re- after the ferry crashed at the St. George Terminal.

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> President Bush blamed Palestinwounded another American.

"Palestinian authorities should "Everyone just jumped for their have acted long ago to fight terror in all its forms," Bush said.

The State Department identified horror. ... The whole side of the boat the slain Americans as John Branchizio, 36; Mark T. Parson, 31; and John Martin Linde Jr., 30 - all employees of DynCorp, a Virginiabased security firm.

Palestinian officials condemned the bombing and promised to help the investigation. But they will likely now come under intensified U.S. pressure to take action against militants.

If Palestinian militants were to blame, it could signal a dramatic change More than 20 people were hurt, in strategy. While targeting Israeli soldiers and civilians for years, the main militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad have not attacked U.S. officials.

> Both groups repeated their stance Wednesday that they don't attack Americans, and there was no claim of

The attack targeted a convoy of U.S. Embassy diplomats heading to Gaza to interview Palestinian candidates for a Fulbright scholarship, Bush said. The three dead and the wounded man were American security personnel working on contract with the embassy, said U.S. ambassador Dan Kurtzer.

The U.S. Embassy advised U.S. citizens to leave the Gaza Strip after the attack.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat condemned the bombing as an "aw-

The Palestinian prime minister, Ahmed Qureia, called Secretary of State Colin Powell to express his condolence and promise swift action.



TYSON JEFFREYS/Staff Photographer

BEAU STEPHENSON, A junior chemistry major from Plano, and Clyde, a golden retriever, raise money and awareness for The Haven, a no-kill animal shelter on Idalou Highway.

California recall candidates spend estimated \$88 million in 77 days

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) conducted under new rules that limit U.S. political history.

Much of the money came from the state's increasingly influential Indian gambling interests, unions and business groups, campaign finance records show.

The total for the recall campaign still falls well short of the na-

first election in California to be tributions of any size.

- The candidates in California's contributions, the candidate with the 77-day recall contest raised more most money won: Republican Gov.than \$80 million, or \$1 million a elect Arnold Schwarzenegger conday, one of the most intensive ex- tributed \$10 million of his own other elections. penditures of campaign money in money in donations or loans to go special interests.

Democratic Gov. Gray Davis, prison guards and teachers, still raised \$17 million in his unsuccess-Nearly \$90 million was spent ful fight against recall, much of it a continuation of a pattern that's over eight months during last year's coming from nationally affiliated been in effect for quite some time." general election campaign for gov- unions like the American Federa-Employees.

tional spending record, set last year proved by voters two years ago, limballot, spent \$2.3 million of his own \$21,200. Because Davis was the tar-Although the recall was the get of the recall, he could accept con-

The law also put no limits on how much an individual could contribute to his or her own campaign.

Thus, the recall looked a lot like

"The only viable candidates in with \$11.7 million from a long list of today's system are those who are independently wealthy or those who are willing to take huge contributions who was largely abandoned by the from groups they would influence as governor," said California Common Cause Director Jim Knox. "This was

Of the rich candidates who tion of State, County & Municipal dipped into their own fortunes, Rep. Darrell Issa, who bankrolled the pe-New campaign spending rules, aptition drive that got the recall on the Peter Ueberroth \$1.8 million; and "Ask Jeeves" creator Garrett Gruener \$1 million.

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Fair promotes disability awareness, help

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech students had an opportunity to learn a lesson in understanding Wednesday morning at a Disability Awareness Fair at El Centro in the Human Sciences building.

AccessTECH, an on-campus organization designed to help students with disabilities work with their professors and adapt to the classroom environment, hosted the fair.

Christy Cutright, graduate assistant for AccessTECH, spearheaded the

She said she was impressed by the number of organizations who set up booths at the fair, but she was disappointed in student turnout.

"It was not as well as I thought it'd be," she said. "I hope in the future professors will encourage students to come and get familiar with the services on our campus."

Organizations such as the Texas Rehabilitative Commission, the Texas Commission for the Blind and the Texas Commission for the Deaf and

Hard of Hearing were at the fair handing out pamphlets and other forms of information to interested students.

The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center also was represented at the fair. The vocational rehab department was present recruiting people for its gradu-

Larry Phillippe, a senior counselor for AccessTECH, said he was glad the HSC participated.

"(Vocational rehab) is not only appealing to students with disabilities, but also to students interested in careers dealing with disabilities," he said.

Students with disabilities are often drawn to fields such as vocational rehab, he said, because they already have so much experience in dealing with the

Frank Silvas, director of the disability support branch for AccessTECH, said he saw a good amount of student assemblage throughout the day.

"We had a large turnout between classes," he said.

The fair is important because it promotes awareness about disabilities to not only the students who deal with them in their own lives but also to students who are not familiar with facts about disabilities, Silvas said.

"Awareness is one of our goals; to make people more aware of people that do have disabilities," he said. "The more people know, the better they get along and understand each other."

Phillippe said the fair was intended to help students with disabilities know what resources are available both on and off campus.

"There are a lot of students in college who aren't aware there are services available," he said.

Disabilities are not only physical but

mental as well. Cutright said learning disabilities such as dyslexia and attention deficit disorder are common in college students. "It's important for students to un-

derstand that having a disability is not a detriment to college education," Phillippe said.

Students who are having trouble in their classes and think they might have a learning disability should contact AccessTECH, Cutrigh aid. It is important for students to control their

learning disabilities in order to function. "You can learn to compensate for your disability, but you'll never get rid of it," she said.

Cutright suggested students wanting to find out about how to deal with their disabilities contact Access TECH. AccessTECH would set the student up with a diagnostician who will administer a test and ultimately send the student down the learning path that is right for them.

Tech is cutting edge in the way it helps students with disabilities.

Texas Tech specifically supports students with disabilities," Cutright said. "The Techniques Center has been on campus for four to five years; it's the only program of its kind in Texas."

The Techniques Center provides students with all types of disabilities one-on-one tutoring and counseling

For more information about disability assistance contact AccessTECH at (806) 742-2405.

"It's not scary," the junior business major from Dallas said. "You get to see all of Lubbock and you get to see the sun set."

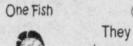
It gets coldest at night, she said. But fraternity and sorority members help keep the pole sitters company. People come and turn their car stereos up and have fun.

"It's not bad. At night there are blankets and stuff to keep you warm," she said. "People just come here and sit around in chairs and hang out."

Gorczyca said the event goes toward a good cause, Gorczyca said, and gives members a chance to help others while getting to know each other.

"We get to bond with our Fiji brothers," she said. "It's a great way to raise money for charity.'





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seling Center booth with counselor Susan Poff at the Disability Awareness Fair Wednesday in El Centro, located in the Human Sciences building.

Speech

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mean no free speech outside of the zone." Robert Wernsman, instructor of journalism at Tech and former newspaper editor, said the university setting should be the ideal place to exercise free speech.

"I understand the need to have order on campus and certainly don't want the disruption of classes," he said. "But it boggles my mind that a public institute would do anything to inhibit college students from freely expressing themselves."

Other than the state common law concerning defamation, there is no consistent rule concerning free speech among public universities.

Texas A&M's policies on freedom of expression designate three free speech areas and limit the use of sound equipment. Students must make reservations 48 hours before using a speech area, according to university policy.

"I don't think we really keep anyone from saying what they want," said Becky O'Brien, the senior customer service associate in scheduling services at Texas A&M. "It is a campus and there should be studying going on."

Students must obtain a permit before passing out any type of literature in public areas of the campus, according to monotonous. Tech is composed of a lot the guidelines.

problem with a rally, they will alert campus security and police prior to the event.

The University of Texas recently rewrote its policies in an effort to clarify and organize the rules, Laycock said.

Changes also occurred in the content of the guidelines. There are fewer advance request requirements, and the sale of literature is permitted, he said. "Students, faculty and staff are free

to express their views, individually or in organized groups, orally or in writing or by other symbols, on any topic, in all parts of the campus," according to UT policies.

UT does have designated amplified

sound zones.

Robert Jensen, associate professor of journalism at UT, said the entire campus of all universities should be a free

speech zone to distribute literature. "A university campus is not like a public street or public park," Jensen said. "There is no reason the university can't make those types of restrictions."

The rule should be that all speech is permitted except where there are explicit rules on what is restricted. It is inappropriate when state schools in a democracy establish free speech policies in some other way, Jensen said.

"There is something going on everyday. They are not all protests," Jensen said. "The amount of protest ebbs and flows with what's going on in the

One student who transferred to Tech from UT said she sees an obvious difference between the policies at the two schools.

"Anything you could possibly talk about and pose questions about was protested at UT," said Ashley Sawtelle, a sophomore personal financial planning major.

Issues from Islamic groups to preserving the albino squirrel were protested on the campus, Sawtelle said.

"I liked it a lot," she said. "This is so of different people. If people can stand O'Brien said if there is a potential a up for troops overseas, why can't they for other issues? That's what democracy

Sit

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The Greeks get onto the bench by way of a crane. They have a ladder but don't use it unless the crane

"The best part about it is the ride up on the crane," Paul Roberts, a sophomore telecommunications major from Houston said. "It's definitely worth it."

Roberts is a member of Fiji and said he doesn't worry about the bench's safety and enjoys his time on the bench to hang out with a Pi Phi member.

"It's a lot of fun," he said. "You get to hang out and relax."

Pi Phi assistant philanthropist Angela Gorczyca said she looks forward to the event every year.

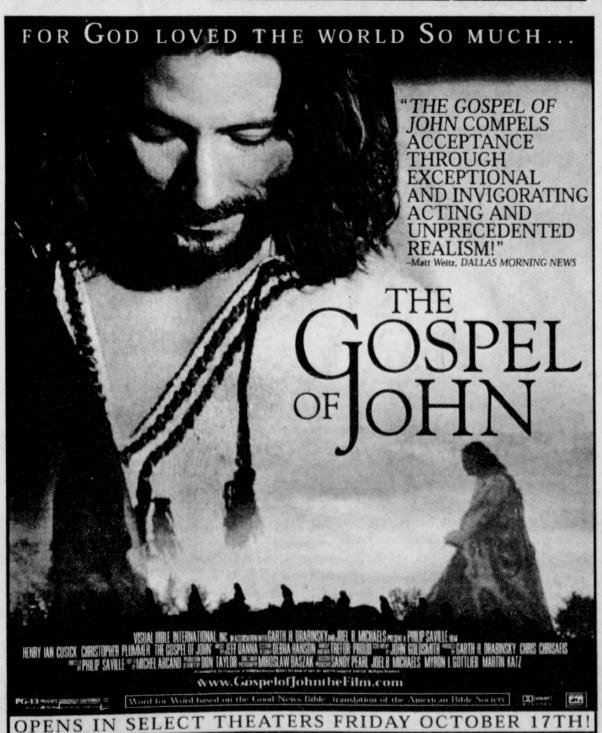
She participated in the event her freshman year and looks forward to the opportunity to sit on the pole again.

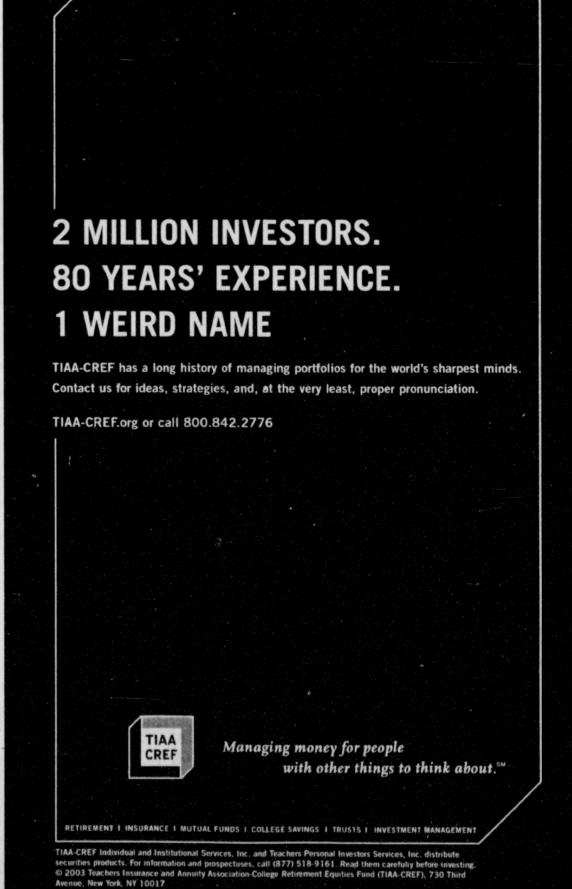


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We point our fingers and shake our heads thinking, "Damn I'm glad I don't live there." Strike that, you do live there.

Think glitz, glamour, money, power, ignorance and immaturity.

It isn't out West. You can find it right

outside your front door. The United States is the California of

the world. See, to many other nations we Americans represent excess. And not just the occasional splurge - I'm talking heart attackcoma-excess. We consume more resources

overall than any other country in the world. We import billions of dollars of other countries' goods to stock on the shelves at Wal-Mart so that we can go grab some eggs, shampoo and a Shop-Vac at 3:00 in the morning before hopping in our truck to drive four blocks back to our air conditioned apartment with the TV playing re-runs of Star Trek Voyager.

Maybe that is a little much, but before you think I'm being irrational, remember that it was only one week ago that people started to wait in line outside (partly in the rain) for fried dough.

Fried dough, people.

I drove by the fabled new Krispy Kreme Saturday evening and what do I see? Nearly 50 cars snaking their way around a gas station and a shoe store with engines on and cabins full of people who just can't wait to stuff sugared bread into their sugared bread

See, we complain all the time about the world being "anti-American," but why?

Is it that we think everyone else just doesn't "get it" when it comes to this society? I know that every culture has its problems, but usually those cultures try to keep their problems to themselves.

But not the U.S.

We will move into any country that turns its back for one minute and build outposts called "McDonald's" and arm them with mostly-meat burgers and Coke.

Then we'll start playing pop music on their radio and on their TV.

Soon it will be a glorious earth sprinkled with red and yellow neon lights and obese inhabitants keeling over from heart attacks and cancer.

I love this country.

way too hard on ourselves as a country. In- at david.j.ring@ttu.edu.

Dave Ring

See, to many other nations we Americans represent excess. And not just the occasional splurge — I'm talking about heartattack-coma excess. We consume more resources overall than any other country in the world.

stead of uniting (as in the second word of our country's name) together, we cling desperately to our self-segregation and

How can we expect to be a world leader when our leadership at home is in such shambles?

Local, state and national government isn't decided by the will of the people. It is decided by a minority of ideological voters and corporations with millions to spend.

We have lost touch with the ideal of a state where you don't assume to know someone by the way light refracts onto your retina or how many zeros are in her bank account.

In doing so we have lost the authority and respectability afforded to the most unique nation so far born out of the hu-

So in the meantime we'll stand as "that country — the one that can't make up its foreign policy mind or even decide if it wants to be socially liberal or stick to the prejudiced fundamentals embraced by parts of the past generations.

We as a nation have out-grown the international kid's table. We've been around; we've seen some things.

True, we aren't nearly as established as the old world, but until we stop acting like the seventh grader who hit puberty before his peers we won't be considered mature enough to dine at the culturally-rich table for grown-up countries.

Instead we'll be stuck playing with our celebrities, politicians and of course, ourselves.

I see it offers opportunities not found Ring is a senior philosophy major from many other places. I also see we make it Hobbs, N.M. E-mail him your comments

THEY WERE CRANKIN'

Political attack' was fair reporting

By Christian Schmidt/The Daily Cougar

(U-WIRE) HOUSTON - Arnold Schwarzenegger is angry. He thinks The Los Angeles Times, one of the nation's most respected news organizations, intentionally released a story that made him look bad.

But wait, it gets worse. It turns out The Times actually did release the story, which highlighted accusations by six women who claimed they were groped, grabbed and otherwise sexually harassed by the action star and governor-elect of California.

How could the paper do such a thing? Well, as it turns out, Schwarzenegger is something of a public figure.

And he was running for the state's highest office, making his personal life very interesting

Plus, the allegations of Schwarzenegger's indiscretions are true. Even he says so.

"I have behaved badly sometimes. Yes, it is true that I was on rowdy movie sets and I have done things that were not right, which I thought then was playful, but now I recognize that I offended people," The Chicago Sun-Times quoted Schwarzenegger as saving.

Gee, Arnold, you think so?

But Schwarzenegger's inability to keep his hands to himself isn't the real issue.

It's despicable, awful and makes me think he's probably not a very good human being, but it doesn't mean he's an awful politician.

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disturbs What Schwarzenegger's repeated denials about his conduct and his accusations that The LA Times was working with Gov. Gray Davis to hurt his campaign.

As I mentioned, the allegations are true. "I think the evidence is very damning," Barbara O'Connor, a professor of political science at California State University, told The Sun-Times. "The American people are

fairly forgiving, but they don't like to be lied to. This speaks to character. To 'fess up' only after you're caught - we don't even allow our teenagers to do that."

But Schwarzenegger's spokesman, Sean

Walsh, denied the allegations several times, including to The LA Times. Walsh said the claims were a political attack on Schwarzenegger. The LA Times' news section doesn't contain any political bias. Its editorial board

does. That's an important distinction. The article including allegations about sexual assault was a news article. The editorial board's support of Schwarzenegger's opponent doesn't mean

the article was a "political attack" on him. So, let's recap: Arnold gropes women. The LA Times, a well-respected newspaper, runs a story — a well-researched story that

Arnold's spokesman denies all allegations. Later, under considerable pressure, Schwarzenegger admits that he actually did at least some of the things of which

he was accused. Arnold, through his cronies, says the paper is out to get him because it ran a factual account of a public figure misbe-

Wow. That liberal media really is out to get him. Good luck, Arnold. Try not to grope

Still time left for SGA to be bold

tion is to address the issues raised in difficult (not impossible) to challenge. Wednesday's editorial entitled "SGA lacks

killer instinct . . . again." As you can imagine, I read the article carefully. Likewise, I am writing this column carefully.

I ran for SGA President last spring. The race was not a close one; Jeremy Brown won the election by a landslide. It was a huge victory for Brown, who had two non-traditional, non-Greek opponents.

The second runner-up, Louis Constancio, made a public announcement through The University Daily the day after the election results - he claimed that the election was rigged and unfair.

An understandable campuswide controversy ensued after that statement.

The third runner-up, Carissa Noel Nichols (me), won a mere 3 percent of the electoral vote — a far cry from victory. I did not publish an announcement or issue a complaint; I wanted to wait and see what would happen.

I assure you, fellow students, that the election was fairly executed. However, the voter turnout represented only a very specific, limited population within the student body.

I need not reiterate this point — if this is not a phenomenon you are familiar with, ask around today, and you will learn how 95 percent (or more) of SGA candidates win

I promise to "behave" myself. My intentheir victories. It is TTU tradition, and it is

There is still time left in the season for this year's SGA to make a comeback.

As the editors stated, we are waiting, and it would be a good idea to show off

your stuff soon. We respect what you've done (listening, inviting feedback, meeting us personally), but we're ready for some big-

time action. May I offer some advice? Don't be afraid to offend some of those older people, whoever they are. You were not elected to "shoot

the bull" (or maybe you were?). Regardless, we need you to be bold and fix some problems on our behalf. You hold the power necessary to get some great

things done. My bottom line is this: The voters spoke. This is what 90 percent of the voters wanted. If you did not vote last year and you are

upset about a lack of killer instinct in the SGA, then you need to vote next spring.

Look for a candidate who is a little rebellious, obviously daring and full of specific, innovative ideas.

Me, for one! I challenge you to start a new SGA tradition if you don't like the

 Carissa Noel Nichols, junior management and communication studies major and former candidate for SGA president in Spring 2003.

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Biodefense and law center collaborating with other disciplines

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter

Americans saw the anniversary of an attack on the nation Oct. 15. Two years ago, a person in Sen. Tom Daschle's office opened a letter that released spores of anthrax. The spores went airborne and infected people in the office.

People at Texas Tech and in the city of Lubbock have been working hard to make sure the community and region can be prepared in the event of a biological attack. In September 2001, Chancellor Dr. David Smith appointed the Task Force for Anti-Terrorism and Public Security to determine how the university could best respond to the region and the nation through Tech's research, education and community service resources, according to information

from the Center for Biodefense, Law and Public Policy.

One of the recommendations the Task Force presented was the formation of the Center for Biodefense, Law and Public Policy to address law and public policy issues. Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Brian Shannon said the center was the first in the nation.

"We were the first to do this. An educational institution shouldn't be static. Universities can get into the pattern of going with what's happened before. This shows we're being responsive and on the cutting edge," Shannon said.

The center's policies are brought about by a collaboration of many different colleges on campus. The disciplines of law, public policy, mass communications, political science, microbiology, medicine, forensic pathology, animal and food science and plant science comprise the range of fields represented by the faculty associated with the center.

Shannon said the collaboration is the main idea behind the center.

"The main idea is that it is a onestop shopping opportunity. A major university can have a collaboration among the sections with research and pull the pieces together in case of a terrorism attack," he said.

One way the university has tried to pull the pieces together is by running simulated events to see how people respond, Provost William Marcy said. The events are a way to show how policy issues play in established protocols.

"Tech ran a simulated event about two weeks ago. We went through the steps to see if the policy worked and check any gaps in the protocol," Marcy said. "If the real thing happens, hopefully the gaps will be closed."

The event was a simulation of an explosion and fire at University Avenue and 19th Street. Marcy said it was an ideal location because the event would affect the campus and the traffic flow. He explained the use of the center and simulated events are an indirect benefit.

"The benefits are indirect. If the policies are in place and understood, the people respond and know where the boundaries are. Without it, it diminishes the effectiveness of the response," he

Victoria Sutton, director of the center and professor of law, said the Tech School of Law has set the standard for other universities in the nation.

"We are one of two or three law schools which has a center focused on this subject. Many more centers and courses will be coming around the nation," Sutton said. "Texas Tech is on the cutting edge of the issue and a leader among law schools."

Shannon said the center is a resource to assist local governments respond to any bioterrorist attack.

"It is an information resource clearinghouse to assist the state and local government to respond to a threat," he said.

Marcy said the center helps bring forward discussion to make good policy decisions, which are important to make sure the process would run smoothly in the event of an attack.

"It helps to delineate policy issues,

which is important to state officials, legislatures and individuals," he said. "It helps to put the policies in some kind of forward discussion. The center can bring

about good policy decisions." Shannon said the center is unique because it gives students the opportunity

to add their voices to the project. "It is an open forum. It is an opportunity for graduate and undergraduate students to have the opportunity to shape policies," he said. "It is also a chance for law students and other students across the spectrum to add their

Marcy said the Office of the Provost provided the funding to get the program up and running. In about three years, he said he believes the Center will be able to be self-supportive through grants.

Resign

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ing e-mails to the graduate students with incorrect information regarding funds for their student organization.

"The e-mails were filled with lies about how the GPSGA was going to fund their organizations and how they needed to have faith in GPSGA because they were going to be able to get the money," he said. "They can't get money! The only way they can get funds is by asking academic departments to fund their organization, and I think that is the wrong way to do things."

Wendell Aycock, faculty adviser for GPSGA, said it does not have money to fund graduate student organizations.

Aycock said the \$50,000 allocated to fund graduate student organizations' was pulled by the administration at the beginning of the year, but the GPSGA will find a way to fund the programs.

"We can ask for funds from the different academic departments at Tech," he said. "We will find a way to get money if we don't get funds from the univer-

McAfee said the money allocated to the GPSGA was pulled by Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Shonrock because the association was misappropriating the funds and using them to fund individual students, which is not allowed by state laws.

McAfee said once the legislation is approved and the graduate students are

represented in the SGA, graduate organizations will get funds from the money allocated to them early this year.

Once the issue of representation is resolved, Shonrock said, graduate students can use the money that has been allocated to fund their organizations.

"We want to make sure we are consistent with who gets the funds and how the funds are going to be allocated," Shonrock said.

Graduate students are concerned with the lack of travel funds.

"I met with President Whitmore, and he said that we cannot use state money to fund students' travel,' McAfee said. "On the other hand, he said funds for graduate students to travel to present their research is a main priority, and he

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will do whatever is in his power to get money for it."

Catherine Polydore, vice president of GPSGA, said McAfee was asked to step down because the elected council was not satisfied with the communication between the executive members. She declined further comment.

McAfee said his being asked to resign was because the GPSGA thought he was going against graduate students'

"Students thought I was against them," he said. "I was actually working to better represent them, but they didn't know this because they were being lied

discussed at the SGA Student Senate meeting in the Electrical Engineering Lankford Lab today at 7 p.m.

Jacque Steinmetz, SGA internal vice president, said she anticipates the three pieces of legislation regarding the vice president for graduate student affairs to be tabled, meaning senators will put the issue aside to discuss at a later meeting.

"This reflects what we are learning from the forums and meetings we have attended," she said. "This is a huge decision, and we've realized that the legislation, at the moment, does not represent

the needs from both parties." This legislation could be discussed at a later time because SGA executives and senators acknowledge they are not Policy

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siry board; we don't make policy." He brought the issue up to let the administration know the faculty members still want to see homosexuals protected under the non-discrimination policy, he said.

"There are many minority groups within our society that have been discriminated against," he said. "We

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have laws to protect these people whether they are based on race or simple prejudice."

The administration will look into it, the official said.

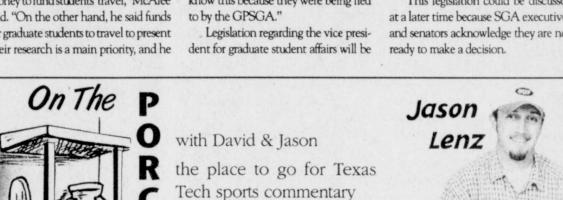
"If General Counsel feels comfortable with our legal position, we'll certainly consider revising that operating policy," he said. "If the legislation doesn't address the legal question of extending benefits, then we'll have to continue toward finding mutually acceptable language."

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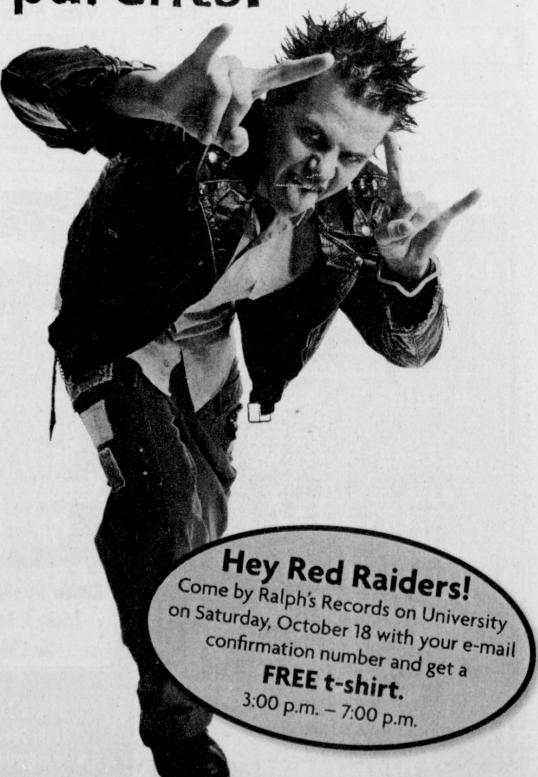
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Dancing to bring cultural flair to West Texas

By Justin Vallejo/Staff Reporter

tradition will grace Texas Tech next week.

The Fine Arts Academy of India, Lubbock, in cooperation with the Texas Tech University Department of Music and India Students Association present "Sampradaya - From Myths to Modernity.'

The event will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union Allen

The organizations have been working for months to coordinate the event.

"We've been working on it for about six months," said Dr. Easwaran Variyam of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and president of the Fine Arts Academy of India, Lubbock. "It will be the eighth such program."

The Fine Arts Academy of India and India Students Association want to educate the community about Indian culture.

Variyam said they want to make the program appealing by using the art forms

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"We are trying to educate the West Vibrant colors, expression and ancient Texas community about the cultural heritage of India, and music and dance being comed." universal languages, we're trying to increase the interaction between the Indian community and West Texas community. Our goal is about three to four different programs a year," he said.

> "Sampradaya" is ballet featuring the classical Indian dance style of Bharathanatyam. Deriving from Sanskrit, the ancient Indo-European language of India, Bharathanatyam means expression, music, rhythm and dance performance. It comes from the state Tamil Nadu in the southern portion of India, said Padmanabhan "Padhu" Seshaiyer, faculty adviser for the India Students Association and assistant professor in mathematics and

> Seshaiyer is involved in producing the event, and he wants to extend the invitation to those interested or those that may be unfamiliar with Indian culture.

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Indian culture to the community of Texas having recently received her second Tech," he said. "Faculty, staff, and students of Texas Tech, everybody's wel-

facial expressions, complex geometric anful footwork. It is widely known as "the dance of the guards." The style, which requires a high level of expertise, is a gradual emotional process that the dancer must go through before mastering the art form. The process includes the nine emotions of happiness, sorrow, fear, courage, anger, disgust, serenity, compassion and wonder, Seshaiyer said.

"It's kind of very difficult to learn," said Sameer Pathak, a graduate computer science major from Bombay, India. "People who master it are very amazing to watch. You need a lot of practice and inspiration as well as agility. It's not just about the dance but involves facial expressions."

The ballet will feature acclaimed Indian film actress Shobana & Troupe.

A leading screen actress, Shobana,

"Urvasi" award for best actress, what Variyam said is the equivalent of the American Academy Award, is an expert The classical dance style focuses on of the dance style of Bharathanatyam. As well as being an accredited dancer, acgular movements of the body and force- tress and writer the multi-talented Shobana is well-known for being an advocate for helping disadvantaged indi-

> In 1994, Shobana founded Kalarpana, which means "art offering," a dance school in Chennai, India, that focuses on teaching the dance style of Bharathanatyam to under privileged individuals who would like to learn the dance style but can not

Along with Shobana, the ballet will feature four dancers, students of Kalarpana and four musicians, Seshaiyer said.

Reserved seating for the event will cost \$25, general admission \$10, students (with ID) and children \$5.

Tickets can be purchased at the Student Union Ticket Booth (806-742-3610) or Select-A-Seat (806-770-2000)

SHOBANA & TROUP PERFORM Bharathanatyam, a classical dance style of India. The Troupe will perform Tuesday at the Allen Theatre.

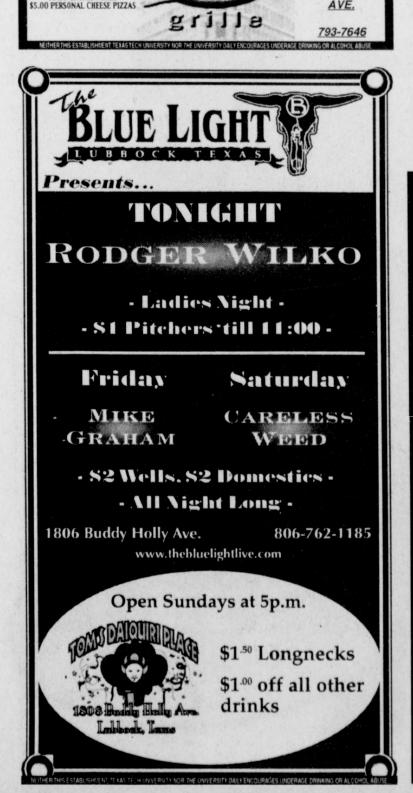
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Ex-Tech student hits the Broadway stage commercials

By Megan LaVoie/Staff Reporter

When Leslie Alexander was a Texas Tech student in 1976, she always thought of Broadway as an unattainable dream. But today, nearly 25 years later, she is set to make her second Broadway debut tonight in New York City in "The Boy from Oz," starring Hugh Jackman and directed by Phillip WM. Mckinnley.

Alexander said she was a voice major at Tech from 1976 to 1979 but failed to graduate because Tech at the time did not offer a musical theater degree.

"When I went to Tech all they had was a voice major degree, and the degree mostly focused on opera singing which is definitely not my forte," she

Alexander said one of the best things about starring in "The Boy from Oz" is the opportunity to work with

"He is one of the nicest people I have

ever met — he is fearless, terrific and just so incredibly talented," she said.

Jackman is best known for staring in the "X-Men" films as Wolverine.

Craig Collier, a resident of Brownfield, has had a close friendship with Alexander for 25 years and said he never doubted that she would make it to Broadway.

"She has had her sights set on Broadway for a while. She is so focused and definitely deserves to be there," he

Collier said being cast in "The Boy from Oz" was a big break for Alexander.

"Before being cast in the musical she did the starving artist thing for a while; she was living on credit cards until she got the part," he said.

Collier said Alexander's main source of income before landing an ensemble role in "The Boy from Oz" was doing voice-overs and television commercials. "She did voice-overs and television



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cause she is doing something she is great what you know you want to do, you at and loves, even thought the compen- have to go for it and not look back," sation isn't what most people expect it she said. to be, he said.

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love the craft — you can't be an actress for the money," he said.

Alexander agreed with Collier.

"Being an actress is not a financially viable job, but I am a firm believer in Alexander and her accomplishments. doing what you love, so I am awarded

today.

"Being Miss Lubbock taught me a lot for a long of poise, and attending Tech and worktime, but after ing with Dr. Sorenson, who is now re-Sept. 11, 2001 tired, and the other professors - they that market got my career going and made me realpretty much ize I could reach my goals," she said.

Alexander said the best part of befor her," he ing an actress is living her dream.

"Being an actress is the only thing I Collier ever wanted to do, I wouldn't recomsaid he ad- mend this profession to everyone bem i r e s cause it is a tough job — there is a lot of Alexander be- rejection, but if it is what you love and

The only sacrifice Alexander said "To be an actress, you have to really she had to make was not being a mother.

"I have always wanted to have kids, so if I wasn't an actress, I would definitely be a mom," she said.

Collier said he was proud of

"In the last scene of "The Boy from with that — instead of with money," she Oz," Leslie has to wear a Las Vegas show girl outfit - after all she has been Alexander, who was Miss Lubbock through, being the oldest member of the in 1978, said all of her experiences in cast and still being able to come out life have led her to be the actress she is looking like a million bucks, I am really just so excited for her," he said.

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Remaining flawless on minds of Red Raiders

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

Last week ESPN declared "Separation Saturday" in college football. But for the Texas Tech Red Raiders Separation Saturday may come this week.

Only two teams remain undefeated in Big 12 Conference play Oklahoma and Texas Tech.

A win on the road against Oklahoma State on Saturday would enable the Raiders to further separate themselves from the Big 12 pack.

Senior wide receiver Carlos Francis said the game is key for turning attention towards Tech.

"This is a huge game. If we win this game we will start separating ourselves and start getting a little acknowledgment and respect, but we have play every week so every game is important," he said.

The team's leading receiver also said he and the rest of the seniors will have to do their part to emphasize how big this game is for the conference standings.

"We need to step up and take our roles. This is serious," Francis said. "Before we play any game we need to have great preparation; the way we have great preparation is for the seniors to make sure we have great practices, and that's what I mean by stepping up; and we got a lot of other people jumping on the bandwagon."

Francis said having underclassmen getting into the swing of things and wanting this win more than the one last week has been crucial to this week's preparation for the Cowboys and will lead to garnering more attention for the Raiders and getting the respect they want.

"The way you get respect is you earn it, and the way we earn respect is to win games, and that's the only way I see to get it," he said. "People talk about how we want all they want, but we have to win games; that's what it all boils down to."

Freshman linebacker Brock Stratton said he has learned from upperclassmen like Francis the importance of not losing focus each week, and maintaining the goal for

"I think we've gotten off to a good start, and you learn a lot from guys who have experience," he said. "One of the biggest things you learn from them is you gotta stay focused and focus on one game at a time."

Stratton also said he has learned well so far this season, and he fully believes the Raiders have a chance to do something special this season, and the opportunity starts against the Cowboys.

"We have a great opportunity to earn some respect at Texas Tech with what we're doing," he said. "As long as we stay focused and do what we're capable of doing we have a great chance to earn some of that respect."

Senior strong safety Ryan Aycock said he wants to win this week more than anything, and he knows how important starting conference play 3-0 would be, but he said the team cannot let records become a focal point.

"All that stuff's big and great, but the way you gotta look at it is you can't look at it as both teams are 5-1, vou gotta look at it as 0-0. It's just

another game this week that we gotta win," he said. "I don't look at records; I don't look at recognition; I just look at is as another game we gotta win."

After each game, at least one upperclassman player has preached the importance of moving on and getting ready for the next game. Aycock said seeing the underclassmen believing in that mentality and taking it upon themselves to realize the potential the Raiders possess is nice.

"They know what their role is, and as a young guy you do look up to your seniors, you do look up to their leadership," he said. "I think everybody knows we control our own destiny, and we got a good thing going."

Despite the opportunity to move up in the polls and be able to continue to look at the rest of the conference from atop the standings, Stratton said getting respect now is not a priority. It will come with time when the Raiders continue to turn heads on the field.



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TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Taurean Henderson is tackled by a group of Iowa State defenders during Tech's 52-21 victory. Tech will face Oklahoma State at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Stillwater, Okla.

"I don't think our focus is on getting respect," he said. "The respect will come as we do what we are supposed to be doing, and that is one doubt that respect will come."

game a week and focusing on that. And as we take one opponent on at a time and one week at a time, we don't







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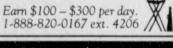
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Baylor keeps Red Raider losing streak alive

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech volleyball team dropped its ninth consecutive match Wednesday evening with a 3-2 loss to Baylor. The Bears improve to 11-5, overall, 3-5 Big 12 Conference, two sides to that though. while the Red

Raiders fall to 8-9, 0-8.

The games seesawed back and forth, with Tech winning games two and four, 30-28 and 30-28, and Baylor winning the remaining games one, three and five, 30-27, 30-27 and 15-10 respectively.

· In game five, Tech head coach Nancy Todd said there were some poor calls by the officials that deflated the team.

"With officiating, there's nothing you can do about it," she said. "You've got to play on, and our girls couldn't refocus on what was going on. They didn't want to compete after that point.'

Sophomore outside hitter Bre Pursley, who tallied 22 kills and 21 digs, said bad calls cannot be a momentum killer.

"We need to just forget about the

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to the next one, and we didn't," she in practice." said. "Some people did, and some people didn't was the problem. We can't dwell on what just happened."

This match is Tech's first to go five games this season. Todd said there are

> "I'm glad they went five games, but I think they could've done it in three," she said. "They've just got to find a way to win and learn how to win and compete. There's no ex-They've just got

to do it.' After nine losses, Todd said the team is struggling to find its identity. "Right now, we're spinning our

wheels as far as who can be out there,"

Among the biggest downfalls for the Raiders was a breakdown in communication, junior setter Laura Grote did play well."

"Lack of communication was a big thing throughout the entire match," she said. "It's a bunch of stuff. It's not one player; it's not one play, but it's just like a general tendency, and I think that's where we came up with play that just happened and move on a lack of big plays. And that just starts

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Junior outside hitter Kelly Johnson, who led both teams with 30 kills and logged a .29 hitting percentage, said the lack of communication is the Raiders' biggest obstacle.

"That's why we're losing," she said. "It's because we're not communicating at crucial times. Point blank."

Pursley concurred with her teammates. She said speaking to one another should be the simplest part of volleyball.

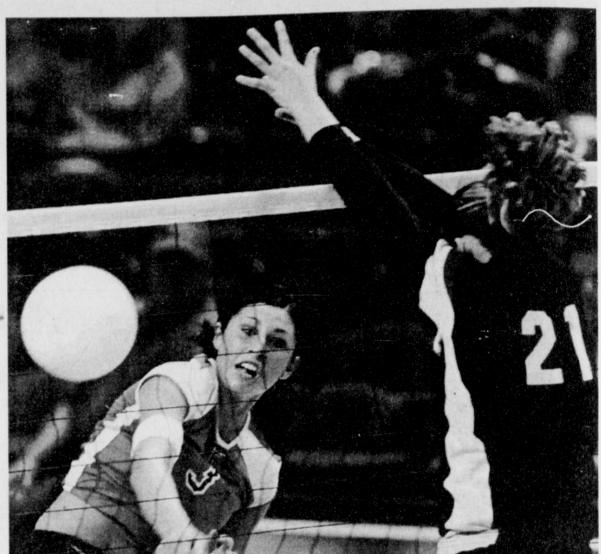
"We need to talk," she said. "Our problem right now is, it seems to me, that we just need to come together. If you're comfortable in your role and you want to win, it should just come naturally. We have great team chemistry; we're a young team, inexperienced, and everybody needs to want

Although the Raiders went five games, Grote said it is difficult to be enthusiastic.

"It can't be a confidence booster because we lost," she said. "But we

The Raiders travel to Austin Saturday to take on the Texas Longhorns. Though most Tech teams would look at Texas as a good team to beat, Johnson said the Raiders are looking to beat anybody.

"Every game is an absolute mustwin right now," she said. "We're almost to the halfway point in the season, and we haven't won one yet."



JENNA HANSEN/Photography Editor

TEXAS TECH VOLLEYBALL player Breanna Pursley follows through after a spike over Baylor player Nicole LeBlanc during Tech's game against the Bears Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

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Raiders hoping new addition adds spark

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

Getting back into the game after watching from the stands for a while is sometimes hard, but through hard work and dedication freshman Ana Morton achieved her goal and is now playing NCAA Division I soccer.

Although the season is nearing it's end, Morton walked-on about four weeks ago after speaking with assistant coach Topper Cogan.

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"I thought about taking the semester off then (Topper) called and told me they opened up the roster," Morton said. "I came and tried out and here I am."

Head coach Felix Oskam said Morton really adds depth to Tech's lineup.

"She's been a pleasant surprise. We didn't know anything about her," he said. "She fits in really well. She's both left and right-footed so she can rip a shot."

Jordan Wicker no longer plays for the team because of academic ineligibility.

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Tech has a Big 12 Conference game at 7 p.m. Friday in Norman, Okla., against Oklahoma. The Red Raiders will return home to play at noon Sunday against UTEP, in a nonconference match-up.

Senior midfielder Kerri Campbell said Oklahoma presents a challenge for Tech, but the Red Raiders have always managed to keep up with them. "(OU) has a forward that's their

main goal scorer, and she always creates havoc for us," she said. "We have to put a stop to it. But it gonna be just as hard as any game in our conference."

Oskam said Oklahoma fans and players make beating the Sooners on the road or at home an obstacle.

"They will let you play, and they won't put a lot of pressure on you," he said. "But they have some fast players. They got some athletic players, too. It's tough to play on their field with their crowd on a Friday night."

As for UTEP, Oskam said because there are only 11 teams in the Big 12 that play soccer, Tech must face a non-conference opponent during the season.

Campbell said Tech should not underestimate UTEP because they have characteristics that make them a good team.

"People don't think of UTEP as being good, but they're very good," she said. "They're physical, and they can put the ball on the ground."

Cogan said the Big 12 is a hard conference, but Tech can reach victories if they get the ball close to the opponent's goal.

