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Parking sticker forgery increases

CAMPUS CRIME: This semester police have handled 14 cases of forgery compared to two cases last year.

By Jennifer Prieto/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech students are trying to find the easy way out of the parking problem by forging commuter, residence hall and reserved parking permits and handicapped tags. Students will face criminal charges if they are caught with a forged permit.

Maj. Gordon Hoffman of the Tech Police Department said in 2002 there were two cases filed for students who forged or altered parking permits. Since the semester began, there have been 14 cases filed.

He said once the forged permit is found, Traffic and Parking will report it to the Tech police. The owner of the car who has the forged sticker will be called in for an investigation.

"We will investigate the case as we would any criminal manner," he said. "After investigations, (the case) is sent to the District Attorney's office for the filing of charges."

Students can be charged with forgery or tampering with government records.

Depending on the how severe the charges are, students can be charged with a Class A,

B or C misdemeanor, or they can be charged with a first, second or third felony.

Students charged with a Class A misdemeanor could get a fine not to exceed \$4,000 and confinement in jail for not longer than a year. Class C misdemeanors are the least severe misdemeanor and it is punishable by a fine of no more than \$500.

First degree is the most severe felony and is punishable by imprisonment of not more than 99 years and no fewer than five years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. Third degree is the least severe felony and is punishable by imprisonment for not more than 20 years and not less than two years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Criminal charges can have long-term

consequences for students. It could put a damper on a job opportunity, Hoffman said.

The odds of getting caught are getting higher because parking enforcers know what to look for, he said.

Students should turn in any forged permits they find or that they own, he said.

"If they have one they can destroy it or turn it in anonymously," he said. "You have to use common sense whenever you turn it in."

The best thing to do would be to buy a parking permit, he said. That way students do not have to worry about the consequences of having a forged permit.

Col. Raymond Knox, director of Traffic and Parking, said there are three main rea-

sons why a student would forge a parking permit.

One of the reasons students forge permits is because technology has improved and it has gotten easier to forge permits, he said. Students can now scan or print a parking permit more efficiently and quickly.

Knox said forged parking permits range from obvious to very close to perfect. Students make small mistakes when they forge a permit, but the parking enforcers know what they are looking for.

There are different mistakes students make when forging the permits, but he declined to comment on the mistakes because he does

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Safe Ride utilized by 267 students

By Jennifer Prieto/Staff Reporter

About 267 Texas Tech students have taken advantage of the Safe Ride program since school started. The program will continue to service students' needs as long as there is a demand for it.

Safe Ride services were extended to seven days a week from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m., except for major holidays when students will not get the service.

Tech students can use the service if they need a ride after they have been drinking. They will be picked up and dropped off at their homes.

Colton Batchelor, Student Government Association external vice president, said the program does not encourage drinking, but it does encourage safety.

He said the Safe Ride program will be in place whether there is one student or more than 100 students who use the service every week.

"If there is a need to use the service — then use it," he said. "The cost of a DWI and the cost of taking a person's life is a lot higher than picking up the phone and dialing 742-RIDE."

The service is free for Tech students when they call for a ride, but the money to pay for the program is taken out of the transportation fee, which all Tech students pay.

Tech has paid a total of \$1,750 this year for students who have used the Safe Ride service.

The program is paid for by the mile, and students are limited to a \$12 ride, which will prevent students from abusing the service. The first mile costs \$3.35 and additional miles cost \$1.50, so students cannot go farther than about 6 miles.

Batchelor said students probably will be able to go from the Depot

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Safe Ride

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Bush signature last step for abortion bill

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter



Abortion Issues

The signature of President George W. Bush is the final step in passing a bill approved by Congress banning partial birth abortions.

"The president has to sign it, which he will," said Clarke Cochran, Texas Tech professor of political science.

The bill does not ban all abortions. It bans only those where a fetus is deliberately delivered for the

purpose of performing an overt act the person knows will kill the partially delivered living fetus, according to the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003.

Congress ruled that partial birth abortions are never medically indicated to preserve the health of the mother and are not recognized as a valid abortion procedure by the mainstream medical community.

Partial birth abortions, which occur in the second or third trimester, "blur the line between abortion and infanticide in the killing of a partially-born child just inches from birth," according to the bill.

The prohibition of the procedure will preserve "the integrity of the medical profession and promotes respect for human life," according to Congress.

Those opposed to the bill will say it is one step toward overturning the 1973 court case that gave women the right to choose to end a pregnancy, Cochran said.

"Many of the people that favor the partial birth abortion ban would like to overturn Roe vs. Wade," he said.

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HANDS-ON PROJECT



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

IAN THOMAS, A master of fine arts graduate student from Pennsylvania, stuffs newspaper in baby clothes covered in clay for a project called "Babies that don't exist" for his graduate ceramics class. The newspaper holds the clothes in shape until it is finished in the kiln.

Administrators, physical plant hope to bring back recycling

TRASH TALK: Tech hopes to return program to campus.

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter

The recycling program at Texas Tech was discontinued earlier this semester, but members of the administration and the physical plant are working to bring some kind of recycling program back to campus.

The recycling program was dropped because of budget cuts. Doug Chowning, director for the physical plant, said the recycling program costs the university \$87,000 a year. The amount of money put into the program each year was unequal to the amount of paper being recycled.

"Of the amount of paper being used on the campus, 10 percent of that was being used to recycle. The rest was mixed with other things that contaminated the paper," Chowning said.

The future of the recycling program needs to be participatory, said Vice President for Operations Max Hinojosa.

In the past, those involved with the recycling process backed out during the middle of the semester because of other things getting in the way. Hinojosa said once one recycling group would move on, the next group would not show as much interest.

However, the administration and the physical plant are evaluating plans to start up a smaller recycling program at Tech, Hinojosa said.

"It is not a dead deal," he said. "We are going

to keep an eye on it because it is an opportunity. It is important to us."

Once Tech ended the recycling program, John Zak, chairman for the biological sciences department, said he sent a letter to Chancellor Dr. David Smith. Zak has not gotten a response, he said.

Zak said there needs to be a viable alternative to throwing out the paper used throughout campus. A response to the problem would be a commitment from the university to figure out how recycling can be more efficient for the campus.

Many people in different departments are concerned with recycling and have begun dropping off their paper to bins involved in the city recycling program, Zak said, including his department.

"It is falling on the departments instead of being a university effort. It should be the university's interest to figure out an economic way around this instead of people doing this individually," Zak said.

Two issues have developed causing the physical plant to not start another recycling program, Chowning said. The physical plant has not heard of enough interest to begin a new program. Also, the plant has not found a way to fund another program.

With the old program, recycling bins were only given to those who wanted them, Chowning

said. Some papers would be mixed with food products and contaminate the paper. In situations like this, it became uneconomical to sort out the paper.

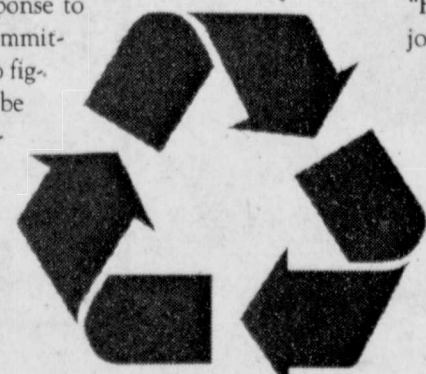
Although the campus is still active in metal recycling, Chowning said the low level of involvement throughout campus contributed to the end of the recycling program.

"From what we could tell, the majority of the offices were not interested in recycling," Chowning said. "The people generating the waste weren't interested."

With the original recycling program, the paper at Tech was sent to Vista Fibers. Ruben Lopez, manager of Vista Fibers, said the paper Tech contributed helped fill the loads of paper the company sends to Fort James Corporation in Oklahoma.

Although the company was not hurt financially by Tech ending the recycling program, Lopez said it has taken longer to fill loads of paper. Although the loss of the program did hurt Vista Fibers, the company is not in desperate need for Tech's paper. However, the company relies on other sources to fill a load for recycling.

"When we worked with Tech, they would bring in between 21 and 22 tons per month. Tech was our main supplier for paper," Lopez said. "We have been working with smaller businesses, but we have to wait a couple of months to make a load."



The Rundown



Ferry captain refuses to meet with investigators

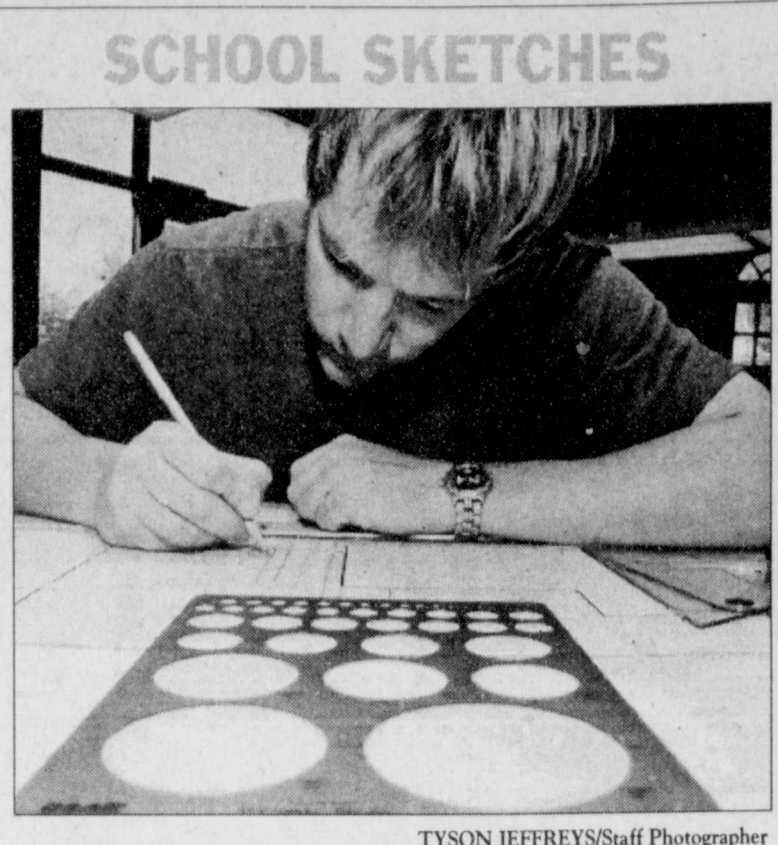
NEW YORK (AP) — The city Wednesday moved to fire the Staten Island Ferry captain involved in last week's fatal crash after he refused for a second day to meet with federal investigators. "We are drawing up charges as we speak based on his refusal to cooperate," said Iris Weinsahl, city transportation commissioner. Michael Gansas had refused to meet with National Transportation Safety Board investigators on Tuesday, prompting federal officials to issue a subpoena. On Wednesday, Gansas' attorney, Stephen Sheinbaum, said his client remained too traumatized to speak with investigators and was under medical care. Gansas failed to show up at the Staten Island hotel where he was supposed to meet with NTSB officials.

Student whose dad died in accident gets money

DALLAS (AP) — Death-row opponents on Wednesday gave a \$10,000 scholarship to a college student whose father was hit by a car and left to die in the windshield. The money for Brandon Biggs was raised through donations and subscriptions to "Compassion," a bi-monthly newsletter written by the nation's death-row inmates and a project of the Roman Catholic church's peace and justice committee. "We want to debunk the myth that death-row inmates are subhuman monsters needing to be killed," Rick Halperin, the Texas Death Penalty Abolition Coordinator for Amnesty International USA, said while presenting the scholarship at a Dallas church.

Museum says fishlike fossil oldest vertebrate

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — A tadpole-shaped fossil, believed to be the oldest vertebrate found, has been uncovered by a farmer in a rugged range of hills in southern Australia, a museum paleontologist said Wednesday. The fossil, of a 26-inch fishlike animal, is believed to be at least 560 million years old — 30 million years older than the previous record. The latest fossil was discovered in sandstone in the Flinders Ranges in South Australia state, an area well known for its abundance of fossils. The exact location of the find is being kept secret. "The fantastic thing about this specimen is that it's at least 30 million years older than anything else that could be even vaguely related to vertebrates," South Australia Museum paleontologist Jim Gehling said.



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BEN CARTER, A senior landscape architecture major from Denton, works on landscape plans for a historic cultural center.

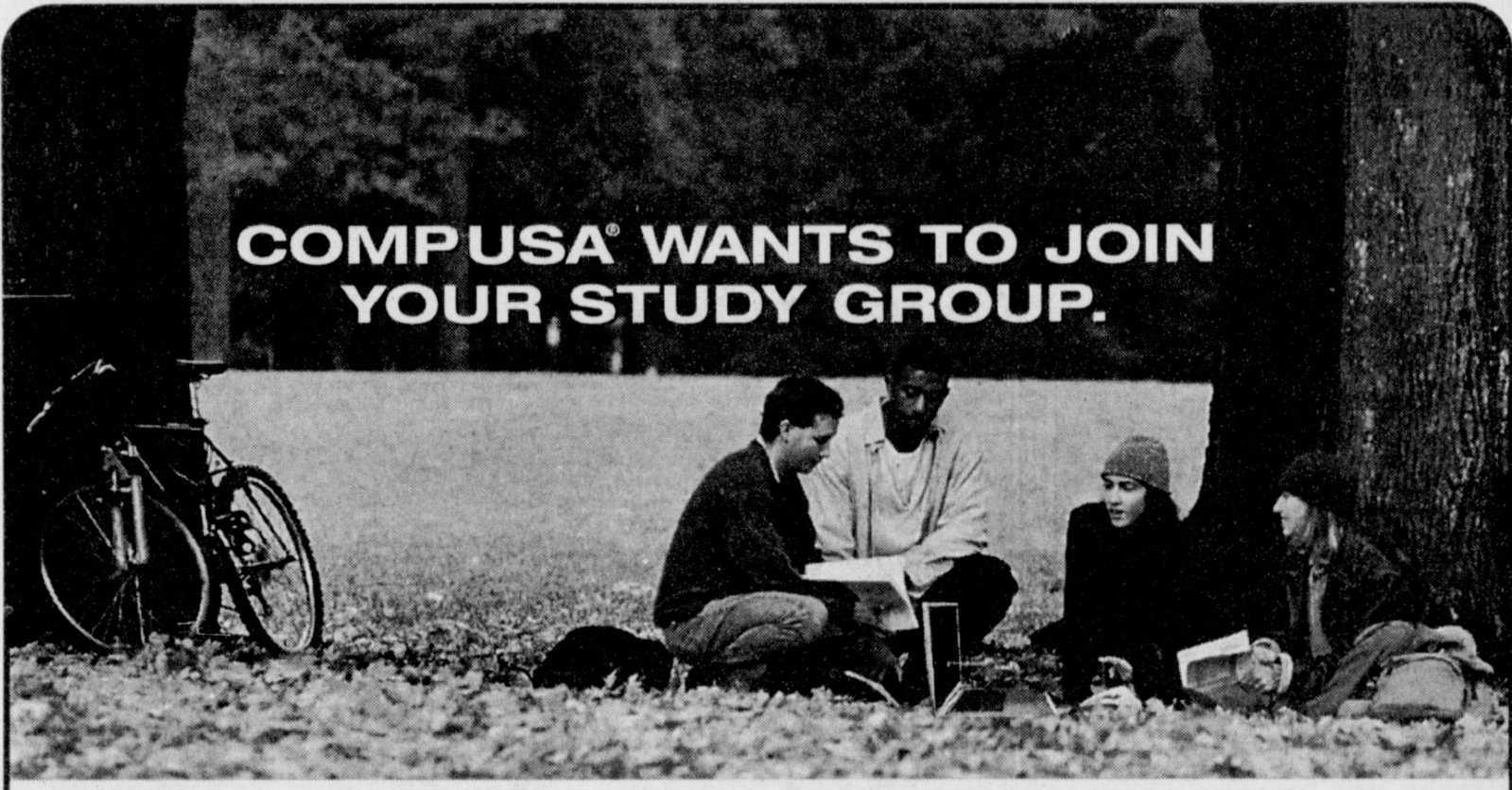
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GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — A videotape of the Columbine High School gunmen laughing and shooting at trees and bowling pins six weeks before they killed 12 classmates and a teacher was released to the public Wednesday. "Imagine that in someone's (explosive) brain," one of the teens says. The tape of Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, who committed suicide after the rampage on April 20, 1999, shows at least four different weapons, including automatic rifles, shotguns and a pistol. Clad in a trenchcoat, Klebold at one point holds a sawed-off shotgun and shoots from the hip at a pin wedged between two tree limbs.

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Water an essential part of students' diet

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

For many college students, refreshment can be found in a cold glass of soda or a frosty mug of beer, but such beverages may not be the best things to sink ones lips into for quenching a seemingly undying thirst.

Aaron Shelley, head strength coach for Red Raider basketball and director of sports nutrition at Texas Tech, said drinking water is important because water is the body's main way of cooling itself down. He said drinking eight 8-ounce glasses of water a day is a start, but that number is the minimum a person should drink to keep from getting dehydrated.

"Most people are not in this predicament in the first place, but they can lack in performance," he said. "You can be on your way to dehydration and not know it."

Shelley said theoretically a person could die of dehydration in three days. Dehydration occurs when toxins build up in the body because they have not been washed

out.

Shelley said someone who is dehydrated is potentially not as alert or focused as someone who has been drinking enough water, whether they are on a basketball court or studying for midterms.

Symptoms of dehydration include dry lips and hands, ashy legs and thirst. Muscle cramps, pulls and strains also can be caused by dehydration, he said.

When dieting, drinking water is helpful because water helps reduce the urge to snack.

"Sometimes hunger can be a sign of dehydration," he said. "It is possible to mistake a cue of dehydration and assume that you're hungry, when in reality you're just thirsty."

Shelley said a person's ideal water intake is unique and depends mostly on activity level. A virtually inactive person with a slow metabolism would not require as much water each day as would an athlete with a high metabolism.

"I like the number of a gallon a day," he said.

Paras Patel, a sophomore pre-dental major from Lubbock, said he drinks about a gallon and a half of water per day.

"If you don't drink enough water, you feel lethargic and lazy," he said. "You don't feel like doing anything."

Shelley said Gatorade and other sports drinks can be substituted for water on occasion, but avoiding water altogether is not a healthy way to go.

"Some sports drinks can actually cause your body to take longer to absorb water," he said. "This can actually extend dehydration."

Shelley said the more concentrated something is, the worse it is for the body. Soda is the worst re-

freshment to drink on a daily basis because it often contains caffeine, sugar and phosphoric acid.

"Sodas are what we call a triple threat," he said. "When you drink soda, calcium can leach out from the bones. Basically, you're peeing away your bone mass."

Shelley suggested limiting soda intake to one or none a day. If someone relies on drinking soda for its caffeine content, he suggested drinking chilled green tea sweetened with a sugar substitute instead.

Patel said for the most part, he tries to stay away from sugary, carbonated drinks.

"I don't drink soda," he said. "Sometimes I drink Powerade or

something if I haven't eaten all day. It gives me sodium and electrolytes."

Other benefits of drinking water frequently are cosmetic. Shelley said water could help prevent breakouts and can keep the skin hydrated, making it look smoother and healthier.

Shelley warned students not to be fooled by water manufacturers that boast higher oxygen levels or higher levels of hydration. Tap water, though it sometimes tastes unsavory, is beneficial because it contains essential minerals.

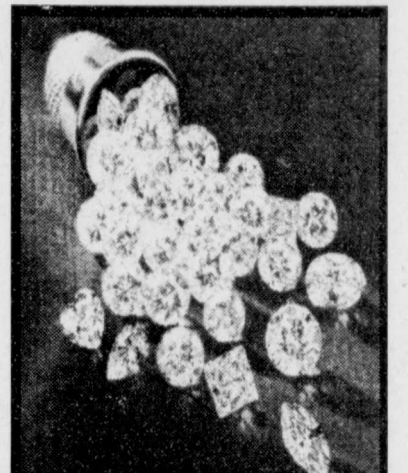
"Go with filtered water if you can't stand the taste of local water," he said. "I could be living in Montana, drinking out of the stream, and I'd still rather have filtered water instead."

Matt Roberts, a sophomore hotel and restaurant management major from Leander, said he drinks a lot of water because he realizes its benefits and also needs it to stay hydrated both after a hard game of intramural football or a long night out.

"You've gotta drink the water to get rid of the hangover," he said. "Drink a glass of water before going to bed, and you feel good."

Shelley said water helps with hangover symptoms because alcohol is an extreme diuretic, meaning it causes the body to excrete water. Alternating cups of beer with glasses of water can help to replenish the body's water supply.

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District to about 82nd Street without going over \$12. If students go past the amount of money allotted, they will have to pay for the remaining cost.

"I agree it would be better if the services were unlimited," he said. "But like in any other service, we have to have guidelines for us to be able to keep the services working."

He said it is the students' responsibility to correctly fill out and sign the rate and information card, which students get from the driver. This needs to be done each time a student uses Safe Ride.

This card will ask for the student's name, Tech ID number, where they were picked up from and where they are going.

Also, the card will provide the driver's name and cost of the cab ride.

"It's just like signing a credit card receipt," he said. "We just

need to make sure we are paying for the right amount of money students are spending."

Batchelor said there are rumors throughout campus about the Safe Ride program and the backlash it has on students.

Students think they will be taken to Alcoholics Anonymous if they use the service more than three times, which is not true.

The goal of the program is not to encourage drinking, but students should use the service whenever there is a need for it, he said.

The SGA has a contract with Sexton Int. to provide the Safe Ride services.

Sexton Int. Vice President Steve Sexton said students use the services more during the weekend than during the weekdays.

About one to five students will use the service during the week, and about 10 to 12 who will use it during the weekend.

"We have had an increase of students who use the services this year," he said. "It might be because we extended the days or because

there has been more publicity about it."

Sexton said more students use the service when there is an event happening in town.

The events are usually related to football, such as tailgating or aftergame parties.

This is a great program that all Tech students should take advantage of, he said. The main priority is for students to be careful so they do not hurt themselves or someone else.

Abortion

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There will be challenges in court, most likely by organizations that fund abortions, he said.

"To bring the case in court, you have to have standing," Cochran said. "Which means you have to prove you are affected by it."

Once the bill becomes a law, there are two ways for it to be overturned. Either a constitutional amendment that says abortion is not a constitutional right could be added, or the U.S. Supreme Court could reverse the ruling, Cochran said.

"The second is more likely," he said.

Despite opposition, the Republican Party does not foresee much controversy, said Tim Lambert, Republican National committeeman for Texas.

"Eighty percent of the public is in favor of it," he said. "The public supports it overall."

Violators of this bill could face a fine or imprisonment of no more than two years, Congress stated.

Unlike 27 other states, the Texas Legislature had not issued a ban on the procedure prior to the bill's passage.

Many Tech students expressed conflicting views on the passage of

the ban.

"I agree with it. I don't believe in abortion," said Keishla Cota, a senior pre-physical therapy major from Puerto Rico. "(Birth) is a natural thing, and it's a gift from God."

Teddy Mahan, a senior advertising major from Dallas, said he does not see this bill as limiting a woman's right to choose to have an abortion as long as she still has the right to choose within the first few months of pregnancy.

"I don't really feel they should be banning abortions," Mahan said. "Even though I support abortion, I feel they should be able to draw a line after a certain time and

point where the baby is developed enough."

The main concern for Raelyn Rosemond, a junior business marketing major from Kemp, is the amount of problems the ban will cause.

"It will cause a lot of controversy," Rosemond said. "It is already allowed. Banning it will cause a lot of controversy."

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Techsans should vote no to tax increase

My father went to college, and its amazing the collegiate experiences we find to bond over. We both agree that Brownfield/34th/Slide is a pain — sober or otherwise.

And, we agree the strip is the most inconvenient thing here.

But, his biggest complaint as well as mine is the local Lubbock government.

Apparently there has been an ever-popular, 30-year trend by Lubbock — taking advantage and otherwise screwing over Tech and its students.

This year is no exception. President and Chief Operation Officer of McDougal Realtors Marc McDougal decided in August to hold a special election this November.

It is worth noting that McDougal happens to be our mayor and that this election will raise sales tax to the maximum allowed by the state, 8 1/4 cents per dollar.

Of the 3/8 increase, 1/8 will go to "economic development" and 2/8 will lower property taxes by 15 percent. These are the facts, I can't change them, but I can point out the problems surrounding them.

I'll start with the simplest issue.

The sales tax increase

It will cost students more to buy things.

Not only is Tech adding costs to higher education, but now Lubbock.

Our local economic developer, Market Lubbock says "the university's (Texas Tech) direct economic impact is estimated to be greater than \$350 million."

As students, we are stuck here. We have to support Lubbock's economy. This is not lost on any governmental officials, and they take advantage of it fully. Lubbock City is pimping us out to Lubbock business.

Property tax decrease

Michael Reeves of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce explained owning a \$70,000 house would save you \$57.96 a year.

But there are problems with that too. The higher appraised your property, the more money you save. But the lower appraised your property, the more you hurt. Even though your property tax might decrease, it would not

Sarah Looten



Students, if you are already registered, I beg you to vote against the sales tax increase. It's time to care. It's time to stand up to Lubbock. It's time to have our voices heard.

be significant enough to offset the increase in sales tax. You would be spending more than you were saving. However, I don't own property. Neither do many Tech students.

Student Government Association President Jeremy Brown and SGA External Vice President Colton Batchelor both said a decrease in property taxes would more than likely lower rent for students.

McDougal said rent could go down or up based on different costs. It doesn't take a genius to figure out that students won't be benefiting from the property tax decrease.

Economic development

Lubbock's Economic Index has experienced growth for 2000, 2001 and 2002, regardless of the ailing national economy.

Already, Market Lubbock has established that Tech brings in quite a big chunk of change.

I'm not convinced we need to increase taxes when our economy seems to be developing just fine without it.

But, Randy Christian and Micheal Reeves, both of

the Chamber of Commerce tell me that "economic development" means more jobs.

True, but these jobs are not for us. Nor are they "career-path" jobs for people who are not students. These jobs maybe could be for graduates, if they choose to stay in Lubbock, put down roots and become part of the community that saw so fit to harass and take advantage them while they were students.

Marc McDougal

McDougal was easier to get a hold of than I thought. However, it was a pain to have to differentiate my questions with "As the Mayor ..." and "As president of McDougal Realtors ..."

But I got answers. Mayor McDougal told me that students who spend \$10,000 per year would have to pay an extra \$37.50 in taxes. That's almost the increase in tuition for a 3-hour class. My money would be better spent else were.

Mayor McDougal could not assure me that students' rent would decrease. He couldn't tell me that students would benefit from the decrease in property tax. Mayor McDougal said poorer families, would lose money if this issue passes.

The President of McDougal Realtors said his company stands to earn \$40,000 a year. Hmmm ... looks like as "mayor" he gets to help himself as "president."

Coverage

McDougal brought this issue up in early August while no students were here — an issue that hurts students. We as students should have known about this. Someone should have told us — before Oct. 6, the last day we could register to vote for the Nov. 4 election.

Brown is a local boy. But he also is the Tech's student body president. That means he is a Techsan first and a "Lubbockite" last.

Brown should never consider Lubbock for anything. Tech students come first.

Batchelor too has neglected his responsibilities. He was elected to act as a liaison to the community for Tech students' interests, not "to do what ever (he) wants" as he so eloquently put.

I expected to know about this long before I did.

Batchelor's job is to inform students when the community government has taken upon itself to once again whore out Tech students.

What to do — Just say no

I can't urge you to register tomorrow so you can vote on the 4th — it's too late.

I can urge you to register so you can vote later. There are voter registration cards in the SGA office and Government Documents in the basement of the library — swing by, fill one out, and vote.

Students, if you are already registered, I beg you to vote against the sales tax increase. It's time to care.

It's time to stand up to Lubbock. It's time to have our voices heard.

To the Tech faculty, staff and employees, I beg you to vote no, too. Stand behind the students. Show your support.

Early voting is available until Oct. 31. Two locations are the City's Secretary's Office, 1625 13th St. and United Supermarket, 112 N. University Ave. And for all Tech students, I ask you to care.

With 3,000 Tech students who cared enough to register to vote and then did so, we could repeal old laws and enact new ones — laws that would help us.

We could reverse our role in the Lubbock City theater of politics. I encourage you to call the SGA office; Brown is interested in what you have to say.

You can reach him at (806) 742-3631.

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Guest Column

Student Legal Services can help Raiders with record

As some students begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel of their University experience and start actively seeking employment after graduation, a certain realization might strike.

Will my criminal record, minor though it may be, prevent me from getting my dream job?

The answer: possibly. However, a process is in place to help people remove minor offenses from their criminal record.

That process is called expunction, and the Student Legal Services component of the Student Mediation Center can help.

Not all offenses can be expunged.

The Texas Code of Criminal Procedure permits expunction of criminal records of misdemeanors and felonies if a person was either: 1) tried for the offense and acquitted, 2) tried, convicted and subsequently pardoned 3) or an information or indictment charging a person with an offense was not presented or that information or indictment was dismissed or quashed and certain other conditions are present.

If any of those three conditions exist, the person has been released and there was not a final conviction, the case is no longer pending, the person was not under court ordered community supervision (i.e. probation) and the person has not been convicted of a felony within the five years preceding the arrest, the criminal record can be expunged.

A person may also expunge certain alcohol-related offenses. The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code allows a person to expunge his or her criminal record if that person was convicted of not more than one provision of the Alcoholic Beverage Code.

Some offenses contained in the Code are Purchase of Alcohol by a Minor, Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor and Possession of Alcohol by a Minor (M.I.P.). When the person reaches the age of 21, a petition for expunction may be filed with the court provided that the person was only convicted of one violation of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code.

In a nutshell, as long as the student was not placed under probation, the record can be expunged. A student with a Class C Misdemeanor who received deferred adjudication can expunge all records and files relating to the incident.

Additionally, Senate Bill Number 1477 allows for an order of nondisclosure under certain circumstances for deferred adjudications.

A person placed on deferred adjudication must receive a discharge or dismissal to be eligible for the order of nondisclosure.

The individual must also have not been convicted or received deferred adjudication for any other offense during the applicable period listed below. An individual may file for nondisclosure:

— At the time of discharge/dismissal if it was a mis-

demeanor not listed below

— On the fifth anniversary of the discharge/dismissal of a misdemeanor under Chapters 20, 21, 22, 25, 42 or 46 of the Texas Penal Code, or

— On the tenth anniversary of the discharge/dismissal of a felony.

Based on the new law, any student with a criminal matter pending before a court should request deferred adjudication from the prosecutor or judge.

If the terms of the deferred adjudication are met and the offense is subsequently dismissed, an order of nondisclosure might be a possibility.

Anyone wishing to have his record expunged should gather several pieces of information prior to meeting with an attorney.

The student must provide personal information including his driver's license number, social security number and where he was living at the time he was arrested or received the ticket.

Other required information includes the offense charged, the date the offense was allegedly committed, the date the student was arrested, the county and city where the arrest occurred, the agency that arrested the petitioner (for example, city police, county sheriff, highway patrol), the case number and a list of all law enforcement agencies or other governmental entities that might have records or files that would be subject to expunction.

The simplest method of gathering the information is to obtain a copy of the court's file prior to visiting with the Student Mediation Center.

Once all of the information is gathered, the petition can be filed with the court in the county where the arrest occurred.

A hearing will be set no sooner than thirty days after the petition is filed. At that point, the court will enter an order directing that the records and files be expunged if the court finds that the person is entitled to an expunction.

The Student Mediation Center can represent students in the expunction process in Lubbock County. Students are only responsible for the court filing fees.

Any student with questions regarding the expunction process or seeking to have their records expunged should contact Student Mediation Center at 742-3289, or come by our office currently located in room 250 of West Hall.

Students desiring an expunction should start the process no later than the beginning of their last year at Texas Tech University.

Our office would be happy to assist you with any other legal questions or problems you might have. Don't hesitate to contact our office.

— **Larry Cunningham, assistant professor of law & director of the criminal prosecution clinic**



Rethinking feminism: What about men?

By Sanhita Sen/ *The Daily Princetonian*

(U-WIRE) PRINCETON, N.J. — Sexism! Instantly, women cock their pistols, men dive for cover and phrases like "70 cents to the dollar" and "female empowerment" come blazing forth like unchained Rottweilers.

Before any productive debate can take place, this dramatic series of knee-jerk reactions has already snapped all involved into either a hostile Code Red or a defensive Code I-Didn't-Do-It. Maybe we ought to rethink feminism a little.

Feminists have long learned to tune out critics that call them man-bashers, but let's humor the concept for a moment.

Historically, we've talked so much about how society treats women, how often have we considered how society treats men?

Surely, someone has asked this question before. We didn't consider "society" just a politically correct word for "men," did we? When it comes down to our dominant cultural hierarchy, the lion's share of physical, political, and social power has almost always belonged to men.

The lioness certainly has much to resent. However, translating "girl power" into "down with half our population" is entirely counterproductive to the feminist cause. Reverse discrimination has become a hotbed of controversy on the racism front, but the double standards in sexism present an even grayer shade of hypocrisy.

The media, for example, pulls no punches when it comes to stereotyping men.

Whether in a sitcom, a commercial, or a movie, male characters invariably play into every stereotype on the table. In terms of beer, sex, power, and a litany of other subjects, the male reaction is predictable to the point of being formulaic.

The TV show "Friends" demonstrates a subtler dimension of the argument. As the title suggests, the six main characters are all generally good people who consistently care about and support each other.

The three men are flawed but in loveably ways, and the three women are unquestionably independent. However, consider the careers of the female

characters — a cook, a fashion consultant, and a masseuse.

Could any of the male characters legitimately pull off these roles? What exactly would happen if Ross lost his job as a paleontologist and worked for Ralph Lauren instead? Well, it would be funny for starters. Comedy often digs its deepest roots in mocking the absurd.

But keep in mind: Aristophanes once wrote a wonderfully well received Greek comedy about women with power — what, after all, could be more ridiculous?

Bottom line: If feminism is serious about gender equality, we need to be equally outraged that a man cannot be a masseuse as we are about a woman who cannot be a scientist.

Whether the situation is Robert de Niro's character poking fun at Ben Stiller's for being a male nurse ("Meet the Parents") or posters in our very own U-Store sporting slogans like "Boys are Stupid: Sporting Rocks at Them," men are subject to a stream of never-ending criticism that is rarely ever noted out loud.

Of course, if no one is offended, no body cares, right? Well, considering that male insecurity is often the source of sexism, feminists have a serious stake in placating the male ego.

Does that mean pandering to them by compromising the female image?

Of course not. But compromising the male image to bolster the feminist objective is equally ineffective.

Consistently painting the average straight male as insensitive, immature and patronizing — and finding the stereotyping humorous and therefore acceptable — creates a cultural misconception that our standards for men are low.

We imply that we expect nothing more from our boys than a bulging bicep and then are surprised and disappointed when that's all we get.

A little silly, no?

The creative, sensitive side we claim to find so desirable can hardly be fostered in a person we're throwing rocks at.

So how come men don't raise a ruckus about this underlying social animosity towards them?

Well, they probably don't notice.

After all, if I were making 30 more cents to the dollar, I might not care either.



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Test scores a factor in Tech's Tier 3 ranking

By Adam Boedeker/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech's average SAT scores for incoming freshmen have increased each year for the past four years.

In 2000, the average score for incoming freshmen was 1091. Since then it has increased with the 2003 incoming class's having an average score of 1123.

Vice Provost James Brink said along with the overall increasing SAT scores, the average score for incoming freshmen to the Honors College this year was 1347.

"We've had rising SAT scores every year over the past four years," he said. "That makes the reputation of the institution stronger and makes (your) degree stronger as well."

He said it is one of many factors that contribute to a university's ranking and its tier status. Tech is a Tier 3 institution, with 1 being the highest and 4 the lowest.

Tech President Jon Whitmore said the university is working to be-

come more recognizable across the country.

"The increase in enrollment, coupled with a steady increase in SAT scores, are factors causing other universities to pay attention to what's happening at Texas Tech," he said.

Brink said the University of Texas at Austin is Tier 1, while Texas A&M is Tier 2. He believes Tech should be a Tier 2 institution based on schools in that division.

"I think a lot of these rankings are very subjective," he said. "When we can just get people out here to look at our campus, they are blown away. We find this with recruiting faculty. When we get them out here and they see our campus, we've won the battle. I think the fact that we aren't on a lot of people's radar screens hurts our rankings."

There are other factors that determine tier status, such as freshman retention, selectivity and number of graduate students, Brink said.

The student retention rate from freshman to sophomore year stands at 82 percent.

He said a university's selectivity is also important. In fall 2003, 13,755 people applied for admission to Tech, 9,257 were accepted and

4,445 actually came.

"Selectivity is how many people are applying, how hard it is to get in and once they're accepted, how many show up," he said. "How many warm bodies actually show up is called the yield from the accep-

tales."

Brink said Tech needs to increase its enrollment of graduate students, which is about 15 percent to 20 percent of total enrollment.

Mary Jane Hurst, associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences,

said other important factors that can improve a university's national reputation are graduation rate and the quality of the university library.

"We'd like to see our overall graduation rate increase," she said. "Right now, our four-year rate is 21 percent, and our six-year rate is 52 percent. We'd like to see that number grow into the 60s or 70s."

Tech's library system is nationally recognized. It is one of 124 American Research Libraries in the country and was ranked No. 57 in 2001, when the last rankings came out.

"We are confident that ranking will be higher when the next rankings come out this year," she said.

The most important element to improve Tech's reputation is research dollars, Brink said.

Tech does well bringing in federal research money, especially since it is not a land-grant institution like A&M.

"The funds we are getting are increasing every year," he said. "That's catching a lot of people's attention. People look at that and say, 'wow, they're bringing in a lot of money; they must be doing well.'"

It is harder to get research money from the legislature in a state like Texas, as opposed to

smaller states, Brink said. "There's 35 4-year schools in Texas, as opposed to three in Nebraska," he said. "That means you have 35 people down in Austin asking the legislature for money. It makes it hard, but we're making great strides."

In 1998 the Board of Regents established a Division of Enrollment Management. At the time, Tech's average SAT score was 1050, and the goal was to make that score a 1200, Brink said.

"Many people said that 1200 was out of the realm of possibility," he said. "But Tech has truly become an institution of choice, thanks to the improving reputation of the university and the strength of the Honors College."

Brink said the average scores will continue to rise, but it may slow down compared to past years.

"As the score increases, it gets harder to keep it going up," he said. "It's a lot harder to improve from 1300 to 1360 than from 1050 to 1100."

Tech Statistics

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- Average Honors SAT score: 1337
- Tier 3 institution
- Retention rate: 82 percent
- four-year graduation rate: 21 percent
- six-year graduation rate: 52 percent

Crime

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not want to encourage students to forge permits that will be of better quality.

Students think forging a parking permit is a harmless prank, and they believe they will not get caught, he said.

"I don't think students know how big the crime forging a permit is," Knox said. "They don't think they know about the consequences they are going to face after they get caught, and they'll more than likely get caught."

Also, there are students who do not want to pay the \$150 commuter lot sticker, he said.

Students think it will be cheaper to

scan or print a parking sticker.

Knox said students have to pay a fee of \$200 for forging any type of parking permit, but they will not be denied access to a parking permit if they decide to purchase one.

Parking enforcers check for forged parking stickers when they make their rounds, he said. They look at the design of the sticker, but they also look at the number assigned to each permit.

"All they have to do is call the office and check that the number on the sticker matches the description of the car we have registered," he said.

Students need to know that forging any kind of parking sticker can get them into a lot of trouble, he said.

"It is not a harmless prank when they

are harming themselves," he said. "They wouldn't counter fit a driver's license or a Tech ID, and students don't know that this is the same as doing that."

Leah Collins, a sophomore business and pre-law major from Rowlett, said parking costs too much money and there are not enough parking spots in campus.

"I'm not surprised students do it," she said. "I agree students should get criminal charges for doing it. It is illegal to do that."

She said solution to the parking problem would be a student protest.

"Everyone needs to get together and protest about parking," she said. "We need to come up with a solution for this problem."

Confessions to be used in trial of man accused of beheading children

BROWNSVILLE (AP) —

Prosecutors plan to use videotaped and handwritten confessions in the capital murder trial that opens Monday for a 23-year-old man accused of decapitating three children with the help of his common-law wife.

Two of the young children found dead in March in John Allen Rubio and Angela Camacho's rundown Brownsville apartment were Rubio's.

Camacho, the 23-year-old mother of all three children, faces capital murder charges but a trial date has not been set because of questions about her mental competency. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty in both cases.

Police said the couple told them they killed the children because the couple was destitute and because Camacho thought the children were possessed.

Sealed evidence in the case includes hundreds of pages of school records intended to document

Rubio's history of emotional problems.

Rubio's brother summoned police to the apartment on March 11 after seeing the children's body parts stuffed into plastic bags.

In the confessions, the couple told police they repeatedly stabbed and then smothered 3-year-old Julissa Quezada, 1-year-old John Estefan Rubio and 2-month-old Mary Jane Rubio. The children's heads were then severed.

In the video, Rubio re-enacts the deaths and makes a sawing motion on the neck of a doll to illustrate the decapitations.

Autopsy reports showed the children were stabbed and suffocated, with one child having more than 20 stab wounds and another having broken ribs and vertebrae.

Defense attorneys in August failed to prove to state District Judge Robert Garza that the confessions were coerced and should be thrown out.

The attorneys also failed to get

the judge to throw out evidence from the crime scene, including the children's bodies, on their argument police entered the couple's apartment without probable cause.

In an Aug. 29 hearing, Brownsville police Officer Efrain Cervantes recounted how Rubio's brother Jose Luis Lopez and a woman flagged him down to enter the crime scene.

"I asked, 'What happened?' and (Rubio) just said, 'The kids — the kids are in the back room,'" Cervantes said during the hearing.

Cervantes then found the children's bodies.

"I just saw the jagged marks around the neck and then I realized that that couldn't be a doll or anything," he said, recalling when he spotted the first victim.

The state's child protection agency said it had counseled the couple before concluding three months before the deaths that the couple was making progress in providing a home.

Iraq costs force budget into record deficit

WASHINGTON (AP) —

The federal budget deficit hit a record \$374.2 billion in 2003, the administration reported Monday, as the costs of the war in Iraq, a new round of tax cuts and economic weakness pushed the government's red ink to the highest level in history.

Providing a final accounting of the budget year that ended Sept. 30, the

administration said that the 2003 deficit was more than double last year's imbalance of \$157.8 billion.

In dollar terms, the 2003 figure easily surpassed the old record of \$290.4 billion set in 1992 when President Bush's father was president.

Bush administration officials noted that the 2003 deficit represented just 3.5 percent of the country's total economic

output, below the 5 percent and 6 percent levels hit in the 1980s during the Reagan administration. The administration prefers to link the deficit to total economic output as a better measure of the country's ability to carry the debt burden.

The \$374.2 billion deficit figure represented an improvement from the administration's forecast this summer when Bush officials projected the deficit would hit \$455 billion. Officials credited stronger-than-expected tax collections in recent months in combination with less government spending for the improvement over the summer forecast.

Joshua Bolten, head of the president's Office of Management and Budget, said that the deficit for the current 2004 budget year will rise even higher, topping \$500 billion, before stronger economic growth will start the red ink on a downward path. The administration is forecasting that the deficit will be cut in half over the next five years.

"We can put the deficit on a responsible downward path if we continue pro-growth economic policies and exercise responsible spending restraint," Bolten said in a statement accompanying the budget figures. "The president's budget does precisely that, halving the deficit from its 2004 peak within five years."

The back-to-back deficits in 2002 and 2003 represent a significant turnaround in the country's fiscal fortunes after four consecutive years of budget surpluses. That was the longest such stretch since the 1920s, as government coffers were swollen by rising income tax revenues, reflecting the record-long 10-year economic expansion which ended with the recession that began in March 2001.

That recession and weak economic growth since then, plus three rounds of tax cuts pushed through Congress by the president and rising government spending to bolster homeland security and fight a global war on terrorism have sent the deficits soaring.

Democrats have zeroed in on the deficits as a symbol of what they contend is Bush's mismanagement of the economy, arguing that the president's emphasis on tax cuts has squandered projected surpluses totaling \$5.6 trillion over 10 years.

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The following table shows the percent of women who got pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

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Combined	0.1	-
Progestin only	0.5	-
RUD	-	3
Progestasert	2.0	-
Copper-T 380A	0.8	-
Condom (without spermicide)	2	12
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	4	18
Cervical cap	6	18
Withdrawal	4	18
Periodic abstinence	1.9	20
Spermicide alone	3	21
Vaginal Sponge	-	-
used before childbirth	6	18
used after childbirth	9	28
No method	85	85

Source: Trussard et al. *Obstet Gynecol* 1990;76:558-567.
 *From Norplant® package.
 †RUD = Rhythm Method.
 ‡If you think you might be pregnant.
 §If you have any vaginal bleeding without a known reason.

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3.Cancer
 Studies of women who have used different forms of contraception found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, ovary, uterus, cervix, or liver. However, women under 35 years of age whose first exposure to DEPO-PROVERA was within the previous 4 to 5 years may have a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss this with your health-care provider.

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 Because DEPO-PROVERA is such an effective contraceptive method, the risk of accidental pregnancy for women who get their shots regularly (every 3 months [13 weeks]) is very low. While there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal infant death or other health problems in infants conceived close to the time of injection, such pregnancies are uncommon. If you think you may have become pregnant while using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, see your health-care provider as soon as possible.

5.Allergic Reactions
 Some women using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection have reported severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reactions known as anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid reactions. Symptoms include the sudden onset of hives or swelling and itching of the skin, breathing difficulties, and a drop in blood pressure.

6.Other Risks
 Women who use hormone-based contraceptives may have an increased risk of blood clots or stroke. Also, if a contraceptive method fails, there is a possibility that the fertilized egg will begin to develop outside of the uterus (ectopic pregnancy). While these events are rare, you should tell your health-care provider immediately if any of these problems occur following an injection of DEPO-PROVERA.
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What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
 1.Weight Gain
 You may experience a weight gain while you are using DEPO-PROVERA. About two thirds of the women who used DEPO-PROVERA in clinical trials reported a weight gain of about 5 pounds during the first year of use. You may continue to gain weight after the first year. Women in one large study who used DEPO-PROVERA for 2 years gained an average total of 8.1 pounds over those 2 years, or approximately 4 pounds per year. Women who continued for 4 years gained an average total of 13.8 pounds over those 4 years, or approximately 3.5 pounds per year. Women who continued for 6 years gained an average total of 16.5 pounds over those 6 years, or approximately 2.75 pounds per year.

2.Other Side Effects
 In a clinical study of over 3900 women who used DEPO-PROVERA for up to 7 years, some women reported the following effects that may or may not have been related to their use of DEPO-PROVERA: irregular menstrual bleeding; amenorrhea; headache; nervousness; abdominal cramps; dizziness; weakness or fatigue; decreased sexual desire; leg cramps; nausea; vaginal discharge or irritation; breast swelling and tenderness; bloating; swelling of the hands or feet; backache; depression; insomnia; acne; pelvic pain; no hair growth or excessive hair loss; rash; hot flashes; and joint pain. Other problems were reported by very few of the women in the clinical trials, but some of these could be serious. These include convulsions; jaundice; urinary tract infections; allergic reactions; fainting; paralysis; osteoporosis; lack of return to fertility; deep vein thrombosis; pulmonary embolism; breast cancer; or cervical cancer. If these or any other problems occur during your use of DEPO-PROVERA, discuss them with your health-care provider.

Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
 1.Missed Periods
 During the time you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, you may skip a period, or your periods may stop completely. If you have been receiving your DEPO-PROVERA injections regularly every 3 months (13 weeks), then you are probably not pregnant. However, if you think that you may be pregnant, see your health-care provider.

2.Laboratory Test Interactions
 If you are scheduled for any laboratory tests, tell your health-care provider that you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception. Certain blood tests are affected by hormones such as DEPO-PROVERA.

3Drug Interactions
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4.Nursing Mothers
 Although DEPO-PROVERA can be passed to the nursing infant in the breast milk, no harmful effects have been found in these children. DEPO-PROVERA does not prevent the breasts from producing milk, so it can be used by nursing mothers. However, to minimize the amount of DEPO-PROVERA that is passed to the infant in the first weeks after birth, you should wait until 6 weeks after childbirth before you start using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception.

How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
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Sniper suspect decides not to represent himself

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — Sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad changed his mind Wednesday and stopped acting as his own lawyer at his trial after only one day of cross-examining witnesses.

Circuit Judge LeRoy F. Millette Jr. informed the jury of Muhammad's decision after a half-hour conference at the judge's bench. Jonathan Shapiro and Peter Greenspun, who had been advising him on standby since his decision Monday, returned to their former roles as his defense lawyers.

Muhammad had stunned the judge and even his own attorneys when he demanded the right to represent himself, just as opening arguments were to begin in his death penalty trial.

He is being tried on murder charges related to the killing of Dean Harold Meyers, who was shot at a northern Virginia gasoline station during the series of attacks last October around the Washington metropolitan area in which 10 people were killed.

Prosecutors complained about Muhammad's self-representation Tuesday and asked the judge to rescind it. They said Muhammad was receiving too much help from Shapiro and Greenspun, whose role as standby counsel was supposed to be limited.

Millette ordered Muhammad to

physically distance himself from the two lawyers to minimize communications between them.

Millette said Tuesday that Muhammad had been representing himself competently.

After Wednesday's announcement, Greenspun launched a series of objections during the testimony of Chris Okupski of Trenton, N.J., who sold Muhammad the Chevrolet Caprice prosecutors believe was the vehicle used in the sniper attacks.

Greenspun won many of his objections, something that happened only rarely while Muhammad represented himself.

Also on Wednesday, Millette ruled that a shooting victim, liquor store employee Muhammad Rashid of Waldorf, Md., could testify after Rashid identified Lee Boyd Malvo — John Allen Muhammad's fellow sniper suspect — when Malvo was briefly brought into the courtroom.

It was only the second time the two had been in the same courtroom; the encounter was brief, with no apparent eye contact between them.

Rashid, who was shot in the stomach outside a liquor store in Brandywine, Md., in September 2002, before the October series of sniper attacks, testified that he played dead so his attacker would not shoot him again.

"I tried to show him that I'm expired," Rashid said.

Muhammad's decision to represent himself had created an awkward situation Tuesday as he cross-examined another of his alleged victims, restaurant owner Paul J. LaRuffa of Clinton, Md.

LaRuffa survived a gunshot wound to the chest Sept. 5, 2002, as he closed up his restaurant. He was robbed of \$3,600 and a laptop computer. The computer was found in Muhammad's car when he was arrested.

Muhammad began his questioning of LaRuffa by saying he meant no disrespect and that "I understand how you feel when your life is on the line." The judge admonished Muhammad for making that statement, saying it was gratuitous.

After court Tuesday, LaRuffa described the cross-examination as surreal.

"It's from the twilight zone," LaRuffa said. "Defendants aren't supposed to question you, and that's what happened."

During questioning by prosecutors, LaRuffa said he had gotten into his car when he saw a figure to his left and a flash of light, and then a window broke as he was shot at close range.

"I said I wasn't going to die," LaRuffa said. "I said, 'I'm not dying in this parking lot.'"

Princess Di's brother speaks out about their relationship

LONDON (AP) — The year before Princess Diana died, she was alienated from her brother, Earl Spencer, and he wrote to her saying she had mental problems and was manipulative and deceitful, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

Spencer, speaking on NBC's "Today" show, said the letter, published in excerpts from a new book, was being seen out of context and that he "adored Diana."

Worldwide television audiences watched him in September 1997 give a funeral oration about his sister, in which he spoke of their closeness as children, honored her memory and appeared to make a veiled criticism of the royal family.

He also said Wednesday that he did not believe her fatal 1997 car crash was planned, despite a letter, published in the same book, in which Diana said she feared someone would tamper with her car's brakes.

Both letters are from "A Royal Duty," a forthcoming book by Diana's former butler Paul Burrell, which is being excerpted in the Daily Mirror newspaper.

Spencer told NBC he hadn't seen the letters but had heard from handwriting experts that published sections appeared to have been written by Diana.

The princess's companion Dodi Fayed also was killed in the crash; his father, Mohammed al Fayed,

has never accepted the French verdict that driver Henri Paul's use of drugs and alcohol, and the car's high speed, caused the accident. Paul also was killed. Al Fayed says the deaths were intentional.

"My family and I are absolutely certain that we've never seen any evidence of that whatsoever," Spencer said, speaking to NBC from Toronto. As for Diana's fears, he said, "I do think it's just a horrible coincidence, rather than actually tied in with reality."

Asked if Diana's fears were justified, Spencer said she had spoken to him about being eavesdropped on and having her private quarters bugged.

"I think paranoid's a very strong word but I think using it in the common way meaning very, very concerned about yourself, yes, she was at times," Spencer said.

The letter attributed to Spencer and published in the Daily Mirror said, "I know how manipulation and deceit are parts of the illness. I hope you are getting treatment for your mental problems."

Spencer told NBC the letter was being seen "out of context and out of time."

"I suppose all of the loving letters I sent won't sell like this one, which is trying to help her when she was at her most complex," he said. "Anyone who tries to make out that I didn't support and love my sister is way off the mark."

News reports have said Queen

Elizabeth II and Prince Philip are furious that Burrell included private letters from Philip in the book and are considering legal action.

A palace spokeswoman declined to say whether the royal couple was upset to see the letters in print and would not comment on the possibility of a lawsuit.

She said the royal family asked to see an advance copy of the book, and the publisher responded by sending certain excerpts to Buckingham Palace.

Burrell, the servant whom Diana once called "my rock," said Prince Philip sent Diana a series of letters in 1992 as her marriage was foundering.

The Daily Mirror reported Tuesday that Philip wrote to Diana that he held her partly responsible for the breakdown of her marriage to Prince Charles, but also told her he "never dreamed" that Charles would leave her for longtime companion Camilla Parker Bowles.

"I cannot imagine anyone in their right mind leaving you for Camilla," Philip wrote.

But he also chastised his daughter-in-law for her own behavior, asking "Can you honestly look into your heart and say that Charles's relationship with Camilla had nothing to do with your behavior towards him in your marriage?"

A former senior royal aide defended Burrell's decision to reveal details of personal letters from her royal in-laws in the new book.

One American dead, six wounded after attack in Baghdad; two civilians killed in fight

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's hit-and-run resistance struck U.S. forces in this tense city west of Baghdad for a second day Monday, killing one American paratrooper and wounding six others, the U.S. command reported.

Two civilians were killed in the clash, including one whose family said he was shot by the Americans after they detained and handcuffed him. The Pentagon said it had no information on the claim, and U.S. military spokesmen in Iraq had no immediate comment.

Fallujah is among the most dangerous cities for American troops in the "Sunni Triangle" to the north and west of Baghdad, where resistance to the U.S. occupation is most intense.

Efforts to reinforce embattled American troops in Iraq suffered new setbacks Monday, with Bangladesh ruling out sending soldiers and Iraqi tribal leaders renewing demands that Turkish troops stay at home.

In the midday raid, insurgents attacked a dismounted patrol from the 82nd Airborne Division, first with a homemade bomb and then with small-arms fire, the U.S. command said. The patrol consisted of about 30 soldiers accompanied by five Humvees.

Reporters and Iraqi witnesses said the paratroopers raked the area with return fire, then raided a mosque and houses looking for the attackers. They

detained at least nine Iraqis, including a woman, residents said.

The clash came a day after rocket-propelled grenades destroyed a U.S. Army ammunition truck that had broken down on the highway east of Fallujah. One civilian was killed and four were wounded in the explosions or in the U.S. gunfire that followed.

No U.S. casualties were reported in Sunday's attack, which set off celebrations among Iraqi youths.

The bodies of the two civilians killed in the Monday attack — an Iraqi and a Syrian truck driver — were taken to Fallujah General Hospital.

The Associated Press saw that one of them, Iraqi Nazem Baji, had a gunshot wound in the back of his head and his hands were tied in front of him with plastic bands similar to those used by the U.S. military when they arrest suspects.

"They (Americans) raided the house, shot him first in the leg, tied his hands and then shot him in the head," said the victim's brother, Dira'a Baji. Baji said his brother was the only male in the house when the Americans came

but that several women relatives were present and described what happened. None of the women was at the hospital.

The U.S. military press office in Baghdad said it had no information on the allegation and referred AP to the 82nd Airborne press office. An e-mail request for comment was forwarded but no reply was received.

At Fort Bragg, N.C., military spokesmen said the dead paratrooper was assigned to the 1st Battalion of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

Police Lt. Mahmoud al-Falahi said the truck driver was killed in the crossfire. The trailer was lying on its side on a bridge, and the cab's windshield was pocked with bullet holes.

"A roadside bomb detonated on the main street, then there was an attack on the American patrol," al-Falahi said. "The Americans started combing the area with gunfire, killing a truck driver."

Another Syrian driver, Ibrahim Jassem, said the victim was part of a con-

voy hauling cement from Lebanon to Baghdad when he was caught up in the attack.

"The soldiers shot at random," Jassem said. "He was driving to Baghdad to drop off his shipment and return to Syria. They are against the Arabs and Iraqis. Everyone must attack them."

The latest U.S. deaths brought to 104 the number of Americans killed by hostile fire since President Bush declared an end to major combat May 1. A total of 339 Americans have died since the March 20 invasion of Iraq, 218 of them in combat.

The Bush administration hoped last week's passage of the new U.N. Security Council resolution, which urges other nations to contribute troops and money, might bring reinforcements to help restore order in Iraq.

On Monday, however, Bangladesh, a Muslim country and frequent contributor to U.N. peacekeeping missions, said the new resolution doesn't meet its key condition for sending troops: that

the United Nations, not the United States, play the primary role in Iraq's transition.

In the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, tribal leaders from across the country met and declared their opposition to allowing Turkish peacekeeping troops on Iraqi soil.

The Turkish Parliament has agreed to a U.S. request for troops, but Iraqis overwhelmingly oppose such a deployment because of sensitivities over centuries of Turkish colonial domination.

The current leader of the interim Iraqi Governing Council had proposed another way to strengthen the security

forces: recalling to duty the disbanded, 400,000-member Iraqi army, which disintegrated last April as a U.S.-British invasion force advanced through the country.

Council President Iyad Allawi's idea won a cool reception from the U.S.-led occupation administration Sunday. On Monday, a representative of another council member, Shiite Muslim leader Abdel-Aziz al-Hakim, also didn't endorse the proposal.

"To reinstall the former Iraqi army is something that is not being discussed in the Governing Council or any other authority," Adel Abdul-Mahdi said.

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Ropin' and ridin' Red Raiders saddle up

By Justin Vallejo/Staff Reporter

J.J. Thompson, a junior animal science major from Midland, will proudly sport her champion belt buckle as she competes in this year's intercollegiate rodeo. She was awarded the buckle after being declared last year's champion of the barrel race event.

With the help of the hometown crowd, Thompson has high hopes for the event.

"I expect to win," she said.

Beginning Thursday night and continuing through Saturday, is the 54th Annual Texas Tech University National Intercollegiate Rodeo.

The rodeo will begin each night at 7 p.m. at South Plains Fairgrounds, with performances starting at 7:30.

There will be nine competitions including bull riding, calf-roping, breakaway roping, bare-back riding, steer wrestling, goat tying, saddle bronc riding, team roping and barrel racing.

The event represents an important competition for the Tech rodeo team and other regional schools.

"This is one of the 10 rodeos that the students compete in throughout the year to qualify for national finals," said Becky Shields, Texas Tech Rodeo Team Secretary and senior agricultural communications major from Morton. "This is the fourth rodeo of the year."

She said the national finals for college will be held in June in Casper, Wyo. Shields said 15 colleges and univer-

sities from the Southwest region are expected to compete in the three-day event, including West Texas A&M, Eastern New Mexico and South Plains College.

A special event, the calf dressing competition, will be featured for Tech students only. The event will be separate from other competitions.

All Tech student organizations are encouraged to compete in the calf dressing competition, Shields said.

There will be a \$25 entry for organizations to compete, with three students allowed per team. Each night, eight student organization teams will perform.

The rodeo is the largest fund-raiser of the year for the rodeo team, said coach Chris Guay.

The money raised from the event goes to scholarships, travel expenses, the overall cost of producing the rodeo as well as other general expenses.

"We hope to get a lot of the student life involved," said Guay.

He says he hopes students and student organizations come out and support the team because he anticipates a lot of good competition from the Southwest region.

"The Southwest region is predominantly the toughest region in the nation," he said. "Our goal is to come out and have a strong men's and women's team showing."

Students competing in the rodeo are excited about the event and that it is taking place in Lubbock.

"It's a big deal just because it's a hometown thing, you want to do good," said Jessi Peek, a junior mathematics major from Trinidad, Colo.

Peek will compete in the barrel race, goat tying and breakaway roping contests.

She says she is confident going into the weekend because she has an advantage with Lubbock's backing her. Her overall goal is to get 120 points and place in the top 10, preferably the top four.

"I think that our team, women's and men's, could win this weekend," she said.

In his second year to compete, Matt Bellah, a sophomore exercise and sports science and animal science major from Throckmorton, said the competition will be tough because of the quality of the competitors. He also realizes the overall importance of the event.

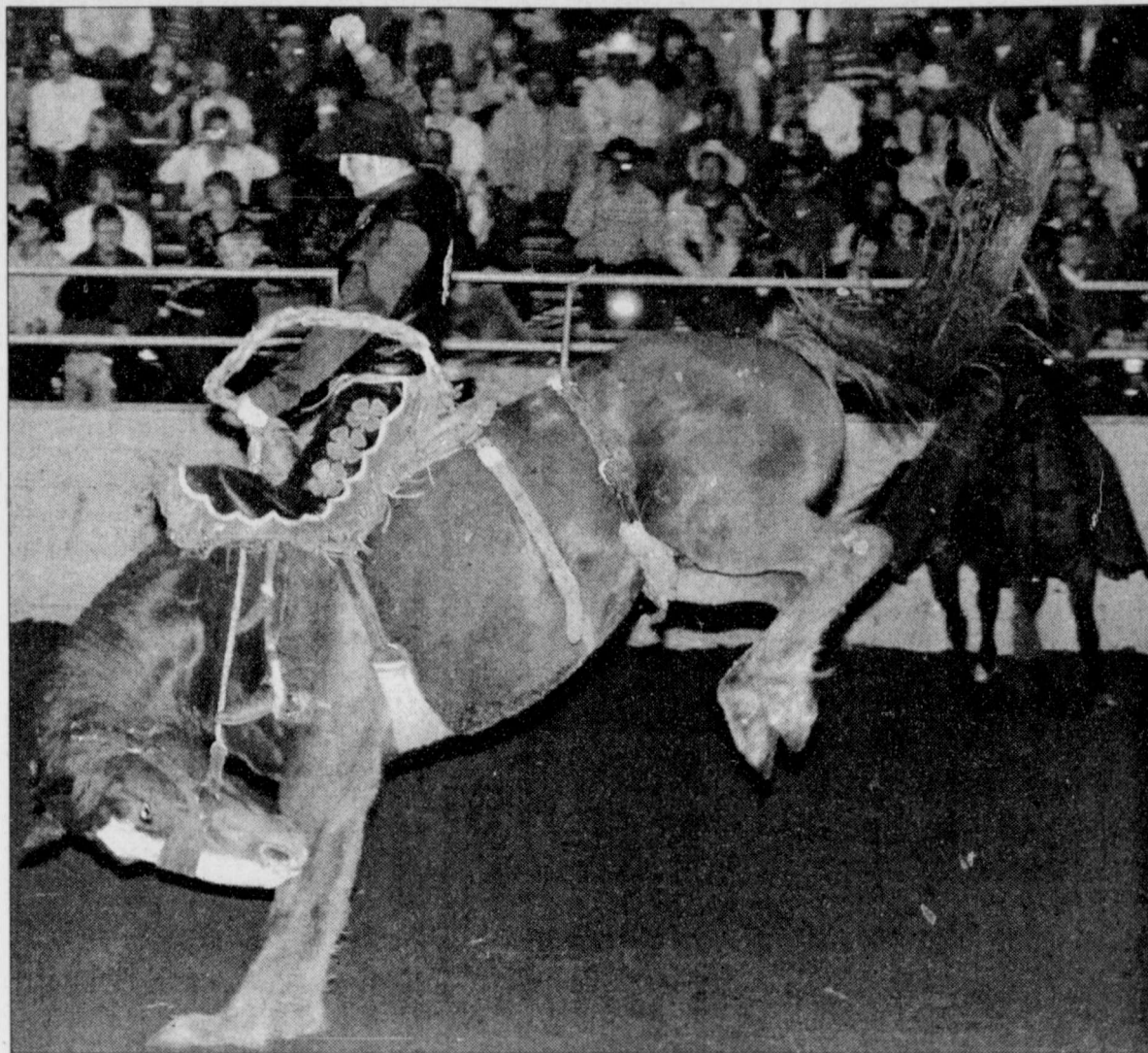
"A lot of the people that compete in college also compete professionally," he said. "Like everybody else, I'm looking towards the national finals - that's my goal."

His goal is to qualify for the short-go round in Saturday's final round.

Tickets for Thursday and Friday night will cost \$8 and \$10 for the finals on Saturday. Kids 12 and under are free.

Tickets can be purchased at Boot Country Western Wear, Dollar Western Wear, Cavender's, Luskey's and the Department of Animal and Food Sciences at Tech.

Thursday night, students get in at half price with a valid Tech I.D.



FILE PHOTO/The University Daily

A CONTESTANT COMPETES in last year's Texas Tech rodeo. The rodeo starts tonight at 7 p.m. at the South Plains Fairgrounds.

Crossing borders: Nurse to speak about her Third World experiences

By Nikki Siegrist/Staff Reporter

Living without a car and other conveniences in a Third World country is hard for Lydia Carrillo to fathom.

"I really can't imagine living in an environment like that," the junior human development and family stud-

ies major from Uvalde said. "I think that takes a lot of courage."

Courage, she believes, Mary Lightfine must have.

Mary Lightfine, a Nurse without Borders, is speaking at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Allen Theater. She will be speaking about her experiences in for-

eign countries such as Sudan, Somalia and Nicaragua as a nurse.

Nurses without borders and doctors without borders usually volunteer themselves to work in impoverished and sometimes war-torn countries to help those who are dying of hunger and disease.

She helped feed the hungry and poor and give medical attention to those who needed care.

Carrillo said Lightfine probably had to humble herself to serve the underprivileged, and listening to her speak would help Carrillo gain more of an understanding of the privileges she has in the United States.

"It would give us an idea of what's going on in other countries and how lucky we are," Carrillo said. "A lot of people take it for granted that we are an American."

Senior Rodney Dove said he would be willing to give up amenities as Lightfine did and help underprivileged people in foreign countries. He said that cars, good food, technology and television are all things Americans take for granted.

"As Americans we're in a position to help others less fortunate," the political science major from Ralls said. "One of our duties is to do that."

The Center for Campus Life is bringing Lightfine to Tech. Coordina-

tors Jenn Henley and Jana Vise worked to have Lightfine come and lecture.

"She has a unique perspective into their lives," Henley said. "She puts a different spin on what's going on in the world right now."

Because Lightfine lived in so many different places many people do not normally visit, she has many interesting stories to tell, Henley said.

Lightfine will bring clothing natives wear and videos from the countries she has visited. Henley said Lightfine will use volunteers from the audience to demonstrate the differences in men's and women's clothing.

"She can provide an insight into a culture we don't see," Henley said. "She can break stereotypes by what she's seen and lived first-hand."

Henley said she heard Lightfine speak in February and was emotionally moved.

"She has pictures and costumes and you can see she has benefited," she said. "You can't help but feel that."

Jana Vise also heard Lightfine in February.

"She talks about visiting third world countries and the types of conditions she had to deal with while over there," Vise said. "It gives you a lot of insight into a way of life we will never experience — poverty, not having medical facilities and living in war-torn areas. She brings that in sight to us."

Both Henley and Vise recommend students listen to Lightfine.

"This is a great opportunity for students to hear a person talk about life in other parts of the world we usually only hear about on TV, and it's usually negative," Vise said. "She gives the positive view of these countries."

The lecture is open to the general public, and general admission seats are free for students with a valid I.D. and \$10 for others interested in attending. Students must have a ticket before they will be allowed into the theater. Tickets can be obtained at the Student Center in the east side of the Student Center building.

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Drinkin' down the pounds: alcohol carries its weight

By Megan LaVoie/Staff Reporter

Allie Moore said she lies on her bed every morning in order to zip her favorite pair of jeans that have now become too tight.

"I really don't know what is going on, I guess the freshman 15 really isn't a myth," said Moore, a freshman business major from San Antonio.

Moore is not the only freshman or Texas Tech student suffering from the mid-term weight — and most students do not realize where the extra weight is coming from.

Juli Benson, a health educator with student health services, said most students do not factor alcohol into their daily caloric intake, and it could be contributing to weight gain.

"Most people eat the same amount of food every day, and they don't allot for the calories they are consuming when they consume alcohol, and alcohol has a lot of calories," she said.

Patrick Garcia, kitchen manager at Don Pablo's, said the restaurant's house

margarita comes in an 18-ounce glass. According to www.dwlz.com, an 11-ounce margarita contains 550 calories. Neil Fuqua, owner of Bash Riprock's bar, said their Long Island iced tea contains 16 ounces. According to the Web site's calculation, this drink can pack in more than 750 calories.

According to the Web site, the top five worst alcoholic drinks in terms of calories are margaritas, Mudslides, Long Island Iced Teas, White Russians and piña colodas.

One bottle of Mike's Hard Lemonade Malt beverage has 240 calories in it, and a 12 fluid ounce can of Budweiser contains 192 calories.

One shot of a whiskey sour has 200 calories, and a 12 ounce bottle of Sky Blue has 280 calories.

Mixed drinks and malt beverages are not the only drinks that contain calories, hard liquor shots also do.

One 1.5 ounce shot of Jack Daniels has 108 calories in it, and a shot of vodka can range between 120 and 150 calories.

Dr. Brent Shriver, an assistant professor of food and nutrition, said an average college female should consume between 2,200 calories and 2,500 calories per day, and an average college male can consume up to 3000 calories per day if he is

trying to maintain, not lose, weight.

"Calories are calories — whether they are in liquid or food form," Shriver said.

Shriver said there are more calories in alcohol than there are in carbohydrates and proteins.

"There are 7 kilo/calories in one gram of alcohol; the only one that has more is fat, and it has 9 kilo/calories per gram—it is easy to over consume on calories by drinking alcohol because people don't know how many calories they are actually consuming," he said.

Shriver said students do not account for the alcohol they consume, and it slowly makes a difference in their weight.

"Students don't count the three beers they had that night, which would average around 350 calories; if they had already had their allotted amount of calories for that day those are 350 extra calories that they didn't need," he said.

Shriver said it takes 3,500 calories to lose or gain one pound of fat.

"If a student cut out the three beers they drank every day, they would lose one pound a week because it would add up to the 3,500 calories they needed to expend to lose that one pound of fat," he said.

Shriver said chronic heavy drinking could change hormonal factors in the body and cause weight gained from drinking to deposit in the abdominal region.

Benson said she looks at alcohol the same way she looks at sodas—just extra calories with no nutritional value.

Shriver said he believes students

also consume extra food when they are drinking.

"Students usually drink in a social setting and find that they are eating more food because it is a social setting and they are drinking — they are not aware that those are even more un-needed calories that they are consuming," he said.

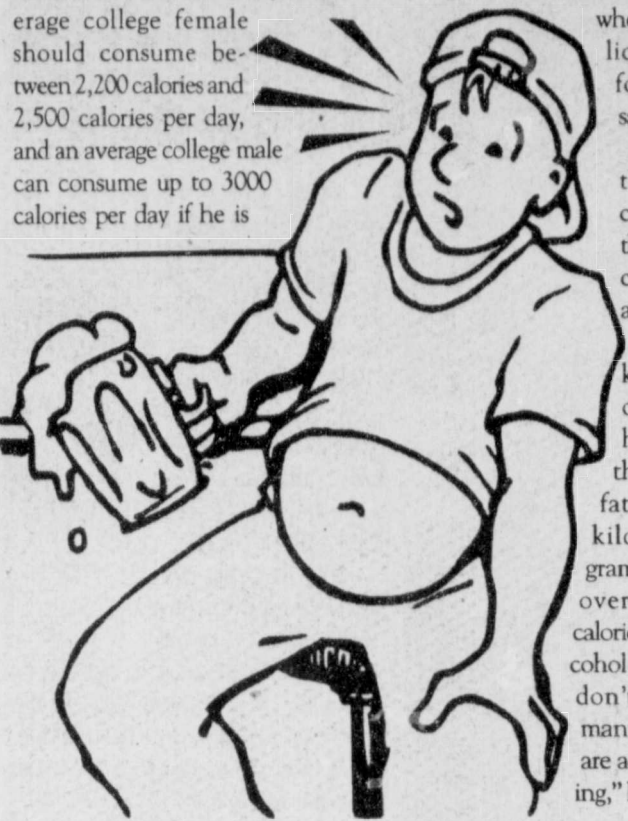
Shriver said people who drink a lot of alcohol during a long period of time do not eat the right amount or kinds of food and could lead to a nutrient deficiency.

Benson said she suggests students that choose to drink do so moderately.

"Students' best bet is to engage in only light drinking, that way they can keep themselves healthy and safe," she said.

Shriver suggests that students looking to lose weight cut out something they do not need.

"Alcohol is not a nutrient at all, if you want to lose weight, cut out the stuff you don't need and exercise," he said.



'Texas Chainsaw' overall lacks teeth

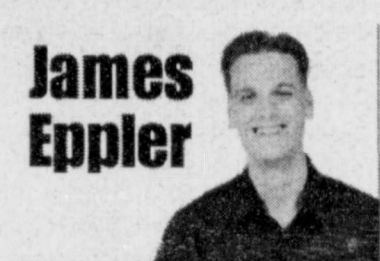
Why? Did we really need another remake of Tobe Hooper's cult horror classic "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre"? Apparently, producer Michael Bay thought so. Bay ("Bad Boys II" director), formerly a music video director, brought on fellow music video director, Marcus Nispert, to make his feature film debut here. This choice, believe it or not, is the best thing this new film has going for it: the fact that it looks sharp and stylish like a Michael Bay film.

But people going to watch this film aren't interested in style. They want to be horrified many times over. But this film fails to ever be truly scary. It plays out like a typical teen horror movie that employs all the old methods of scaring its audience that have been run into the ground.

The story for this film is slightly different from the original 1974 film but still maintains the basic idea—a group of teenagers on a road trip end up being sawed up one by one by a disfigured maniac wielding a chainsaw.

The fresh meat, er, teenagers are led by Jessica Biel, who is a long way from "Seventh Heaven," and Eric Balfour from HBO's "Six Feet Under," (do I have to point out the irony there?).

Instead of inspecting grave robberies as in the original, these teens are on their way to a Skynyrd concert in Dallas. But they pick up a hitchhiker—a drooling girl who looks like she just came off the set of "The Exorcist." She



soon complains about the group going the wrong way, pulls out a pistol from between her legs and eats a bullet.

Obviously, the teens have to pull over in a little Texas town to seek help. The town is so small, in fact, that it doesn't even have a Dairy Queen.

While there, they encounter a corrupt sheriff (R. Lee Ermey) and of course a big house inhabited by a crazed maniac.

There are devices from the original film that are kept in tact—hanging people on meat hooks, long chases through the woods and of course Leatherface himself. There also is a scant bit of new material that works—in particular the scene in which the sheriff forces one of the teens to re-enact the suicide in the van.

But whereas Leatherface was killing for cannibalistic purposes in the original film, that purpose is deleted in the new version. Instead, he's just an introverted little monster who likes to torture his victims and sometimes performs a Hannibal Lecter on their faces.

Fans of the original will also notice the absence of the heartily disturbing dinner sequence from the original film.

Audiences will feel cheated at the absence of the cannibalistic aspect, especially as the film hints at it so many times with the barbecue dive at the beginning, and a comment made from the old man, "She should stay for dinner."

The film does, however, kick the carnage and brutality into high gear, which may please some viewers without impressing or scaring them.

The final twenty minutes or so of the film, frankly, gets boring with Biel running and screaming with Leatherface hot on her heels. Nispert's employing all means possible to keep Biel's white tank top wet throughout this sequence to keep some of his audience's interest also becomes overtly obvious.

Fans of the horror genre may find this film mildly amusing, but those who have been exposed to the original "Chainsaw," or any other teen horror movie for that matter, will find few surprises here.

If anything positive can be derived from this remake, it is that the film will inspire people who may have never

seen the original to watch it.

The end of the new film leaves things wide open for a sequel, which means we could possibly have a re-make of "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre 2." The saddest thing about that prospect is that I'll bet original star Dennis Hooper would sign on for the remake.

EPPLER'S RATING:



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

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Symons takes blame for loss to Cowboys



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TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK B.J. Symons sets up to pass during the Red Raiders 51-49 loss to the Oklahoma State Cowboys in Stillwater, Okla. Symons, who had more than 500 yards against the Cowboys, leads the nation in passing yards and passing touchdowns. Tech will face the Missouri Tigers on Saturday in Columbia, Mo. The Raiders are 2-2 all-time against the Tigers and won the last meeting between the two teams 52-38 last season in Jones SBC Stadium.

COACH SPEAKS: Leach says Symons led team well despite late interception.

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

After a game throwing for more than 500 yards and five touchdowns during a loss, it might be easy for a quarterback to point fingers at others, but Texas Tech quarterback B.J. Symons only pointed a finger at one player after the loss to Oklahoma State. Himself.

Trailing by 27 points entering the fourth quarter, Symons led the offense on a comeback by throwing for more than 200 yards in the final quarter. After the rally was unsuccessful, Symons took the blame for the loss.

"I personally feel like I let the team down," he said after the game. Head coach Mike Leach said the loss was a tough burden to bear, and he didn't believe Symons should have to accept it or offer to accept it. Leach said despite the responsibility for the loss falling on the entire team, the quarterback's stepping up and saying what he said showed a lot of character.

With the game behind him and another match up Saturday, Symons said forgetting about the loss was still

a little more difficult considering how the game ended.

"You could tell it was still on a lot of guys minds (Sunday)," he said. It was definitely on mine. It probably wouldn't have been if we had gotten blown out, but the way that we fought back and fought so hard and the way that we lost the game, that definitely took a toll."

Because of the interception he threw on Tech's final drive, Symons wanted to blame himself for the loss initially.

"The way the game ended, we were rolling, the defense stepped up and special teams made some big plays, and it was right there in our hands offensively," he said. "The outcome of the game was basically what we want. So obviously, I took a lot of blame because that's just the way I felt. I felt like I let the team down at the end of the game because everyone had played so well up to that point."

Taking that blame was not something Leach thought was necessary, however.

"He did some good things, and I thought he was very courageous there at the end, did a great job leading this

offense as we made a run for it at the end," he said.

It may have been Symons' leadership that put the Raiders in the position to win, and Leach said with Symons on the field the possible game-winning drive may have never happened.

"I think he's a great leader, otherwise we wouldn't have made the run that we did," he said. "There's all kinds of points in that game where we could have put ourselves into a better position and wouldn't have even needed the last run, and all the drives that led up to it that got us there in the first place. It's a nice thing to say; I don't particularly think it's necessarily accurate."

Receiver Wes Welker said he understands why Symons felt bad about the loss, but said he is not worried about any lingering thoughts because he knows Symons will be ready for the next game.

"He's been a huge part (of our success)," he said. "He's the guy delivering the ball. He's where everything starts, and he makes the decisions. He does such a great job."

Symons said the loss is behind him and he has removed the load from his shoulders. He also said he is ready for this week's match up with Missouri and not stuck in the past.

"It was hard definitely to put it behind me, but I have," he said. "You can't worry about the past. You can't sit and play the 'what if' game for too long. You gotta just move on, and I've done a good job of doing that. I realize in my position I can't let my play be affected by what might have been."



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Sooners feel pressure of staying No. 1

(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. — The Oklahoma football team may be facing pressure when it travels to the high altitude of the Colorado Rockies this weekend. But this pressure may not have anything to do with the climate — it's more mental than physical.

On Monday night, the Bowl Championship Series polls were announced, and OU was on top. This ranking isn't uncharted territory for the Sooners. They have been ranked No. 1 all season in The Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls. If the season ended today, the Sooners would be in New Orleans playing in the national championship game.

Before all this comes to pass, though, OU has to run the table against Oklahoma State, Texas A&M and Texas Tech — not exactly locks for wins. This week, the Sooners play Colorado, a team they haven't beaten in Boulder, Colo., in four games, losing the last two when traveling to the Centennial State.

Offensive coordinator Chuck Long said the Sooners are executing their normal routine this week in practice. The team's focus is on

the Buffaloes.

"Colorado poses a tough challenge for us," Long said. "They know us pretty well. We've played them twice last year, and now we have to go up there. OU has been challenged since we've been going up there."

The way the Sooners practice and prepare each week makes playing pressure games easy, sophomore safety Brodney Pool said.

"If we practice hard and do what we have to do, then that gives us a better chance to come out victorious in whatever game we play," Pool said.

Pool said he understands that being ranked so high in virtually every poll concocted by the sports world paints a target on the Sooners' backs. Using the cliched sports philosophy of "taking it one game at a time" helps combat that tension.

"There's always pressure with everything you play," Pool said. "Every team we play is out to get us, so we just have to do our best."

It's that pressure that the Sooners are trying to downplay. They know each game will be evaluated and played out in the media, but the Sooners stay focused on the task at hand.

"The AP and the BCS [rankings] doesn't really matter," said sophomore fullback J.D. Runnels. "We just need to keep doing what we're doing."

Runnels said he doesn't see the BCS ranking any differently than the other rankings.

"I think if we keep winning games, then no matter what we'll be in the position we want to be in," he said.

The Sooners have been successful this season in all facets of the game, Long said. That success hasn't gone to the players' heads.

Long said he sees the BCS ranking as another way to get OU's name into the heads of recruits who don't know where they want to continue their careers and education.

"We're business as usual, and we're not really getting into all that [BCS hype]," Long said. "I think it's good to have, and it's obviously good for recruiting. It keeps you on the map. We haven't let that get to us in any way. We're going through it business as usual."

One player who hasn't bought into the hype is defensive star Tommie Harris. He said he hasn't paid much attention to the rankings this season, and plans not to until after the Sugar Bowl has been played.

"I really don't care about all the BCS and all that other stuff," Harris said with a smile. "But I will tell you how it feels to be No. 1 if we win the national championship. Then I'll tell you how it feels."

Titans' McNair will stand trail

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Steve McNair's case on drunken driving and weapons charges will go to a grand jury.

Judge Leon Ruben ruled Tuesday that there was sufficient evidence for the case against the Tennessee Titans' quarterback to move forward. The grand jury could convene in four to five weeks, according to the district attorney's office.

McNair was pulled over by police while driving a sport utility vehicle in Nashville just after midnight May 22. Officer Shawn Taylor said he saw McNair's vehicle swerve across the center line.

According to police, McNair's eyes were bloodshot, his breath smelled of alcohol and he acknowledged drinking.

"There was no doubt in my mind he was impaired and a dangerous driver," Taylor testified during the preliminary hearing Tuesday.

Defense attorney Roger May suggested the officer arrested McNair only because he wanted to nab a celebrity.

Taylor acknowledged he had talked to other officers about arresting a Titans player, McNair in particular. What he meant, Taylor explained, was that he would arrest anyone for drunken driving, no matter how famous they were.

Police said McNair's blood-alcohol level was 0.18 - well above Tennessee's limit of 0.10 at the time.

The weapon charge involves a nine mm handgun found in the SUV. McNair has a permit for the handgun, but in Tennessee an intoxicated person may not legally carry a loaded weapon.

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Raiders still have faith despite record

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

Despite being caught in the middle of a four-way tie for last place in the Big 12 Conference, all is still not lost for the Texas Tech soccer team.

The Red Raiders have matched their win total from last year, and with three games remaining in the season the team has found itself in a situation only victories can get them out of.

Head coach Felix Oskam said earlier this season that on any given day, a team could lose to the hands of another.

That possibility was just the case Sept. 28, when Tech took a victory against Big 12 powerhouse Kansas. If players will to win is as great as their morale, Oskam said this weekend could prove to be Tech's finest.

"The one win we got in conference is keeping us going. Winning Friday could take us a long way," he said. "Losing would put more pressure on us because we would have to win the next two just to go to the Big 12 tournament."

The Red Raiders face Iowa State at 7 p.m. Friday. The Cyclones have a conference record of 1-5-1, giving them an edge against Tech.

Oskam said Iowa State does not have the type of players that Tech has seen against other Big 12 teams, but the Cyclones still

bring their work with them at game time.

"Iowa State is a very hardworking team," he said. "They don't have real marquee players, but they have a solid team."

As the last two home games of the season, Oskam said Tech looks to finish in good standing unlike past years.

"The one advantage we have is that we get to play at home," he said. "We've got to finish strong. That's what we didn't do last year."

Last season Tech lost its last 17 games. This season Tech has increased its chances of getting a bid to the Big 12 tournament.

"They take the top eight. It could be one of the four of us (in the tie)," Oskam said. "That's the motivator. Just to get to go to San Antonio for the Big 12 tournament."

Senior forward Catie Arsenault said Tech cannot make the tournament all on its own.

"Two wins will help us get there, but we need help from the rest of the teams," she said. "There are a lot of teams that only have one win."

As a result of being in the Big 12, Arsenault said Tech as well as other teams will face good competition and Iowa State is no exception.

"Iowa State doesn't look as strong schedule-wise," she said. "But they haven't been blown out yet, so it will be a good game."

With Missouri visiting Lubbock on Sunday, Tech looks to gain another victory against a tough team, Oskam said.

"They're coming off a big win over nationally-ranked (No. 3) A&M and a tie with Texas," he said. "They're coming in here with their confidence."

Junior defender Allison Seifert said fans often underestimate Tech's ability and these last games will be the team's proof that it can compete.

"We have to bring our best soccer and prove to ourselves that we are not as bad as people think," she said.

Seifert said the Tech players believe they can compete but has a hard time showing that at the end of a game.

"We have to show that we are a good team not just in our minds, but on the scoreboard," she said. "It seems to never come out in our favor."

With several ties, odd matchups and underrated teams winning over high ranked squads, Oskam said the Big 12 has had some weird results, and this season is not the first time.

"This whole year of the Big 12 has been wacky," he said. "Last year was the same; it's a strong conference and wacky results."

Tech hosts Iowa State at 7 p.m. Friday and Missouri at 11 a.m. Sunday at R.P. Fuller Stadium.

Miami relies on two backs

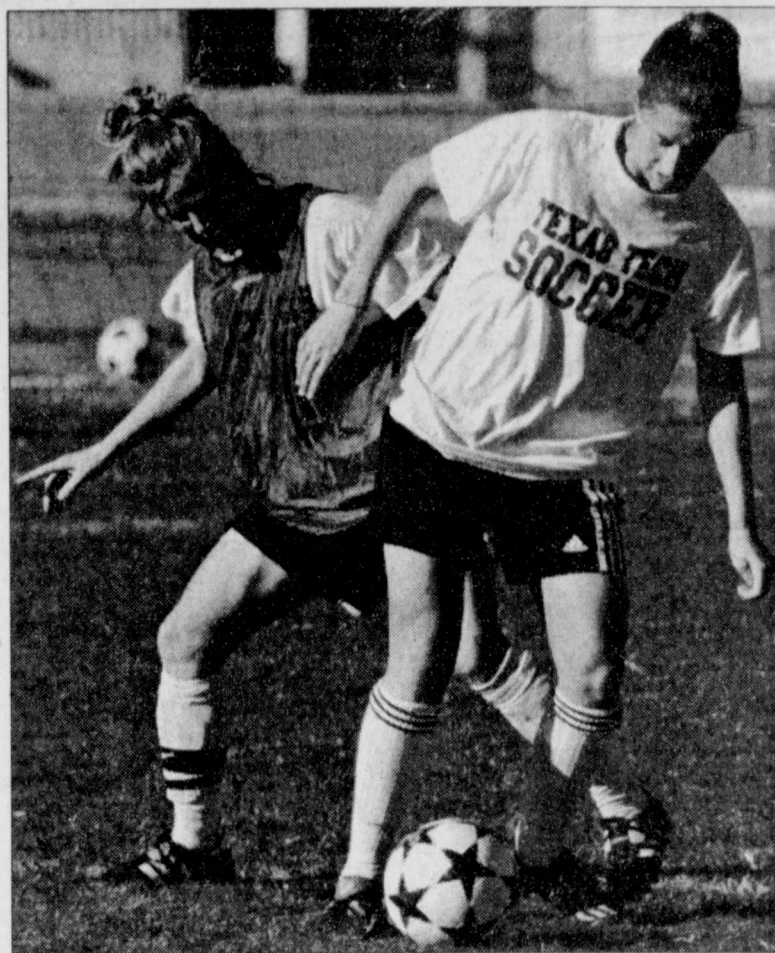
(U-WIRE) SYRACUSE, N.Y. — More than halfway through the season, the Miami Hurricanes find themselves in the same predicament as last year — without star running back Frank Gore.

Last season's answer was sophomore Willis McGahee, who put up Heisman-like numbers — 1,753 yards, 28 touchdowns — on his way to a record-setting season. This year, the 'Canes have more than just one guy to replace Gore. With the performance of fifth-year senior Jarrett Payton and true freshman Tyrone Moss in a 52-14 blowout over Temple on Saturday, one would have to agree.

Payton ran for the first 100-yard game of his career, racking up 115 yards on 16 carries with two touchdowns. Moss, who played mostly in relief of Payton in the fourth quarter, trounced the tired Owls' defense for 135 yards on 15 carries while also adding a score.

"People think that we have a problem in the backfield just because we're without our top back," Miami head coach Larry Coker said. "I think that we're starting to show that we have players that are capable of getting it done in our backfield."

Payton's recent success has been rewarding, considering he spent the last four years as a backup to the likes of Clinton Portis and McGahee, both first-round NFL draft picks. He is now getting an opportunity to be the featured back in the Hurricanes' offense, something that he has been waiting for his whole career.



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer
TEXAS TECH SOCCER player Karren Stephens tries to steal the ball away from Allison Seifert during practice Tuesday. Tech will face Iowa State at 7 p.m. Friday and Missouri at 11 a.m. Sunday. Both games will be played at R.P. Fuller Stadium.

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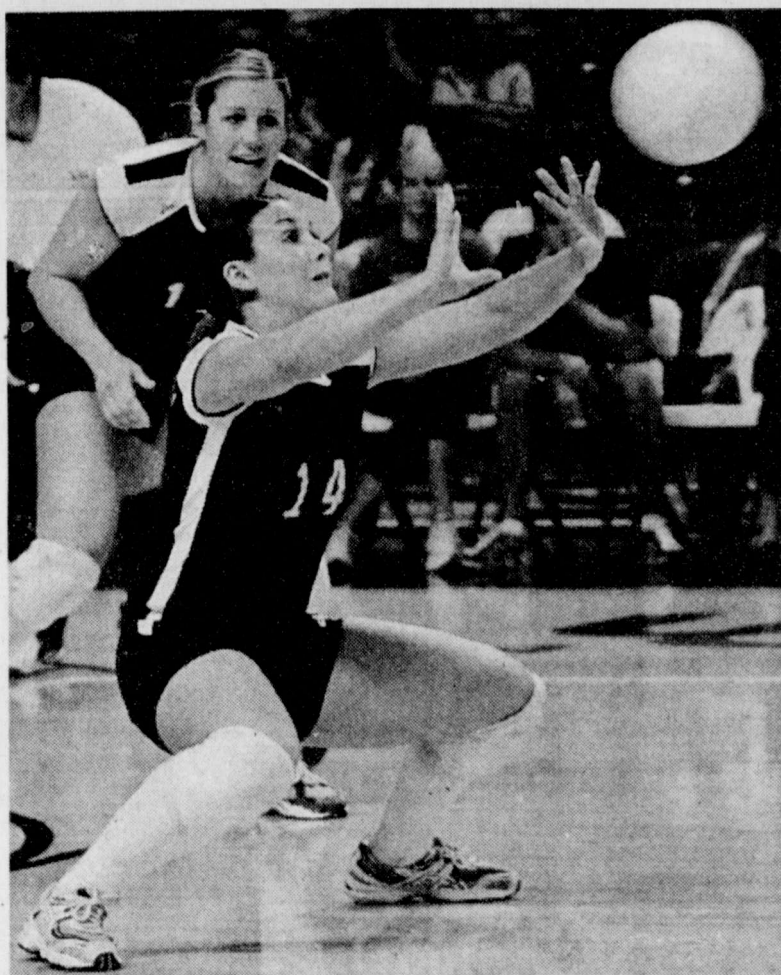
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Raiders snap streak with sweep of Sooners



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TEXAS TECH DEFENSIVE specialist Daneeen Grisham sets a ball as Kelly Johnson looks on during the Raiders' three-game victory against the Oklahoma Sooners on Wednesday. The win gave the team its first Big 12 Conference victory of the season. Tech, which is 9-10 overall and 1-9 in conference play, will face the Missouri Tigers at 7 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena. Tech will then face Nebraska at home Oct. 29 before heading to Waco on Nov. 1 to face the Baylor Bears.

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

With a convincing win in three games against the Oklahoma Sooners (9-13 overall, 9-9 Big 12 Conference), the Red Raiders (9-10, 1-9) snapped a 10-match losing streak Wednesday evening in the United Spirit Arena.

Texas Tech fell behind early in game one, trailing 8-6. Then, the Raiders went on a 6-1 run to capture a lead the team would never relinquish. Tech won 30-21.

Game two was similar, with the Raiders falling behind 11-8 early. Then sophomore outside hitter Bre Pursley, who had 13 kills, eight digs, .250 hitting percentage and was playing with a sore throat, served a 9-0 Tech run which included a service ace to take the lead. The Raiders won the game 30-24.

In game three, Tech and Oklahoma battled back and forth for much of the match. Then, with the score 24-22 in Tech's favor, the Raiders went on a 5-1 run. Tech may have got a brief scare when the Sooners scored four unanswered points, but a kill by Pursley clinched the victory.

Junior outside hitter Kelly Johnson, who tallied a match-high 16

kills, had two service aces and hit .308, said she was not worried about the end of game three.

"I wasn't worried about it," she said. "I figured we had four points to mess up, and we're a good side out team, so I knew it would come along in one of those four balls."

Head coach Nancy Todd said the Raiders came into the match with a winning attitude.

"They had a lot of confidence going into the match," she said. "They were ready for it. We had our last three matches so close, and there are games that have been so close. So it's great to dominate, really dominate."

One of the difference makers in today's game was serving, Todd said. The Raiders went on several runs that helped put games away.

"We had some good servers," she said. "(Pursley) had a couple of runs, Daneeen (Grisham) had a couple of runs. (Johnson) had a couple of tough jump serves to throw them out of their system, and that's good. It's what we've been trying to work on, tough serving and trying to take teams out of their offense."

Finishing games has been a problem for Tech this season. Johnson said the philosophy of working in five-

point increments helped Tech finish off the Sooners.

"We try to work on not looking ahead to 30," she said. "We try to look at it five points at a time, five to 10 to 15 to 20, and that way we're not looking so much ahead."

Another problem area for the Raiders has been communication. The Raider players said they have struggled in the past with talking to one another, but Todd said they did better against the Sooners.

"Communication was pretty good, but I think we could still do better on that," she said. "We predicted what was going on without reacting, kind of being proactive instead of reactive. We're getting better."

Ending the losing streak is something every Raider has wanted to do, said sophomore middle blocker Nina Miller, who tallied seven kills on only 12 attempts for a .417 hitting percentage.

"We're really excited to finally get off the losing streak..." she said. "We just pushed and stayed focused, the whole team."

The frustration had been mount-

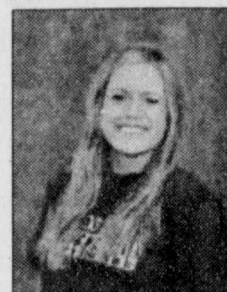
ing for the Raiders, and Pursley said each player decided Wednesday she was finished losing.

"I think everybody was just frustrating with losing," she said. "And I mean everybody, all six people on the court at the same time played their heart out and wanted to win."

The Raiders return to action Saturday at 7 p.m. in the USA for a home match against the Missouri Tigers.

PLAYER OF THE GAME

KELLY JOHNSON



STATS: 16 kills, .308 hitting percentage, eight digs, two service aces.
NOTES: Johnson entered Wednesday's game ranked No. 2 in the Big 12 in kills with 366.

CONFERENCE DROUGHT ENDS

The Texas Tech Volleyball team defeated Oklahoma Wednesday to earn the team's first conference win of the season. Before the victory Tech's last conference win was on Nov. 27, 2002. Tech has 10 conference matches remaining and will face Missouri at 7 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

Blackshirts take out frustration on McNeal

(U-WIRE) LINCOLN, Neb. — Moments after Nebraska's 48-12 win over Texas A&M, questions swirled around Aggie quarterback Reggie McNeal.

What happened today, Reggie? What went wrong, Reggie? What'd they do, Reggie?

McNeal had few explanations. Maybe the answers really were that simple.

"We just didn't execute good enough," McNeal said. "They played better than us today. That's about all you can really say."

The highly touted sophomore appeared to have the Huskers off balance early, taking A&M deep into NU territory twice in the first quarter.

McNeal outran and threw past the Blackshirts, giving the Aggies an early 3-0 lead.

But, judging by rest of Saturday's shellacking, you would have thought Bo Pelini's defense had the young signal caller bamboozled all day. Under constant pressure, McNeal turned the ball over five times in the game, throwing three interceptions and fumbling twice.

This only a week after Missouri quarterback Brad Smith, who most consider to compare favorably to McNeal, accumulated more than 300 yards of total offense in a Tiger upset.

McNeal said Missouri's success

encouraged the Aggies, but he knew he'd be lucky to escape the storm of a defense looking for redemption.

"They got a good defensive coach," McNeal said. "We felt that they would practice on that all week and that's what they did."

Husker defensive end Trevor Johnson heard the week-long murmuring, too. Did Smith's skills pinpoint a chink in the Blackshirts' armor? Johnson didn't think so.

"There's been a lot of talk about us not knowing how to handle a mobile quarterback," Johnson said. "A lot of things went into it. We just played bad against Missouri. It didn't have a lot to do with a mobile quarterback."

Nebraska didn't appear to handcuff McNeal entirely. The sophomore finished with 93 yards rushing and completed 7-of-19 passes for 77

yards. But, after McNeal fired his career-high third interception into the arms of NU corner Lornell McPherson in the first half, A&M coach Dennis Franchione decided to insert backup Dustin Long to allow his starter some time to think.

"I think more than anything, it was to settle Reggie down a little bit," Franchione said. "He'd kind of had a tough first half. We wanted just to let him sit and gather himself a little bit at halftime and reassess some things."

McNeal was put back in the game in the third quarter, and would run and pass for 20 more yards each, but couldn't overcome the momentum in a game that already had snowballed out of hand. He watched the fourth quarter from the sidelines.

But A&M senior offensive lineman Alan Reuber knows the luxury of young quarterbacks is they have short memories. Seven days to forget before Saturday's game against Oklahoma State.

"Reggie is a confident guy," Reuber said. "This won't be a stake through the heart for him. He'll be back."

Jayhawk running back shadows familiar idol

(U-WIRE) LAWRENCE, Kan. — Ask anyone who knows their Kansas high school football, and they'll tell you the tale of a man named Barry Sanders.

The Wichita, Kan., native went to Oklahoma State, won the Heisman Trophy, then had a Hall-of-Fame, 11-year NFL career.

Kansas freshman tailback John Randle hopes that one day, his name will be synonymous with Barry Sanders, the man he idolized growing up.

"I met him, I went to his camps. He's my favorite running back," Randle said. "I used to watch him on TV all the time. He was in camp, telling us to stay in school because we were little. It wasn't much about football."

Randle idolizes Sanders not only because he is also from Wichita, or because his slashing, elusive running

style shows flashes of his childhood hero, but because he is driven to succeed and wants nothing but the best for himself.

Randle, who played both tailback and defensive back in high school, wound up at Kansas for several reasons. Along with the opportunity to play right away and the good law school he one day hopes to attend, he loved

the attitude the Kansas coaches took to him on their visit to his home compared to Kansas State's coaches. "They said exactly like Mangino said, 'You can come out and tryout for whatever you want to,'" Randle said. "They came to my house, and they showed me and my family so much respect and they were truthful about everything."

Opportunity knocked when Randle had his breakout game against Missouri on Sept. 27, with 61 yards on 12 carries and his first collegiate score. Then Randle was used sparingly when the Jayhawks next took the field against Colorado, with just two carries for 12 yards.

After the loss to Colorado, Mangino said he should have had Randle out there more than for two carries. The freshman staked his claim to more consistent playing time against Baylor. His 55 yards on seven carries and another touchdown showed that Randle is ready to be a real contributor.

On the season, Randle is the team's third-leading rusher behind sophomore tailback Clark Green and senior quarterback Bill Whittemore, with 305 yards on just 49 carries.

Even though he is splitting time now with Green, Randle is humble and just appreciative for the opportunity that Kansas and coach Mangino have given him.

"This is what I've wanted; I've worked hard for it," Randle said. "I feel I've worked hard so I can get that fair chance. Hopefully I'll score a little bit more."



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