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Police, FBI agents testify at Butler trial

By Heidi Toth/News Editor

Four more witnesses testified Thursday that Dr. Thomas Butler talked about the missing plague bacteria calmly, which they thought was inconsistent with his statement that he thought 30 vials of Yersinia pestis were

The prosecution continued presenting its case against Butler, the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center professor implicated in the Jan. 14 incident. He is charged with 69 counts of lying to the FBI, mail and wire fraud, embezzlement and smuggling.

Sgt. Frank Miller of the Tech Police Department said on Jan. 14 Butler calmly answered all of his questions, including telling Miller he noticed the vials missing on Jan. 11, and the bacteria could be aerosolized and weaponized in as little as four days.

Billy Lang, who in January was a detective sergeant with the Tech Police Depart-

ment, said the same thing about his interview with Butler. "He didn't really show any concern; he was nonchalant," he said.

Butler

FBI Special Agent Michael Orndorff agreed. "He had a very calm demeanor; he didn't look like he was in any way stressed about anything," he said.

Charles Bradley, a professor of pathology at HSC, said when he talked to Butler that day Butler did not mention he had a problem with his lab. There was no break from his usual demeanor.

Miller said he went to Butler's lab to investigate and did not find any signs of forced entry. After confirming the vials were missing, he asked Butler to accompany him back to the police station for more questioning and because the FBI would probably want to talk to him. Butler first asked if it could wait until the next morning, then agreed to go.

Lang took over the case when Butler arrived at the station. Both Lang and Orndorff, who interviewed him at about the same time, said he did not appear tired or sick; he was offered food but declined it, and Lang said there was no coercion on the law enforcement's side. Gutlen was cooperative.

On cross examination Lang said he was aware of other thefts that took place, and security at the HSC was not incredibly tight. Butler did not request a lawyer, he said.

Orndorff said he asked Butler to compile a list of people who had access to his lab and people who were adversarial toward him. Two members of the Institutional Review Board,

as was the assistant vice president above the IRB. The board had suspended Butler two months earlier from doing human research.

Several FBI agents and Tech police officers immediately went to the homes of people on this list. Orndorff and special agent Shannon Fish went to Dr. Donald Wesson's house, Butler's immediate supervisor, then to the houses of the two IRB members, neither of whom had any knowledge that Butler even had the plague bacteria.

"It was even more troubling to them because he had been suspended in November from any type of human study," Ordnorff said.

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of the dance

World known act performed Thursday

By Justin Vallejo/Staff Reporter

he world-renowned Irish step dance and mu sical performance Lord of The Dance arrived in Lubbock last night.

Tech students as well as members from the local community were on hand to witness the performance.

As an opener for the "Give Your Regards to Broadway" season produced by Celebrity Attractions and Civic Lubbock, Lord of The Dance is giving four performances in the Hub city.

Lord of The Dance combines Celtic music and dance to depict tale of the classic battle of good versus evil. From the onset of the performance, audience members were captivated by the artistic style and grace displayed by the performers of the dance troupe that makes up the Lord of The Dance.

"I heard a lot about it and I wanted to see it for myself. It's everything I expected," said Stan McCallich, resident of Lubbock.

He said he was impressed with the choreography and the level of enthusiasm of the performance.

Matt McCollum, a senior marketing major from Eastland was impressed with the show.

"It all flows together," he said. "The energy is really neat. It looks like they're really having fun." Katie Gollan said she enjoyed the Lord of the

Dance because it is something new to Lubbock. The senior psychology and pre-nursing major from Plano said she was most impressed with the synchro-

nization of the troupe. "It was a wonderful experience," said Gollan.

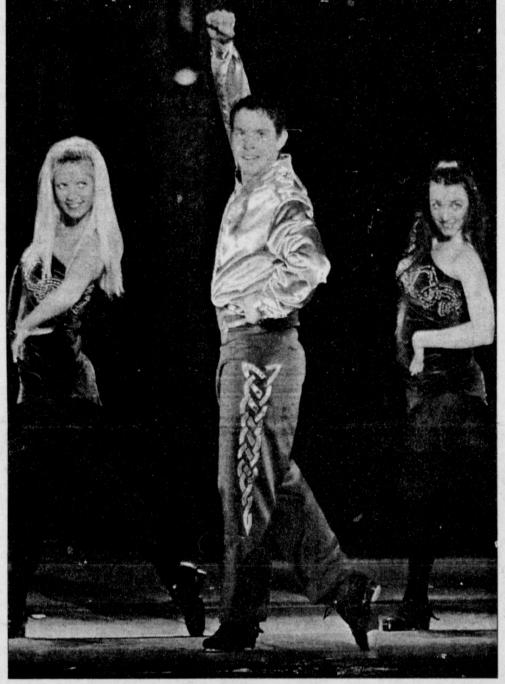
Some Tech students were happy to take advantage of the opportunity to see Lord of The Dance first hand.

Katie Daneker, a junior civil engineering major from Midland said she was excited to take advantage of the opportunity because it is rare that events like Lord of The Dance come to Lubbock.

Daneker said her and a friend were on hand to see the show.

"My friend enjoyed it a lot. She was real eager to come and see it again," said Daneker. "I'm just excited to be here. It's a cool opportunity, especially since its been going on for so many years. "These people are so talented and they're so amazing to watch."

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DANCERS PER-FORM TO the opening number of the Lord of the Dance show held in the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium Thursday afternoon. The group of dancers will perform again at 2 p.m. today and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. JENNA HANSEN/Photography Editor

Student Senate discusses ways to graduate earlier

By Jennifer Prieto/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Student Senate met Thursday to discuss issues concerning the number of years it takes students to graduate from Tech, and some of the options students have to help them graduate on time.

James Brink, vice provost, said it takes an average of 5.5 years, which is 11 semesters for a Tech student to get an undergraduate degree.

"It is costing our students about \$30,000 per semester," he said. "I'm sure you think there is no way students pay that much, but you have to add in fees, books, room and board and any other expense a college student might have."

Brink presented a proposal to the Student Senate about a new program called Incentives to Graduate On time that will be an incentive to get students to graduate on time.

He said the state offers a \$1,000 tuition-rebate if a student completes a degree within three attempted hours of a specific degree plan. Also, students have the chance to qualify for the B-On-Time Loan, which

offers an interest free loan, he said. Students who complete their degree within four years, and have a 3.0 grade point average will be forgiven the loan.

He said if the student finishes within six attempted hours of the degree plan and have a 3.0 GPA the loan will also be forgiven.

Brink said there are students who think if they take 12 hours each semester they are considered to have a full load of credit hours.

Students who take 12 hours per semester are considered a full time student, and a student who takes 15 hours is considered to have a full load of credit hours.

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JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer JAMES BRINK speaks to the Student Senate about graduating earlier.

Post doctoral student injures himself after chemical explosion in research lab

UNSAFE SCIENCE: The Tech student sustained minor injuries.

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

A scale being used to weigh a research compound exploded, injuring a post doctoral associate in his research lab in the Chemistry building Thursday about 9:30 a.m. The Lubbock Fire Department, EMS, and Environmental Health and Safety arrived at the scene.

The student was transported by ambulance to University Medical Center for cuts caused by glass fragments from the scale that burst from the reaction, said Richard A. Bartsch, chemistry department chairman. "A small amount of material was being weighed on

an analytical balance, and it detonated," he said. Maj. Gordon Hoffman of the Tech Police Department said the person sustained minor injuries from the

"This individual came out of the building injured by glass fragments," he said. "There were injuries to

the person's hand and a possible burn to the face." Hoffman said the associate appeared to be fine despite his injuries, and was seen walking around after

the incident. "The damage to the person is not life threatening,"

he said. "This was just an accident."

Hoffman said the student was alone in the lab at the time of the explosion, and no one else was injured. The student had authorization to be in the lab; no legal action is necessary.

The only thing damaged in the laboratory was the

Bartsch said the person conducting the explosive experiment has a Ph.D. and was taught to properly handle the sensitive materials he was working with. The amount of chemicals used in the experiment was equivalent to about 10 grains of salt.

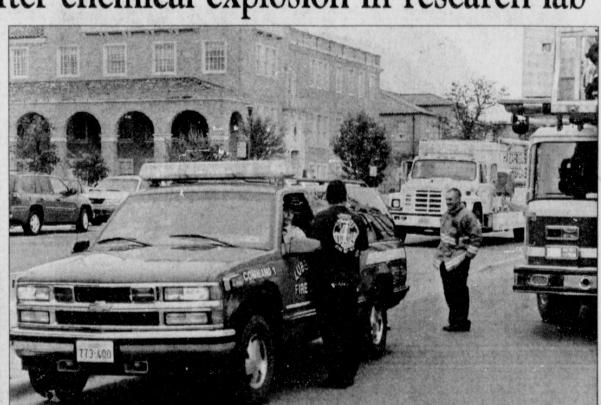
"This fellow was working on a new reaction," he said. "The re-agents he was working with can explode under certain circumstances, he knew that. He was told what to do and what not to do. I think he did something that was not safe."

Bartsch said the research was fundamental, meaning it concerns the basic foundations of science.

"He was conducting fundamental research to determine how this compound interacts with other chemicals," he said.

Bartsch said it is always important to conduct experiments such as these with proper attention to safety. Accidents like these are uncommon.

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DARREL THOMAS/Student Media LUBBOCK FIREMEN CHECK with one another before leaving the Chemistry building after an explosion

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in a research lab in the Chemistry Building Thursday afternoon. **CIRCULATION: 806-742-3388**

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Man found guilty of Office shooting in Marijuana pill may

rape banned from UNT Ohio leaves two dead show possible benefits DENTON (AP) - In the wake

of the University of North Texas pus, school officials said.

pleaded guilty Oct. 1 as part of a plea hours later. agreement, said Suanne Carlson, an assistant district attorney in Okla- Tom West, who was believed to be homa County.

Mann will be ordered to serve 90 days in the Oklahoma County Jail, followed by five years of probation. Then fice where the shooting took place Mann must register as a sex offender did not know him. for the rest of his life, Carlson said.

sidered a sex offender, she said.

But Mann apparently kept attending classes at UNT in Denton, and his case was publicized this week after his Lakeland, Fla., issued a statement sayvictim called the student newspaper. The North Texas Daily reported that the Oklahoma county clerk's office, at the request of prosecutors, is monitor- say why he left, and West Chester ing Mann by phone weekly.

UNT spokesman Roddy Wolper said that as of Thursday, Mann was no longer a student at UNT.

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WEST CHESTER, Ohio (AP) - A trucker opened fire with two pill appeared to relieve some of the newspaper's story about a student's re- handguns at a company that once cent rape conviction in Oklahoma, employed him, killing two men and the man has been banned from cam- wounding three before fleeing, authorities said. Police arrested him at Michael Stephen Mann, 27, an Indiana truck stop more than two in The Lancet medical journal, found

Police identified the suspect as in his 50s and had worked for When he is sentenced Dec. 15, Watkins Motor Lines in Atlanta. Police Chief John Bruce said the employees in the West Chester of-

"We have nothing to lead us to Until sentencing, he is not con- believe that he had a grievance against a specific person," Bruce

> Watkins Motor Lines, based in ing West had worked out of the Atlanta office from 1998 until he repolice said they did not know.

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Experts said the mixed results make them tricky to interpret. Some said they were encouraged any improvement was noted, while others said if there had been a major effect, it would have shown up in the doctors' tests.

One study leader, Dr. John Zajicek of the University of Plymouth in England, said the research raises questions about what's more important: a doctor's measurements or the patient's perspective.

"I think if there's a conflict, it's signed in 2001. The company did not what the patient feels which is important, so I think it's quite encouraging," said Roger Pertwee, a professor of neu-The attack began shortly before ropharmacology at University of Aberdeen, who was not connected with the study.

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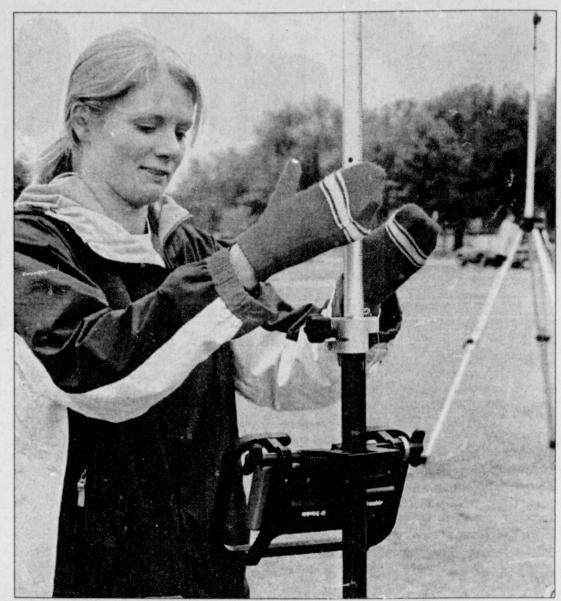
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SECURE SATELLITE



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer

KATIE LEWANDOWSKI, a senior construction engineering teaching assistant from Keller, helps set up and secure a piece of GPS equipment in the Engineering Key on Thursday morning.

Tech Notes

"Bad Boys 2," starring Will Smith and Martin Lawrence, will be shown free of charge today at 8 p.m. in the Allen Theatre in the Student Union building. Only bottled drinks are permitted.

The University Singers, conducted by Pamela Elrod, will perform today at 8 p.m. in Hemmle Recital

Hall in the Music building.

The Society of Women Engineers is sponsoring Casino Night at the Science Spectrum Saturday at 7 p.m. The Science Spectrum is located on South Loop 289 between University Avenue and Indiana Avenue. Cost is \$10 per student and \$15 for faculty or staff. For more information, e-mail swecasinonight@yahoo.com.

The "Feast or Famine" banquet will be held Sunday at 6 p.m. in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion. In order to demonstrate what it is like to not have a choice as to what to eat, participants will have to test their luck to determine whether they have a gourmet meal or soup, beans and rice. Admission for students is free. Donations of canned foods also will be accepted. For more information, call the Center for Campus Life at 742-LIFE.

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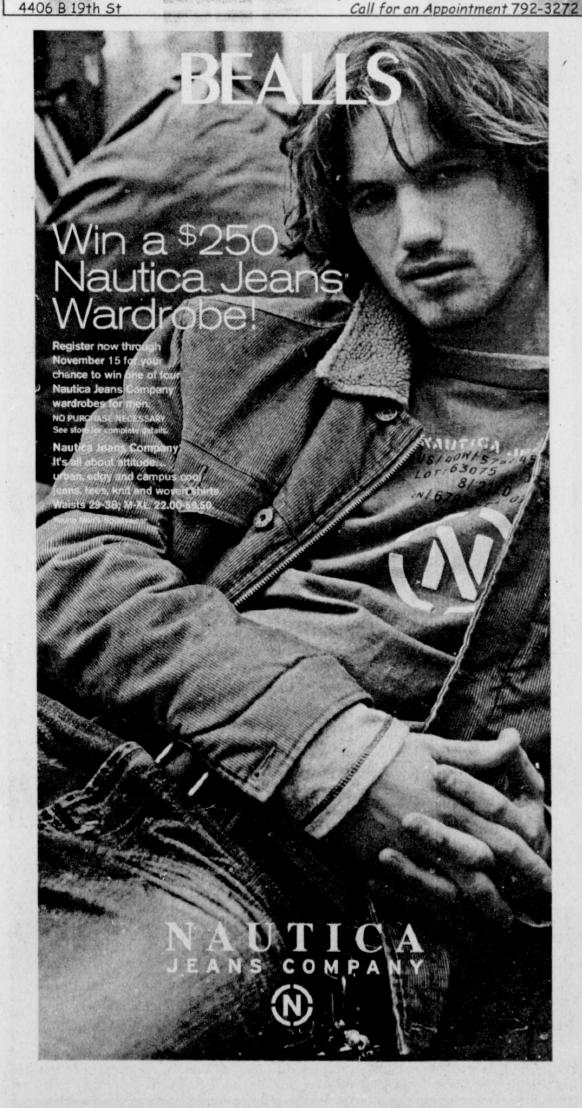
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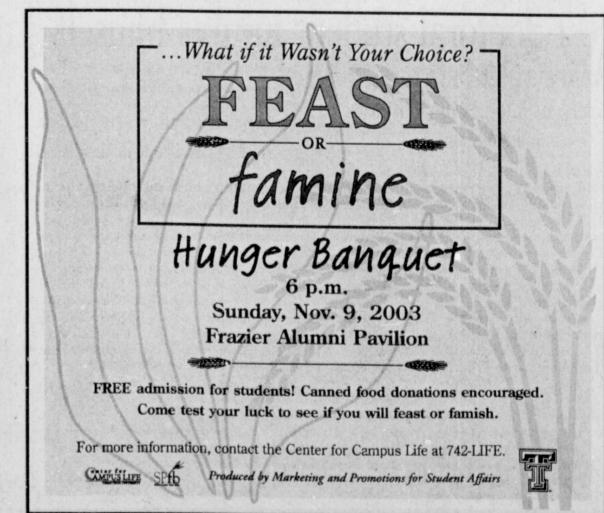
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Butler

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He and Fish went to Butler's house the morning of Jan. 15 and took him to the Lubbock Police Department for more questioning. Butler was not under arrest, Orndorff said.

"We did not feel at that time that Dr. Butler had been entirely forthcoming with what he'd been telling us," Orndorff said. "His story wasn't making sense."

Special Agent Dale Green took Butler into a side office to talk with him. Orndorff said he overheard much of what was being said. It was a normal conversation without shouting or commands. Butler wrote out his confession, with Green giving suggestions on what needed to be covered and examples. Occasionally Butler said he could not say something in the suggested way because he would get in trouble with HSC.

Butler's confession said he destroyed the plague, and he became adamant about this, Orndorff said. Butler insisted it had happened either Jan. 3 or Jan. 4 and told Orndorff the process he used to destroy them. The destruction took place in an autoclave, a device that uses heat to kill bacteria.

Orndorff then discussed the shipping methods. Ten of the counts against Butler deal with him hand-carrying the bacteria, instead of shipping it as is required legally. Butler was aware of the proper method of shipping and chose to ignore it, Orndorff said.

Orndorff also talked about a call he received from a father whose son had attended a party at Butler's house. The man was worried his

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Accidents like these are un-

"We're very surprised also, be-

cause this is a chemical that has

been handled safely in the same

lab for the past ten years," he said. Bartsch said the research lab

where the detonation happened

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Orndorff drew the most fire from the defense. Attorney Chuck Meadows asked why the police were not contacted sooner, since lab safety officer Michael Jones knew by Jan. 13. He produced an e-mail from Butler to a colleague in Galveston, indicating Butler was considering getting a job there. Orndorff said Butler had cooperated fully with police and FBI.

Meadows also introduced emails from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention that said Butler's hand carriage of the bacteria spoke of his real field experience and he was allowed to do this, despite Orndorff saying it was against the law. There was a similar e-mail relating to the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Infectious Diseases.

Meadows said Butler had always complied with the shipping methods dictated by the pharmaceutical companies he was working with, and Orndorff agreed. Meadows also brought up that none of the vials Butler transported himself were damaged, while vials and materials transported by Federal Express or an airline were often lost or damaged.

In redirect, Orndorff said that does not make that method safer.

"They were all at risk," he said of the people who came in contact with a package of plague vials. "Just because these arrived safely doesn't mean it was proper to go out and

FBI Special Agent Timothy Reed finished up the day. He inspected Butler's lab and identified the autoclave that was there, and said it did work despite signs that said it was out of order.

dents," he said. "No freshman is

for the Lubbock Fire Department, said the situation was cleaned up

shortly after the episode occurred

cause of alarm for students with

classes in the Chemistry building.

he said. "It was contained on one

Hoffman confirmed there is no

"We're pretty sure there is no risk of secondary contamination,"

and does not present a danger.

going to be damaged by this." Jay Lester, command assistant

Senate

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He said the incoming freshman for the spring semester will be able to enjoy the benefits of this program, but current Tech students will not be able to enjoy the privileges.

Brink said incoming students will have the ability to drop three classes whenever they want, which means they will be given three "Ws" to use at any time during their college career.

After the student uses all the "Ws" they will have to complete the course. If the student does not use any Ws, they will be able to take a free course during their last semester at Tech.

There will be an institutional tuition ceiling at 15 credit hours, which means Tech students will not have to pay for additional courses after 15 hours, he said. This will encourage students who want to take more classes, but cannot afford them.

Tech president Jon Whitmore spoke to the senate about the importance of student representation in the institution.

"I believe that this institution is stronger because we can get

student's input through the Student Senate," he said. "I have talked to students and most of them tell me that they love Tech, but some of them express their concerns about some of the issues that affects them, and I like nearing that because I want to know what I can do to make Tech better.'

He said there are seven major areas in the institution that he will like to see improved.

The main goal is to improve undergraduate and graduate education.

Whitmore said he wants to hire more faculty members because the student to teacher ratio is not where it should be.

He also said he wants to represent the state of Texas by bringing in more diverse groups to Tech. Donald Dyal, dean of the library,

said there are new tables in the library where students can use their computers. The tables are located on the first floor of the library. "The first floor of the library usually looks like a bus stop," he said.

"Many students like to study there and

we thought we should so something to accommodate more of them." He said there is a multimedia laboratory where students can listen to music, create graphic and watch movies. The lab is located on the east

wing, second floor of the library.

Dance

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 Spencer Chaney said he was

surprised that the Lord of The Dance came to Lubbock.

"I think it's a good idea that it came to Lubbock," said Chaney.

The junior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Moody said he was mostly looking forward to the performance because of the Celtic music.

Audrey Alotto, a freshman music education major from Colleyville said she has seen the show once before in Dallas, but was excited to see it again.

"It was amazing!" she said. "Everything, the music, the dancing, the entertainment, it's great!"

Alotto said she is aware of the capability of performers involved

in the Lord of The Dance. "I know that they're the best Alotto said she is familiar with the

Irish step dancers in the world," she

style of dance presented in the show, having been trained in Irish step dancing herself. She said her past training allows her to appreciate the performance even more.

Alotto said she thinks the show is a fun experience for anyone, even without being familiar of the style of music and dance.

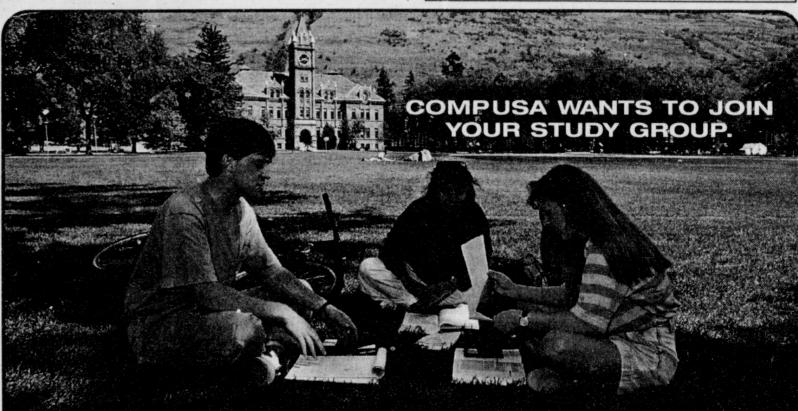
Lord of The Dance will be in Lubbock for two more days this weekend.

There will be one performance Friday night beginning at 7:30 p.m. and two performances Saturday beginning at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium.

Prices for the tickets range from \$12 to \$40 with group discounts avail-

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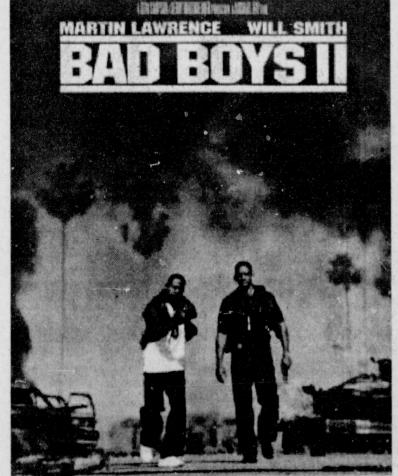
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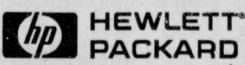
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cross the nation, the Texas Tech Lady Raider basketball team and Ltheir Hall-of-Fame coach, Marsha Sharp, are well known.

In fact, there is only one group of people in the entire country that does not seem to know much about the Lady Raiders - the Tech students.

It's not that Tech students don't like basketball. Thousands of them regularly attend the men's games, now that Coach Knight has restored some of the lost glory to that program. So many students want to attend men's basketball games that the university had to expand the student section.

But the student section at women's games has not been expanded and is almost always filled by non-students who come down from the upper deck after they see that the seats will not be taken by Tech students.

I spoke to the Tech athletic ticket office about this, and while they did not have exact figures on student attendance at basketball games, they agreed with my estimate that, on average, fewer than 1,000 students attend Lady Raider games.

Last year the Lady Raiders had the 3rd highest attendance in the nation for women's college basketball - more than 195,000 total for 16 games and an average attendance of more than 12,200 per game. So it's not like lots of people aren't coming to their games — just a lot of Tech students aren't.

This is a crime, because the Lady Raider basket' team, under the capable rection of Coach Sha has been the most consi tently successful athletic team at this university for the past 20 years.

And — pay attentio now — they are still, to this day, the ONLY athletic team from this university EVER to win a National Champi-

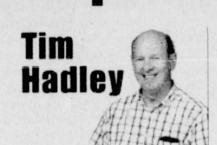
So, why don't more students attend Lady Raider games? Who knows? Maybe they think the women's game is not as exciting as the men's game. They would be wrong about that, as they would know if they ever attended a game. Play is quick, fast, skillful, and at time rugged (ask Natalie Ritchie, who sustained a concussion in last year's conference semi-finals against Kansas State).

Maybe they think the competition is not as good. Wrong again — the Big 12 is one of the best women's basketball conferences in the nation. Six of its teams are regularly ranked in the top 20 nationally. Three, including the Lady Raiders (#6), are ranked in the preseason Top 10 this year.

The nation knows about the high quality of Lady Raider basketball. Lubbock knows. Why don't Tech students know?

Since Coach Sharp took over in 1982, the Lady Raiders have won 76% of their games.

They have won 8 conference titles. They have advanced to the postseason tournament 16 times, including the last 14 years in a row. They have reached the Sweet Sixteen 10 times, including the last five years in a row, the Elite Eight four times and the tim.hadley@ttu.edu.



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Final Four once (the championship year of 1993). What's not to like here?

And Coach Sharp does not just run a clean, winning basketball program. She is also a model of civic involvement and humanitarian concern. After her participation in the recent Ethical Leadership Conference in Lubbock, the publisher of The Lubbock Avalanche Journal, Mark Nusbaum, applauded Coach Sharp for "providing ethical leadership and inspira-

tion, and always operating at the highest level of personal conduct."

Lady Raider players have a similar reputation, on and off the court, and they consistently have a team GPA well over 3.0 and one of the highest graduation rates in the na-DADREI DALL jock-ettes here.

The Lady Raiders have an experienced senior class, led by pre-season All-Big 12 selection lia Perkins, Natalie Ritchie, Casey Jackson and Jolee Ayers-Curry.

They have talented younger players, led by junior center Cisti Greenwalt, future All-America point guard Erin Grant and super-sophs LaToya Davis and Jametra Clark. And they have all-star freshman recruits Alesha Robertson, Brooke Baughman and others.

In fact, the talent is so deep on this team that most of the Lady Raider subs could start for most other teams. It's not like there are only one or two good players for whom to cheer.

This season the Lady Raiders will play home games against non-conference powers California and Stanford, and against powerful conference foes Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas State, and others. There's a lot going on here that Tech students should be taking advantage of.

More Tech students need to support this classy, winning program. You're missing the best game in town.

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Wal-Mart's rapid race to the bottom must also be kept down. Advertising agenda Alexandro H. Kirigin/The Dartmouth Gretchen Adams, a former Wal-Mart super-Just as the suit was beginning to get a Free Press

(U-WIRE) HANOVER, NH -With over 1.3 million employees worldwide (one million of them here in the US) and \$240 billion in annual sales, Wal-Mart is a far cry from the neighborhood store image it still enjoys. The truth is that "The Beast" is a sexdiscriminating, union-busting, payroll-cutting, economy-draining mega-giant that will do anything to maintain superiority over its employees, its competitors and anyone else it determines a threat to its dominance.

No stranger to lawsuits

tion. Talent and brains company in the world. In 2002 alone, over Since 30 percent of store management jobs, Mart cannot afford to support their family even 4500 suits were brought against the fran- 15 percent of manager positions, and less than if he/she shops at Wal-Mart for its low, low price chise. However, Wal-Mart has never seen 10 percent of corporate jobs are occupied by a lawsuit like the one it currently faces, in women, it would seem as though Wal-Mart was which seven female employees are bring- emphasizing a role that women do not truly ing charges of sexual discrimination.

> While seven plaintiffs is nothing out of the ordinary, these seven are seeking class certification. If the case is certified as a class action 1.5 million current and former female employees. Not only would this be the largest class action lawsuit ever, but if Wal-Mart loses, it United Food and Commercial Workers could result in the largest award in history, totaling several hundred billion dollars.

> Heather Gatley, a corporate defense attorney, tion due to the huge time periods and geographic the individual rights of our associates and area as well as the different claims. Judson Miner, encourage them to express their ideas, coma plaintiffs' attorney said, "The fact that decisions ments and concerns. Because we believe in impact each person differently doesn't matter. maintaining an environment of open com-Wal-Mart's brief states, "Plaintiffs here ask for back pay for 1.5 million people. Such an undertaking cannot possibly be manageable." While there is in Fort Smith, Arkansas reached a decision no consensus on what the verdict will be, most on the suit and banned the UFCW from agree that the plaintiffs are facing a bigger challenge than ever before.

Always discriminating?

was, "He has a family to feed."

Since June of this year, more than 100 women have come forward also claiming that they were discriminated against. When the National Law Journal spoke with Mona Williams, Wal-Mart's Vice-President of Corporate Communications, she claimed that for every woman who feels discriminated against within the company, she could produce one woman who will say that the chain does treat women fairly.

little press in the papers, Wal-Mart came out with a new series of commercials to combat this negative image. Instead of featuring its trademark "steal from the poor and give to the rich" yellow Robin Hood, Wal-Mart decided to use nothing but real people in their commercials.

Of the seven main characters, six were women, six were employees, and one was a frequent customer. Granted, since 70 percent of Wal-Mart's in-store employees are women, it would make sense that so many of the people in the commercial were women, but two of the women in the commercial held It is perhaps the most frequently stied some sort of management position. Most to

play in the Wal-Mart corporate structure.

State of the unions

Wal-Mart's discriminating practices go lawsuit, Wal-Mart could be facing charges from beyond gender. It does everything it can, both legally and illegally, to keep unions out of its stores. In 1999, Wal-Mart sued the Union in an attempt to have the union banned from its stores. This is mildly amusing to anyone familiar with Wal-Mart's Web believes that the case will not get class certifica- site which states: "At Wal-Mart, we respect Manageability will be a difficult point to prove. munications, we do not believe there is a need for third-party representation."

In 2002, a judge named Donald Huffman Wal-Mart stores. But he didn't just ban the UFCW from stores in Fort Smith or even Arkansas. He applied his ruling to the entire United States. Fortunately our judicial sys-The suit claims that Wal-Mart passed women tem came to its senses at the Arkansas Suup for promotion more often, fired women more preme Court level which overturned the ruloften, and paid women less for the same work as ing with a 6-1 decision. Apparently, Judge men with equal seniority. One female employee Huffman forgot to consider the fact that tresasked her manager why her fellow male employee passing laws vary between states due to a little was earning more than she was when they were thing called 'jurisdiction.' Chances are, he doing the same work. The manager's response didn't forget that he owned \$700,000 worth of Wal-Mart stock at the time.

But why would a Wal-Mart employee want to join a union? Suppose that the employee is male. Aren't males free from oppression? In short: No. Especially if that employee has been a loyal employee for some time.

Always low payroll

want it, he can leave.

Wal-Mart keeps its prices low by maintaining a low overhead. To do that, payroll

visor, was told to fire 10 people because their hourly wages were too high to meet payroll goals. "Cutting payroll is everything," says Adams. Maybe Wal-Mart could have afforded to pay those 10 employees by taking a small chunk out of the manager's \$75,000 to \$100,000 bonus, which is based largely on keeping payroll down. Or maybe it's the unpaid overtime. Numerous employees have come forward and said that they were forced to clock out before they finished working to avoid overtime hours.

Meanwhile, the manager would lock the store's doors until the employees' tasks were finished. Or maybe it's the fact that a single parent of two working as a full time cashier at Wal-

Or maybe the employee is worried that their rights will begin to resemble those in Wal-Mart's Third World division. After all, Wal-Mart did win the Maquila Solidarity Network's "Sweatshop Retailer of the Year" in 2000, placed 2nd to Disney in 2001, and tied for 1st in 2002, then edged out Hudson's Bay by winning the "People's Choice Award" with 56 percent of the vote.

Boycott — Rolling back business

Whoever you are, you have a reason to dislike Wal-Mart. Trust me. The good news is that you can help stop Wal-Mart from growing. At the very least you can stop shopping at Wal-Mart and help send a message that you do not agree with its operating practices.

But if Wal-Mart wants to open a new store in your area, you may want to do something unless you want more of the tax burden shifted onto your shoulders.

Study after study have shown that introducing Wal-Mart into your neighborhood causes a loss of jobs as well as a reduction in real tax revenue due to the corporate welfare it receives and lower wages it hands out. So if Wal-Mart wants to come to your hometown you may find that a call or a short letter to the city council will go a long way. But you might even be able to save yourself that trouble by telling your friends and relatives about Wal-Mart. I firmly believe that people with considerable knowledge of Wal-Mart's practices cannot conscientiously shop at Wal-Mart.

As our nation's largest employer, Wal-Mart's practices have far-reaching affects on our economy and our consumer culture. If it is not forced to change its practices through consumer pressure, we may find ourselves with an unhappy service economy.

Just remember, we can and must stop this problem now before Wal-Mart gains too much ground on its competitors. The easiest way to do that is through the spread of

ortions' need some attention

Sarah Skilling/Daily Evergreen

(U-WIRE) PULLMAN, Wash. - I'm sick of girls getting all the blame when it comes to abortions.

Not only is there another person involved, but why is it wrong to admit you aren't ready to have a child and do something about it? Why don't we eve hear TV evangelists

damning deadbeat fathers to Hell? Why is it always the woman who must carry all the blame? Because of all these discrepancies. I want to talk about male

Obviously, guys can't get pregnant, so they can't have the kind of abortions that work than a guy ever has to do if a child are in the news. But I think if a guy gets a

girl pregnant and ditches her, he just had an abortion.

The man is involved in the childmaking process just as much as the woman is, but if he decides he doesn't

That is a male abortion. He no longer has any connection to the child, and none of the responsibility

If a woman gets pregnant, she really doesn't have the option of getting up and leaving, does she?

If she decides she isn't ready, then she either has the baby and gives it up for adoption or has an abortion. Either way, it is more

I'm really not trying to be anti-male, I'm just tired of hearing about women who get abortions being looked down upon when the fathers should receive just as much blame if they decide to jet.

By saying this, however, I am not saying I am against abortion. I am pro-choice and believe with every abortion there are unique circumstances surrounding the decision.

I just believe that many people unfairly judge the person required to terminate a pregnancy — the woman — rather than placing any focus on the father.

It may have been customary to spread one's seed back in evolutionary times, but these days, more consequences for abandon-

ment should exist.

By Andrew Bell/Staff Reporter

In the 18th century, the Spanish Colonial Empire had expanded from Mexico deep into Texas. In what is now Menard County, there was a mission and a presidio, or fort, which have been studied by Texas Tech archaeologists and students for the past decade.

In September 1993, Grant Hall, an associate professor with the sociology, anthropology and social work department, said he found Mission San Saba while walking through an alfalfa field. which was on a farmer's property.

The mission was difficult to find because area farmers had plowed over the area that contained the mission. The farmers thought their plows ran over burned tree stumps. Hall said he believed those stumps could be the remains of burned posts from the destruction of the mission by a 1758 Native American raid.

"We are interested in the archaeological remains to have the best possible understanding of the living conditions." Hall said.

The mission, established in 1757, was only occupied for 13 months before it was burned down, Tamra Walter, an assistant professor of archaeology, said. Although the mission was occupied for a short period, Hall said he began finding artifacts once he realized the location of the mission.

Some of the first artifacts found at the mission site were brass religious medallions. Hall said animal bones from domestic animals and hunting also have been found. One of the most abundant finds has been lead musket balls left behind from battles to protect the mission.

The original purpose of the mission was to convert the Native Americans who inhabited the area to Christianity. Walter said the people at the mission were unsuccessful at converting the Apaches in the area.

Overall, the mission effort throughout the whole state during the period was unsuccessful. This was because the people at the missions were trying to get Comanches and Apaches to work in the fields, Walter said.

Although the Apaches promised to stay at the mission, they never did. Instead, the tribes, sub-tribes and allies attacked and eventually destroyed it, she

Despite a large amount of lead musket balls being found around the mission, many more were found in and around the site of Presidio San Saba. Many of the military-related items found were gunflints, gunstocks and lead shot,

The presidio, the largest Spanish fort in Texas, housed many women and children in addition to the soldiers who were there to protect the fort and the mission, Walter said. Since the number of woman and children was so large at the fort, many buttons, jewelry and glass beads have been discovered since 2000.

These discoveries are an important part of the goal Walter has for the

"We would like to know about the everyday life of the women and children," she said. "We already know a lot about the military, but we don't know about everyday life. Archaeology can help with that.

The presidio may have more history because it was occupied for 13 years. The presidio remained after the fall of the mission because Spanish officials ordered to stay in place, Walter said.

Once the mission no longer needed protection, the presidio stayed to protect parts of the rest of the Spanish Colonial Empire, she said. In particular, the presidio stayed to cut down on raids in the San Antonio area.

With the official close of the presidio in 1772, the Spanish officials realized they would not be able to expand their empire into the northern frontier. Now archaeologists and students are working to identify the original architecture so the structure can be rebuilt in the future, Walter said.

"For me, I see this as critical to Texas history," she said. "This is a crucial event in Texas history and many people are not aware of the Spanish influence in

Menard County will try to recon-



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer

FROM LEFT TO right: Matt Turner, a senior anthropology major from Georgetown; Dan Rose, a junior anthropology major from Beaumont; Matt Carter, a senior anthropology major from Dallas, and Samantha McDade, a senior anthropology major from Floydada, analyze and identify artifacts collected from Presidio San Saba in their classroom Thursday morning.

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struct the presidio to make an addition at the presidio. In the mean time, Walter to the Texas Forts Trail in order to bring in visitors to relive the experience of life

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and Hall hold a field school at the site every June.

Tech brings in national firm to improve image

By Adam Boedeker/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech officials are trying to. make the university's name more recognizable and improve its academic reputation throughout the country.

Last month Tech hired Lipman and Hearne, a higher education marketing firm from Chicago, to assess the campus' people and its reputation.

Mark Lindemood, vice chancellor for institutional advancement, said three consultants came Wednesday and will leave today after focusing on two points.

"One is to assess the university and make recommendations regarding our environment for marketing by looking internally at strengths and weaknesses of our marketing approach," he said.

The consultants also are here to research the perceptions of Texas business leaders and national higher education leaders, such as university presidents, about Tech's academic reputation.

"The purpose of talking to Texas business leaders is to understand whether we're held in a high regard or not," he said. "It is also to identify what factors are behind those perceptions."

The consultants are meeting for three days with the university community including faculty, staff, administration and students in focus group type settings of four to 12 people from Tech and the Health Sciences Center, he said.

Institutional Advancement is trying to clarify two things: how important faculty and staff think it is that the university has a national reputation and who at Tech does marketing and communications.

He said the goal is to coordinate image and message consistency as well as create a cohesive, disciplined approach to getting Tech's name out.

Lindemood said this is not the first time Tech has brought in an outside consultant for this purpose.

There have been four similar studies during the last five to six years.

"We've reviewed the student perceptions of Tech from the enrollment management plan," he said. "We've certainly discussed it among institutional leaders."

He said strengths and weaknesses of the university have been established previously.

"I think the previous work has talked about strengths in the quality of people and the friendliness of our environment, while the weaknesses have tended to point to not being held in high regard around academic reputation," he said.

Teresa Knode, a senior communications major from Plano, said the university places too much emphasis on its athletic programs when trying to get national recognition. It should devote more attention to the strong academics the

university has to offer. "We have one of the top nationallyranked debate teams," she said. "We need to place more emphasis on academics. When students choose a school they like to have a good sports team, but they choose the school because of academics. It's very sad the way we treat our aca-

demics here." Vice Provost James Brink said there is someone in every department on campus that has done something great, but the problem is that not enough people

are aware of the accomplishments. "We need to move away from the idea of a few people knowing about a few of the academic accomplishments on our campus today," he said.

> The three consultants were refreshing, he said. He hopes to see a lot of results, which could be implemented.

"This group said we are a university on the rise, and we are doing good things," he said. "It's easy to create an image, as opposed to beating down a bad image, which we don't have."

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Margaret Lutherer, the director of communications for the office of the president, said Lipman and Hearne has a strong national reputation for working with universities in the communications evaluation capacity.

The firm's initial report is due to the university at the end of December, and they will make a return trip soon after, probably early in the spring semester.

"We're all really looking forward to reading their initial report on Texas Tech," she said.

There are three main areas the university is looking to improve, she said. They are potential students' perceptions of Tech, potential faculty and graduate students and the private sector.

"Donors and corporations are important because they could endow programs here or conduct their research here," she

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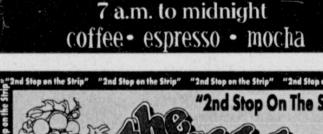
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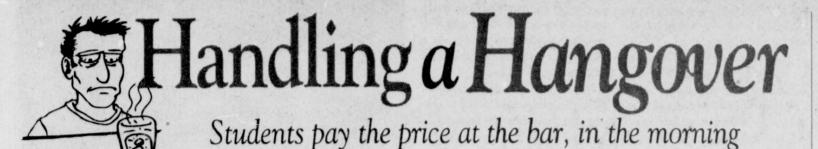
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2nd Stop on the Strip



By Megan LaVoie/Staff Reporter

hen he wakes up in a strange place, with the room spinning and a pounding headache, Dave Smith knows he has a hangover and there is only one solution.

"Eating a greasy burger, taking Alka-Seltzer morning relief, drinking a Gatorade or a combination of the three always cures a hangover," said Smith a junior finance major from Dallas.

Lisa Popp, an assistant professor with the department of pharmacology and neuroscience said studies have shown a hangover is caused by withdrawal symptoms from alcohol.

"The ill effect that people feel after a night of drinking is caused because people stop drinking — they are having withdrawal effects from all the alcohol they drank the night before," she said.

A person's tolerance also has a lot to do with how severe their hangover will be, Popp said.

"Someone who doesn't drink a lot and then goes out and has a lot of beers, will feel the effects more than someone who normally drinks a lot and drinks the same amount," she said.

People who drink on an empty stomach will feel the effects of alcohol faster than someone who drinks on a full stomach.

"If someone drinks on a full stomach, they may not drink as much and there will be less alcohol absorbed into their blood stream — if you don't eat before you drink you have a much greater chance of feeling those ill effects the next morning," she said.

Popp said drinking water before and after you drink alcohol can help counteract the ill effects the next morning.

"If you pound down at least two 10 ounce glasses of water before you go to bed, followed with a couple of aspirin it will help with the headache and the dehydration you feel in the morning," she said.

Popp doesn't recommend drinking coffee or drinks with caffeine.

"Caffeine is a diuretic and if you drink caffeine to cure a hangover it will only dehydrate you more," she said.

Jordan Janik, a sophomore biology major from Arlington said he takes Tylenol to relieve a hangover after a night of drinking.

"I wake up two hours before I have to and take three Tylenol, then I go back to sleep for two hours and I wake up fine," he said.

Sandy Allen, the liquor manager at Doc Liquors said she recommends taking Advil or Tylenol before you go out to drink although she said if you drink enough, nothing is going to work.

Allen said Doc's Liquors sells pills that claim to cure a hangover. "We sell these little pills called "Buzz" that say if you take them before

you drink, they will leave you without a hangover the next morning, but I have never heard from any customers if they work or not," she said.

Allen said different types of alcohol cause a more or less severe

"Any kind of alcohol that has a high sugar content gives you worse hangovers, Schnapps or Tequila together are pretty bad and Tequila alone is notorious for giving bad hangovers," she said.

Drinking better quality liquor also effects how severe your hang-

"Drinking Absolute Vodka versus Skull Vodka is very different, there are more impurities in the Skull Vodka and it will probably leave you with a more severe hangover then if you were drinking Absolute - it is best to drink better quality alcohol," she said.

Steven Siegismund, a junior marketing major from Austin said it is best to drink beer if you don't want to have a hangover in the morning. "Stay away from liquor that's for sure - I always stick to the beer," he

Siegismund said if he does have a hangover, he cures it with a Mi-

mosa, which is made up of orange juice and champagne. "If I have a hangover I eat a hearty breakfast, drink a Mimosa and

sleep it off - I will wake up fine," he said. Popp said that although drinking alcohol to rid a hangover will work,

she doesn't recommend it.

"If you drink a beer the next morning you will alleviate the withdrawal symptoms, but if people choose to do this it will perpetuate the need to keep drinking and a cycle will start that could lead to alcoholism and one could become physiologically dependent," she said.

Popp said people might also get hangovers from drinking because they are allergic to the alcohol.

"There have been studies that have shown that some people are allergic to red wine because of the preservatives in it, the grapes or the processing — it is similar to having a food allergy and it would leave them with symptoms similar to a hangover," she said.

Popp recommends that if people want to drink but not get out of control, they should pace themselves and wait for their alcohol to metabolize.

"On average, a 150 pound male can metabolize one beer in an hour, so if you pace yourself you shouldn't feel the effects of a hangover because you are giving your body time to metabolize the alcohol," she said.

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'Soap' manages not to be too slippery; audiences will enjoy



ech Theatre's production of "Soap Slips" plays like a game between the audience and the actors. The double meaning of the title is really referring to the audience participation aspect rather than the fact that soap is indeed slippery.

As you walk into the Tech Lab Theatre, audiences have the chance to write words or phrases on slips of paper that will then be put in to a box on the stage. Actors must then draw slips from the box and work whatever is on the slip of paper into the scene.

So the success or failure of "Soap Slips" is largely determined by the audience each night. Just how good of a show do you want to see? So in reviewing this play, the audience must be scrutinized as much as the performers. Luckily, the night I saw the show featured a relatively creative audience. You can see the show today and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

The scenes are created on the spot by the actors and are supposed to be scenes out of a soap opera. They have to decide who will be in the next scene in seconds. With a cast of twenty, there is a wide variety of characters and talent.

As is the case with improv, some which is also the case with "Soap." Some actors will draw a slip out of the the scene. The good actors will read smiles to faces.

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the slip and work it into the scene as logically as possible. Sometimes it's a challenge with statements like "I like cucumbers," but then sometimes the slip works remarkably well into the scene. Take for instance, the priest getting a slip that says, "I'm not a sex of-

One actor had his character forced out of the closet when his slip read, "I'm gay!" After reacting to the slip, he smartly added, "Who knew?"

In a hilarious scene that was already stealing the show, actors Drew Coolidge and Sarah Cunningham were already taking big risks in a love scene when one of them drew "Opera" out of the box and had to carry out the rest of the scene. Audiences were laughing long after the end of the scene.

Director Patrick Donnelly, who developed "Soap Slips," said in an interview with me last week that he wanted "Soap" to be Improv Theatre, rather than strictly Improv Comedy. But from what I saw, things don't appear to be panning out for him in that respect. The problem with it is that audiences, at least at the college level, going to an improv show are going in with the expectation to laugh. Ergo, their slips that they write will usually lean towards the humorous.

However, Donnelly doesn't let things get too carried away. He has trained his cast to usually discard slips that they draw that are too dirty or profane, and then draw another slip.

Donnelly's concept is good, howactors are better at it than others, ever, and his cast is skilled for the most part. Depending on the audience, "Soap" can be an often amusing and box, read it, and simply go on with fun exercise that is bound to bring

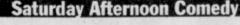
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Rawls Course to host Regional

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

When the Rawls Course was built, there was not question Texas Tech would be hosting big tournaments. The only question was when. The answer recently came.

The NCAA Women's Central Regional will be played on the Rawls Course in May 2005.

Hosting the first step of postseason play will be a good chance for Tech to get its name out in the golf world more.

"This is a great thing for our program and university," said women's coach Stacey Totman. "I think this is a major step in the right direction. The golf course has brought a lot of exposure to Texas Tech, and a lot of people have seen what a great facility it is. It also shows recruits we do have a facility that is of the quality to hold NCAA events."

The Regional is just the first step of postseason play and hosting as well. Totman said Tech could move its way up the ladder, and it is conceivable that the National Championship could come to the Rawls Course

"Nowadays you have to host a Regional before you can host a na-

tional championship, so we're that much closer to holding the NCAAs here," she said. "The golf course is a phenomenal facility and very capable of holding a championship tournament."

The players recognize the potential of the course. They know they practice

on a top-notch facility every day, and are glad to see Tech hosting a Regional.

Jackie Ey said hosting a Regional will bring Tech more recognition and be an opportunity to showcase the

"I think it's a really great thing for tech because it gets the course exposed nationally and people will recognize our course as a really good facility to practice on and play," she said.

> It is no secret the wind blows hard in Lubbock, especially in the spring months. Course designer Tom Doak has said that is one of the reasons he designed the Rawls Course the way he did. That characteristic of the course may be something visiting

golfers may not ex-

pect, and Ey said the course should play its toughest for the Regional considering its time.

"It's already really hard, and in the spring when Regionals come that's when the wind really blows here," she

said. "It just requires a lot of skill to shoot well on that course. (Players) are probably going to leave the course thinking what did I get myself into. If the weather is like it always is, it will be very difficult to play for the Regionals."

If Tech qualifies for Regionals in 2005, the Lady Raiders would obviously have a home field advantage. Knowing the course will be one thing they can hold above the competition, and the course has been working well for them so far.

Tech had three top 10 finishes in four tournaments. The Lady Raiders closed the year out strong with a second place finish at the Edwin Watts/Palmetto Invitational in Kiawah Island, S.C. this week. Ey led Tech with a sixth place finish, and junior Sheila Mendez finished 16th, her best finish of the season.

The women's team will hit the links in the spring beginning Feb. 23 at the Central Regional Invitational in Parrish, Fla.

Volleyball looking to rebound from loss

The Texas Tech volleyball team is coming off a tough loss to the Oklahoma Sooners on Wednesday. The loss puts Tech at 10-13 overall and 2-12 in Big 12 Conference play. The Red Raiders face off against the Buffaloes of Colorado (16-8, 8-6) Saturday at 7 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena.

Tech fell to the Sooners in five games (30-19, 26-30, 28-30, 30-25, 13-15) and broke an 11-match winning streak against the Sooners. Junior outside hitter Kelly Johnson led all players with 24 kills

Men

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in the match, along with 17 digs and three service aces. In only her third match back following knee surgery earlier this season, senior Angela Mooney logged eight blocks.

The Buffaloes are coming in after a three game victory over Baylor, which put Colorado one game shy of its conference win total last season

The last time Colorado and Tech played, which was the first conference match of the season on Sept. 17, the Buffaloes won in four games (30-22, 28-30, 30-20, 30-22) in Boulder, Colo.

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when the Buffs finished 9-11.

TCU hangs on to perfect record, BCS hopes

FORT WORTH (AP) - Forget how TCU has done it.

All that matters for the Horned Frogs is that they are still undefeated and in contention for a spot in the

"There are no bad victories right now," coach Gary Patterson said. "It's the time of the year that you don't look at stats, you look at wins. And that's what we have right now."

The 13th-ranked Horned Frogs (9-0, 6-0 Conference USA) and Oklahoma (9-0, 5-0 Big 12 Conference), the No. 1 team in every poll, are the only undefeated teams left in

they deserve to be part of the BCS. Three of the field-goal margins have come in the last month. Their other victory in that stretch was a 62-55 win at Houston.

Tulane with a No. 10 final ranking when it went undefeated in 1998, the system's first year. The BCS conferences are the Big 12, Big Ten, Big East, ACC, SEC and PAC 10.

"I guess that is why I like Cinderellas in the NCAA tournament. I like the No. 16 team who comes along and surprises everybody," Patterson said. "That's where we are now. We play that underdog role well."

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Sports



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GAMEDAY: TEXAS TECH (6-3) AT BAYLOR (3-6)

2 p.m. Saturday in Waco. • KKAM 1340-AM • Line: Raiders by 27.5 • Series: Baylor leads 32-28-1 • Gametime weather: Mostly cloudy, 59 degrees

THEY SAID IT

(Setencich) told us we got to keep this up, don't let this be a one-time fluke and do this every game.

- FLETCHER SESSIONS Texas Tech Linebacker

NUMBERS GAME

The number of interceptions Tech quarterback B.J. Symons has thrown in the Raiders' last two games. He has doubled his interception total in those games as he now has 16 interceptions.

GAME NOTEBOOK

- Baylor has won five Big 12 Conference games since the conference's inception in 1996. The Bears were winless in Big 12 play from 1999-2001, but defeated Kansas in 2002 to break the streak. Baylor beat Colorado 42-30 this season in the team's sole conference win.
- Baylor coach Guy Morris is in his first season as head coach.

Defense eyeing improvement in Waco

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

Last week Texas Tech's defense stepped up and proved it did not deserve to be the labeled as the worst defense in the nation. This week with the Big 12 Conference doormat Baylor on the schedule the defense could have another big game.

But give Baylor more credit than that. The Bears are no longer the laughing stock of the Big 12 Conference with new head coach Guy Morriss and a conference

win in back-to-back seasons for the first time since the inception of the Big 12. And the Bears beat Colorado, 42-

30 in Waco. Head coach Mike Leach said there is something different in the air in Waco

now with Morriss leading the show. "I think it's just a renewed sense of energy," he said.

With more energy on the field Baylor will definitely be a challenge for Tech, and Tech's defense has another opportunity to prove critics wrong.

Although defensive coordinator Lyle Setencich did not say his defense was getting better after its performance against Colorado, he did say it executed better against a team he felt his defense should do well against.

"We played more snaps correctly than we have in some games because the level of competition was not what we had played in the pervious weeks," he said. "That may not be acceptable for some of you, but that's honest."

Leach was honest this week as well saying quarterback B.J. Symons didn't look like himself in the first half of last week's game, but Symons did what most quarterbacks couldn't do - rebound.

"I don't think B.J. nor I were big fans of his performance in the first quarter," he said. "I'don't think there is any quarterback out there playing on any level that hasn't had a game like that. To have your worst game to be one where you throw for 399 yards and are still lucky enough to win, I think that's pretty good, of course, that was based on a lot of contributions from other aspects of the team."

Leach was asked if he considered taking Symons out of the game, and Leach said no because he was getting effort from his quarterback. As long as Symons was working hard on the field and trying to correct his mistakes, Leach had faith he would turn things around.

"I don't think effort was his problem, I think more relaxation was his problem. I think he needed to relax," Leach said.

When he did relax, Tech's offense began to move the ball effectively against Colorado.

This week's game may not be televised, but a lot of eyes will be on Tech's defense, no doubt. The big question on the minds of those true to the Red and Black is can the defense do it again?

Defensive end Adell Duckett wants that answer to be yes.

"We gotta continue to do it," he said. "One game doesn't change much."

TEXAS TECH SAFETY Ryan Aycock tackles Colorado running back Brian Calhoun during the Red Raiders 26-21 win against the Colorado Buffaloes Saturday at Jones SBC Stadium. The Raiders will face the 3-6 Baylor Bears at 2 p.m. Saturday at Floyd Casey Stadium in Waco.

ONE YEAR AGO

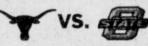
■ Texas Tech defeated Baylor 62-11 at Jones SBC Stadium. Former Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury threw for 373 yards and three touchdowns before being replaced by B.J. Symons, who threw for 95 yards and three touchdowns. Tech scored on its first four possessions of the game and held a 28-3 lead at halftime.

GAMEDAY INFORMATION



AROUND THE BIG 12

Texas A&M against Oklahoma 11 a.m. Saturday in Norman, Okla.



Texas against Oklahoma State 6 p.m. Saturday in Stillwater, Okla.



Nebraska against Kansas 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Lawrence, Kan.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

TEXAS TECH: WES WELKER



STATS: 1,220 all purpose yards and nine touchdowns.

NOTES: Set an NCAA record against Colorado with his eighth punt return for a touchdown.





STATS: 199 carries for 831 yards and five touchdowns. NOTES: Was the 2001 NJCAA Offensive Player of the Year at Mesa Community College in Mesa, Ariz.

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