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Perkins leaves team for medical reasons

Lady Raiders lose top scorer, defender for remainder of basketball season.

By David Wiechmann/ The University Daily

The Texas Tech Lady Raiders' quest for a national title was hurt Saturday as the team's leading scorer, Jia Perkins, left the team for undisclosed medical reasons.

Perkins was scoring 16.5 points a game and was a preseason favorite to be Big 12 Conference Player of the Year.

Following the team's first game without Perkins, head coach Marsha Sharp was emotional and fighting back tears as she spoke of how much character her team has.

"We had to overcome a lot of things," she said. "I loved these guys before, but now, after how they stepped up and did what they had to take care of, I'm really proud of them. I hope our fans understand how hard they had to work and what they are dealing with."

In a statement released to the media Saturday afternoon hours before game time, Sharp said losing Perkins is an ob-

stacle her team will have to deal with and is capable of overcoming.

"Certainly this is some adversity that we did not expect," Sharp said. "Jia has been a great part of our program during her career and has been a part of some big wins. However, I do believe in the incredible mentality of this team and will expect them to play at a high and competitive level for the remainder of the season. Fortunately, we have a lot of individuals capable of stepping up to this challenge. We wish Jia nothing but the best in her fu-

This season the players have spoken of the chemistry on the team being better than any they have ever been a part of. Sharp said she believes that will be the saving grace for the team and make it easier to respond to the loss of one of her key

Center Jolee Ayers-Curry said that chemistry will bring the team even closer in an effort to move on and continue to

play at the level they have all season.

"I think one thing that has really made our team special this year is our chemistry in the way we bond," she said. "Everybody on the court is out there for the good of the team because we want to win. Everyone faces a little adversity, and it's going to make us stronger going into the rest of the Big 12 season."

Sharp will not comment on the matter as her policy is to not speak about team internal issues.

Perkins, a Grandbury product, was considered the next Sheryl Swoops when she first stepped on the floor as a freshman. She immediately became an offensive and defensive impact in 2000 and has never looked back until now.

She averaged 13.6 points per game her freshman year, 16 points per game her sophomore year and 16.2 points her junior year.

During her freshman season Sharp said Perkins could be the best guard she has ever coached.



FORMER TEXAS TECH guard Jia Perkins dribbles the ball down the court during a game earlier this season. Perkins, a senior and Tech's top scorer quit the team Friday night because of undisclosed medical reasons. FILE PHOTO/The University Daily

SNOW STREAKER



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

BRETT BAINUM, A freshman broadcast journalism major from Celina streaks across Memorial Circle during the snow storm Saturday afternoon.

Public Affairs

Texas-made wine legal for purchase inside city limits

By Sally Gunter/The University Daily

Lubbock County is still a dry county, but wine drinkers can now drive to the Depot District to purchase a bottle instead of taking a road trip to the strip.

La Diosa, a licensed winery, began selling wine inside the city limits Jan. 12. The store sells a variety of Texas-made wines by the glass, bottle or case, said Janis Jennings, assistant manager and chief chef.

"Its been getting busier and busier," she said. "People don't really know too much about it yet."

The Sept. 13 passage of Proposition 11 legalized the selling of Texasbrand wines by a licensed winery inside city limits of both wet and dry counties. Texas citizens passed the law along with 21 other propositions.

A licensed winery is allowed to manufacture, bottle, label and package wine containing not more than 24 percent alcohol by volume, according to

The proposition also authorized the selling of wine outside of Texas to qualified persons, the blending of wines and the dispensing of free wine for consumption on the winery premises.

The holder of a winery permit in a dry county may sell only wine manufactured in Texas that has at least 75 percent by volume fermented juice of grapes or other fruit grown in Texas, according to the new law.

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Student Affairs

Tech students honor Martin Luther King Jr.

By Sally Gunter/The University Daily

More than 25 students gathered in Memorial Circle Monday to celebrate the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The students were members of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and the Alpha Angels organization.

"We are here to show Texas Tech there is an African American presence on campus," said Troy Lane, a junior medical technology major from Killeen. "And that we do appreciate the values Martin Luther King instilled in us and the doors to opportunity he opened for us.

The crowd gathered in a circle as Lane read King's 1963 "I have a dream"

While King's 1963 speech is one of his most known, Godfrey Christop, a medical technician at the Texas Tech student health center and former advisor of Alpha Phi Alpha, said there were other black leaders that also made a differ-"All of you attend this university because of your forefathers," he said. "There

were people throughout history, good people and bad people in any culture, these were good men who can add to any culture." King was born January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. Having skipped both

the ninth and twelfth grades, King entered Morehouse at the age of fifteen, according to the King Center Web site.

In 1948, he graduated from Morehouse College with a B.A. degree in Sociology. While at Morehouse, he was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

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DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

TEXAS TECH STUDENTS commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. at Memorial Circle during Monday's national holiday.

Student Affairs

Reconstruction of Student Union building continues Final product will feature numerous fast-food restaurants, entertainment.

By Andrew Bell/The University Daily

Just as one section of the Student Union building at Texas Tech was completed, construction workers began an overhaul to the rest of the building.

Since the beginning of the semester, students have used the Barnes & Noble Bookstore that was built in the building. What students may not know is there are many other available activities in the newly reconstructed section of the building.

On the first floor there is a bistro where students can eat in their spare time on campus. Tom Shubert, director of the Student Union and Auxiliaries, said there would be more locations for

students to sit and eat when the project is completed. In the place of the former fast food court, new restaurants will

be available with many places for students to sit and enjoy a meal. Shubert said when the reconstruction is complete there will be almost 600 seats available on the first floor alone. The number of seats will be possible because of a dining pavilion that will be created near the food court.

Inside the food court, students will have the option of enjoying many different restaurants. The main restaurants will include S'barro's, Chick-fil-a, and Taco Mayo, Shubert said. The food court also will include a Steak Escape that will specialize in Philly steak sandwiches and pretzel and smoothie stands. In keeping with the tradition of the former food court, there also will be a restaurant serving barbecue and hamburgers.

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DALLAS (AP) - Eight men were indicted on felony assault charges in connection with a fraternity-related hazing incident that seriously injured a Southern Methodist University stu-

Dallas County District Attorney Bill Hill said prosecutors chose to pursue the felony charges rather than misdemeanor hazing charges because of the seriousness of the allegations and the injuries the victim suffered.

Filmon Berhe, Eric Bowie, Jason Harkey, Onyekachi Ibekwe, Uche Kalu, Raymond Lee III, Brandon Perry and Cornelius Smith Jr. face two to 20 years in prison if convicted of the second-degree felony aggravated assault charges. They were indicted on

Braylon Curry, a pledge with Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, went into a coma in November after being forced to consume large amounts of water. At times, he and another pledge were physically struck and mentally harassed, police said.

Curry spent a week in the hospital, much of the time unconscious and on a ventilator. He remained in critical condition for two days before starting to recover. He was released from the hospital Nov. 23.

"Somebody has to get these young men's attention that they can't do that and that they'll be prosecuted if they do," Hill told The Dallas Morning News for a Saturday story. "This young man was very fortunate that he did not

The Rundown



SMU hazing incident third in Iowa Caucus

DES MOINES, lowa (AP) -John Kerry and John Edwards rode 11th-hour surges to a one-two finish in Iowa's kickoff presidential caucuses Monday, dealing a stunning blow to favorite Howard Dean. Kerry's comeback blew the nomination fight wide open, setting the stage for a free-for-all in New Hampshire's follow-up primary.

Dean finished third, stripped of his front-runner's mantle but still defiant - "We will not give up," he told backers. Rep. Dick Gephardt finished a weak fourth and planned to end his 33-year political career by pulling out of the race.

His campaign given up for dead just weeks ago, Kerry predicted another comeback in New Hampshire's Jan. 27 primary.

'As I've said in New Hampshire and here, I'm a fighter," the Massachusetts lawmaker told The Associated Press. "I've come from behind before and I'm going to take the same fight that I've been making here to New Hampshire."

Edwards, 50, also claimed momentum. "This campaign, this cause, this

movement is about bringing real change to America," Edwards told supporters. "You and I can build an America and an image of America that we will be proud of."

Just two weeks ago, before the Iowa race turned testy and tumultuous, Dean and Gephardt sat atop the field in Iowa, with Dean leading in New Hampshire and national polls.

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Eight indicted in Favorite Dean finishes Iraqi religious group requesting elections

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Tens of thousands of Shiite Muslims marched peacefully in Baghdad on Monday to demand an elected government, as U.S. and Iraqi officials prepared to seek U.N. endorsement of American plans for transferring power

Secretary-General Kofi Annan has been reluctant to let the United Nations play a greater role in Iraq until he is convinced the country is safe.

Underscoring those dangers, 31 people were killed and about 120 were wounded Sunday when a suicide bomber blew up his pickup truck at a gate to the headquarters compound of the occupation authority in Baghdad, Iraq's Health Minister Khudayer Abbas said Monday.

Huge crowds of Iraqi Shiites, estimated by reporters at up to 100,000, marched about three miles to the University of al-Mustansariyah, where a representative of Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani delivered a speech he said was directed at Annan, the U.S.-led occupation authority and its Iraqi allies.

It was the biggest display of Shiite political power in Baghdad since Saddam Hussein's regime collapsed in April. It followed a similar demonstration on Thursday by some 30,000 Shiites in the southern city of Basra.

Al-Sistani, the country's most influential Shiite leader, has rejected a U.S. formula for transferring power through a provisional legislature selected by 18 regional caucuses, insisting on direct elections instead.

The legislature is supposed to appoint a transitional government, which will take over from the U.S .led coalition administration July 1 before holding full elections in 2005.

"The sons of the Iraqi people demand a political system based on direct elections and a constitution that realizes justice and equality for everyone," al-Sistani's representative.



RINGING IN THE NEW

JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/The University Daily

LUBBOCK FIREFIGHTER'S HONOR Guard Coordinator Eddie Kirkpatrick rings the traditional "10-8" on the bell signifying that Station No. 6, which serves Tech from 35th Street to Indiana Avenue, is "in service" Friday morning in a dedication ceremony. The original building was built in 1953 but because of expanding needs the new building was erected during the last nine months.

Dallas minister leading fight against gay bishop in Episcopalian church

Canon David Roseberry has built the congregation he started with 13 members back in 1985 into the Episcopal church that boasts the largest emerging. attendance in the nation.

His success with the flourishing Christ Church Episcopal — which draws 2,200 worshippers each weekend to this Dallas suburb - has helped make him a national leader in the conservative revolt against his denomination's consecration of an openly gay bishop.

"I feel like a very unlikely leader for all of this," said the 48-year-old

work of Anglican Communion Dioceses and Parishes next week - a meeting that will put Roseberry, once again, in the thick of the debate over homosexuality within his denomination.

The convention's aim will be to produce some sort of church-withina-church arrangement, so that Episcopal conservatives - estimated by opponents as roughly 15 percent of

PLANO(AP) — The Rev. the denomination's 2.3 million members - can work together directly. The network's relationship to the Episcopal Church's national structure is still

Bishops, clergy and lay delegates from as many as a dozen conservative dioceses plan to develop an organizational charter and a theological platform during the two-day session, which starts Monday.

Roseberry's high-profile role doesn't surprise the Rev. Alden Hathaway, a former Pittsburgh bishop who became the priest's mentor after a chance meeting in Tucson, Ariz., two decades ago.

"He's a natural leader," said Yet his church will welcome a Hathaway, now retired and living in constituting convention of the Net- Tallahassee, Fla. "I think one reason why is the way he sees himself. He doesn't have any aspirations or any ego or any need to put himself forward at

> When Hathaway first met Roseberry in the early 1980s, the recent seminary graduate was divorced and out of sorts, unsure what he believed. After two years of ministry in his native Arizona, Roseberry said, he was "out of gas and had no strength.







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Organizations protesting military's involvement in collegiate recruiting

By Michael Castellon/ The University Daily

A federal law that requires universities to allow the military access to on-campus recruiting events has come under scrutiny by two university-based organizations that allege the statute forces many schools to violate sexual discrimination policies.

The American Association of University Professors filed a brief Jan. 12 in support of the Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights coalition, a group of law schools that that is suing the U.S. Department of Defense for enforcing the Solomon Amendment, which requires universities to provide military officials access to on-campus recruiting events.

In question is the military's "don't ask, don't tell policy," the armed services' administrative approach to personnel's sexuality. The AAUP and FAIR allege the amendment illegally forces university administrators to violate their policies regarding sexual discrimination involving recruiting on college campuses.

Dean of Texas Tech's School of Law Gen. Walter Huffman, who served in the U.S. Army as a Judge Advocate General, said while military representatives actively recruit at the university, he is unaware of any complaints regarding the amendment

"It's truly legal to do what (the military) is doing, and we follow the law," he said. "No one wants to keep anyone from getting a job with the military, but we do take efforts to ensure we're also not disenfranchising students who are not eligible for the military. So far, all parties on all sides at our law school are accepting of

However, Ann Springer, associate counsel for the AAUP, said she believes the amendment lacks merit.

"Academic freedom here is our biggest concern," she said. "This amendment challenges the academic freedom of faculty and students. Faculty and students are responsible for setting our environment."

Huffman said university officials met with Tech's Lambda Law Student organization several years ago to gauge reactions to the amendment but concluded there was no student concern in regard to the issue.

"Clearly this is an issue in which people have strong emotions," he said. "But we're following the law, and the university is following the law."

Tech President Jon Whitmore did not return phone calls seeking comment on the amendment.

"We will try to get other businesses in Lubbock to come in."

The reconstruction of the Student Union also would bring more entertainment for students while on campus. In the basement of the newly reconstructed segment of the building, there is a television lounge containing couches and a 60-inch plasma television, Shubert said.

For students who would like to watch movies or put on a show, the basement also contains a mini theater that could hold 100 people, Shubert said. The construction workers would also reconstruct the Allen Theatre as a part of Phase II-B of the project.

"We will be replacing the seating in the Allen Theatre and adding luminescent panels in the theater to help the looks," he said.

Throughout the second floor of the building, more meeting rooms would be constructed for student organizations and study groups. Shubert said there would also be reflection rooms for students who want to study in a quiet environment.

The isolated reflection rooms would be sound proof and contain a table and chair for one student to have peace and quiet if one chooses, Shubert said. When the project is completed, stuWine

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"It authorized wineries in dry areas," said Capt. Dan Cullers of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Cullers said Proposition 11 will boost the sales of Texas-brand wines and help Texas compete with big wine-producing states such as California.

The main concern with the opening of La Diosa, Cullers said, is the added potential for underage drinking.

"I don't see any more problems it's going to induce," he said. "It will be watched, and we will pay attention just like any other place."

There are 1,200 cases of wine in three different styles at La Diosa. It carries wines from local wineries such as Caprock, Llano Estacado and Pheasant Ridge, along with other Texas-made

"Hopefully, we'll get more and



JIM SISLEY, A Lubbock resident, and Barry Fitzgerald, a friend of Sisley's visiting from Los Gatos Mountains, Calif., sample wines at La Diosa before purchasing bottles of their particular favorites.

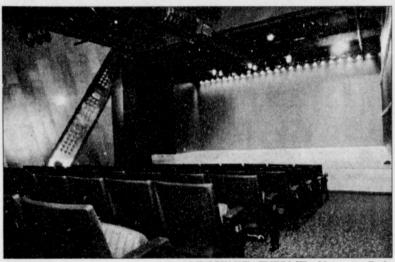
more wines," Jennings said.

Cody Cook, a freshman undeclared major from Childress, said he does not see a problem with the selling of wine inside the city limits.

"There is so much beer and wine matter whether it's a dry county," he said. "I think pretty soon it will be a wet county."

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construction of the Student Union tion, we wanted to try to look at today's



ANDREW WEATHERL/The University Daily

THE UNOPENED MINI theater in the Student Union will be used for various forms of live and recorded entertainment. The theater features state of the art audio and video technology.

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On the opposite side of where the current bistro is located, Shubert said there would be a retail quarter. The quarter will hold a Sam's Place, student identification office and a new

To spread dining areas throughout the building, there also would be an Asian and health food area in the re-

tail quarter. For a student who would need to take care of finances on campus, there also will be a branch of American State Bank in the quarter,

Although all of the retail centers have not been occupied yet, Shubert said he and others would be looking in the area to find a retail center to place in the quarter that students would en-

"In the past we have had a travel agency and printing places," he said.

Double T Crew

dents would also be able to use the Internet throughout the building with

700 Ethernet connections in place. Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Shonrock said the entire rebuilding will cost \$44 million, but he believes every penny will be worth it for the student body of Tech.

"When we began the reconstruc-

college student and work with that." he said. "The new section will be great."

Shubert said the project would be: completed by February or March 2005.





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Remembering Martin Luther King Jr.

Daniel

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fear in the eyes of many people in this country, the arrival of yet another "MLK" day has become nothing more than another opportunity to sleep in.

I fear the excitement of this semester's early three-day weekend has overshadowed the significance found in remembering the achievements of a man who fought amidst adversity so every man and woman in this country could someday be "judged not on the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

we observed in remembrance of King on Monday will by Tuesday be a faded memory.

In fact, for many of us, the dawning of a new day has already brought the disregard for the value and meaning of yesterday's revelry. Yet, I do believe you will remember the the puppet of ignorance and prejudice legacy of King the next time you turn on through their hateful words and actions. the television or pick up a newspaper, and place at one of our country's institutions of "higher learning."

That same legacy will have a whole new meaning to you when those who represent the legal system consider the color of your skin to be grounds for suspicion of guilt without merit.

In fact, that legacy will come to mind the next time you are sexually harassed, passed up for a job, or maybe demeaned by a chauvinist in the workplace because of the fact that you are a woman.

King fought to give life and new meaning to the proclamation of America that "all men are created equal."

He struggled against what often seemed to be an uphill battle in order to erase those lines of division that did nothing but separate us according to stereotypes and injustices fueled by hatred.

King once said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere - we are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." Though his fight ended at the time of his death in 1968, the realm of social injustice and discrimination in our society and the battle for equality is still very real today.

From the parties of a college campus to the unethical practices, biases, and stereotypes of communities all across this country, we have taken steps forward in many areas as Americans, but we have, undeniably, taken steps backward as a diversified society. I fear that today instead of learning to allow our differences as people with diverse cultures bring us together, we have allowed those differences to segregate us in

every way from politics to religion. As Americans, we have chosen to simply tolerate the existence of people who are unlike us, as opposed to embracing that which we can learn as a result of those differences. In fact, many times we force those who are different from us to search for a meaningful existence in the midst of a soci-

ety that constantly reminds us all that being different is not only unaccepted, it can be a handicap.

It is so easy to go on living our lives as if I fear the legacy of greatness and altruism this issue does not deal with us. But, in the words of Dr. King, "Our days begin to end the day that we become silent about the things that matter." If we do not speak against the injustices toward others in our society, we are no better than those that choose to be

So, I ask, where is your voice? More imread of yet another "ghetto party" taking portantly, how have you allowed that voice that exists within each of us to be an inspiration in the lives of others? When is the last time you used your voice to stand up and positively impact someone else?

> The story is told of a day in 1958 when Dr. King had a near death experience where a crazed woman stabbed him with a 7-inch letter-opener at a book-signing event in Harlem, New York. The doctors later told King that because of the way the letteropener had been lodged between his heart and his lungs, had he merely sneezed, he would have died.

> Word of this incident got out, and, although this confrontation took place right in the middle of the civil rights movement, while King was in the hospital recovering, he received a letter from a ninth grade white student that simply stated, "I'm so happy that you didn't sneeze."

> Now, I ask how many of us can say we have had the type of impact on someone else's life to where the very air in our lungs is invaluable to them because of the investment we have made in their lives. On the contrary, it seems we work so hard to hang these diplomas and credentials on the bare walls and empty shelves of homes and offices; yet, we never once stop to notice the bare walls and empty shelves in our own lives, which are waiting to be filled with the names of those whose lives we have made a difference in and whose hearts we have touched.

> American psychologist and philosopher William James put it this way, "The greatest use of a life is to spend it for something that will outlast it."

Don't let what was celebrated Monday pass you by without taking the time to think about the legacy of a man who lived his life through constant struggle so we could live our lives in continuous freedom from the effects of social injustice and racial prejudice.

The history and diversified background of every European, Hispanic, and Asian man and woman on this campus is a part of my history, just as mine is theirs. When we learn

It is time that we begin to understand what the old Chinese proverb means by stating, "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness." Where are the Martin Luther Kings of our generation? Where are the Frederick Douglass's of our generation?

to appreciate that fact and take it one step further by not allowing prejudicial ideologies to rule our thinking and control our lives, on that day, we will become a part of

Kennedys?

Where are the John F.

the legacy that King began d ecades ago. Though the media has labeled us as "Generation X," the unknown and the nameless, I believe it is time for many of us to stop listening to what others say we cannot and will not do.

It's time we began to understand what the old Chinese proverb means by stating, "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."

Where are the Martin Luther Kings of our generation? Where are the Frederick Douglass's of our generation? Where are the John F. Kennedys? Where are the Anna Elizabeth Dickinsons?

I submit to you that they exist here on this very college campus within each and every one of us; it is up to us to not only find the voice within us all but to use it to impact others' lives and the world.

After all, Monday's celebration of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is, in retrospect, the commemoration of the power that one voice can have when it is used to invest in the lives of others.

So, today I thank the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by paying tribute to his lasting legacy.

I echo the sentiments of the English poet, George Gordon, Lord Byron when he stated, "They never fail who die in a great cause." May his legacy continue to inspire us all to use our voices for the cause of justice and equality.

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Warning signs of ignorance

n accordance with the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr.'s crusade against bigotry, Lthis column goes out to those passionate, misguided and most likely chemicallyimbalanced patrons of the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kansas.

For those that aren't aware, members of this church dropped by Lubbock last week to protest the town's "pro-gay" sentiments, smiling gleefully while holding signs saying "God Hates Fags," "Protect Kids, not Molesters," and, my personal favorite, "God Blew Up the Shuttle." And although these people seemed to be quite sure of themselves and their beliefs about God, they are quite mistaken.

Since these people claim to be Christians, they are most likely creationists as well, which entails believing that God created man in his image. So, if God created man in his image, then why would he hate them?

Moreover, if he hates homosexuals, then why even create them in the first place? It would be easier to just not bother and use the time and energy saved for something else, instead of creating beings you will despise and have to put on hold a special area of hell for them.

Hate is not a word to be used lightly or whimsically placed upon a cardboard sign. It involves not only a sense of strong dislike, but also an intense desire to remove the object of your hatred from existence, in the same sense as a person removing the splinter from his finger, the thorn from his side or the weight from his shoulders.

Since they believe "God hates fags," then he must be sitting up in heaven with thunderbolts aimed at every homosexual's head, waiting to snipe them from above at a

But what is he waiting for? If you hate something and have the power to eradicate it at your call, then in all likelihood you wouldn't hesitate to release the wrath, since the world would be better without the thing you hate. Thus, if God, being all powerful, hated homosexuals, or anyone else for that matter, he would have already wiped them out. There is no right moment for those who wish to remove that which they hate; the sooner, the better.

More importantly, these people are wrong in that they are spreading to the public the wrong message about God, who is a God of love, not full of hatred. Saying that homosexuality is morally wrong is fine, but advocating that God hates homosexuals and that they all go to hell is nonsensical. A mere man has no knowledge of a person's state of eter-

nal salvation, and is foolish to condemn him. God hates sin, not people. He loves all of at james.s.ingram@ttu.edu.



Since they believe 'God hates fags,' then he must be sitting up in heavan with thunderbolts aimed at every homosexuals head, waiting to snipe them from above at a moment's notice.

us whom he created, in spite of the sin in our lives. He offers salvation to us even though we choose to be liars, gossipers, adulterers and binge-drinkers.

A big problem with Christians today is the belief that there is a hierarchy of sins, with homosexuality being more taboo and hellfire-reaping than some of its lesser brethren. For example, the fundamentalists protested the display of a pair of Elton John's sunglasses because he "lived his life inopposition to God Almighty."

Yeah, but who hasn't? Only one person (Jesus) has ever truly lived according to God, and he was not of this world. So, our chances of living a completely perfect and sinless life look pretty bleak. Sadly, though, this breed of ignorance has seemed to spread across the nation like wildfire, but it is far from the truth.

God desires for the blatant homosexual to share in heaven as much as he desires the hypocritical Christian to. His love is pure and knows no bounds, and is not categorized according to people's choices. He is not a hateful God, eagerly waiting to subject people to eternal burnination, but rather, to paraphrase Jonathan Edwards, the hand that holds us up from the fire.

Christians are called to share the gospel with the rest of the world, not to judge or condemn it, just as they are called to endure persecution, instead of meting it out. The world has too many blasphemers and bigots as is.

Fundamentalists could do well in remembering that.

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View from another university

America's flawed multiculturalism

By Anthony Dick/Cavalier Daily

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. hit America's campuses since light beer. And, as a watered-down perversion of a once-great collegiate ideal, it follows nicely in its predecessor's footsteps.

Although the word once signified a healthy respect for other cultures, its mantle has been usurped by an often bitter and hypocritical ideology of visceral hatred toward Western culture and civilization.

Like so many other fads in academia, multiculturalism has sunken into a morass of ignorance, absurdity and prejudice while at the same time selling itself as thoroughly sophisticated, intellectual and tolerant.

To be sure, not all people who call themselves multiculturalists have gone off the deep end. Some operate under the traditional definition of the term, and they simply believe that it is important to study the world and to learn about other cultures with an open mind. This position is quite admirable. Differences in clothing, customs, cuisine and lifestyles should not be scorned but instead respected and even valued for the richness they contribute to the world. Likewise, we should constantly examine our own society and criticize it when necessary, lest complacency allow us to indulge injustices.

But a significant strain of today's multiculturalism goes far beyond this. In academia today, intellectuals blame the West for spreading plagues of greed, racism, sexism, violence and materialism throughout the world. On a Web site called the "Multicultural Pavilion," run by staff members of our own Curry School of Education, one author paints an illustrative picture:

"America's indigenous people believed in the sharing of property, freedom to enjoy pleasure, and a family that incorporated the whole community. Native American children were doted upon, and the entire community worked only as much as necessary, reserving their free time for pleasurable activities." Western colonists, on

the other hand, brought with them "the desire to accumulate property, the repression of pleasure, the establishment of a nuclear family with Multiculturalism is the biggest thing to a father in control, the reduction of power for women, authoritarian child-rearing, and conversion to Christianity." The Pilgrims are here, Squanto — there goes the neighborhood.

On the same Web site, another author jealously describes her observations of women's rights in communist China, stating that while "occidental women must struggle for better conditions, women in China assume equality to be the given status quo." It becomes clear there is no real need to worry about the factual record of human rights in China, because, as the author explains, "even 'facts' may be fundamentally different in various cultures ...'

These two writers capture the contradictory blend of moral relativism and moral indignation within multiculturalism today. Even as they profess the equal value of all cultures and argue passionately that no one culture could possibly be "better" than another, their insinuations converge on a single obvious conclusion: Western culture is much, much worse than all the rest.

In addition to being rich in contradiction, today's multiculturalism is delightfully thick with irony. The ivory-tower critics of the west, for all their sharp words, are also products of the West, both materially and intellectually. They are members of the American uppermiddle class, who don't seem to mind the comforts that Western advances in arts and sciences have created for them. When they get sick they do not abandon Western medicine in favor of third-world shamanism. When they talk politics they do not embrace Middle-Eastern "customs" for the treatment of women. When they get on a jet to fly to a conference to blather on about the cultural biases of Western "facts," they do not argue with the scienufic formulas of aerospace engineers. And at the end of the day, when they find themselves tired from lecturing on the evils of Western capitalism and corporatism, they go and get a caffeine jolt from a caramel latte at Starbucks.

Homan appointed to VP of heatlh care systems

By Beth Aaron/ The University Daily

Dr. Richard Homan, dean of the Texas Tech School of Medicine, was recently hired as the new vice president of health care systems. He will keep his job as medical school dean along with his new position.

Dr. M. Roy Wilson, president of the Health Sciences Center, appointed Homan on Jan. 5 after the retirement of former vice president of health care systems Jim Liable.

"The things that (Liable) did will now fold under to Homan," Wilson said.

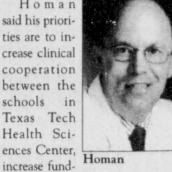
Wilson said Homan will take care of prison contracts with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and handle managed care contracts with Tech's Physicians Association, as well as other clinical and health systems type operations.

"We take care of prisoners; that's a huge part of our budget," he said. "We handle 20 to 30 percent of all prisons (in Texas), and Galveston does the rest."

Deciding to merge clinical responsibilities with budget operations at HSC was a logical decision, Wilson said.

"I think that most of these things are clinical," he said. "As dean, 90 percent comes under the school of medicine faculty, anyway. It made more sense to combine them."

said his priorities are to increase clinical cooperation between the schools Texas Tech Health Sciences Center,



ing for educational programs in the school of medicine and insure fiscal viability in managing the Texas Criminal justice system contracts throughout West Texas.

Though he will be responsible both as dean of the medical school and vice president of clinical affairs,

Homan said he is up to the task. Homan said he feels excited to help to coordinate entrepreneurial efforts and contracting for HSC.

"It's another position," he said. "It'll be a challenge, but we have a good staff and we should be able to accomplish the objectives set fourth. It should benefit the school of medicine and all of the schools in the HSC."

Earl Baulzen, assistant vice president of health care systems, said he does not think Homan's new position will take away from his job as medical school dean.

"I think it's going to give him a different outlook for both clinical and business operations," he said. "We've

always worked closely with the school of medicine, but this will give us a chance to work closely and mesh our capabilities with their needs."

Baulzen said he and his colleagues are excited to have the opportunity to

"I look forward to working with him," he said. "He's got a lot of diverse experience in his background. He's going to offer a different approach to our business operations."

Baulzen said another focus of Homan's would be to strengthen the relationship between health care systems and the clinical department at

"We'll be looking at organizational structure to make it as efficient and effective as possible," he said.

Health care systems at HSC deals with business operations for the medical school, while the clinical department deals with patients, Baulzen said.

He said he believes Homan's new position will bring the two departments closer together.

"We hope we'll be more involved with the educational component - with students and residents,"

MLK

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"In 2004, we celebrate the life of one of our fraternity brothers," said Anthony Flunder, a senior political science major from Midland. "The school teaches certain things about MLK. He had thoughts long before the 1963 speech."

King served as pastor in a number of different churches until his death in 1968.

He was arrested 30 times for his participation in civil rights activities, according to the Web site.

King received several awards for his leadership in the Civil Rights Movement, including the Nobel Peace Prize at age 35, making him the youngest man, the second America, and the third black man to be so honored, in

King was shot while standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968. He was in Memphis to lead sanitation workers in a protest against low wages and intolerable working conditions.

Officials arrested James Earl Ray in London on June 8, 1968, for the assassination of King. He entered a guilty plea and was sentenced to 99 years in the Tennessee State Penitentiary.

King's funeral services were held on April 9, 1968, at Ebenezer Baptist Church and on the campus of Morehouse College. President Lyndon Johnson proclaimed a day of mourning and flags were flown at half-staff. King's tomb is listed as a National Historic Site, according to the King Cen-

The Alpha Angels, an organization aimed at freshmen girls, have a membership of 11. Danielle Weaver, a sophomore pre-physicians assistant from Dallas and president of the club, said they were glad to participate in the memorial service for King.

"It is important because we need to remember our roots," Weaver said. "It is very important to remember what happened in history."

Girmay Gebreyesus, a senior business major from Houston, agreed.

"We wanted to get together as a fraternity and show others on campus that it is not just a holiday but a part of history," he said. "Without history we wouldn't have the same opportu-

During the ceremony, Christop challenged those present to defend what King strove to achieve.

"We need to stand up for truth right here at Texas Tech," Christop said. "I encourage and challenge you to stand up for what is true."

The group joined hands and ended the ceremony with a song and prayer. The holiday and ceremony was a

"If you don't know who you are, people tell you who you ain't," he said. "We must be reminded of the past to secure the future and understand the exuals, or anyone else for ". Ineserq

time of reflection for Christop.

Supreme Court gives Texas redistricting go-ahead

WASHINGTON (AP) -The Supreme Court refused Friday to block a hard-fought Republican redistricting plan in Texas that could cost Democrats as many as six seats in Congress.

The justices will announce later this year whether they will consider an appeal from congressional Democrats and others who claim that the map dilutes minority voting strength.

In the meantime, they rejected an emergency appeal that sought to stop the state from using the new boundaries in this year's elec-

The districts were approved by the Republican-controlled Texas Legislature in a special session following months of partisan bickering, highlighted by two out-ofstate walkouts by Democrats. Gov.

Senate Districts

Rick Perry had called two previous sessions to solve the disagreement, which was not resolved during the regular session because Democratic House members fled to Oklahoma. The first special session ended in gridlock and the second ended when Democratic senators fled to Albuquerque, N.M.

Republicans contend they could capture as many as 22 of 32 seats in Texas' Congress, increased from the present 16, under the new map passed several months ago, which was upheld last week by a federal

panel. The three-judge panel said critics failed to prove the plan was unconstitutional or illegal, but noted they were not ruling on the "wisdom" of the plan.

"We know it is rough and tumble politics, and we are ever mindful that

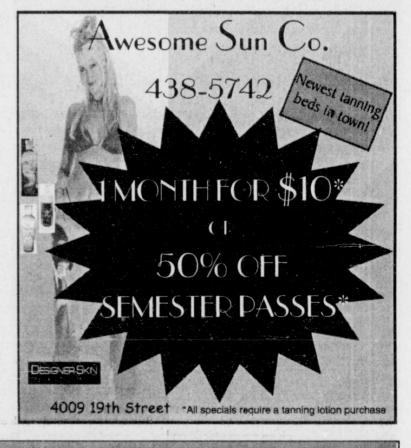
House Districts

the judiciary must call the fouls without participating in the game," the judges said. Critics asked the court for a stay

of that decision, but Texas argued that it would unsettle the upcoming election and confuse voters because candidates are already campaigning in the new districts.

The Supreme Court action, done without comment, came as candidates were re-qualifying under the new districts for the March 9 prima-

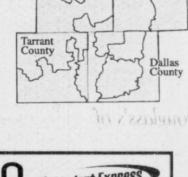
Candidates originally filed to run under court-drawn districts because the federal panel had not yet signed off on the GOP map.



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CBS rejects Super Bowl ads promoting vegetarianism, bashing Bush

has rejected two Super Bowl advertisements touting vegetarianism and bashing President Bush because they violate its advocacy rules, the network said Friday.

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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

LOS ANGELES (AP) — CBS Ethical Treatment of Animals asserts to place an ad that uses images of that meat-eating causes impotence, children working at adult jobs to using two attractive women and an criticize the federal budget deficit. unlucky pizza deliveryman to make

Meanwhile, the liberal online ad-

The Super Bowl is traditionally the most-watched TV event of the

"We do not accept advertising on one side or the other of controversial public issues, partly because we don't think the debate ought to be controlled by people with deep pockets," said Martin Franks, CBS executive vice president.

CBS also covers these issues in a balanced way with its news department, Franks said.

confident decisions.

'In America' an uplifting emotional family saga

ptimism certainly is a virtue - especially in storytelling. In a year that finds many films dealing with tragedy befalling dreary individuals ("Mystic River," "21 Grams" and "House of Sand and Fog," to name a few), Jim Sheridan's "In America" manages to find laughter, joy and love in the midst of heart-

Sheridan, the excellent storyteller behind such films as "The Boxer," "In the Name of the Father" and "My Left Foot" has written a deeply personal story with "In America," which is loosely based on events from his life.

While Sheridan's previous work was centered in his native Ireland, "In America" finds a family of Irish immigrants coming to America in the early '80s. Johnny (Paddy Considine), as Sheridan himself once did, has dreams of being a stage actor and is working the audition circuit.

His wife, Sarah (Samantha Morton), must get a job so the family may pay the rent in the rundown apartment they inhabit, which is full of junkies, transvestites and "the man who screams."

Johnny and Sarah also have two daughters — Christy (Sarah Bolger, 11) and Ariel (Emma Bolger, 7). Christy is the film's narrator and possibly the glue that holds this family together.

She has a love for photography and carries a camcorder with her at all times. Ariel is a playful young girl full of unbridled enthusiasm and playful-

The family's reasons for coming to

James Eppler

'In America' is a film that is full of tragedies and sad circumstances. But it approaches these things with a child-like optimism.

edy that happened in their homeland. That would be the untimely death of their youngest child, Frankie, who fell down a flight of stairs.

Each member of the family is dealing with this loss in their own personal

Johnny blames himself for the accident, and Sarah feels she must keep her sadness bottled up for the sake of their daughters. Christy still talks to Frankie in her head, and Ariel may have been too young to remember the

The family is eager to soak in the American culture — whether it be in the form of encountering transvestites in an ice cream shop, going to a carnival or celebrating Halloween.

It is on Halloween, in fact, that the America are varied, but we get the two girls decide to "trick or treat" and feeling they are trying to escape a trag- knock on the door in their building

that says "Keep Out." It is the room of "the man who screams" mentioned earlier. His name is Mateo (Djimon Hounsou), an artist who sometimes paints his canvases with his own blood as he screams wildly as he exorcises his own inner demons. Mateo is a fascinating character with many secrets to be revealed, including his own devastating circumstance. He falls in love with this family that has reached out

Old wounds are soon reopened in the family, however, when Sarah becomes pregnant again. The doctors tell Johnny and Sarah that the baby will either be born too early or too late and either the child or Sarah may not survive. The foreboding fear of losing yet another child weighs heavily on the family.

"In America" is a film that is full of tragedies and sad circumstances. But it approaches these things with a childlike optimism. There's always hope, and a family's love far surpasses any barrier. It is no wonder that Sheridan decided to tell the film through the eyes of a child.

The entire cast is wonderful, and they have been nominated for a Screen Actors Guild Award for Ensemble Cast — a category that I've thought for years that the Oscars should have. But the film's centerpieces are the two young Bolger sisters who are both very talented young

Sheridan spent years writing "In America" with his two daughters, Naomi and Kirsten, and there's no doubt that certain parts of the movie were difficult to write. Sheridan did, in fact, have to deal with a premature baby and his brother, Frankie, died of cancer. The film is dedicated to his

It is remarkable that a film that had the potential to be so heavy-handed could turn out to be an uplifting story that overflows with cheerfulness. Love and hope still have the power to heal — even "In America."

EPPLER'S RATING: ***

****- Flawless *** - Excellent

*** - Good

* * - Mediocre

* - Awful

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Reality show about Amish teens to air

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The UPN television network is preparing a reality series that follows Amish teenagers having their first experiences with modern conveniences and outside society, part of a religious rite of passage that tests

Network executives are informally calling it "Amish in the City," although they said Sunday the title will likely

"To have people who don't have television walk down Rodeo Drive and be freaked out by what they see, I think will be interesting television," said CBS chairman Leslie Moonves, who also oversees UPN. "It will not be denigrating to the Amish."

Members of the Amish religious sect dress simply and shun most technology. Rural Pennsylvania and Ohio are home to large Amish communities, where their horse-drawn black buggies appear on country roads.

At age 16, Amish youngsters are allowed to break free of the religion's strict code of conduct to decide whether they want to be baptized as adults. During the period of "rumspringa," a Pennsylvania Dutch term that means "running around," they often date, drink, drive cars and move away from their homes.

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK ... Challenge the ideas of close colleagues. Planetary alignments indicate that important job promotions or revised educational goals will soon bring remarkable opportunities. Friends, colleagues and trusted companions may test your patience. Don't hesitate to offer

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Your insight and attention to detail will impress key officials. Contemplate new procedures and propose fresh projects. Advancement will be fast and permanent. A long-term friend may be mildly jealous of a new

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Complex work projects may be replaced by potentially rewarding team assignments. Established policies will need to change. Expect sudden reversals and watch for positive ways to expand all business

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Loved ones may ask for practical advice. Use this time to plan new home events, clarify finances or arrange educational programs. For many Pisceans a renewed interest in public discussion will help resolve home disputes.

Someone close may need to clearly explain their past social udgments. Offer forgiveness.

Aries (March 21-April 20). Watch for colleagues to publicly challenge policy changes or request new assignments. Business ambition is on the rise. Submit applications, apply for loans and clarify workplace roles.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Respond quickly to renewed ncome sources or postponed job offers. Many Taureans will expand their business duties, group influence and daily authority. Study the past for valuable options.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Home and workplace obligations usual. Ask for added patience. At present, sensitivity needed. After midweek, minor digestive ailments may be

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Dreams or sudden flashes of wisdom may compel many Cancerians to challenge business officials or rapidly expand their workplace influence. Areas strongly affected are complex power struggles, unusual behavior or ethical standards.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Friends and colleagues will explore new concepts. After a brief phase of stagnation, rekindled ambition will bring fast results. Watch for loved ones to also make peace with social restlessness or lost hope

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Social and romantic confidence are

on the rise. Watch for previously shy friends or lovers to issue

private invitations. Work officials may also rely heavily on your

past efforts or public reputation. Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Over the next six days, unfinished relationships may reappear. Expect sudden social messages and fast romantic demands. Go slow, if possible, and avoid delicate emotional triangles. Loved ones will be unusually

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Subtle family pressures may steadily increase. Much depends on personal insight and learned spiritual lessons. Allow loved ones extra time to contemplate failed decisions or resolve past doubts. Fast financial changes, vague documents or business messages may cause confusion.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Don't ignore the comments, social ideas or opinions of others. At the moment, home and emotional security may be deeply important to friends and loved ones. Find gently expressive ways to explore common

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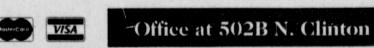
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Tech destroys Oklahoma on "Big Monday"

PLAYER OF THE GAME

STATS: Was 6-12 shooting with 21

points and nine rebounds in 39 minutes.

NOTES: Entering the game Emmett

was averaging 17.1 points per game when

Tech plays on ESPN's "Big Monday".

By Matt Muench/ The University Daily

Oklahoma like bees on honey Monday night at the United Spirit Arena. And no one on the Sooner side could find an exterminator.

Tech's defensive effort led to a

67-47 victory against the reeling Sooners on ESPN's "Big Monday" to give Tech its 11th consecutive win of the season.

Oklahoma (10-4, 0-3 Big 12), however, has lost four straight and find

themselves in their worst position good as of late. Eight days ago they to quiet the to reach the postseason since 1999. Oklahoma coach Kelvin country.

Sampson summed it up in four words.

"No fun, he said. "No fun." Different story for Tech guards Andre Emmett and Ronald Ross. They could not stop smiling following the game. Emmett and Knight hugged for the second consecutive time at home following wins.

"We keep winning," Emmett said. "We keep hugging."

The stats tell the story of the second half. game.

Texas Tech's defense swarmed ers (15-2, 3-0) forced 16 turnovers Raider lead to 30-22, Tech changed cent shooting clip. One more thing. outplayed the Sooners by going on name at the press conference, but Oklahoma only hit 3 of 18 3-point a 19-4 run

"Our defense is moving in the next seven

direction we have minutes. being trying to That was the get at," Knight turning point said. "This was a of the game. good team we beat. It great to and see two teams out Sooners had there realize they no answer for against a good to-man deteam."

have not been Sampson did were 10-0 and ranked No. 7 in the Raider of-

ing," Sampson said. "This team is

not close to that level (of ranking)." Tech's offense was not a pretty sight either. It only had 10 points the first 10 minutes of the game, and at one point the unit was scoreless on nine consecutive possessions. But someone checked the lost and found and recovered Tech's offense about two minutes into the

Check the box score. The Raid- Detrick sank a 3-pointer to cut the ing the last three minutes of the and held the Sooners to a 32 per- gears and outhustled, outshot and

during the

Sampson

playing Tech's manfense. The The Sooners only thing

fense was call "We didn't deserve that rank- four timeouts in the first eight and make a run at the Big 12 title. half minutes of the second half.

> fense during the timeouts, but the closer and closer." season best 15,000 plus crowd never let up on Sampson. "Someone told me that 4,600

students were here," Knight said. "That is great. It is good they came we could lose it. We could be as difout on a great evening."

Tech guard Andre Emmett and watermelons."

scored a quiet 21 points. He helped After Sooner forward Jason seal the win with seven points dur-

Sampson did not mention his

he does know Emmett's number.

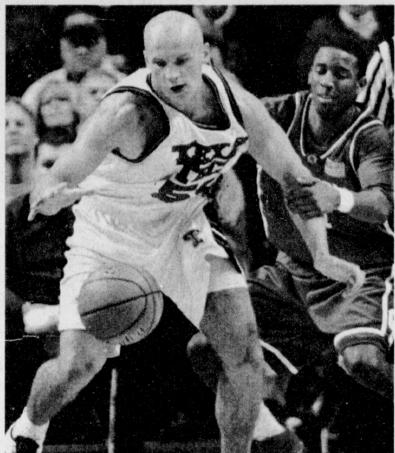
"Texas Tech is awfully good," he said. "That number 14, geez. I have althought ways whatever team has the best player on the court has an advantage. That number 14 gives them an advantage."

Ross said Tech can feel the momentum in its favor and the door is open for Tech to

"We are heading in the right di-He may have quieted Tech's of- rection," Ross said. "We are getting

> Knight scoffed at the idea of having momentum.

"I never understood that word momentum," he said. "Tomorrow ferent as black and white or apples



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/The University Daily

TEXAS TECH CENTER Robert Tomaszek intercepts a pass intended for Oklahoma guard Lawrence McKenzie during the first half of Texas Tech's 67-47 victory against the Sooners Monday in the United Spirit Arena.

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Delhomme not ready to think about Patriots defense

Delhomme wants a good night's sleep times. They also held All-Pro receiver bruised ribs. Ricky Manning Jr. also like Peyton Manning. before thinking about the New En- Marvin Harrison to three catches for gland defense. Tom Brady probably 19 yards. feels the same way about the Panthers.

backs in the surprising Super Bowl matchup between the Panthers and in a row in one season and are early Patriots on Feb. 1 in Houston: How seven-point favorites to beat Carolina. per Bowl matchup that could be one will they score enough points to win?

"I'm going to try not to think about the Patriots tonight so I can at least get some sleep," Delhomme said. "I don't want to think about that defense

New England and Carolina made the NFL championship game thanks to strong defensive play. The Patriots shut down co-MVP Peyton Manning in the AFC title game, beating the Colts 24-14 on Sunday to advance to

their second Super Bowl in three years. Ty Law had three interceptions,

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had three interceptions for the Panthers, who had five sacks.

"We were so physical out there," A big task awaits both quarter- coming the first team since the un- safety Mike Minter said. "We do it all Rams 20-17 in the Super Bowl two

So do the Patriots, providing a Su-midway through the season. of the lowest scoring yet. Neither team in football right now," Law said. is known for their offense, though they have some standout players.

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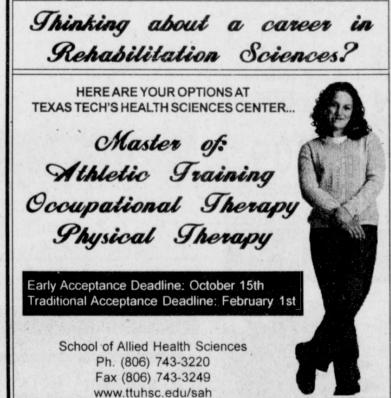
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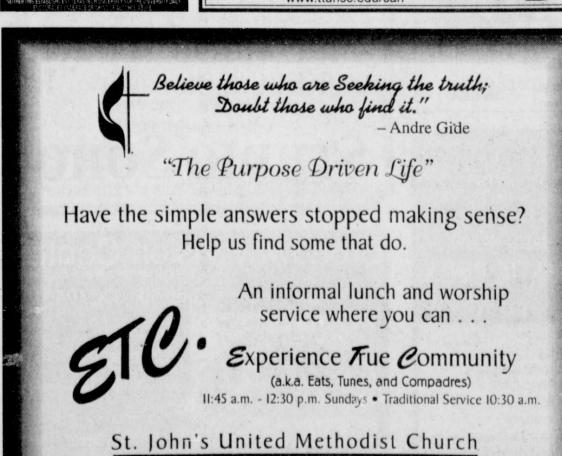
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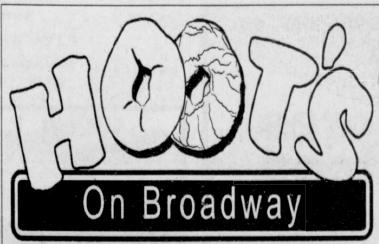
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Tech's Stewart earns place with work ethic

By Adam Boedeker/ The University Daily

Texas Tech track runner Matt Stewart is every coaches' dream, just ior finally get his scholarship. ask Tech coach Wes Kittley.

"No one deserves a scholarship and respect more than him," Kittley said. "He's earned it. He's the perfect picture of the kind of kid you want to coach."

Stewart has not always had a free education.

lades under his belt, but no scholarship.

Stewart walked on to the track team; knowing it would not be easy. "I thought when I came in that I inspiration for everyone on the team.

wanted to do my best to prove my coming in. I wanted to eventually earn his butt off and get some scholarship

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Kittley said it has been no surprise to see Stewart's improvement during the past two years, nor seeing the jun-

"He's in total admiration of

our team," he said. "There's no one on the team that doesn't admire Matt because they see how he works. I was a walk-on (at Abilene Christian) so he reminds me a lot of myself. I'm

very proud of him." Stewart competes in the 400-meter

He came to Tech in 2001 after sprint, the 4x400 relay and runs a 200graduating from Odessa Permian with meter leg in the 1,600-meter sprint high school track and football acco- medley relay team, which is the No. 1 ranked team in the world.

> Albert Booker runs on the relay with Stewart and said Stewart has been an

"He's a big part of our relay team," self," Stewart said. "I always tried to he said. "If it wasn't for him we wouldn't show up on time and wanted to combe as good as we are. I think it's pretty pete with the great freshman we had awesome how he can come in, work

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Championships with a time of 3:04:76, which was slower than the group's school record time of 3:03:26 in his two years at Tech. set in preliminaries.

and All-Conference status for the and let them know that it is hard, but 4x400 relay and All-Conference for the open 400-meter.

One of the highlights of Stewart's career was recording the top time in the world in the 1,600-meter sprint medley relay last season.

"It felt great when they told us we did it," he said. "It was a great feeling. Everyone ran their best times. Jonathan (Johnson) had a great leg. It was real fun doing that at the Texas Relays because there's always a lot of people there. It was a great meet."

When asked what Stewart's greatest attribute is, Kittley will give a oneword answer - attitude.

he refuses to be average," he said. "He izes that and lives by it. I'm proud of beats All-State high school athletes him for it.'

"He's valuable to have because of Last season the 4x400 relay team. his work ethic. There's a lot of guys finished in sixth place at the NCAA on the team that can outrun him, but not many outwork him."

Stewart said he has learned a lot

"We have some walk-ons this Stewart garnered All-American year," he said. "I just try to talk to them eventually if you work hard you'll be rewarded for your work."

> After finally receiving his scholarship, Stewart seems to have his thoughts about his career in perspective.

"I want to work hard and not take anything for granted," he said. "I run track and go to school and it's great to work out with some of the best in the Big 12 and in the nation. I think they've made me better and I hope I've done the same for them."

Kittley explained Stewart's ascension in the Tech track ranks and hard working attitude with a view on life.

"I feel we're put on this Earth to "What I love about Matt is that not be average," he said. "Matt real-



ANDREW WEATHERL/The University Daily

TEXAS TECH TRACK athlete Matt Stewart is part of the Red Raiders record setting 4X400 relay team. Stewart is the only former walk-on on the relay team that finished sixth at the 2003 U.S. Championships.

Tennis squad shorthanded heading into season

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

With only eight players on his current roster with two more that failed to become additions, the Texas Tech men's tennis team begins the season a little more shorthanded than coach Tim Siegel might have wanted.

Radek Nijkai, a former Red Raider tennis player in the fall of 2002, has rejoined the team, but was ruled ineligible for a year because of his transfer.

"He is definitely one of the best players in college tennis. It is well worth (the ineligibility)," head coach Tim Siegel said. "He's a great player and we're happy to have him back to help out in practice and get ready for next year."

The second player that was committed to Tech's program also was matches, Siegel said a huge fan base ruled ineligible and is not playing for

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"We have a fairly deep team," he said. "The guys will get even better if they keep working hard."

With the fall behind them and spring in the near future, Siegel said there will be several tests along the way to prove Tech's success.

"We travel to Florida after our season opener," he said. "We play Florida State and Central Florida, which will be good team and tests for our players."

Tech opens at home Feb. 1 against Lamar and Abilene Christian. Throughout the season, the Red Raiders will have 12 home matches, Siegel said.

"It is the most we have ever had here," he said. "And we know have lights at the courts so we can play at night."

With a high number of home must be present to help with the success of the team. "We want a crowd. College tennis

see on TV," he said. "There's gonna in the nation. be free pizza and t-shirts at every match so we want fans to give us the ultimate home court advantage."

Junior Michael Innerebner said there is a lot of rivalry between Tech and all of their opponents, non-conference or Big 12.

"We need fans come out and support us," he said. "It may not seem like fans do a lot but we like it and they really do. They make us confident."

And confidence is something Tech has to have. Four of their Big 12 coun-

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after these slight mishaps in their way. is fun to watch; it's not like what you terparts are ranked in the top 25 teams ready in playing mode.

Baylor is at No. 2 followed by No. 9 Texas A&M. The Longhorns are ranked behind the Aggies at No. 13 while Oklahoma State rounds out the rankings at No. 22.

Although the Red Raider players do not see their name on this list, they rank within the top 75 teams in the nation and plan on working their way to the top, Innerebner said.

"It is going to be our biggest challenge," he said. "Baylor is hard but we love the competition. UT, A&M and OSU are all big matches as well. We're

looking forward to it."

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"We had a chance during the break to think about our weaknesses and to motivate ourselves," he said. "We're ready for anything. We're a much stronger team and we want to finish in the top 40 and make it to the NCAA's.'

That goal is far away from the first game though, Siegel said. With two and a half weeks until the season opens, he said the game is 100 percent mental.

"You can beat anybody in the country if you come to play," he said. "If you're well-prepared, you work hard and you're coachable, you can im-Junior Esat Tanik said Tech is al- prove. We're on our way."

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Lady Raiders edge Baylor without Perkins

By David Wiechmann/ The University Daily

A team is a unit, and losing a vital part of that unit could be detrimental to a team. But the Lady Raiders proved their worth Saturday with a nail-biting win against Baylor without leading scorer Jia Perkins.

Perkins left the team for undisclosed medical reasons and was not on the bench as a spectator.

After a game that came down to the wire and put freshman Alesha Robertson on the free-throw line to win it with 2.2 seconds left, head coach Marsha Sharp was emotional.

"We had to overcome a lot of things," she said with watery eyes. "I loved these guys before, but now, after they stepped up and did what they had to take care of, I'm really proud of them. I hope our fans understand how hard they had to work and what they were dealing with."

With Perkins gone someone had to step up and lead the team to victory past No. 24 Baylor. That someone, however, was a number of Lady Raiders.

Chesley Dabbs started in Perkins' place and scored 10 points in her first career start. Erin Grant helped fill the void with 11 points, and LaToya Davis banged in the paint for 12 points and nine re-

Sharp said Davis' performance was exactly what Tech needed to

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counter the physical play Baylor brought to the United Spirit Arena and the Lady Bears inside threat of Sophia Young, who had 24 points and nine rebounds of her own.

The physical play from both teams had players at the free-throw line often. Tech was 30-of-39 when toeing the line, and Baylor was 13-

Physical play matched with the two best defenses in women's basketball created the low scoring affair that came down to tight defense

game as the No. 1 and 2 teams in opponent shooting percentage. Both proved true as Tech held the Lady Bears to 36.4 percent, and the

chances at building a lead large enough to keep the Lady Raiders out of reach in the closing minutes. Freshman Brooke Baughman stole a down-court lob pass with just under 1:30 to play as Tech trailed 61-59. A bucket by Davis knotted the game.

Then, Sharp wanted Robertson to take control and get herself to the free-throw line. Robertson, a 79 percent free-throw shooter, went to the basket and drew a foul, made both attempts and tied the score at

Tech took a timeout, and on the ensuing inbound pass Baylor guard lessika Stratton was called for stepping out of bounds after receiving the inlet. Baylor coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson questioned the call after the game saying Stratton's heel never touched the line, and "it was too good of a game to be decided on a call like that."

With 6.2 seconds Tech again gave the ball to Robertson, and she went to the line with two chances to put Tech up with 2.2 seconds.

It was a situation Sharp wanted and believed the freshman could

"She did a great job having the courage to take those shots," Sharp said of Robertson. "For a freshman to do that in that circumstance talks a lot about her mentality and the rest of the team's respect for her."

Robertson said after missing the first half of the game-winning free throws she would make sure to put the first one through the net next time.

"I probably won't do that to myself again," she said. "I liked that challenge, and I thought it was going in, but it didn't. So I had to forget about that free throw and go to the next one."

The challenge of making clutch



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

TEXAS TECH GUARD Alesha Robertson falls after being fouled during Tech's win against Baylor on Saturday. free throws and contributing 18 points for Robertson was critical to

Tech's win, but the Lady Raiders know they will face the challenge of playing without their leading scorer, but it is one they are ready to face head on.

We talked before we went on the floor that today was gonna be one of those days where it would take everybody we had; it did take everybody we had," Sharp said. "... Everybody we played today did something and gave us a chance to win."

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