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Tech officials continue to remain quiet

STAYING SILENT: Tech chancellor, president refuse to speak about Monday's altercation or subsequent meetings.

By Michael Castellon/
The University Daily

The upper ranks of Texas Tech's administration are tight-lipped about the review process that followed a dramatic and heated exchange between the university's chancellor and head basketball coach Bob Knight.

Knight followed up Tuesday's win against the Baylor Bears with a lengthy recount of an incident between himself and Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith, in which the pair engaged in a heated altercation in front of an afternoon lunch crowd at a Lubbock grocery store.

Following the incident, university officials

met to discuss the incident and Knight's future at the university. Representatives from the Office of the President and Chancellor's Office attended the meeting, but officials have yet to discuss what events transpired at those meetings.

Knight's recount of the incident portrayed Smith as the instigator of the altercation.

Knight said Smith approached him and said, "Bob, you've done well lately." Knight said he responded by saying, "For the most part I've done well."

After that, Knight said, Smith approached him "pretty hard" from about 15 feet away and told Knight "You've got issues! What are they?" Knight said he regretted not walking away from the confrontation at that point. Instead, Knight said, he told Smith what one of his issues was, which led to the altercation.

"But I absolutely did not instigate anything," Knight said.

Just prior to Tuesday's match up, the university released a brief statement that indicated Knight would not be suspended but would face

a reprimand. The statement failed to elaborate on the terms of the reprimand and did not indicate if any actions would be taken against Smith.

When called Wednesday afternoon, a representative of Smith's office said no further comment would be made in regard to the situation.

The debacle has created a whirlwind of criticism, primarily in the national media,

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The Slice of Life



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/The University Daily

DINO YOCUM TOSSES some pizza dough during lunch hour Tuesday at One Guy from Italy pizza place. "One Guy" has served Texas Tech pizza from its University Avenue location for more than 17 years.

Pizza remains a consistent part of Tech students' diets

By Meagan LaVoie/The University Daily

It is the ultimate dream for any college student and can be consumed morning, day and night – no its not beer; its pizza – the ultimate college food. Brooke Pope, the assistant manager for Pinocchio's Pizza, said college students like pizza because it is cheap and easy.

"It's fast, it tastes good and you don't even have to get out of your house to get it – you can get it delivered," she said.

Pizza has long been a college student's companion, but where and when did this mouth watering phenomena start?

According to Aboutpizza.com, there is a common misconception that Italians invented the famous pie, but according to the Web site, pizza has been around since the ancient times of the Babylonians, Israelites and Egyptians. The ancient middle eastern cultures ate flat bread made in mud ovens and topped the pita – like bread with seasoned olive oil and native spices.

Whatscookingamerica.net claims the first pizza made with tomato sauce was in 1522 when tomatoes were brought back from Peru to Europe. The poor people of Naples created the first simple pizza in an effort to put more variety and flavor in their diet by mixing tomato's with yeast dough and adding spices.

The famous pie's first bites in America were in the early 1900s when Italian immigrants opened restaurants and cafe's. According to aboutpizza.com, Pizza's popularity grew enormously after World War II, when soldiers who were stationed in Italy came home bringing not only themselves, but also a taste and craving for pizza.

Nick Hay, a delivery driver with Pinocchio's Pizzeria, said pizza is the ultimate college food because of the choices it provides.

"When you order pizza, you can choose so many different toppings, no sauce, half and half, pepperoni – its not like going to a fast food restaurant and getting a hamburger with ketchup," he said.

Pizza is sometimes blamed as the culprit of the freshman 15, but Scott Buckheit, a sophomore cell and molecular biology major from Houston said pizza has nothing to do with the infamous freshman weight gain.

"I think beer and plain stupidity on their part is the reason freshman gain weight – I see big girls and skinny ones come in and eat pizza all the time; pizza really has nothing to do with the freshman 15," he said.

Pope said women watch what they eat more than men do. "Guys don't care about their weight as much as girls do, so I think guys are more likely to down a whole pizza, whereas girls watch what they eat," she said.

According to papajohns.com, one slice of their large pepperoni pizza contains 343 calories, 15 grams of fat, and 38 grams of carbohydrates and according to dominospizza.com two slices of their large hand tossed cheese pizza will set an individual back 515 calories, 15 grams of fat and 74 carbohydrates.

Brent Shriver, an associate professor of food and nutrition, said people tend to generalize pizza in a bad food category; however pizza can offer a high nutritional value and be a good part of an individuals diet.

"The tomato sauce found on pizza is a good source of phytochemicals, which have been known to help fight and prevent certain diseases and the crust is a good source of carbohydrates," he said.

Many women often have a problem with calcium intake, Shriver said, so

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Student Affairs

Tech sets spring enrollment record

RAPID RISE: Enrollment has increased to 26,454 from 25,875 in Spring 2003.

By Michael Castellon/The University Daily

As enrollment records continue to be broken at Texas Tech, university officials are positioning themselves to deal with the demands of institutional growth.

For the third consecutive spring semester, Tech has set an enrollment record. Although not considered official until the 20th class day, preliminary reports indicate enrollment for Spring 2004 stands at 26,454, up from 25,875 in Spring 2003.

Graduate school enrollment has reported an increase in enrollment this semester. Preliminary reports indicate graduate school enrollment at 4,179 students, up from 4,104 in Spring 2003.

John Borelli, dean of the graduate school, said while he welcomes enrollment growth, the increase has put considerable strain on his school's resources, especially in terms of clerical support.

"There's definitely a strain," he said "There's strain maintaining paperwork flow. (The graduate school) has seen a 30 percent increase in enrollment over three years, and we've have the same number of staff."

While the graduate school is experiencing an increase in workload, Borelli said university administrators have been supportive to the needs of the school.

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Student Affairs

Senate meeting will focus on newly appointed position

By Andrew Bell/The University Daily

The Student Senate will discuss issues from Student Agriculture Council parking to the newly created vice president of graduate affairs position today at its second senate meeting of the semester.

The student senate will look over three pieces of legislation. Nathan Nash, senator for the College of Engineering and journal clerk, said only one piece of legislation is new, while the other two were introduced last semester.

Senate Bill 39.02 proposes a compensation for the person in the office of vice president of graduate affairs, according to the bill.

The executive officers of the SGA receive a \$1,000 per month salary for their work, which is paid by student services fees. Internal Vice President Jacque Steinmetz said the salary covers the amount of hours each officer works per week on a minimum wage basis.

As executive officers, Steinmetz said she and her fellow workers could spend from early in the morning to late at night on a given day. This time includes going to meetings, forums and time spent in the office.

Since the vice president of graduate affairs would not spend as much

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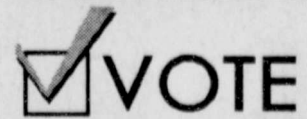
SGA helping Tech students register to vote in Lubbock

By Andrew Bell/The University Daily

With a number of elections coming this year, members of the Student Government Association have set up a table in the Market of the Stangel/Murdough complex to register students to vote.

The group will be present from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Business Administration building in Holden Hall to register more students to vote during lunchtime.

Throughout the year, members of the SGA have set up tables on campus and throughout Lubbock to get Texas Tech students registered to vote. External Vice President Colton Batchelor said, despite the effort, the SGA could not reach all of the students from the Market.



"This will take a campus-wide effort," he said. Kelly Harris, a sophomore business major from Dallas, worked during the week helping students register. The SGA senator for the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration said the experience is not only an opportunity to register students but to educate the student body about voting.

The next voting event will be the registering primaries on March 9. By registering more students to vote, Harris said she would like to see a larger voter turnout from Tech students than in the past.

"It is obvious by the Tech campus turnout that we don't vote. The city thinks we don't care, and this is a way to show them we care," she said. "We live here – this is our home and we need to vote."

Harris said students who registered to vote this week would receive a voter registration card in the mail in two to three weeks. When students vote in the next election at the Student Union, they will need to bring the card or a driver's license to make sure their vote will count.

If students are unable to register this week, they can register to vote through the SGA office on the third floor of the Student Union. To increase the number of Tech students registered to vote, Harris said the SGA would hold more events with plenty of voter registration cards.

Some possible plans for the summer and fall are to incorporate voter registration tables at freshman orientation and set up tables in more locations before the November presidential election, Batchelor said.

For any students who plan to register to vote, Batchelor said he encourages those students to get cards for their friends. Any student who is unable to attend the event could contact the SGA office at (806) 742-3631.



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SGA MEMBER SARAH Floerke, a junior public relations major from Lampasas, helps Kent Weinheimer, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Fredricksburg, register to vote in Lubbock County on Wednesday in the Stangel/Murdough Residence Hall dining room. SGA members will be there this week for sign-ups.

Experts: Terror groups could have had access to Pakistan's nuclear technology

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The nuclear black market that let Iran, Libya and North Korea acquire weapons technology from Pakistan under the noses of international monitors raises suspicions that terror groups also acquired bomb components or plans, experts told The Associated Press.

Al-Qaida apparently has shown interest in acquiring nuclear technology. Two Pakistani nuclear scientists were detained in late 2001 after meeting Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan on sus-

picion of giving away secrets, but they were later released without being charged. The military, which controlled the weapons program, also is known to have elements who sympathize with the Taliban and bin Laden.

Pakistan has for years denied spreading nuclear technology and claimed its arsenal was safe from extremists. But strong international pressure after Iranian revelations to the U.N. nuclear watchdog forced Islamabad to begin an investigation of its weapons program in November.

It admitted last month for the first time that scientists had leaked technology.

Officials say Abdul Qadeer Khan — the father of Pakistan's nuclear program — has confessed to selling equipment related to centrifuges, which are used to enrich uranium for nuclear weapons, to Iran, Libya and North Korea. Libya also received designs for a nuclear bomb from Pakistan that it handed over to U.S. and British intelligence last month, European diplomats say.

Khan, however, has denied making a confession, according to the leading Islamic party, Jamaat-e-Islami.

Pakistan itself relied on international black market supplies for the equipment used in its nuclear weapons program that started in the 1970s.

"If the black market could transfer technology from Europe to Pakistan in spite of all these sanctions and embargoes, that same black market of smugglers can also pass on materials from this lab to terrorist groups," said A.H. Nayyar, a nuclear physicist and head of the Pakistan Peace Coalition. "The possibility exists and needs to be investigated thoroughly."

Military spokesman Maj. Gen. Shaukat Sultan on Tuesday denied that Pakistani nuclear technology had fallen into terrorist hands. "It's absolutely negative, there is no truth in it," he said.

The government also has denied official complicity in giving away technol-

ogy, but a friend of Khan's told the AP that top army officials, including now-President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, were "aware of everything."

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the Bush administration accepted Musharraf's assurances that the Pakistani government was "not involved in any kind of proliferation."

Musharraf has said the scientists were given wide latitude to develop the nuclear program and worked in secret even from top officials. That secrecy also has raised fears that nuclear workers may have transferred technology or equipment to terrorists, either for money or ideological sympathy.

Experts say centrifuge technology wouldn't be of much use to terror groups, who probably couldn't set up the vast facilities required to enrich useful quantities of uranium, with hundreds of technicians needed to run thousands of centrifuges.

"It's hard enough for countries to do," said Gary Samore, a nonproliferation expert at the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies.

The acquisition of weapons designs, however, would make it far easier for terrorists to make a workable bomb, said David Albright, head of the Institute for Science and International Security in Washington.

And if a terror group was able to obtain highly enriched uranium — anywhere from about 110 to 220 pounds — it could possibly build a bomb similar in design to that used on Hiroshima, Japan, at the end of World War II, experts said.

"It's not something that you or I could do in our backyards, but it's relatively easy," Samore said.

Pakistan is estimated to have produced more than 1,540 pounds of highly enriched uranium, but no official figures have ever been released.

"It is very important that all the material that has been produced is accounted for to the last gram," said Nayyar. "If it is not done, then the doubt remains."

The Rundown



Special session about education in the works

AUSTIN (AP) — With the Legislature possibly convening soon to address education funding, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs is looking to get schools that battle childhood obesity a slice of the money pie.

Combs says she is working on a plan that would reward schools up to \$30 per pupil if the school meets certain nutrition and physical education standards. Details are being worked out, but Combs said she is talking with legislative leaders and the governor to get input and hopes to have a proposal together by March 1.

Gov. Rick Perry is expected to call a special legislative session to change the state's share-the-wealth school finance system. Perry said he wants to see a legislative consensus emerge about replacing the existing funding system before ordering a special session.

Perry, a Republican, has traveled the state talking up his proposed academic achievement-based financial incentives for schools. Part of his \$500 million plan would give schools \$100 more per student for each year he or she advances in high school if the student passes the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

Combs' idea is to provide similar money incentives, but to connect them with verifiable nutrition and physical fitness standards. The additional money per student might go to schools where a cafeteria works on nutrition education or where students show an average improvement in a physical activity such as running a quarter-mile, she said.

Problems emerge after NY ferry accident

NEW YORK (AP) — For generations, the Staten Island ferry has been a both a tourist attraction and a symbol of workaday New York. But four months after a grisly crash that killed 11 and injured dozens, a new image of the ferry is emerging.

Government investigations, whistleblowers and news reports are drawing a portrait of an operation shot through with cronyism, mismanagement and inattention to safety. A management report commissioned by the city is expected to urge systemwide reforms.

Nearly every week since the Oct. 15 crash has brought allegations of problems ranging from overtime abuse and on-duty crew card games to unheeded safety warnings and retaliatory beatings.

"It's a classic case of a culture in which attentiveness to the small details that make things safe was lost," said John Kaehny, executive director of Transportation Alternatives, a watchdog group. "It hasn't been a high priority to address until now because nothing serious happened."

The fleet shuttles about 70,000 people a day between Staten Island and Manhattan, a 5.2-mile trip that takes about 25 minutes. The ferry system's nearly 100 years of inexpensive service with relatively few serious accidents made it a low priority for the city Transportation Department, which operates the boats, Kaehny said.

Child born with two heads having surgery

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — A Dominican infant born with a second head will undergo a risky operation Friday to remove the appendage, which has a partially formed brain, ears, eyes and lips.

The surgery is complicated because the two heads share arteries.

Led by a Los Angeles-based neurosurgeon who successfully separated Guatemalan twins, the medical team will spend about 13 hours removing Rebeca Martinez's second head.

The 18 surgeons, nurses and doctors will cut off the undeveloped tissue, clip the veins and arteries and close the skull of the 7-week-old baby using a bone graft from another part of her body.

"We know this is a delicate operation," Rebeca's father, Franklyn Martinez, 28, told The Associated Press. "But we have a positive attitude."

CURE International, a Lemoyne, Pa.-based charity that gives medical care to disabled children in developing countries, is paying for the surgery and follow-up care.

Dr. Jorge Lazareff, director of pediatric neurosurgery at the University of California at Los Angeles' Mattel Children's Hospital, will lead the operation along with Dr. Benjamin Rivera, a neurosurgeon at the Medical Center of Santo Domingo.

Lazareff led a team that successfully separated Guatemalan twin girls in 2002.

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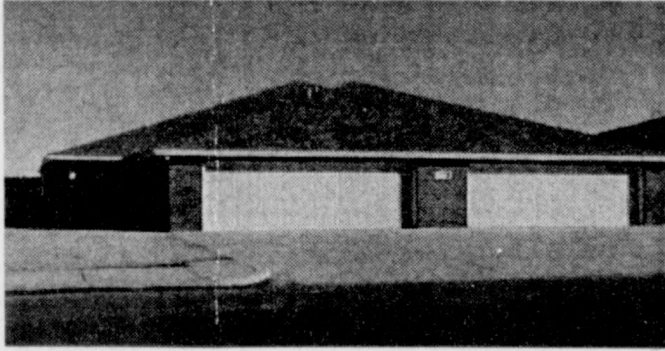

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Committee stresses sportsmanship at games

CODE OF CONDUCT: Students could lose preferred seating if behavior doesn't improve.

By Sally Gunter/The University Daily

If Texas Tech students cross the line into unsportsmanlike conduct at any sporting event, the administration will not allow the student section to be as close to the floor or field as it currently is, said Student Government Association President Jeremy Brown.

"I don't want that to ever happen at Tech," Brown said. "I don't want anything to hurt our university."

Brown addressed the issue of fan behavior during a sportsmanship meeting Wednesday evening.

He said he wanted to find out why students and fans behave the way they do at games.

Representatives from various student organizations including the High Riders, Student Athlete Advisory Board and the Panhellenic Association were in attendance.

The issue became a concern after recent chants at the men's basketball games that were derogatory to individual players and coaches of the opposing team.

The student-initiated change of one of the verses of the Tech fight song also raised eyebrows.

"Tech is known for its unsportsmanship," Brown said. "But we don't want to stop the enthusiasm."

While the group discussed how other universities also have unruly crowds, Brown said the emphasis seems to be more on Tech as a result of the reputation of its coaches such as Bob Knight.

A report on sportsmanship and fan behavior by the NCAA found that the poor sportsmanship of coaches and student-athletes leads to poor sportsmanship among fans.

Commercials by Bob Knight or Zach Thomas, NFL football player and former Tech athlete, could encourage students to act appropriately during games, Brown said.

"I think we have great fans at Texas Tech," said Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Shonrock. "Sometimes it's all about perception, some-

thing exciting called winning."

The university received concerned remarks from alumni and Lubbock residents about the behavior of the student crowd, Shonrock said. This does not taint Shonrock's enthusiasm for the turnout of Tech students at sporting events.

"I think we do a really great job," he said. "I am proud of our student population."

Shonrock said he wants opponents to play at Tech and the focus to be the importance of the game and not the rowdiness of the crowd.

"We want them to continue to think of Tech as a great place to come to," he said. "We want them to know that when they come to our home, prepare to leave with a loss."

Tech students do not have respect or pride for their university like at University of Texas where beating everyone is expected, Brown said.

"Our students don't expect to win," said Emily Curtis, president of the Panhellenic Association.

When the team begins to win, enthusiasm snowballs out of control, Curtis said.

Student athletes do not mind the noise caused by the fans, said repre-

sentative for the Student Athlete Advisory Board and volleyball player, Angela Mooney.

There is not as much a problem with the Tech fans as with universities such as University of New Mexico, where the volleyball team heard comments that could be considered sexual harassment, Mooney said.

"I don't know how to stop fans from saying things," she said. "There is no way to patrol it, and it doesn't bother us."

Mooney said athletes do not worry about students running onto the field or court after a game.

"As long as we're safe," she said. "I don't think it's an issue."

To counteract the negative chants during games, the group decided to collaborate forces between the various spirit groups to eliminate downtime in which students and fans become bored.

A focus of positive school spirit and pride will be planned into Red Raider Camp, Freshman orientation and Double T Days to impact the sportsmanlike attitude of freshman.

"We need to work on our fundamentals of PR in the media," said SGA Internal Vice President Jacque



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/The University Daily

PRESIDENT OF THE High Riders spirit organization Amanda Popham, a graduate student from Strawn studying architecture, mentions the students' alteration of the fight song during sporting events at a meeting in the SGA office about Tech's sportsmanship at athletic events Wednesday evening.

Steinmetz. "If we promote ourselves more positively, things will catch on." Improving sportsmanship at Tech begins with establishing pride in the student body, Brown said. "It's about changing the attitude at Tech," he said. "I wouldn't dare be an Aggie."

Police question suspect in disappearance of Florida girl

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — A suspect was being questioned Wednesday in the disappearance of an 11-year-old girl who was apparently kidnapped while walking home from a friend's house, authorities said. The girl's whereabouts were not immediately known.

Joseph P. Smith, 37, was in custody on unrelated charges that officials did not specify. His car, a Buick Century station wagon, was being searched by investigators in a search for clues in the disappearance of Carlie Brucia, whose apparent abduction was captured by a car wash surveillance camera.

"We have strong evidence that he is in fact the perpetrator," said Capt. Jeff Bell, the lead Sarasota County sheriff's investigator on the case.

Col. Terry Lewis called it an "ongoing, dynamic investigation." He said his investigative team will continue working through the night, but would not

have further comment until a press briefing Thursday morning.

Sheriff Bill Balkwill said investigators were led to Smith after a tip was phoned in by a citizen.

Surveillance video footage of Brucia's apparent abduction showed a man in his late 20s or early 30s in a mechanic's shirt with a name patch on one lapel. Investigators said he also had tattoos on both forearms.

Smith has many tattoos on his body, including on both arms, officials said.

From the photos, Carlie did not appear to know him, and the girl's parents said they did not recognize him.

The FBI worked with a NASA image lab to enhance the images. Balkwill did not say whether those enhanced images helped lead them to Smith.

"I think it's helping them out quite a bit and giving them details they need to solve this case," said Armando Oliu, who

is overseeing the image lab.

Friends from the girl's former Girl Scout troop took a day off from school Wednesday to pass out fliers at malls, canvass neighborhoods and distribute pink ribbons adorned with Carlie's name.

"I don't feel too good about this, knowing my best friend is out there with a stranger," said Tiffany Meeks.

Many people pulled up to the site of

the abduction, rolled down the windows of their cars and asked deputies how they could help.

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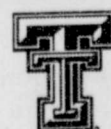


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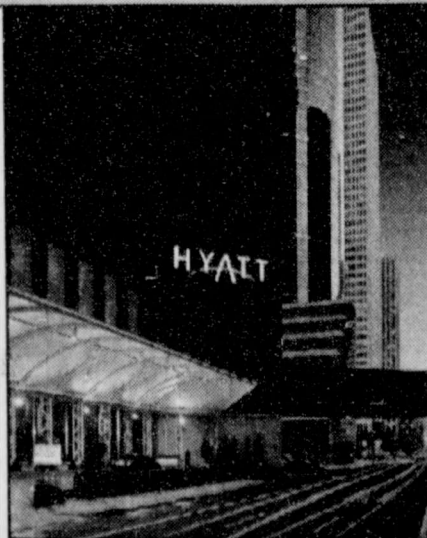
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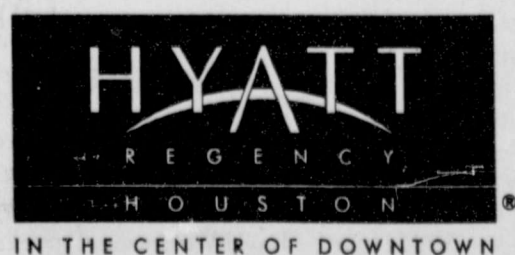
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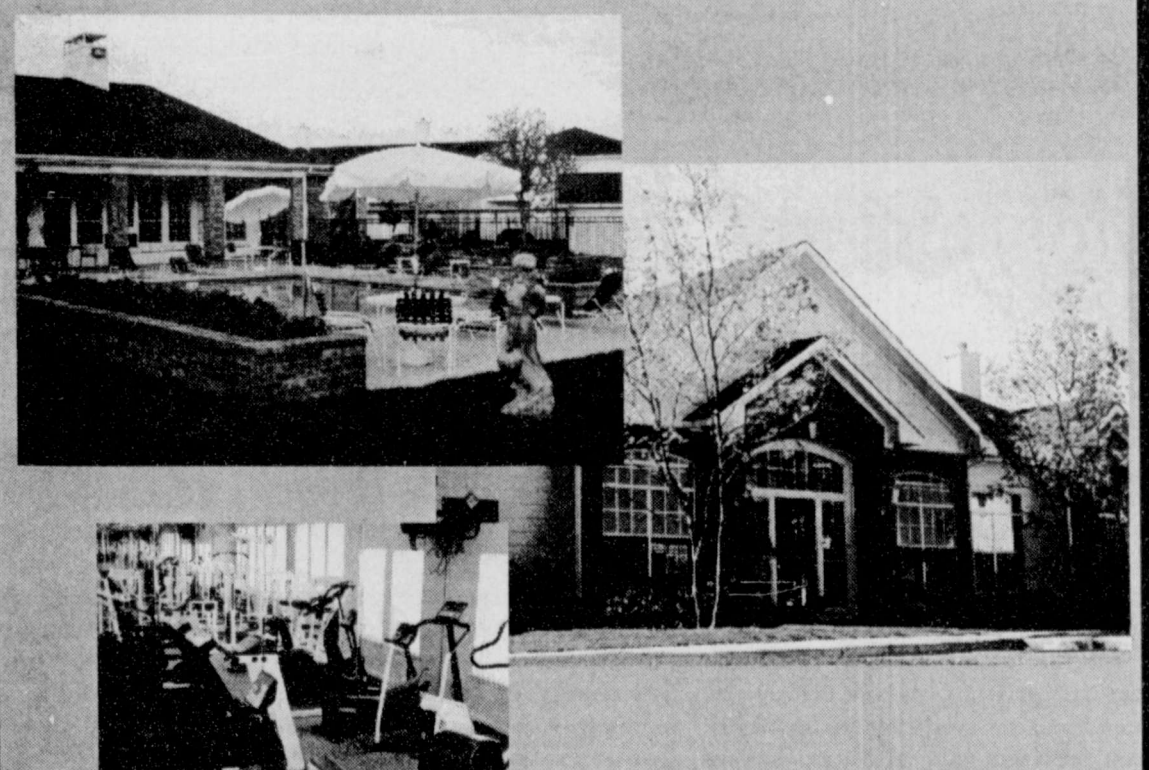
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Be careful what you wish for

from Bowl striptease to Bob's salad bar battle

Isn't it great when people get exactly what they wanted? This week two major news stories broke. The first was the much reported surprise guest during the Super Bowl halftime show, and I'm not talking about Justin Timberlake.

The second was what was dubbed "The Incident" involving coach Bob Knight and Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith.

These two stories each gave institutions exactly what they wanted. The entire week before Super Bowl XXXVIII, I heard more than once that the halftime show and the game were getting less and less exciting over the past few years, and that is why the commercials have to be entertaining. I also heard the lackluster halftime shows were the reason for distractions such as this year's pay-per-view Lingerie Bowl.

Many people said the game and halftime show would have to step up and try for a very entertaining show. Guess what — they got exactly what they wanted. This year, the commercials were a little less than memorable, but the game got more exciting and well, you've heard all the talk about the halftime show. How do you hire MTV to produce a show and not expect something "unscheduled" to happen?

Do not get me wrong — the situation got my attention, too. It was a huge surprise, but after being tossed around in a mass media whirlwind it has been blown out of proportion. Many people, including some younger audience members got a glimpse, but aren't many of these same young viewers fans of these wild and "questionable" entertainers.

It is not as easy to fault Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake when you consider that you let your youngster listen to Timberlake sing, "Gonna have you naked by the end of this song."

I guess you can listen to someone sing about getting naked and not expect it to really happen. But don't preach about "innocent eyes," when you let your child stare at the TV on Super Bowl Sunday watching half-naked cheerleaders jump around, commercials featuring beer, babes and even erection dysfunction, and a harem of half-time entertainers known for pushing the envelope.

Either way, CBS wanted to have everyone talking about the game on Monday, at least, here we are on Thursday, and we still cannot get over it.

This Super Bowl surprise was not the only incident that rocked the sports world. Where were you when you heard Bob Knight may be suspended or may resign because of "The Incident?"

The main reasons Knight was hired were:

No. 1 — He is one of, if not, the best basketball coach in history.

No. 2 — (and this is the big one) He can generate attention (and thus, business) all over the country for Texas Tech.

The deal is done. Our men's basketball team is now playing like one of the best in the country and Texas Tech has been in the news more and more. Tech may not want the bad attention, but you have to take the good with the bad.

Tech is in the news, not only because of bad choices Knight makes, but also because of the good things he does. He has the team winning more, and more interest is being

Lucas Flores



The Texas Tech Administration had to know what they were getting into when they hired Knight. He has a checkered past — this is no secret. So why do they act shocked at his 'bad' behavior now?

shown to both the Lady Raiders and the Red Raider men's basketball team. Also, better recruits will consider Tech because who would not want to play for the best?

The Texas Tech Administration had to know what they were getting into when they hired Knight. He has a checkered past — this is no secret. So, why do they act shocked at his "bad" behavior now? Should they not have expected "incidents" from a man who is notorious for well, ... incidents?

There have been many, but when you consider each, Knight was usually provoked. What happened this time? No one really knows. Like every juicy story many versions were told.

By the end of the day the gossip has changed so many times that the truth is lost in the embellishment. First, Knight threw his salad at Smith, then he just threw it and finally he threw it at the salad bar. Then if you talk to a cashier at the now famous United Supermarket, Knight simply sat his salad down on the counter.

Like a playground fight no adults witness, it is also hard to know who started it and why. Oh and let's not forget the rumors Knight would be suspended for five days, then three games and finally there would be no suspension, but a chance that Knight would resign.

Why is Knight such an easy target? Is it because he is such a great coach or is it just that when his temper gets started it is almost like a show no one wants to miss?

Janet Jackson, Justin Timberlake and the two teams playing gave CBS and the Super Bowl advertisers just what they wanted. Just like Coach Knight gives what we all wanted. Tech is getting more attention and CBS got a memorable game and halftime show.

All week, whenever I heard any part of the two stories, I just laughed a little and remembered what my Mom always told me, "Be careful what you wish for because you might just get it."

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Editorial

Public deserves answers from Tech leaders

During the last few days the big story in Lubbock and the rest of the nation has been the discussion between Texas Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith and Tech men's basketball head coach Bob Knight.

Many rumors have been stated as fact, and opinions based on very little information are everywhere.

The editorial board of *The University Daily* does not agree with the way the university is handling the situation. There have been many charges of the media blowing it out of proportion and using sketchy information as fact, which we do not condone. However, the media had zero information to use because no one involved in the discussion would talk, aside from Knight.

While this does not excuse the media's use of rumors and sensationalism, we believe that as students at Tech, we deserve an explanation of some kind. Neither Smith nor Knight would comment on Monday when the incident happened, although Knight spoke Tuesday at a news conference after the basketball game.

Smith spoke to *The UD* and said this was not an appropriate time to comment. Later reports have quoted Tech President Jon Whitmore as refusing to give a comment and saying he did not make that decision, but that it came from higher up. Smith is still not talking. The Office of News and Publications is not giving information and Tech's spokeswoman — Sally Logue Post, interim director for the university's Office of News and Publications — was out of the office Wednesday. Even Knight at the news conference refused to take any questions.

Students at Tech pay a lot of money to come here, and we deserve to know the whole story. Smith is the chancellor and the leader of the university. If nothing else, he needs to tell us

why the incident and related talks do not need to be public. We deserve some kind of explanation beyond the "no comment" every university official has given us. This is not leadership; this is hiding behind the bureaucracy. Right now, many people believe Knight is in control of the situation, and the leaders of the university look like his puppets.

Not talking, not answering questions and not being up front with the consumers at Tech is not the way to handle the situation. Secrets and silence only segregate an administration that has to be united to deal with actual problems in running a university. This is a bad business practice that leads to mistrust and disloyalty. This may not be as big a deal as it has been made to be, but the fact is that people around the nation are talking about it. The people involved, both sides, need to talk about it. Smith needs to tell us what happened, what his thoughts and intentions were and what plans for the future are. Knight needs to allow questions. Athletic Director Gerald Myers, who apparently was a by-

stander, needs to tell us his view of it. We recognize the university is trying to do impromptu crisis management and not let the finger-pointing get out of control, but not telling us the story is just making it worse. If we don't have all the facts, people make up their own truth, and it goes downhill from there. We demand the truth because we deserve the truth.

As students, we have a right to know what's going on in our university. We don't believe either side has been fair and forthright in dealing with this situation, which only reflects on the university badly. Whatever happened, no matter how big or small, we do not believe it will be fully resolved until both Smith and Knight are willing to answer our questions.



Mourning the death of computer, cell phone

Over the course of seven days, my life has come to an almost complete standstill — all because of blasted technology.

First, my computer died last week. Notice I say died and not "crashed." There was no crashing involved. It froze, but freezing I could deal with. I just put on mittens. Seriously, I run Windows. Turning it off and restarting usually fixes everything.

Words cannot describe my heartbreak when it didn't restart. My hope that a simple restart would cure everything quickly melted. But it didn't start up again. My monitor just sat there blankly staring at me and occasionally beeping. I even gave it a halfhearted kick, thinking surely that would make it all better. It didn't; just more beeping.

But then! I get a screen, with words on it. But it was a false hope. It was the blue screen of death! I was screwed. So, I did what ever every feminist wouldn't. I hysterically, frantically, called not one, but two of my computer nerd guy friends. The first one tried to help, but it was hopeless. My computer was no Lazarus — it was not coming back from the dead. Friend No. 2 took it apart, "hemmed" and "hawed" and promptly confirmed that it was indeed dead with no hope of resurrection.

As it turns out, we can pull a Frankenstein and build a new one with the parts from old, dead, decaying computers. It will be cheaper to rebuild rather than buying a new one. So that is what shall be done.

Sarah Looten



Next, my cell phone died. Notice how I say die and not just "has a dead battery." It was dead. I turned it off at night to save the battery and when I tried to turn it on in the morning — deader than a doornail. So, I gave it a good-natured kick. Turns out kicking a cell phone is as pointless as kicking a computer. It was still dead. All day I tried to turn it on, but to no avail. So, I took it to the store in the hopes someone could perform a miracle and make the damn thing work. The fine folks at the service desk just laughed at me, because it was dead. They set me up with a new one, so that crisis has been averted — sort of.

See, this is the problem with technology. Without me noticing it, I have become dependent on it. Not a little dependent, and not sort of dependent on it, but very much my-life-is-chaotic-without-it dependent without it.

I am at a loss without my computer. I am at a loss without my Internet connection. I can't check my e-mail. I can't listen to the not illegal 1,567 MP3s that I don't have on my computer. I can't play solitaire at 3 a.m. I can't look up articles for my homework. I

can't type my homework up. I can't write my columns. I can't do much of anything. I can't keep in touch with my buddies who don't have phones but do have instant messaging. Hell, I didn't even know J Lo and Ben had broken up — I'm so far behind on my Internet-obtained celebrity gossip.

But nothing in the world could have prepared me for the loss of my cell phone. I could be called a scattered brain person, and I have a hard time keeping up with well, anything. Phone numbers are no exception. Luckily for me technology can do it for me. So, I have saved every important, non-important, and other random phone number in my cell phone. I lost those numbers when my cell phone died. I couldn't even call my own mother's cell phone. I was socially defunct. People couldn't get a hold of me. I missed calls. Fate dictates that your most wanted call could potentially come when you couldn't receive it.

But, I got a new cell phone. One that is an infinitely cooler piece of technology than I thought I would ever own. And I love it. I have already programmed in lots of new phone numbers — and not written them down anywhere else. Isn't technology grand!

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Letter to the Editor

Let the General eat in peace

Did Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith not realize men's basketball coach Bob Knight was a hot head?

All the details have yet to be released, but I feel it was highly inappropriate for Smith to approach Knight while he was eating lunch.

If Smith had something negative to say to Knight it should have been done in a private setting.

Also, what happened to, "If you have nothing good to say, say nothing at all?"

If Coach Knight is suspended, what will happen to Smith? Will we suspend

our massive tuition hike? Doubt it! Whether you like Knight's style or not, you have to admit he has brought a lot to this school. Knight holds himself to the same standards that he holds other people — as shown by giving his salary back last year.

He also has helped turn this basketball team around and made the games interesting to watch.

As a student, I say you know Knight's style of coaching — if you don't like it, then leave him alone.

— Nathan Harness, Lubbock resident

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Officials chat with lunchtime crowd, discuss changes for Tech

By Andrew Bell/
The University Daily

During lunch on Wednesday, students eating in the Market at the Stangel/Murdough complex received a visit from members of the administration and the Student Government Association to discuss the issues and concerns on the minds of the students.

Tech President Jon Whitmore and SGA President Jeremy Brown planned the event to create the opportunity of meeting students and hearing different point of view.

"I like to meet the students, because we have great students here," Whitmore said.

However, some members of the student body did not know who Whitmore was when he walked into the Market. Nicole Deans, a freshman retailing major from Flower Mound, said some people in the dining area thought Whitmore was actually

Chancellor Dr. David Smith.

Once Whitmore, Brown, members of the SGA and Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Shonrock began to mingle with the lunch crowd and introduce themselves, more students were willing to walk up and introduce themselves to the president of the university.

Whitmore said the event was a great opportunity to hear the issues on the minds of students. Although Whitmore was more than willing to talk to students about tuition and parking, he said he also wanted to know what students thought of advising and daily life at Tech.

A student's ability to get to class and ideas on how to improve recruiting, orientation and admissions was also on the president's mind, he said. Brown said his main focus for the afternoon would be on the students.

"We have to remember our constituents," he said. "We're students too.

Sometimes we are so involved that it is good to talk to them to hear what they have to say."

After the SGA finished eating, they began to move among the crowd, introducing themselves and asking questions. The first groups of students approached by Whitmore, Brown and Shonrock said they were a little intimidated because they were not expecting the president of Tech to ask them questions.

"He comes up to you and asks, 'What's wrong with my school?' — Uh, it's great," Lance Baker, a freshman business major from Spearman, said. "What are you supposed to say?"

Some students were more willing to let Whitmore know how much they enjoyed the time they had spent at Tech.

Spencer Cearley, a sophomore petroleum land management major from Graham, said he feels like he is at home

at Tech, and is looking forward to the rest of his classes.

Since it is one of the main concerns for Tech students, Whitmore took the time to talk with many students about the parking situation on campus. Whitmore said as Tech expands an institution, there would be times when spaces will be added and times when spaces have to be taken away.

"Before I came down here, I worked at the University of Iowa. There wasn't even parking on the whole campus for the students," Whitmore said. "They kept building more buildings until they took parking away from faculty and staff."

Ross Gilfillan, a sophomore wild-life management major from Austin, took his time with Whitmore and Brown to ask about car security on campus. Gilfillan said he knows lots of people who have had their cars broken into on campus.



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/The University Daily

TECH PRESIDENT JON Whitmore eats lunch with students in the Stangel/Murdough Market dining hall for lunch with the President, sponsored by the SGA Wednesday afternoon.

"When that happens, it feels like no one is watching out for us," he said. Brown said he could help the situation by letting more students know

that if they need to park on campus over a break from classes, then those students can park their cars in the parking garage.

Loss of parking spaces, increased parking fee hot topic at SGA's town hall meeting

By Robin Briscoe/
The University Daily

Two train wrecks are upon Texas Tech students trying to park in upcoming years, said Col. Buddy Knox, director of Traffic and Parking at the town hall meeting Wednesday night.

Upcoming emergency parking needs for the 1,000 lost parking spaces for fall 2004 was one major issue discussed. About 15 concerned students gathered to talk about their issues with Knox in the Student Union downstairs lounge.

Plans for the rerouting of Indiana Avenue into the Marsha Sharp Freeway and a new residence hall. The construction of the freeway in the next year or two will eliminate 900 parking spaces that have been free for commuters near University Avenue and 4th Street.

"I'm still going to have a critical shortage once that building starts," Knox said.

A 7 percent increase in parking permits for the fall has been sent to the Board of Regents as a way to pay for a new satellite, commuter parking lot on Memphis Avenue and 10th street. The lot has been designed to replace the

1,000 parking spaces lost in the west commuter parking lot by the rerouting of Indiana. The lot would be less convenient, but they plan to reduce rates.

He added an increase in Citibus utilization would help ease some of these problems.

Knox also said they are examining the women's gym and the old bookstore as possible places for more parking.

An additional 500 spots on Memphis and 10th street, as well as a more convenient road from the lot, are in the works for upcoming years.

Knox said Tech has money for the new 500-bed residence hall that should be ready by fall '05, but there is no money

for any planned parking.

Students brought up a need to change times and permits as two key elements for parking at Tech.

Junior finance major Mitchell Moses from Lubbock voiced concern over the 5:30 p.m. through 8:30 p.m. on campus paid parking period.

Student Government Association External Vice President Colton Batchelor said in the past parking after 5:30 was free for students. Although the rule has changed and made it less convenient, he added Citibus has helped to ease some of this.

Mitchell described it as supply and demand. He asked Knox how many

people are fighting over spots at 3 a.m.

"It's not fair for daytime students," Knox said. "It's better if everyone pays for what they use. Some day there will be no free parking on campus."

Teaching assistants and graduate students also want to be included in main campus parking rather than commuter parking.

Many students thought a good fix

for part-time Tech parkers was a day-time/night-time pass system. Those who weren't on campus in the morning could pay for only morning and free up that space for the evening.

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Enrollment

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"I have no complaints about support," he said. "It means more work but (increasing enrollment) is what we've been attempting to do."

Borelli credits the university's faculty for the growth in the graduate school and said efforts to continue increasing enrollment will continue.

"It's primarily the faculty who are appealing to students," he said. "They're the ones producing the courses that are attracting more and more students."

Jane Winer, dean of Arts and Sciences, agreed.

"Our faculty deserve a tremendous amount of credit for what they've done," she said. "It's been a difficult time for them in regards to accommodating the demands that accompany enrollment growth, but they're working hard for the good of the students. We've done very well and that's a nice thing to know."

Winer said some problems accompanied the growth, primarily related to class size and scheduling.

"We certainly have some courses where students are sitting on the floor and in the aisles, but we've taken steps to add additional sections at the last minute in an effort to keep up with demand," she said.

Like the graduate school, Winer

said enrollment growth often increases the workload for the school's clerical staff.

"Just keeping up with the increase in degree plans and all the record-keeping is quite a demand," she said. "But we're making tremendous strides, and there's much more attention being paid now to accommodating this growth."

University administrators have also taken steps to increase the rate in which students graduate, a plan that some believe will offset the financial burden of keeping students in school for more than four years.

Currently, it takes the average Tech student five and a half years to graduate, but last month, Tech President Jon Whitmore pushed through a proposed voluntary four-year contract that requires a student to graduate in four years.

The contract guarantees the university will make available the necessary courses for a student to graduate on time, and a failure to do so will

result in free tuition for the extra semesters it takes the student to graduate.

University officials have been advocating the need for enrollment growth the past few years, especially as the need to offset financial burdens at the university has taken a toll on resources.

A floundering state budget has created a significant need for administrators to find alternatives to financing crucial areas of higher education, such as financial aid and faculty salaries.

Enrollment growth will likely be used to advocate financial need to state and federal lawmakers, and news of the continuation of record growth comes at a good time for officials.

Next week, university officials will travel to Washington, D.C., in an effort to lobby for next year's federal funding.

Whitmore failed to return phone calls seeking comment on the university's enrollment growth.

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

DOUG HAYNES, A technician in the civil engineering research lab, shows Brittnay Boen, a senior civil engineering major from Lubbock, how to drill holes in Plexi-glass without breaking it on Tuesday afternoon. The Plexi-glass will house temperature sensors in a concrete bridge mockup.

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time in the office, the officer would not receive as much but would still be compensated for the work put forth on behalf of the graduate students and the university.

According to the bill, the compensation for the new position would be at a rate of \$500 per month. Any authority to alter the rate and pay structure would remain with the Student Senate.

Senate Resolution 39.01 proposes the person who is in the executive position would have certain duties while in office. While assisting the other executive officers of the SGA, the vice president of graduate affairs

would need to assist graduate students in as many ways as possible.

According to the resolution, Alisa Abezeineh, who holds the interim position, would also develop ways to increase recruitment of prospective graduate students and increase the retention of current graduate students.

Chris Carr, a senator-at-large, said the resolution is a way to outline the duties of the new position and the duties the position needs to accomplish.

Steinmetz said the resolution is a way to solidify the duties of the office while setting a standard for those who hold the office in the future.

Senate Resolution 39.26, the most recent of the proposed legislation, concerns the Student Agricultural Council, which is the official

governing body of the students of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, according to the resolution.

The council holds meetings in the meat lab every first and third Wednesday of each month. During the year when basketball games occur, the council members are forced to park in a location that is unsafe and of great walking distance to their meeting location, according to the resolution.

To alleviate the problem for members of the council, the legislation proposes the parking spaces directly south of the Meat Lab and in front of the entrance to the Livestock Arena be available to the members when basketball games are being held at the United Spirit Arena.

Additionally, the senators will take the time to honor Tech's meat judging team. In 2003, the team won a national championship, which is the sixth in the history of the team. In honor of the team's accomplishment, members of the team will receive a framed copy of the formal resolution stating the team's achievements, Steinmetz said.

The SGA meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Lankford Lab of the Electrical Engineering Building. Although the deadline has passed to turn in a statement of intent form to become a member of the Student Senate, any students who have questions or concerns about any legislation could reach the SGA at (806) 742-3631 or in the SGA office on the third floor of the Student Union.

Silence

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against the university's administration and its handling of the process and failure to publicly discuss its decision-making processes.

On Tuesday, Tech Assistant coach Pat Knight told ESPN Smith had initially decided to suspend Knight following the incident, but that after Knight consulted with the university's Board of Regents, the decision was nullified.

However, representatives of the

university have adamantly declined to discuss the situation in any official capacity outside of the news release issued Tuesday.

Sally Logue Post, interim director for the university's Office of News and Publications, was not at work Wednesday and could not be reached for comment.

Tech President Jon Whitmore, as well as Tech Board of Regents Chairman C. Robert Black, did not return phone calls seeking comment on the incident, its review process or any details on the reprimand or other aftermath.

Pizza

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cheese is a great source of calcium, especially for women.

Many students often give up the luxury of pizza because they believe it's too fattening, but Shriver said there are certain types of pizza students can choose to cut down on the fat and still enjoy their favorite pie on a regu-

lar basis.

"You can cut out a great portion of fat by ordering the thin crust instead of a pan pizza which is deep fried and instead of the fatty meats, order veggies," he said.

Shriver said students can enjoy pizza without the guilt using easy, common sense solutions when chowing down with friends.

"An average person eats two to three slices, try to cut it off at that point and instead of grabbing another slice have a salad," he said.

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Former assistant testifies against Martha Stewart

NEW YORK (AP) — In the most damaging testimony yet against Martha Stewart, a former Merrill Lynch assistant said Wednesday that the homemaking mogul ordered all her ImClone Systems stock sold after she learned the company founder was dumping his own shares.

Douglas Faneuil, the government's star witness, said he passed the tip from broker Peter Bacanovic to Stewart when she called on Dec. 27, 2001, on her way to a vacation in Mexico.

"Peter thought you might like to act on the information that Sam is selling all of his shares," Faneuil said he told Stewart, referring to ImClone founder Sam Waksal.

Later in the call, Faneuil said he quoted ImClone's stock price for Stewart, and she eventually declared: "I want to sell." Faneuil placed the sell order, netting about \$228,000 for Stewart.

Stewart glanced back and forth at Faneuil and prosecutor Karen Patton Seymour while Faneuil testified, making notes on a legal pad. Bacanovic took notes as well, and appeared to scoff occasionally when Faneuil described parts of the story that included him.

As cross-examination began Tuesday afternoon, Faneuil acknowledged that Bacanovic never "explicitly" directed him to lie about the transaction afterward.

Faneuil's testimony is the centerpiece of the government's case against Stewart and Bacanovic, who are accused of repeatedly lying to investigators by insisting they had a pre-existing agreement to sell the stock when it fell to \$60.

The Food and Drug Administration issued a negative report about ImClone's experimental cancer drug the day after the sale, sending the stock down 18 percent. Stewart saved about \$50,000 by getting out when she did.

Waksal, a former jet-setting New York socialite, is serving a seven-year prison sentence after admitting he instructed his family to sell ImClone shares when he got advance word about the report.

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'Grease' slides into Lubbock

By James Eppler/
The University Daily

The sticky hair gel, the soaking wetness on a hamburger, the car engine lubricant, the high-energy musical — it's all "Grease."

The touring production of the hit musical, which is the fifth longest-running musical in Broadway history, will make its way to Lubbock this weekend with a five-performance engagement.

The musical, which also was adapted into a film in 1978 with John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John, is a nostalgic story set in a 1950s high school.

Sandy Dumbrowski is the innocent new girl in school, but it turns out that she had a summer fling with a high-profile bad-boy named Danny. The two work to impress each other, which eventually will force Sandy to change her lily-white image.

Tiana Checchia, who plays Sandy in the touring production, says she has been in love with the theater from an early age.

For that reason she said she loves to teach theater to elementary students at St. Mary's Elementary School in Manhasset, N.Y.

"I love turning children on to theater," Checchia said. "It's something I loved as a child and so I love turning other children on to it."

When she is not teaching her classes, however, Checchia is on the road touring with major productions. She has been with the touring Broadway cast of "Grease" for almost a month in the leading role of Sandy.

Checchia, however, is no stranger to the role. While working on a degree in theater at Notre Dame, she also played the role of Sandy in the university's 2000 production of "Grease."

"At the college level, I was very fortunate to do it in a good production," Checchia said. "We were a student production, so it was all student directed and student choreographed. We did all the work ourselves. But this production is very different than that."



Checchia

she choreographed a production of "Guys and Dolls," which she says has helped her to value fine choreography.

"It's really interesting because you learn to appreciate good choreography and appreciate the aesthetic value of choreography in general and what it looks like on stage. I know how difficult it is to make it look good and make it look innovative," she said.

Checchia says, however, that the work behind the stage is far more nerve-racking than work in front of the audience.

"It's odd for me; I tend to be way more nervous when I'm on the choreographing or the directing end of things," she said. "I'm so afraid because I have no control, and I guess I'm a control freak," she said.

Indeed, Checchia has firm control over her character. The challenge, however, is trying to bring something new to a character that is already familiar to audiences.

"For me, it's a challenge that I love because I'm starting with somebody who was wonderful," Checchia said. "You start with watching Olivia Newton-John, which I have my whole life, by seeing the movie and that's a great place to start. It's a unique challenge as an actor; you always want to bring something new to the role."

"So I'm not trying to be her, but build on things that she did as the character and then create my own character from there."

Creating a difference between Newton-John and Checchia's Sandy is made more difficult by the fact that this particular production of "Grease" is different than the original play, as this production incorporates songs from the film version that were not included in the original play.

"It's the first production to use a lot of the songs from the movie, like 'Hopefully Devoted to You' and 'You're the

One that I Want," she said.

Other similarities to the movie include an appearance by Frankie Avalon as the Teen Angel midway through the show. Checchia said that working with Avalon was exciting.

"I think the first experience that I had with him was watching the movie," she said. "It's so wonderful to be able to work with such a classic."

Even though the show will already be familiar to some audiences, Checchia is confident that the high energy of "Grease," coupled with the talent involved in this production is what will bring audiences into the theatre.

"What I think about this show is so unique is that I think that there is such a collaboration of every aspect-everything falls into place: the performances, the technical aspects, the choreography, the music, the lighting, the set, and the talent," she said. "I think that it is one of the most collaborative efforts that I've ever been a part of."

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— TIANA CHECCHIA
Plays Sandy in touring production "Grease"

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Softball players hoping to prove themselves

By Adam Boedeker/
The University Daily

After recently being picked to finish last in the Big 12 conference this season by his fellow coaches, Tech coach Bobby Reeves was in need of some Pepto-Bismol.

"You hope, as a coach, that it motivates them," Reeves said. "As a coach it makes me sick to my stomach that my peers don't think anything more of me than that."

After his last two seasons, however, Reeves said the pick was not a surprise.

"I don't think I would pick us any higher than that, knowing what they know," he said. "We have a lot of new kids and (the coaches) don't know what we have."

Tech has seven returning players and 11 newcomers.

Junior outfielder Kelly Rhyne, who led the Raiders in all major offensive categories last year, said she is ready to get out and prove people wrong.

"(Being picked last) is definitely a motivator," she said. "We want to get out there and show teams what we can do, and it all starts this weekend. We want to prove the people wrong that put us down."

After finishing 22-41 last season with a 4-14 Big 12 Conference record, Tech takes the diamond Friday in San Marcos at a tournament to kick off the 2004 campaign.

Tech will play five games during three days against A&M-Corpus Christi, Tulsa, Texas State, Texas-San Antonio and New Mexico State.

Of those teams, the Tech players tend to agree that A&M-Corpus Christi presents the toughest chal-

lenge early in the season.

"Corpus has given us a lot of trouble in the past," third baseman Andrea Joachims said. "They have a real good riseball pitcher. Players always have a hard time staying off that riseball. It will be a good challenge to try and lay off of that."

Joachims said the team is ready to play a real game rather than intrasquad scrimmages.

"We've been having scrimmages against each other and that can get old," she said. "We're ready to play a team other than ourselves. We have a lot of new players, but we're ready to go."

Rhyne said she expects to have a much better offensive team than last season and expects to carry less of the load.

"We've got a good team," she said. "We're gonna be really good offen-

sively; we have really strong hitters who are going to have great years."

The more people who challenge Rhyne in the offensive categories, the merrier, she said.

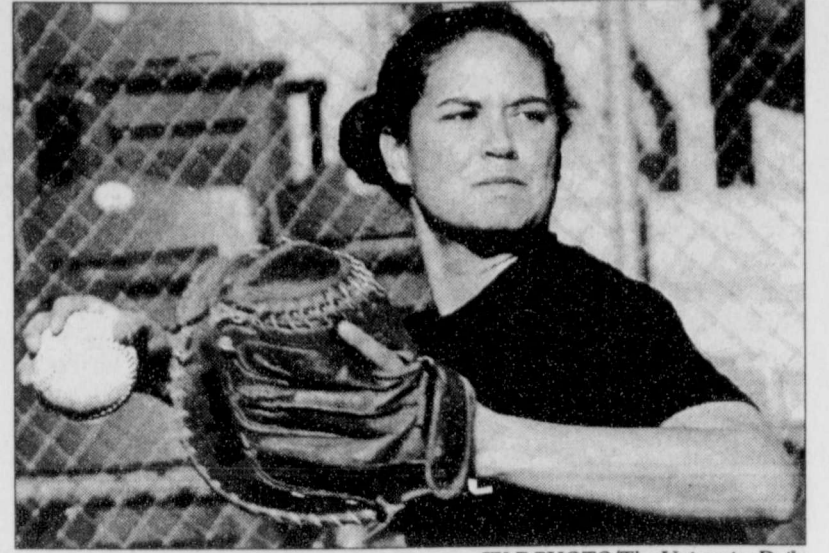
"Honestly, I hope there's six or seven of us at the top up there in all the categories," she said. "I hope we end up all having a good offense and are at the top (of the conference)."

Tech plays A&M-Corpus Christi and Tulsa on Friday, Texas State and Texas-San Antonio on Saturday and finishes up against New Mexico State on Sunday.

Tech's only returning starting pitcher, Erin Crawford, is set to take the game against A&M-Corpus Christi Friday morning.

She finished last season with a 7-15 record and a 2.99 ERA.

Reeves is looking at the opening weekend in simple terms.



FILE PHOTO/The University Daily
TEXAS TECH CATCHER Lisa Lawler warms up during practice.

"We're gonna go down and play five games," he said. "The best scenario is 5-0. We're gonna take it one game at a time and see what happens. Hopefully it will be a good start for us."

Wild week includes signing day, Jackson's breast

I haven't made anyone mad lately. The campus in general has no reason to be upset with me. In an effort to congratulate me, my boss The University Daily editor Courtney Muench told me she was pleased with me.

So I threw a salad at her.

Aside from all the grocery store festivities, it was an eventful week in the world of sports.

Let's take a look at the sports spectrum before and after "Salad Bar Gate."

Shaquille O'Neal throws a tantrum.

After the big man scored 36 on the hapless Raptors, he went crazy on the microphone, dropping f-bombs on national television like it was going out of style.

Shaq apparently wasn't too pleased with the officiating of the game, and going Sam Kennison on a reporter was his choice of handling the situation. Then the NBA slapped the monster



Kyle Clark

with a suspension holding him out of the Lakers' game against Indiana, a game the Lakers coincidentally lost.

The NBA big wigs didn't fine O'Neal as they would many players because a money flows out of Shaq's wallet like beer flows from my fridge.

O'Neal subsequently issued an apology, but no one noticed because all eyes were focused on the big man's teammate in Colorado.

Kobe Bryant goes back to South Park bloody.

South Park, Eagle County. What's the difference?

In the newest twist in Bryant's legal trial, it is now being disputed whether the basketball star was in cus-

tody during a lengthy interview in his hotel room.

Prosecutors claim Kobe was free to leave during the interview and subsequent hospital examination.

One detective admitted he didn't know if the exam violated court laws and admitted Bryant was under police custody. Good work Inspector Gadget. Too bad Penny and Brain weren't around to help. These cops make Officer Barbrady from South Park look like he works for Scotland Yard.

Score - Defense: 20 Prosecution: 0. I don't know who is more to blame for this fiasco, the emotionally unstable accuser or the banjo picking cops.

To make things worse Bryant hasn't had basketball to take his mind off of things since he cut his hand last weekend moving boxes in his garage.

Janet Jackson's boob makes a halftime appearance.

Until the "Clean up in aisle 10" fiasco in Lubbock, Jackson's mammary gland was topping national news.

Leave it to my boy Justin Timberlake to rock the party.

When I heard the halftime show was going to be led by P Diddy, Nelly and Kid Rock, I started trying to collect change from the couch to order the Lingerie Bowl, but when only \$3.73 turned up, I swallowed my pride.

The halftime show was horrible. Jackson was fully clothed, and the supporting cast was nauseating, aside from the three-second interlude of "Mo' Money, Mo' Problems." Then Timberlake strolled in, rocked the crowd and dropped the boob on national television.

Awesome. Truly wonderful television.

Then the NFL had the gall to get mad. Look, the NFL isn't Johnny Unitas and his black high tops anymore. It's Joe Horn with his cell phone and Terrell Owens and his Sharpie.

Jackson's breast was just a welcome addition.

Signing Day rocks college football.

In NCAA football one day shapes the upcoming college football day more than any other. Signing Day.

This season, as usual, the rich got richer.

Oklahoma, LSU and USC battled for the nation's top recruits and all three turned had a good class.

Texas also had a good class, but what's new. There were surprises though.

Virginia, California, Texas A&M and Michigan State all had Top 25 classes.

Although Texas Tech wavered in and out of the Top 25 since December, the Red Raiders should be pleased with their class.

JUCO quarterback Robert Johnson and Ennis High School quarterback Graham Harrell highlight a great class and tech also inked 10 good defensive players to shore up that side of the field.

Although Mike Leach might not have been the coach making headlines this week, he managed to pull in a recruiting class sure to reload the Raiders. Salad bar shenanigans or not.

Tennessee, UConn to battle again

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee's No. 1 ranking never seems safe when Connecticut is the opponent.

It's a curse that dates to the teams' first meeting, back in 1995, when the Lady Vols led The Associated Press poll. Tennessee lost that game - and the top ranking. Later that season, UConn beat the Lady Vols in the NCAA title game.

Ever since, Tennessee and Connecticut have been dueling to dominate women's college basketball, winning a combined total of seven of the past nine championships.

Tennessee (18-1) puts its top ranking on the line again Thursday, hosting No. 4 Connecticut (16-2). The Huskies lead the series 11-6, including four straight victories - most recently in the 2003 NCAA title game.

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Baseball team hoping for exciting start to season

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

It might not be the Fourth of July or Christmas, but Texas Tech baseball players are ready to kick off the 2004 season with a celebration.

Junior pitcher Dallas Braden said Tech has what it takes to be good, and today's 3 p.m. game against Campbell should prove it.

"We'll be looking for some fireworks," he said. "We got guys that can swing the bat. We got guys that can field the ball."

After finishing last season with a record of 30-25, Braden said Tech is looking to turn it around this year.

"There's solid defense. There's solid offense," he said. "We're gonna turn some heads this year, especially after a couple of dismal seasons."

This marks the sixth consecutive season Tech will open at Dan Law Field. The Red Raiders have won the last five, with the only loss to New Mexico on Feb. 3, 1998. Braden said the first game is always the most important.

"This will show how well we meshed over the fall," he said. "Now, we get to beat up on some guys wearing a different color."

The Campbell Camels are first on Tech's long list of opponents. Campbell finished 10th in the Atlantic Sun Conference in 2003 and went 22-28 overall.

Tech head coach Larry Hays said this is the first time the Red Raiders have faced Campbell, and they are more than worthy to play Tech.

"I don't know a lot about Campbell," he said. "It's all part of the package. We're just ready to get going."

Senior infielder Josh Haney said he is not worried about the Camels, but Tech has to be prepared for anything.

"We'll approach them as though they're the best in the nation," he said. "We have to play the game, not the team."

Returning pitcher senior Steve Gooch will possibly see time on the mound in the rotation during this series. He said the Red Raiders need to take every opportunity they have to try and get a good start on the season.

"It's a good time to find out who's ready to go," Gooch said. "I know I'm excited."

Tech will get at Dan Law Field in the first game of a three-game series with Campbell. The second game will be played at 3 p.m. Friday and game three is at noon Saturday.

Tennis team ready for tougher competition

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

Being from Italy, junior Michael Innerebner has never had the opportunity to visit the east coast of the United States. This weekend, he will have that chance, but it is not a vacation that attracts him.

"It is our first big match this spring," the Texas Tech men's tennis player said. "We have to go there to win."

Tech's first road trip is to the Sunshine State where the Red Raiders will meet two ranked teams, No. 75 Central Florida, and No. 36 Florida State.

Tech began the season Sunday at home against Lamar and Abilene Christian, going 2-0 to start the year. Innerebner said those matches were mostly practice for this weekend's matchups.

"Sunday was just a warm-up for

us," he said. "This will show what we did all throughout off season and it will determine if we're in shape or not."

With Lubbock faced with drizzling rains and threats of storms, Innerebner said it will be a good change in weather.

"I heard it is supposed to be hot there," he said. "I know that it will definitely be different weather conditions than here."

In order to get used to the difference in weather, courts and atmosphere, Tech is leaving Thursday morning.

"We'll get there early so we can practice Thursday," he said. "The courts are different and we have to get adjusted to that so we'll be right on Friday when we play."

Junior Jakob Paulsen said he is excited about playing in Florida, but it is not just because of the beaches.

"It's fun to go there and play," he said. "We're playing some good

schools, and I know we'll have a tough challenge on our hands."

The biggest challenge, Paulsen said, is adjusting to the increased caliber of players from last weekend's matchups to these upcoming games.

"The Florida teams are on a higher level of play," he said. "It is increased a great deal from what we saw at the last matches. Their top guys are good, but the lower ones are also good."

As a team working together, freshman Dimitrios Martinez said Tech could come out on top this weekend.

"We are real aware of the importance of these matches," he said. "We're looking forward to winning, but it won't be easy."

Since last fall, Martinez said the goal of the Red Raiders has been to compete well and win matches. That still has not changed.

"We worked real hard since the fall and we've been practicing a lot," he said. "We've been focusing on this season and getting the chance to

play and compete."

Being away from home for the first time this season, Innerebner said Tech will still be ready to play, no matter what the situation is.

"I know they'll have fans, but I hope not too many," he said. "These will be some of the toughest matches that are not Big 12 games."

If Tech were to come back to Lubbock with wins over Central Florida and Florida State, Innerebner said it will set the pace for the rest of the season.

"These are very important to us and our season," he said. "We win both of these, then we'll be mentally ready and confident for anything. It will just put us one more step towards the NCAA (tournament)."

The Red Raiders will play Central Florida at 10 a.m. Central Standard Time on Friday in Orlando, Fla. Tech will then travel to Tallahassee, Fla., to face Florida State at noon Central Standard Time on Sunday.

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Grant's scoring helps Tech rout Jayhawks

By David Wiechmann/
The University Daily

Since the departure of Jia Perkins, head coach Marsha Sharp has been looking for someone to step up and lead her Lady Raiders. At least for one night that player was point guard Erin Grant.

The sophomore took control of the game Wednesday night and turned a 67-44 win against Kansas into the Erin Grant show. She scored a career-high 27 points with six assists, five steals and no turnovers in 30 minutes of play. After the game, Sharp said it was apparent Grant was the leader of the team Wednesday.

"I don't think there's any question the story of tonight is Erin Grant," she said. "The mentality that she came with, the way she led our team and the plays she made."

Her performance came after a nine-point loss to Texas in which she

played 38 minutes and tried to lead her team to victory.

"I'm really proud that she got a game like tonight to back up the Texas game because I thought the game Sunday was one of the most courageous performances I've ever watched," Sharp said.

If Tech is going to make a push for the Big 12 Conference title in the second half of league play, Sharp may not mind Grant leading the way. Last season's Big 12 Conference co-freshman of the year, led her Mansfield High School team to a number of titles, and Sharp said she told her coaching staff that's not a bad leader to have on your team.

"I said to our coaches on the bench that when I watch her in these situations, it doesn't surprise me she was able to lead Mansfield to four state championships because her will to win is pretty

incredible to me," she said. "I can't tell you how much respect I have for her."

Grant said her performance was partly due to the loose defense Kansas was playing on her. The Jayhawks gave her a large cushion most of the night in an effort to double team whoever she passed the ball to. It enabled her to shoot at will or make a move to the basket when she wished.

She proved this when she pulled up for an uncontested 3-pointer not even five minutes into the game. Grant had made just one 3-pointer all season and went 2-for-2 behind the arc. She shot 10-of-13 from the floor and was a perfect 5-for-5 at the free-throw line. It was the second game in a row she was perfect from the charity stripe.

Her career night was something she enjoyed, and she showed she can be a scoring threat if defenses give her the chance.

"I realized it from the beginning," she said. "I usually like to work the offense around rather than shoot because I'm not that type of player, but I know the shot will be there if the rest of the team is sagging."

Kansas interim head coach Lynette Woodard said Grant's performance took her team out of its initial game plan and possibly confused her team defensively.

There was more than just Erin



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

TEXAS TECH FORWARD Jolee Ayers-Curry is fouled while moving toward the basket during the Lady Raiders' 67-44 win against the Kansas Jayhawks on Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena. Tech is undefeated at home this season but will play Baylor at noon on Sunday in Waco.

Grant on the mind of Sharp after the game, however. Inside LaToya Davis scored 12 points and pulled down seven rebounds in just 19 minutes of play. It was something Sharp has seen from Davis consistently and would like to remain that way.

"I was real pleased with LaToya," she said. "She continues to provide

that energy off the bench and she's giving us a lot of offense we really need from the post position right now."

Davis said she was just doing her job and what Sharp asks on a regular basis — for someone in the middle to step up.

"You just have to be aggressive and give your all every night and attack the basket whenever you can," she said of

the battle in the paint.

Offensively Tech struggled to get into a rhythm going hot and then cold a couple of times, but Tech's defense kept the Jayhawks in check. The Lady Raiders forced 25 turnovers.

Tech will face the Baylor Bears at noon Sunday in Waco. The game will be televised on Fox Sports Net.

Tech football squad signs 23 players, has top 25 recruiting class

By David Wiechmann/
The University Daily

Texas Tech football coach Mike Leach has never put much consideration into rankings, but he has a top 25 signing class for 2004.

TheInsiders.com, a recruiting publication and Website, has Texas Tech's signing class ranked 16th in the nation, and Rivals.com puts the Red Raiders at No. 2 for quarterbacks signed.

It is a class Leach said he is happy to see coming to Tech and believes will be a good way to start a new beginning at Tech.

"It's fitting that we're here in this new facility," he said as the media con-

ference was held in the foyer of Tech's new football headquarters. "I think this is the best class we've had since I've been at Tech, and I think that's because we had more precision with recruiting this year."

Among the athletes highlighting the class are the quarterbacks. Tech signed the two-time 4-A player of the year in Graham Harrell from Ennis. Harrell ran a spread offense throughout high school and set dozens of records for the state of Texas. He was also named to multiple All-America teams and Gatorade Player of the Year for Texas his senior year.

Robert Johnson was the No. 1 JUCO quarterback in the nation last season and comes to Tech from

Reedley College, which won the JUCO national championship two years ago. It is considered one of the powerhouses of junior college football. Leach compared Johnson's demeanor and ability to Kliff Kingsbury.

There is another Johnson hailing from Reedley College. This Johnson, however, is a receiver. Leach said Marquis Johnson was the top receiver in the nation when he came out of high school, which may be why he originally signed with Texas a few years ago. Instead, he went the junior college route, and now he is at Tech to make what many are speculating will be an immediate impact on offense.

Receiver was a position that needed much attention in recruiting,

with the Red Raiders losing seniors Carlos Francis, Wes Welker and Mickey Peters.

A total of five receivers signed. Marquis Johnson is the only JUCO transfer, and Leach said most of the other four were featured receivers in passing offenses during their high school careers. Leach knew he needed to sign a few receivers, and he is happy with the ones he got to add to what he already has.

"I feel good about the receivers we have on campus right now," he said. "And I feel good about the quarterbacks we have on campus right now."

Robert Johnson has already enrolled at Tech and been on campus since January.

Another spot Leach hoped to focus on in recruiting was defense, and he got what he was looking for there. He said he felt his team was young and thin on defense this past season. So he and his staff brought in five more defensive backs, five defensive linemen and two linebackers to the team.

Five of the defensive recruits are transfers and should add age and experience to a young defense. With those additions and the fact his current players will be one year older could make his defense improve for 2004.

Like many other schools throughout the nation, the state of Texas was where Leach did most of his recruit-

ing. Tech landed 17 of its 23 signees from Texas.

Tech scored two Five Star recruits according to recruiting publications, but Leach said he does not follow their rankings. He recruits, "players." He said he wants athletes that will make an impact on the field not the stopwatch or weight chart. He said his recruiting may have taken some flak in the past, but feels confident in his approach.

"A big name doesn't mean anything to me," he said. "Can he play? They say we've got a couple Five Star guys. That's nice. I probably got minus three stars for recruiting Wes Welker. That probably cost me some stars."

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