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## Unemployment rate higher, but stable

By Sally Gunter/*The University Daily*

The unemployment rate for Lubbock increased in 2003, but job availability remains steady for Texas Tech students.

According to the Texas Workforce Commission, the unemployment rate in Lubbock has decreased from 4.7 percent in 1993 to 2.6 percent in 2001. The rate then increased in 2003 to 3.4 percent.

"It is higher than what we've had," said Cheryl Brock, a business and research specialist for Market Lubbock Inc. "It could mean there is more of a labor force."

Lubbock's rate averaged from 2.6 percent to 2.9 percent in the last four years and despite the increase for 2003, Brock said, the Lubbock rate is reasonable.

"It is still low," she said. "It is good in the

respect that it means we are creating jobs."

More than 4,800 students graduated from Tech in fiscal year 2002-2003, according to the Tech Institutional Research and Information Management Web site.

When compared to larger cities like Dallas and Houston, Lubbock does not have as many professional job opportunities but some are available, said Career Center Director Dave Kraus.

The high graduation number and limited number of professional jobs in Lubbock force students to take the initiative to find ones that offer, he said.

Graduating students should be looking for a job six to nine months before graduation.

"I think students should start the whole process very, very early," Kraus said.

The Tech Career Center helps students,

both graduating and undergraduate, find jobs not only in Lubbock but also in other areas by posting resumes online and providing the phone numbers of companies seeking employees.

"There is a window of opportunity," Kraus said. "Some want to move and try new things."

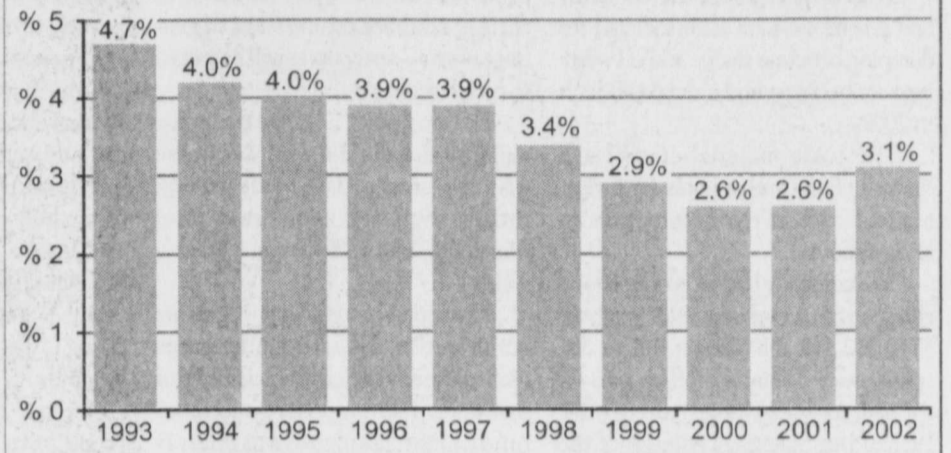
While the Center makes open job positions available, the students hold the key to securing employment before graduating.

"It depends on the students themselves," he said. "The student still has to figure out the best way to market self."

Twilla Williams, coordinator for the student part-time employment office at Tech, said she agrees the availability of jobs and quick responses by employers depends on the effort

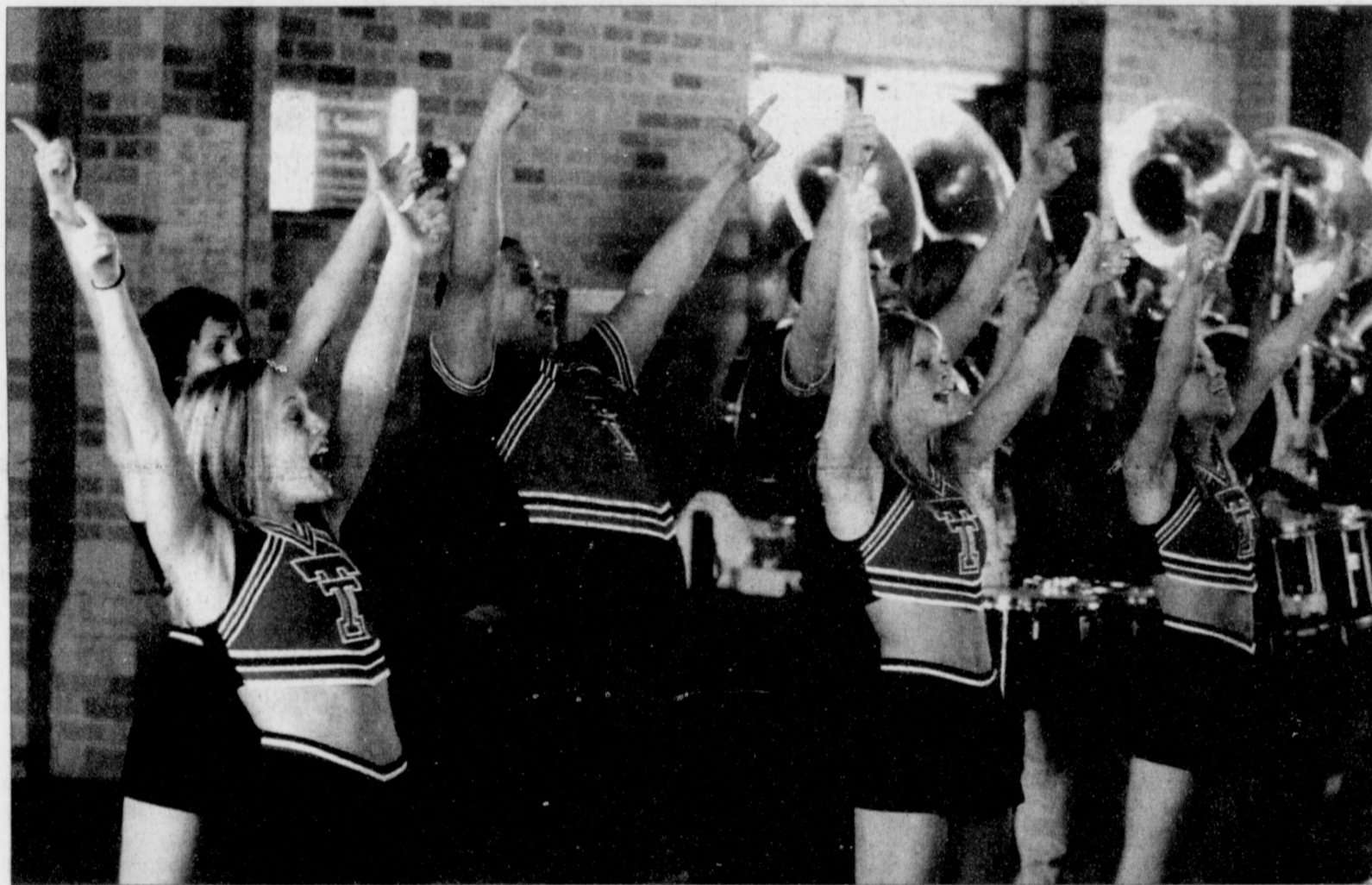
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**Lubbock County Unemployment Percentages**



Source: Texas Workforce Commission

## BIRTHDAY BASH



### Tech students, administrators celebrate university's 81 years of existence

By Nikki Siegrist/*The University Daily*

A loud version of "Happy Birthday" swelled from the Frazier Alumni Pavilion Saturday as the crowd and the Court Jesters band sang for Texas Tech's 81st birthday.

"This is one of the events we go to to help encourage student involvement on campus," David Kidwell, a member of the student alumni board and a sophomore pre-med major from Lubbock, said. "It's a lot of fun. This is something (everyone at) Tech gets to do together. It's something everyone can go to no matter what age you are."

Students, faculty, staff and alumni gathered for a slice of a big red Double T cake, and many stayed to watch the men's basketball game after the event.

The party was marked with performances by the band, the cheerleaders and the pom squad.

The main reason for the party was not only to have fun but also to celebrate the accomplishments of Tech in its years.

"A lot of universities can boast about how long they've been a university, but Tech can boast that they've done so much and can compete with universities that are so old," Kidwell said. "It's more impressive that Tech has done so much and is so young."

Kathy Schuessler agreed with Kidwell and said she believes Tech should celebrate all its accomplishments.

"There are things that are accomplishments for our university every year,

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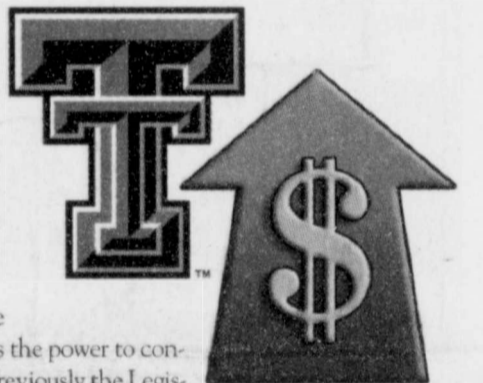
ABOVE: YOLANA TORRES and Cheryl Daniels serve Happy Birthday Tech cake during the birthday party in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion. TOP: The Texas Tech Spirit Squads and the Goin' Band members got the crowd going before they gave away gifts and prizes to students attending the 81st birthday party for the university.

### Student Affairs

## Tuition increase concerns students

By Robin Briscoe/*The University Daily*

Texas Tech students are paying 6.4 percent more this spring for tuition than they were last fall, according to the Comptroller of Public Accounts Senior College Tutorial Fee Survey. This is about \$300 extra, based upon 15-semester credit hours.



The Texas Legislature gave Texas colleges and universities the power to control their own tuition rates. Previously the Legislature has set the tuition rates. Tuition rates have already been on a steep incline, rising 45 percent from fiscal year 2002 to spring 2004, and rates are expected to continue increasing.

This is partly because of the \$200 million higher education budget cut last year in an effort to balance the state budget. The brink of deregulation coincided with a \$10 billion state deficit.

"They have no idea how much harder it makes it," said Henry Garcia, a junior biology major from Dallas. "Unlike a lot of students here, I don't have mom and dad paying my way."

Senator Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, addressed some potential effects of the new law in late January. During a joint Interim Committee on Higher Education he said he believed the new system causes more students to rely more heavily on the state's financial aid programs, as well as federal aid, to compensate for the higher costs. This in return actually will cost the state more money by adding pressure.

Garcia said the legislators did not think about real people when they decided to give less funding for higher education, consequently causing tuition rates to increase to compensate. He said he hopes the Tech Academic Regent keeps that in mind when determining tuition rates for the fall semester.

University of Texas System Chancellor Mark Yudof first presented the idea to the University of Texas Board of Regents in December 2002. In May 2003 a compromise led to a higher education spending cut of 4 percent. The house had proposed a sharper cut, but compromising only at 4 percent revived deregulation, according to House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, as reported in the *UT Watch* last May.

Deregulation is now practiced in about 30 states, according to the UT System Web site.

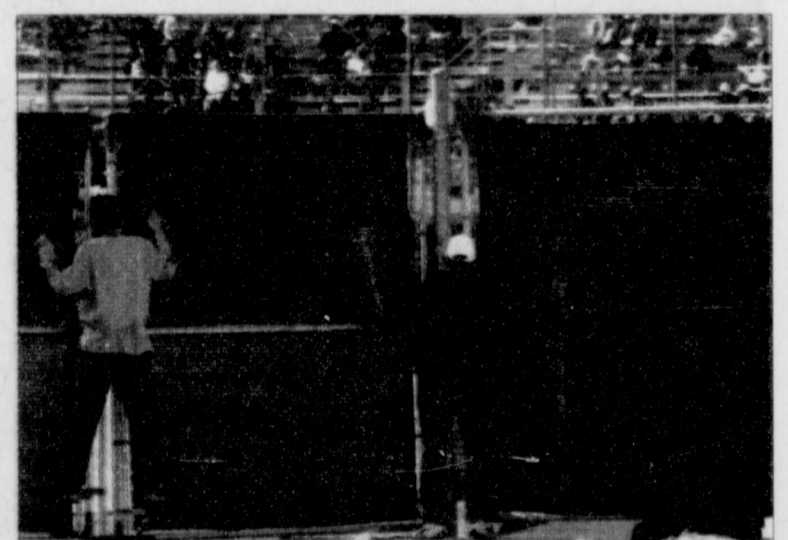
"I think the tuition will be much higher than before," said Qiong Zhong, a sophomore business administration major from China. "It will affect every student."

Gov. Rick Perry now wants accountability for tuition dollars spent. In late January he set a Dec. 17 deadline. The governor issued an executive order for public universities to work with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to develop these accountability measures.

Perry told *The Washington Times* that it is essential that students and parents know they are getting a quality education for their tuition dollars. *The Washington Times* reported the governor was considering calling for accountability before the deregulation law was enacted, according to an aide.

"I hope that all this money is actually going somewhere," Garcia said. "We should know 100 percent where every cent of our money goes."

### NICE VIEW



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/*The University Daily*

MICHAEL HUFFMAN, (LEFT), watches the Tech baseball team's game against Campbell with his father from outside the left field fence. They were hoping to catch a home-run ball while Tech was batting. The Raiders hit seven home-runs during a three-game series against Campbell.

### National News

## Suspect charged with murder of abducted Florida child

By Vickie Chachere/*Associated Press*

SARASOTA, Fla. — A tattooed mechanic with a long rap sheet was charged with murder Friday after authorities found the body of an 11-year-old girl whose kidnapping was captured on a carwash surveillance camera.

Police said Joseph P. Smith told a witness that he had kidnapped and killed Carlie Brucia, and authorities used that information to find the sixth-grader's body in a church parking lot a few miles from the carwash.

Investigators refused to say how the girl was killed or whether she had been raped.

"He will pay the ultimate price for what he did to her," sheriff's Capt. Jeff Bell said. Investigators would not give details on the witness who helped them.

Smith, 37, is believed to be the man seen on the surveillance video in a

mechanic's shirt with a name patch, leading Carlie away by the arm Sunday as she walked home from a slumber party. Investigators said the man on the tape had tattoos on both forearms; Smith has many tattoos on his arms.

The kidnapping set off a frantic search for the former Girl Scout, and the tape was beamed across the nation as Carlie's family and authorities pleaded for her safe return.

Investigators were led to Smith after a tipster identified him as the man in the video. Authorities said he had a Buick station wagon that was seen in the surveillance footage shortly before the kidnapping.

Investigators had called on NASA to sharpen and enlarge images of the abduction, but they said the quality wasn't much better than what they al-

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The Rundown



Houston company settles waste charges

HOUSTON (AP) — One of the state's largest road construction companies has agreed to pay \$500,000 to settle felony charges of illegally dumping hazardous waste into Houston waterways.

The deal between the Harris County District Attorney's office and Williams Brothers Construction Co. requires that the Houston-based company pay for the construction of a four-mile biking and hiking trail near downtown Houston.

In December 2002, the company and several workers were indicted for dumping concrete sludge and oil waste into a city bayou and a drainage ditch in 2001.

The toxic material could have harmed plants and animals. Investigators learned about the dumping from an anonymous tip.

The company had faced four felony charges with a maximum fine of about \$770,000, but the charges will be dismissed once Williams Brothers pays for the trail, Assistant District Attorney Eric Bily said in Saturday's editions of the Houston Chronicle.

Environmentalists criticized the deal, in which Williams Brothers admits no wrongdoing.

"Dismissing the indictment eliminates this information from being used in later prosecutions, and weakens the hand of future prosecutors," said Tom "Smitty" Smith, executive director of Public Citizen of Texas.

Massachusetts court split on gay marriage

BOSTON (AP) — The Massachusetts high court's initial ruling in favor of gay marriage, coming by the slimmest of majorities, giving lawmakers hope that a proposal for Vermont-style civil unions would persuade at least one justice to swing the balance of power and soften the court's stand.

Instead, a follow-up opinion shows the four-member majority of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court even more unequivocal and united in their stand that nothing short of marriage of same-sex couples will pass constitutional muster.

The positions held by the court majority and the three justices in the minority "seem to have hardened now rather than relaxed," said Paul Martinek, editor of Lawyers Weekly USA.

The court's hardening positions are borne out in the vitriolic language used in the advisory opinion issued this past week. The minority opinion contended the majority was merely parroting rhetoric from gay-rights proponents; the majority suggested the dissent was so ludicrous it wasn't worthy of contemplation.

"There is a level of vituperation that is more like partisan politics than judicial opinion," said John McGinnis, a professor at the Northwestern University School of Law and critic of the majority opinion.

Bomb adds tension to Russia-Chechnya feud

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian officials renewed calls Saturday for tighter security checks in Moscow after a subway bombing killed 39 people, moves that could worsen ethnic tensions as blame for the attack fell on Chechen rebels.

Officials strongly suspected the Friday morning rush-hour blast was a suicide bombing, and President Vladimir Putin pointed to insurgents fighting Russian troops for Chechen independence for most of the last decade.

The bomb ripped through a packed subway car after it left the Avtozavodskaya station and headed for the city center, shattering windows throughout the train and leaving the carriage a hulk of twisted metal.

Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov said the bomb appeared to have exploded about 20 inches above the floor, indicating it was in a bag or briefcase held by a rider.

He said registration procedures for people traveling into the Russian capital would be "sharply, powerfully strengthened." Security immediately was tightened at Moscow's train stations and airports.

Tighter security would target most foreigners but also people from the southern Russian republic of Chechnya and others of North Caucasian appearance. Those ethnic groups are already subject to frequent document checks, scrutiny that has intensified after suicide bombings and other attacks in Moscow in recent years.

Dmitry Rogozin, a leading nationalist lawmaker with close connections to the Kremlin, called for a state of emergency.

"The enemy is here, inside. This is an ethnic criminal community that evidently supports the terrorists coming to Moscow, owns property in Moscow and imposes its will on authorities," he was quoted as saying by Interfax.

TECH TALK

QUOTE OF THE DAY



SHARON SPEED  
Cosmetologist at  
Hair Emporium in  
Lubbock

"We have people every day that come in to get their hair colored. Some of them are 80-year-olds that have been coloring their hair since they were 20."

Kerry makes rounds through South, others hold out for future contests

(AP) Democratic front-runner John Kerry, eager to show strength in all regions of the country, campaigned through Southern battleground states on Saturday as he reached for caucus triumphs in Michigan and Washington.

John Edwards, Wesley Clark and Howard Dean held out minimal hope for the day's contests, aiming instead for states still ahead on the campaign calendar.

Kerry paid scant attention to his Democratic rivals, focusing instead on the Republican in the White House.

"This week George Bush and the Republican smear machine have trotted out the same old tired lines of attack that they've used before to divide this nation and to evade the real issues before us," the Massachusetts senator said in remarks prepared for a Democratic Party dinner in Richmond, Va.

"They're extreme, we're mainstream and we're going to stand up and fight back," he said. Aides said Kerry's speech was designed to reassure the party faithful he would fight far harder against GOP attacks than Michael Dukakis, the former Massachusetts governor who led the party to defeat in 1988.

Kerry began the day with 274 delegates in The Associated Press count, with Dean at 121, Edwards at 110 and Clark at 82.

Michigan had 128 delegates at stake in caucuses, and Washington offered another 76.

Maine, with 24 delegates at stake, was holding caucuses on Sunday.

That left Clark and Edwards pinning their hopes on Tuesday's primaries in Virginia and Tennessee while Dean is making a last stand in Wisconsin, which votes a week later.

Kerry has won seven of nine primaries and caucuses held to date, losing only South Carolina to Edwards and Oklahoma to Clark last week.

He looks to Virginia and Tennessee on Tuesday to show his ability to win Southern primaries — and spent part of his day vowing to contest Bush in the region as well.

"This administration is busy trying to paint everybody else as out of touch, out of synch, somehow out of the mainstream," he said in Nashville. "But let me tell you something, I'm not worried about coming down South and talking to people about jobs, schools, health care and the environment."

"I think it's the president who ought to worry about coming down here."

Democrats traditionally fare poorly in the South, and an Associated Press Ipsos poll taken last week showed the president's approval rating at 60 percent in the region, compared with 47 percent nationally.

Kerry had suggested earlier in the campaign that the party's nominee could win the White House without

winning any electoral votes in the region, and he has been emphasizing its importance ever since.

Kerry's rivals soldiered on. Edwards, a first-term senator from North Carolina, made it sound like ad-

ditional defeats — even in Virginia, Tennessee and on Feb. 17 in Wisconsin — would not deter him.

"This is very much for me a long-term process. It's a war of attrition. I'm in it until I'm the nominee."

— JOHN EDWARDS  
Democratic presidential candidate

While concentrating his efforts in the South, Edwards also flew to Wisconsin during the day to accept the endorsement of the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees.

Clark worked his way through Virginia. He told reporters that — despite his own words to the contrary — Clinton administration officials had never pressured him to end the Kosovo war in the summer of 1999 to avoid harming Al Gore's presidential campaign.

The Washington Post, in a report that relied on documents from Clark's tenure as NATO commander, quoted the former general as saying that White House officials had told him to wrap up the bombing by the July 4th weekend.

Clark did not allege being misquoted in the story, but said he had given a military historian a "stream of conscious dictation."

Sri Lanka president dissolves Parliament

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Sri Lanka's president dissolved Parliament on Saturday, paving the way for elections nearly four years ahead of schedule, a top presidential official said.

President Chandrika Kumaratunga said the vote would be held April 2.

The move came amid the president's bitter political battle with Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, which started Nov. 4 when Kumaratunga seized control of the key ministries of defense, media and police from the prime ministers Cabinet.

The leaders belong to rival political parties and were elected separately. The dissolution could mean more

violence from Tamil Tiger rebels, who have warned that the uncertain political situation may lead to a resumption of fighting.

The prime minister and Tamil rebels signed a Norwegian-brokered truce in February 2002, bringing a halt to 19 years of fighting that had killed nearly 65,000 people.

The truce led to peace talks between the two sides but the talks are currently stalled over a power struggle.

The Tamil Tigers launched their violent campaign for a separate Tamil homeland in 1983, claiming discrimination at the hands of the Sinhalese majority.

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# Experts: Using hair dye unlikely to cause cancer

By Beth Aaron/  
The University Daily

These days, many things have been correlated with cancer. Carcinogens such as the ingredients in cigarettes, asbestos building material and radioactive substances are obvious.

However, rumors are circulating about cancer possibly being linked to everyday items some may not consider: artificial sweeteners, antiperspirant and now — hair dye.

Sharon Speed, a cosmetologist at Hair Emporium in Lubbock, said several years ago, she heard rumors about cancer and hair dye being linked, but as far as she knows the correlation has not been proven.

"I haven't heard that," she said. "Now several years ago, they thought that it might. They've made it a lot more less harsh."

Hair dye has evolved a lot in the 20 years she has been a practicing

colorist, Speed said. If there were any known risks linked to hair dye, there would be a warning label on such products. Today, there is no such label.

"We have people every day that come in to get their hair colored," she said. "Some of them are 80-years-old that have been coloring their hair since they were 20."

Speed said she thinks hair dye could contribute to cancer, but it probably is not the sole cause.

"I think basically, that if you're going to have cancer, you have the cancer gene in your body," she said.

Dr. Anthony Way, professor of preventive medicine at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, said a study published in the January 2004 issue of the American Journal of Epidemiology looked at people who had a particular form of cancer called non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Lymphoma is a rare form of can-

cer that affects the lymphatic system, or lymph nodes, which are part of the body's immune system.

The study compared 600 women with lymphoma to 700 women without it, and asked the question whether they used hair dye, for how long, and how long ago.

"Those who had lymphoma were slightly more likely to use hair dye," he said.

Women who began dyeing their hair before the 1980s were also more likely to develop the disease, Way said. At that time, hair dye underwent changes to remove suspected carcinogens.

"It is a question that has been raised for decades," he said. "It is still uncertain if there's a risk at all."

Denise Sims, a cosmetologist at Vertex Hair Designers in Lubbock, said people should not be worried about going to a salon to get their hair dyed, because there is no risk.

"It's not true," she said. "It's like

they said perms were linked to cancer."

Sims suggested consumers be leery of store bought hair dyes, but not a professional coloring process.

"People just need to be careful when they buy store bought products, and be careful of metallic dyes," she said.

Cosmetics have always fallen under scrutiny concerning consumer health, Way said, especially when it is a question of putting chemicals on skin. He said there have been several studies done about hair dye and cancer, and results of the studies have varied.

"The relationship they found was a very weak one," he said. "If there's an increased risk, it's a very small one. A slight increased risk for an uncommon disease means that the actual risk for a person is to be very small."

Way said there is no concrete reason why women who color their



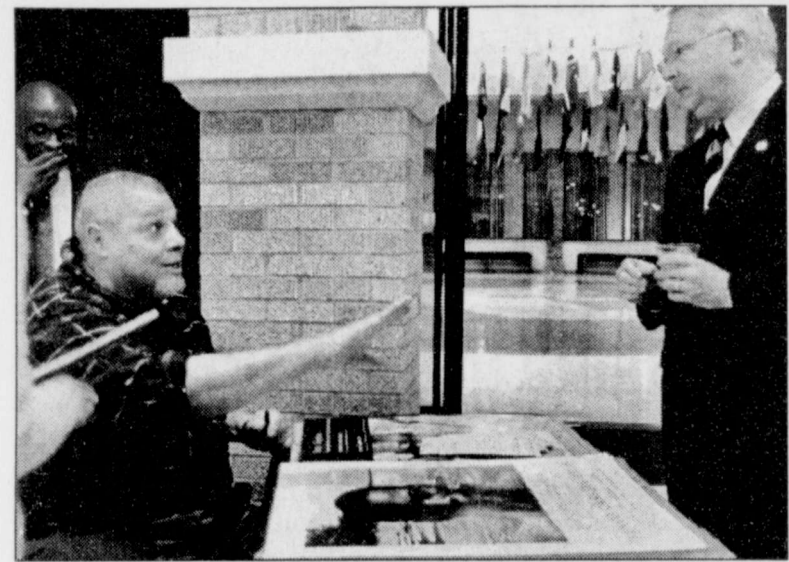
ANDREW WEATHERL/Photo Illustration

A WOMAN HAS a hair color weave put in at a local salon. hair should discontinue the habit.

"No one is saying they should stop," he said. "I don't know any-one with lymphoma, and I'm a doc-

tor." For more information about non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, visit [www.americancancersociety.org](http://www.americancancersociety.org).

# Gleaton's photographic history on display for Tech community



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/The University Daily  
TONY GLEATON, LEFT, talks with U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, at the International Cultural Center where Gleaton's work, Tengo Casi 500 Anos, will be up through March.

By Casey Bomar/  
Contributing Writer

Hitchhiking to New York, living in the mountains of Mexico with the Yarahumara Indians and following a group of Mexican rodeo performers on their circuits from Mexico to Los Angeles would seem like strange career ventures to some, but not for Tony Gleaton.

For Texas Tech's visiting professor of photography, these events are focal points along his path as a photographer.

These photographs and more will be exhibited in the Student Union Red Raider Lounge until Feb. 29. This compilation of photographs is a portion of his "Africa's Legacy in Mexico" exhibition originally toured by the Smithsonian Institution.

After shooting fashion photography in New York, Gleaton began his journey as a traveling photographer by capturing images of Hispanic, black, Native American, and European cowboys. Gleaton said he does not focus his photography on specific questions of race.

"My work involves race, but it's not about race," he said. "It's a subtle difference. But my work tries to relate to a greater society."

Gleaton's work has taken him from the Artic Circle to the Rio de la Plata in Argentina. Having covered more than 50,000 miles in his travels and encountering many different cultures, Gleaton learned to adapt with his subjects.

He immerses himself in the daily lives of the people he photographs to gain their trust and participation.

Mike Gunn, assistant director for the Center for Campus Life, said Gleaton's photographs are very powerful and revealing. "We can relate to and are impacted by his photographs because, although Tony takes his pictures in primarily poor places, the beauty and passion of the people photographed really shine through," Gunn said.

Gleaton's photographs have been displayed by the Smithsonian Institution, the Denver Public Library, the Natural History Museum of Los Ange-

les County, and by various other museums and universities.

After acquiring a teaching position as visiting professor of photography at Tech, Gleaton did not believe he would stay in Lubbock for any amount of time. However, the unique beauty of the land and people of West Texas soon convinced him to consider staying longer, Gleaton said.

"Beauty is not obvious down here. In a way, Lubbock changed me," Gleaton said. "This area of Texas was

the last part to be settled. The sons and daughters of the pioneers who first set foot in this area still live here."

Gunn said Gleaton's photographs show an integration of races and the different aspects of their culture.

"Gleaton shows how cultures merge together," Gunn said. "His pictures are a precipitant of the merging cultures he focuses on."

Gleaton's photographs will also be available for viewing in the International Cultural Center throughout February.

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## Administration trying to calm fears of economic allies

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — The Bush administration tried Saturday to reassure America's major economic allies worried about the sinking dollar and the exploding U.S. budget and trade deficits.

In the face of stinging criticism from other rich countries, the administration defended its hands-off approach to the dollar's sharp slide, which has pushed the greenback in recent weeks to record lows against the euro, the common currency of 12 European nations, and to three-year lows against the Japanese yen.

Treasury Secretary John Snow and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan served as hosts for the two days of discussions at the winter meeting of finance officials from the Group of Seven wealthy countries — the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada — held amid swaying palm trees and warm breezes at a resort on Florida's Gold Coast.

A small band of demonstrators stood outside the resort Saturday chanting "Stop Corporate Greed" and holding up signs urging "Deep Six the G-7."

The administration is hoping that a weaker dollar, by making American products cheaper on overseas markets, will boost American manufacturing exports and lift the fortunes of a sector of the economy that has seen 2.8 million jobs disappear over the past 3 1/2 years.

Democratic presidential candidates have cited these lost jobs as a prime example of the failure of President Bush's economic policies.

Europeans complained, however, that their companies were being forced to bear the brunt of the dollar's plummet because Japan, China and other Asian countries were intervening massively in currency markets to stem the dollar's fall against their currencies.

The Europeans argued for language in the final communique that would at least warn against excessive volatility in currency markets; the United States wanted to highlight the benefits of flexibility in currency exchange values to allow for adjustments based on market forces in such key areas as America's record trade deficits.

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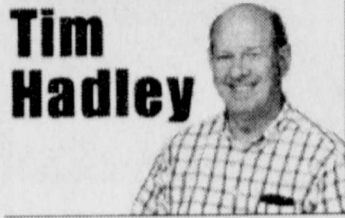
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## My Valentine for 32 years



This week, on Valentine's Day, I'll be exchanging cards and candy with the same valentine I've had for 32 years — my wife Nan.

We met in college and got married in 1971. Since then, our life has been fairly typical: school, work, kids, etc. We've had our share of problems, disappointments, and troubles. But we've also had many good times, too.

One of the good things has been our kids. We've been incredibly blessed with three wonderful children, two beautiful daughters-in-law and (so far) one grandchild.

We're very proud of our kids. They're wonderful people. We don't deserve all the credit for how they turned out, but we're glad to accept it when people brag on them. (Note: Any time you want to make someone happy, brag about their kids.)

When it comes to marriage, I guarantee you that I'm no expert, and I've made my share of mistakes.

But people naturally assume when someone has been married (to the same person) for 32 years, they must be doing something right. That's not always the case, but I'll share what I know, in case it might help.

When I met Nan, I thought she was the most beautiful young woman I had ever seen. And that was saying a lot, because I went to a large high school where there were lots of great-looking boys.

One of the things that has helped our marriage endure is that she has remained physically attractive to me all these years. She still looks great at 53.

It may sound crass or shallow to talk this way, but people who think physical looks don't matter after 20 or more years of marriage are just fooling themselves.

Another thing I liked about her was her pretty smile and her great personality. She was outgoing, friendly, and very likable from the start. We've always enjoyed talking to each other — and that's a critical factor, I think, in a successful marriage.

It didn't take me long to find out that Nan was also smart. She has a master's degree in library science and has been employed for many years as a professional librarian. She's a blonde, but no dumb blonde.

In addition to looks, personality, talent, and brains, she can cook (too well, in fact). What a package. I was lucky to find her.

If you ask me how we've managed to stay together for 32 years, here's what I'd say — communication, commitment, and a little luck.

Communication is the No. 1 factor in any successful relationship. It isn't like our marriage has always been sooth sailing — it hasn't. We've had some rough spots. But the rough spots were almost always caused by a lack of communication. The way we got through those bad times was learning (or re-learning) to communicate with each other.

By commitment, we mean both

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to each other and to the marriage. I worry that young people today look at marriage and think a hopeless, unreachable ideal.

It's not easy, but it can be done. During some of the toughest times. Nan and I have worked through, she supported me and fought for me, and that meant, as it turned out, everything.

When you walk through the dark valley, it makes all the difference if your loved one is there beside you, holding your hand and pulling you forward. She was, she did, and I'll always be grateful.

History is also a factor in commitment. The longer you stay together, the more reasons you have for keeping it that way. It's harder to give up on something for so many years, to create together.

And then there's good fortune — just plain luck. When one considers all the factors that affect a relationship, and how easy it is for things to go wrong, one realizes that having a marriage survive and thrive for 32 years involves, among other things, a good bit of luck.

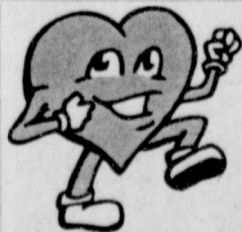
We're enjoying this phase of our life very much. Our kids are grown, and we're discovering the joys of grandparenthood. We can travel some and enjoy doing things together again, like we did back in the BC (Before Children) years.

One of our recently-established traditions has been to spend Valentine's Day in Santa Fe, N.M., enjoying the shopping, eating, and scenery. This next weekend we'll be enjoying soup and sandwiches at Backstreet Bistro, the Presidents' Day sales at the outlet mall, and Sunday breakfast at Café Pascual's.

Special times are more special when you have someone to share them with. Valentine's Day is the perfect time to remind yourself of who you love, why you love them, and what you're doing to make love live stronger.

I love Nan and I'm lucky to have her — lucky to have loved her and been loved by her for more than 32 years. Happy Valentine's Day, sweet heart — I love you.

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Tomorrow read a "He said/She said" commentary on the dark side of Valentine's Day.

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## Five professors who made a lasting difference

What's the difference between McDonald's and Harvard University? I know, it's a stupid question, but there's actually a valid point. I thought it was stupid too when my organizational behavior book started to compare the two entities. But one difference was given that really got me thinking.

That difference is that McDonald's employees see the result of their work, and they know how it affects people. In most cases, Harvard's employees don't. Most professors never know what effects they had on their students' lives or careers. This immediately got me thinking about the professors I've had that really made my undergrad degree worth as much as it is, and how I need to tell those professors how much they helped me.

So here they are, in no particular order other than the order they popped in my head.

### Robert Wernsman

This actually is in order of biggest effects, but not on purpose. Mr. Wernsman is a journalism instructor who teaches the basic news writing class. All of you who have had this class know what I'm talking about. The reason I can't write today is because he made me write. This isn't a lecture course where he measures progress by tests. This is a news writing course, which means you write news. He made me know how to spell and use AP style, he made me want to be a great journalist.

All of this was done, by the way, without tiptoeing around people. He was upfront, he clocked me 75 points on my first story because I forgot my notes, he told us how it was going to be, and that's how it was.

### Gary Bell

I had the privilege of taking two classes from Dr. Bell: the second U.S. history course and a current events discussion course, both Honors. The thing about Dr. Bell's classes is that he made me think. And not just about things I wanted to just about classes. For one test I had to argue, my point, and then I had to argue, just as effectively, the opposing side. This made me crazy! It also made me look at the other side of a story. I don't agree with many of Dr. Bell's stances on social and world issues, but without his insistence that I recognize and acknowledge the other side, my education would have been severely lacking, especially for a journalist.

### Heidi Toth



### Kevin Cott

Kevin is probably very surprised to see his name here, because I hated his class — constitutional law-power. It was part of a minor that I was seriously regretting by the time I got to his class, and it just wasn't something I was good at. But I walked away from his class with an "A," including a good grade on a paper that involved analyzing a Supreme Court decision, something you just don't see in mass communications classes. That experience taught me first how to analyze things, which doesn't really change regardless of what you're analyzing, and second, that enough studying can get you almost anywhere.

### David Snead

Dr. Snead happens to teach a course in U.S. military history, which, when I was looking for things to fill my schedule with, popped out as a fun course to take. I realize that sentence is enough to get me committed — what's a fun history class? — but it actually was pretty fun. I found out I wasn't as dumb as I thought, which is always a good revelation, and I learned to look at things from a different perspective instead of just from my journalist's perspective. It's really easy for me to focus on the here and now, on what's going on this very second that I need to put in the newspaper, but having the historical aspect looks at what happened long ago that caused this, which is just as important and sometimes just as interesting. And anyway, the work I'm doing now will someday be history, and I want future journalists to get excited about history too.

### Dominick Casadonte

My chemistry for dummies teacher. He made chemistry fun, also something I never thought I would say. And he made me do something even crazier — I had to give a chemistry demonstration for a group of third-graders at a local elementary school. Given my fear of presentations combined with my fear of chemistry, this was quite a feat. It was also the most fun I've ever had in a science class.

There are many more, but I'm running out of space. Thanks to all of my college professors who added so much to my education and made it fun. And, by decree of me, today is National Thank-A-Teacher Day — so get on it!

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### View from another university

## Democrats have something to hope for in long run

By Jordan Levy/The Easterner

(U-WIRE) CHENEY, Wash. — After John Kerry's victories in the recent Democratic caucuses, many Dean supporters are finding themselves at a loss.

Feelings of regret, confusion and uncertainty of the future are completely justifiable, yet I would agree with Michael Moore in saying that "Deanics" should not give up. Instead, they should simply remind themselves that one of the main messages Dean's campaign portrayed was that one vote can make a difference.

This has motivated Democrats to attend caucuses to elect the candidate whom they admire the most. As a result, there was a higher number of voters at the Iowa state caucus, and in others, than in past years.

This is great news for Democrats. Whether or not these newly inspired Democrats have chosen to support Dean, Clark, Kucinich, Edwards or Kerry is not as important as the fact they can now all share the same interest: To remove Bush from the Oval Office, and replace him with a justly elected Democratic president. More Democrats voting caucus means more people have become politically active, with the mindset that Bush must go.

Such a feat can only mean good things for the Democratic Party next November, and it is a source of pride for Dean supporters. They should remind themselves it was Democratic candidates such as Howard Dean and Dennis Kucinich who started to appeal to an increasingly higher number of minorities, lower class citizens and young people.

Because of Dr. Dean, independent and undecided voters alike will even-

tually migrate toward the Democratic side of politics and want to vote for any of our candidates as they each grow stronger. There is a definite fear that if re-elected, the Bush Administration will continue to send our troops to die in unjust wars, benefit only the upper-class citizens with its "tax reforms," waste our money by sending our astronauts to live on the moon, and putting an American flag on Mars.

Politicians like Dean inspire young people to become politically active. Such grass-root activism has shown us that we can make a difference. It is something this country needs more of. In an ever-changing world, we need to start taking it upon ourselves to become more aware of what is happening, form an opinion and then act upon it. Dean's campaign has helped voters across America initiate change in their surrounding world. Regardless of where his political career takes him, or the speeches that he makes on national television that can be used against his campaign, he has done good things so far.

So, where is Howard Dean headed? Who will win the Democratic race? Will anyone be able to defeat George W. come the next presidential election? After the recent victories of John Kerry, questions such as these are now surrounding the minds of any American who cares about politics.

Bush's overall chances of coming out on top have "downgraded" since last September. This should be reason for confidence among the Democrats. Furthermore, and choosing to remain optimistic, I believe that we will see a dramatic decrease for Bush approval as Democrats decide who they want running against him.

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# Unemployment

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put forth by the student. "It depends on how aggressive the student is," she said. "And how fast an employer wants to find someone."

Williams helps students find jobs and also lists employment opportunities free of charge.

Part-time jobs are available in Lubbock, and it is either the fault of the student or the employer if one cannot be filled, Williams said.

In January, Williams said she helped 109 students find a part-time job in Lubbock. During the months of August and September, a total of 315 students were able to find employment through the office. From October to December, Williams said she placed 172 students.

The number of students requiring her service is higher at the beginning of new school semesters and then levels out throughout the rest of the term, Williams said.

The variations in the unemployment rate are caused primarily by an increase in the labor force, people able and qualified to work, and the expansion or reduction in the size of a company. The number of total layoffs within a year also influences the rate, Brock said.

"Compared to the state and national unemployment rate we're doing really good," she said.

The 2003 unemployment rate of the United States was 6 percent, while the rate in Texas was 6.6 percent.

"We pretty much always have a low unemployment rate," Brock said. "Lubbock has slow steady growth. It has served us well over the years."

# Murder

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ready had.

Smith was charged with first-degree murder and kidnapping, and could face the death penalty if convicted.

His public defender, Adam Tebrugge, did not immediately return calls for comment.

Carlie's body was found beneath thick underbrush near the Central Church of Christ.

While investigators in white coveralls searched the area for evidence, Carlie's friends and family gathered outside the church.

Her stepfather, Steven Kansler, and some friends knelt in a prayer circle.

"She's in a better place. She

got there in a horrific manner, but now she's watching me all the time," said her father, Joe Brucia.

Smith has been arrested at least 13 times in Florida since 1993.

He served 17 months in prison in 2001 and 2002 for heroin possession and prescription drug fraud.

Eight days after he got out, he was arrested for cocaine possession and placed on probation for three years.

He also got probation for aggravated battery in 1993 and heroin charges in 1999.

A state correction official, Joe Papy, said that a probation officer had asked a judge on Dec. 30 to declare Smith in violation of his probation because he had not paid all his fines and court costs.

Papy said Circuit Judge Harry Rapkin declined to find Smith in violation, which could have re-

turned him to jail.

The judge defended his decision Friday, saying the probation officer never sent him the evidence he requested that Smith had willfully refused to pay.

Carlie's family questioned why Smith was allowed to be free.

"In my opinion he should have never been out on the street," Carlie's father said.

Neighbors said Smith and his wife had separated recently and he had moved out of the house.

Linda Thompson, who lives next door to the Smith family, described Smith as a good father to his three daughters.

She remembered him playing with them in the yard, buying them a puppy and building a goldfish pond for them in the front of the house.

"That's the Joe we saw, so when

this started it was hard to believe that there's a different side," Thompson said.

A small group of supporters kept up a vigil outside the Carlie's ranch-style house, which is decorated with banners and posters reading, "We love you, Carlie."

Carlie's friends said the blonde, blue-eyed girl idolized Jennifer Lopez and enjoyed going to the mall and hanging out with friends.

She had a cat named Charlie and a 6-year-old half brother and a 10-year-old stepbrother.

"She was loving and caring. She doesn't like to see other people hurt. She'd be really crying if this was one of us or someone else she knows," said Tiffany Meeks, a friend from Carlie's school who placed flowers along a memorial at the car wash. "It's just hard to talk about."

# Thousands of stolen vehicles recovered in Central America

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Houston Oilers football player Alonzo Highsmith has wondered for years what happened to his fully-loaded Ford F-250 diesel truck after it was stolen from a Houston restaurant parking lot.

"Sometimes I look up at the sky and the stars and wonder where that truck is," said Highsmith, who financed the \$30,000 truck just weeks before its 1995 theft.

Almost a decade later, the truck was located in Guatemala by Houston police, who found more than 3,200 stolen vehicles — most from Texas, California and Florida — by tracing vehicle identification numbers through a Guatemalan database.

"I was hoping that it would be found, but as the weeks and months went by I thought, 'Well, that is the end of this truck.' I was like a grieving parent," said Highsmith, now a scout for the Green Bay Packers. He learned of his truck's whereabouts from The Associated Press. Guatemalan authorities are now trying to recover it by locating the person who registered it there.

lion a year. He's in Washington, D.C., for a year working with the FBI, where he hopes to promote and expand his department's efforts to other countries.

Salazar's success piqued Honduran and Costa Rican officials' interest. Both countries have asked Houston police for help combating their auto theft problems.

Central American countries and Mexico "are beginning to see the totality of the problem," said Ralph Lumpkin, border operations director of the National Insurance Crime Bureau.

He said each year an increased number of stolen cars are taken across U.S. borders and once across the border often used for illegal activities.

"They see the theft problem as being an economic drain on them as well," Lumpkin said.

Insurance companies such as Cleveland-based Progressive have joined the effort, donating everything from computers to the stolen vehicles themselves to Guatemalan police.

Stephen Braunholz, a Progressive investigator, said Houston police have helped his company locate 17 stolen vehicles in Guatemala worth about \$188,000.

The company estimates it could have \$1.3 million worth of vehicles in the country.

"Each of these vehicles is in the hands of a suspect or a criminal," Braunholz said. "We don't want to leave it there."

Getting vehicles back is a difficult task, requiring time, money and assorted international hurdles.

For example, recovering a Toyota Camry from the Dominican Republic within 45 days of being stolen has taken more than a year and a half to get on a cargo ship, Braunholz said.

"It typifies the issue," he said. "We have probably lost \$10,000 to \$15,000 in value just for it having sit over there for a year and a half. When it comes back here, we probably won't get but

half price."

Harris County, the nation's third largest, leads Texas in the number of stolen vehicles each year, according to the Texas Auto Theft Prevention Authority. Harris, along with Dallas, Tarrant, Bexar and Travis counties, combined made up 72 percent of the 90,610 vehicles stolen in Texas in 2002, the most recent figures available.

Comparing other country's records to those maintained in the United States is no easy task because there is not a centralized national depository for stolen vehicle information, Salazar said.

"I have to push a button here 50 times to get a registration, and sometimes a particular state might be down," he said.

And things are further complicated in countries, such as Mexico, who like the U.S. maintain databases in each state — making comparison an increased diplomatic and logistical challenge, Salazar said.

The Border Auto Theft Information Center, an arm of the Texas Department of Public Safety, has been working since 1994 to help with the international information exchange, concentrating on Mexico's 31 states.

# Birthday

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and they ought to celebrate them," the senior business assistant with Human Sciences said.

Some of accomplishments include the benefits Tech has given Lubbock and the state, she said.

The party was also planned to help make students, alumni and the faculty and staff closer and more unified.

"Just the idea of having it open to everybody is like sending out one big birthday invitation," she said. "It's a celebration for everyone."

President Jon Whitmore spoke to the students about Tech's founding. He told the crowd of West Texas' fight to get the college.

He told of the celebration Lubbock held when it was announced Tech would be located in Lubbock. While this celebration was not nearly as large, he

said it was important to celebrate Tech and its history.

The Saddle Tramps supported school spirit at the bash. They helped the cheerleaders as they led the crowd in several cheers including "Let's go Raiders!" and "Raider Power."

The focus of the event was how much everyone involved with Tech supports the school and it should be a lasting tradition, said Saddle Tramp president J. Ross Lacy.

"Tech has been around 81 years, and they're starting to get up there with the more prestigious universities in Texas," the junior business and finance major from Midland said. "I think as this continues, it's really going to start to feel like a family here at Tech."

He said he also thought having the spirit squads and the band made the event more enjoyable.

"It shows the spirit squads are happy and excited to be here," he said. "It gives it like a game day look to it."

One of the main reasons many students came was the chance at winning a semester of free tuition, Lacy said.

The tuition was the last thing door prize to be given away, which was why the crowd of students grew until the end of the party.

When the big present was drawn, Laura Domyancic was the lucky winner. She came with the band and said she registered at the last minute at the request of a friend.

"I'm actually shocked," the freshman petroleum engineering major from San Antonio said. "I'm really happy and I know my parents will be really happy."

She said she enjoyed herself and hopes the birthday bash becomes a tradition.

"It's a good tradition," Domyancic said. "I think they should definitely keep it going."

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— LAURA DOMYANCIC  
Freshman petroleum engineering major from San Antonio

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## Theron devours screen in "Monster"

Aileen Wuornos was executed in 2002 after spending 12 years on Florida's death row. She was convicted of killing seven men — including a police officer — after they picked her up as a highway prostitute. She was hailed as America's first female serial killer. "Monster" tells her story, not as a psychotic maniac on a rampage, but as a damaged woman who has fallen in love and tries to keep that relationship afloat through horrifying means.

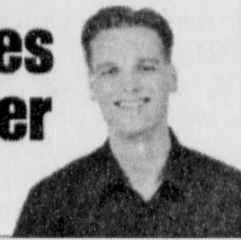
Charlize Theron doesn't simply play Wuornos — she is Wuornos. The beautiful actress, who has been in various forgettable films, transforms herself into Wuornos with the vengeance of a carnivore with blood running down its chin. Theron is not only unrecognizable through the extravagant make-up but also through a performance that is so brilliant that we not only forget that it isn't Theron, we almost forget it is a woman.

Her mannerisms — her strutting gait, her pulled-back shoulders, the way she always lets a Marlboro dangle from her mouth and the way she speaks — convey butch masculinity over femininity. Theron's every expression, every gesticulation is precise.

When the film opens we find Aileen with a gun ready to end her miserable existence, but she still has a little money to spend. Working as a roadside prostitute, she decides to stay alive until she has spent her last \$5. After all, not telling what she had to do for that money, so why waste it?

She accidentally walks into a lesbian bar where she meets Selby

**James Eppler**



*The beautiful actress, who has been in various unforgettable films, transforms herself in Wuornos with the vengeance of a carnivore with blood running down its chin.*

(Christina Ricci), an 18-year-old woman with her own problems at home. Aileen is adamant that she is not gay, but Selby pursues her anyway.

The reason Aileen so quickly falls in love with Selby may be because she's never been loved before by anyone. Instead of wanting sex, Selby wants to touch Aileen's face, kiss her and tell her how beautiful she is. Selby's tender and passionate care for Aileen is something she has never felt

before. The fact that Selby is a woman soon fails to matter.

Aileen, however, is still working as a prostitute until one night when one of her customers beats and brutally rapes her. She manages to get loose of her bonds, get to her gun and shoot him.

After the incident, Aileen desperately wants to start a new life with Selby and leave prostitution behind her. She convinces Selby to leave home and move into a motel with her to start the rest of their lives together.

Selby, however, has been stricken with a broken arm and is not able to work. So Aileen must serve as the breadwinner of the relationship and works hard to find a legitimate job. Her efforts are in vain, as no one wants to hire a rough-looking woman with a legal record.

Selby tells Aileen she needs to start hooking again, or the two will surely starve. Reluctantly, Aileen goes back to her original occupation. But ever since the rape, the job isn't the same. She kills her second victim after he does a small thing that reminds her of the rapist.

After that, however, the murders are no longer about fear of being raped. We sense that Aileen is taking vengeance on men in general for the hell she has been through in her life. With each man, and each pull of the trigger, she is taking something more than just money and a car — she's trying to kill her past horrors.

Truly, "Monster" is not an easy film to watch. Many scenes will cause

audience members to nervously squirm in their seats as they watch the events play out on screen. The film is an odd mixture of a love story besmirched by a gritty and ugly tale of a woman's struggle with rape, prostitution and murder.

The magnificence of Theron's performance, I feel, has caused many to overlook the strong work by Ricci, whose seemingly naive teenager desperately wants to believe that she and Aileen can live happily every after, but inside knows they won't.

First-time writer/director Patty Jenkins has put together an impressive film but still makes a few mistakes, including the annoying Hollywood mind-set that narration is essential to an audience's understanding. In this film's case, narration only distracts the audience from the images and doesn't do much to edify. There's also the somewhat silly heroic 80s music being played as the judge reads Aileen's sentence that detracts from the impact the scene could have had.

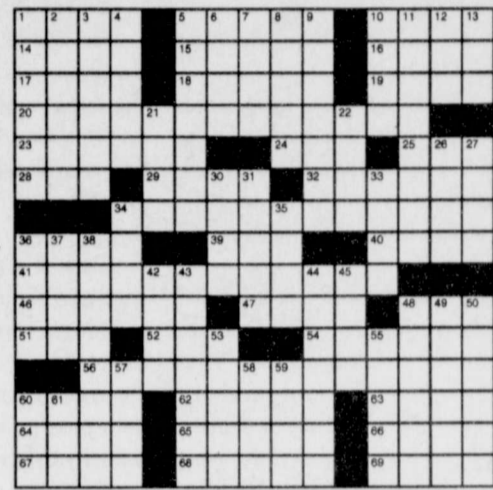
Despite the rough edges, however, "Monster" is still an equally impressive and hard film with a bravura performance from the Oscar-nominated Theron. It does not ask that we forgive Wuornos of her sins, but only to try to understand them.

Playing only at Movies 16.

**EPPLER'S RATING: ★★★★★**  
Eppler is The UD's film critic. Email questions and comments to [james.d.eppler@ttu.edu](mailto:james.d.eppler@ttu.edu).

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By Eugene R. Puffenberger  
Houston, TX

2/9/04

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- Flower support
- Wrongful act
- Where lovers walk?
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## "Barbershop," "Miracle" top the box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Moviegoers are feeling good about hair and hockey.

Ice Cube's upbeat sequel "Barbershop 2: Back in Business" debuted as the top weekend movie with \$25.1 million, while Kurt Russell's inspiring hockey tale "Miracle" opened at No. 2 with \$19.4 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The family flick "Catch That Kid," about a girl who organizes a bank heist to pay for her father's surgery, opened at No. 6 with \$6 million.

The overall box office fell, with the top 12 movies grossing \$92.8 million, down 9 percent from the same weekend last year.

Playing in 2,711 locations, "Barbershop 2" averaged a strong \$9,259 a theater, compared to a \$7,464 average in 2,605 cinemas for "Miracle."

"Barbershop 2" brings back Ice Cube, Cedric the Entertainer and the rest of the gang from 2002's hit comedy set in a gossipy hair joint on Chicago's south side. With positive reviews, the sequel has a good shot at

topping the \$75 million total gross of the first "Barbershop," which took in \$20.6 million over its opening weekend.

Blacks made up almost all the opening-weekend audience for the first film, while non-black crowds accounted for a third of viewers at "Barbershop 2," said Erik Lomis, head of distribution for MGM, which released both movies. That was a sign the sequel may have more long-term cross-over appeal than the original, Lomis said.



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### MYSTIC STARS

By Lasha Seniuk

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK ...** Complete all financial proposals, property applications or funding documents before the end of February. Over the next few weeks, authority figures, although emotionally vague or temporarily unavailable, will require clearly defined facts, reliable paperwork and detailed records. Don't hesitate to be forthcoming.

**Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19).** A close friend or lover may acknowledge your recent actions, support or accomplishments. For many Aquarians, unique forms of flattery will lead to increased trust and renewed intimacy. Listen to the wisdom of loved ones and accept all genuine invitations.

**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20).** Financial discussions may demand special diplomacy. Pay close attention to the continuing expectations of loved ones. Before March, practical decisions, property contracts and outstanding bills will need to be settled. Stay dedicated to small duties.

**Aries (March 21-April 20).** Forgotten debts, past workplace errors and lost documents may reappear. Watch for key officials to demand new dedication and loyalty. In the coming weeks, business obligations and daily duties will steadily increase. Provide detailed paperwork and complex descriptions of your efforts.

**Taurus (April 21-May 20).** Long-term relationships begin several weeks of open discussion. Expect loved ones to no longer remain silent or avoid difficult subjects. Past financial or business disputes need to be resolved. Ask loved ones for special permissions, revised expectations or new acceptance.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21).** Deeply felt romantic ideals may be revealed over the next few days. Expect loved ones to request added compliments or public displays of trust. Some Gemini's will also experience renewed sensuality and a returning faith in long-term commitment. Stay open to unexpected proposals.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22).** Work duties and family obligations will compete for equal attention. Although business relations are complex, loved ones need your honest support and continued dedication. Muddle through and wait for reliable change.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22).** Loved ones may discuss home renovations or shared family goals. Committed relationships may move to a new level of security, intimacy and trust. Unattached Leos can expect unique passions, sudden invitations and powerful romantic overtures.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Vague contracts, revised duties and moody officials may create strained communications. Although consistent rules and permissions will eventually be forthcoming, expect temporary delays. At present, private power struggles and misinformation are strong influences in the workplace.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Unfinished relationships may reappear and demand resolution. Watch for unique requests from friends or messages from the past. Before mid-March, however, loved ones will ask for renewed dedication, public support and reliable decisions. Remain dedicated to present commitments, but expect ongoing social triangles.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22).** Controversial workplace methods may trigger silent tensions between colleagues. Previously trusted business tactics will prove useless. Avoid public discussion or group competition, if possible. Disputes may be unavoidable.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21).** Withheld emotions and unique observations may challenge a close relationship. Watch for fast social reversals and bold discussions. The past behavior or outdated opinions of loved ones may need to be publicly addressed and resolved. Don't be shy.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20).** Yesterday's business ideals and postponed career dreams may rise quickly to the surface. Long-term friends and close relatives will expect renewed ambitions and obvious progress. Find positive ways to study new skills or bring added work enjoyment into your life.

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# Unexpected times open Kittley's eyes

By Adam Boedeker/  
The University Daily

Texas Tech sprinter Albert Booker was expected to run a good time in the 200-meter dash Saturday when coach Wes Kittley entered him in the race just to "see what he could do."

Instead, he ran a great time, clocking in at 21.13 and turning in his second consecutive provisional qualifying time after qualifying in the 400 last week.

Booker said he was running the 200 just for fun, and the 400 is "his race."

Kittley got more than he expected.

"Albert looked real good in the 200," Kittley said. "I did not expect him to run that fast. I thought he might run a 23.4 or (23.5), and he beat that by two seconds."

Booker's time not only earned him a provisional mark, but also gave him the fastest time of the year in the Athletic Training Center.

"He ran very fast," Kittley said. "I haven't seen anyone run any faster on this track. After today I don't see why he can't run a 20 (seconds) on a fast track, he looked really good."

Even though his event is the 400,

Kittley said he is now forced to consider running Booker in the 200 as well in next weekend's meet at Arkansas.

"I was thinking about it," he said. "I really am now. He's gonna be in the top 10 in the nation probably with that time."

Booker's time was not the only provisional time turned in by Tech on Saturday.

Shereefa Lloyd won the women's 55-meter dash with a time of 6.91, which gave her a provisional mark.

Kittley was happy, especially since Lloyd ran two events when most people were held to one for this meet, she won the 200 as well with a time of 24.08.

"I was really pleased," he said. "We were just trying (Lloyd) in the 55, and

wow, I was really pleased with her to get that provisional time. She ran a good 200 too, but a really good 55."

Distance runner Brionne Yosten held her recent hot streak.

She won the women's 1,000-meter run by 12 seconds after setting a personal best time by four seconds, turning in a time of 2:50.05.

"Brionne bettered her time from the Big 12 meet last year," Kittley said. "She finished ninth there, but this time would've been right at winning it last year. She's made a really big jump in the last six months especially."

Pole vaulter Jared Thornhill finished second in the men's vault with a height of 16 feet 1.25 inches.

He said he is ready to go to an away meet with a different atmosphere.

"Being that it's a home meet, it's a little hard to get pumped up," he said. "This is where we practice every day, it seems pretty routine. We'll have Arkansas next week and then Oklahoma the next week before the Big 12 meet. To be able to get out of the bubble and get into different atmospheres will be good, hopefully we can turn out some good marks."

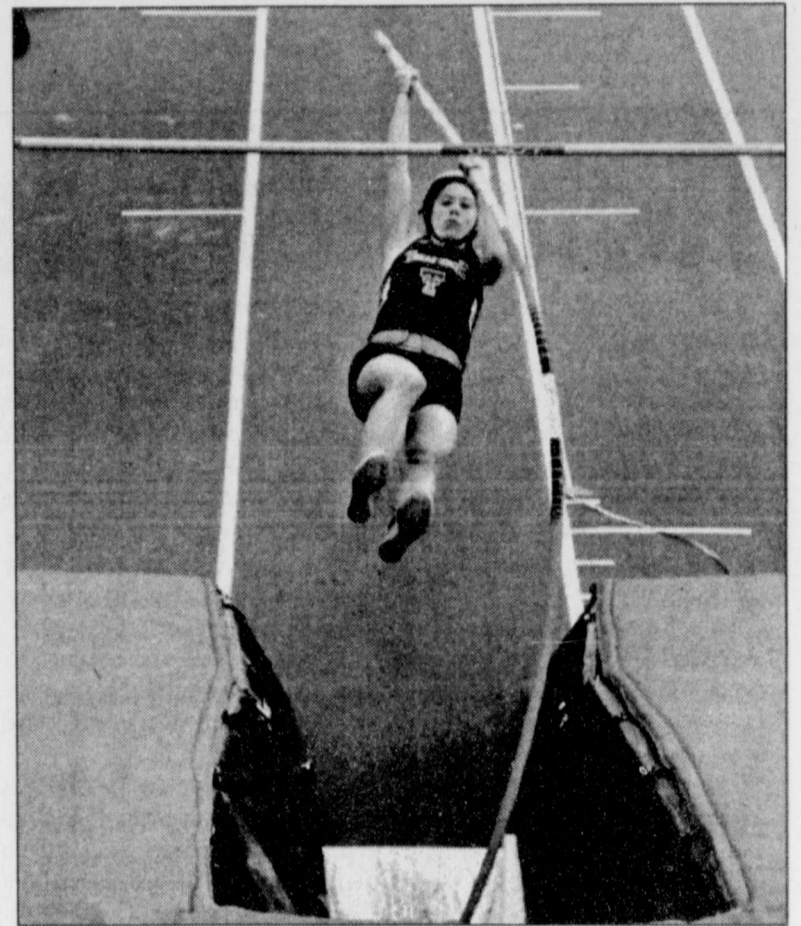
Other notable finishes were turned in Saturday.

Freshman Misty Coley won the women's high jump with a jump of 5 feet 8 inches, tying her for the fourth best jump in school history.

Jason Young won the men's weight throw with a toss of 59 feet 7.5 inches, four feet better than his closest competitor.

Overall, Kittley was satisfied to finish the meet without any damage.

"I'm really just pleased that we got out with no one hurt, that's huge," he said. "Arkansas (next weekend) will be a huge test for us. They're ranked No. 1 in the nation and I'm really anxious to see what we can do against teams of that caliber. We'll see where we stack up."



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ASHLEY ROGERS READIES herself to vault over the bar in the pole vault during the Red Raider Invitational on Saturday at the Athletic Training Center. Rogers placed fourth in the event.

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# Tech opens season with commanding wins

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

During the first two games of the series with the Campbell Camels, the Texas Tech baseball team did not face much of a challenge, outscoring the Camels 27-5 in games one and two. The last of the three-game series was a different story.

"They got better as the weekend went along. This was a good game for us," Tech baseball coach Larry Hays said. "They put a little more pressure on us."

That pressure was still not enough to come back from a five-run deficit with the Red Raiders collecting a win, 9-4.

Tech had 11 hits against Campbell's only pitcher, Joey Babyak. In eight innings, Babyak threw 139 pitches and suffered a loss.

Senior pitcher Steve Gooch started at the mound for Tech. In two innings pitched, he allowed four runs, seven hits and had three strikeouts.

Going to the bullpen, Tech called for senior pitcher Juan Razo to take over the reigns. Coming off an arm injury that occurred last season, he started his 2004 campaign with a win, allowing only one hit and not a single run in six innings.

Razo said it felt great to get the opportunity to pitch again after having to treat his injury for so long.

"It's been a long time coming," he said. "It's frustrating when you have an injury and you can't throw. I waited it out."

In three games, the Red Raiders outscored their opponent 46-9. Razo said all of the pitchers can attribute their calmness to the added help from the bats of Tech.

"We have a lot of skillful hitters," he said. "The run support is always good. It makes us a lot more relaxed on the mound to know we got guys that can help us."

Two of the top hitters could be found in junior first baseman Josh Brady and junior left fielder Madi-

son Edwards. In game two, Brady had a perfect day, going five for five with six RBIs, four runs and two homeruns. Over the course of the three games, Edwards picked up three homeruns.

Although he leads Tech in homers, Edwards said he does not want to get too excited so quickly into the season.

"I don't want to get too high about it after the first game, the second game or even the third game," he said. "I have to keep my same approach in every game. I've never really thought of myself being a homerun hitter."

Edwards ultimately proved himself wrong and other Red Raiders followed in his footsteps. In game two the Raiders had the bats swinging for the fences. Campbell allowed five homeruns, two by Brady, and Edwards, senior third baseman Josh Haney and junior outfielder Michael Mask each had one.

With all the runs scored, Edwards said he could still account Tech's wins

to the pitching.

"It such a great relief to play in the field when you know you have guys that can hold it down on the mound," he said. "Being behind guys like (Randy) Gattis, who was iffy at first but lit it up. Razo came out today and had an excellent performance."

Although he is back to health, Hays said he is not getting too far ahead of himself with Razo's performance, as well as the other pitchers.

"Knock on wood. He's coming off an arm injury and been working it out. It's too early to get excited about anything," he said. "Every pitcher we threw into this series are guys we're depending on."

Tech will next travel to Houston for the Minute Maid College Classic. The Red Raiders will face the 2003 national champion and top-ranked Rice Owls at 7 p.m. on Friday. The second game is at 3 p.m. Saturday against Houston and Tech finishes against Ohio State at 10 a.m. Sunday.



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SHORTSTOP CAMERON BLAIR eyes the ball into his glove in preparation to tag out a baserunner in Tech's 9-4 win against Campbell on Saturday. The Raiders swept the series and will head to Houston this week for the Minute Maid College Classic.

## Lady Raiders edge past Baylor

WACO (AP) — Texas Tech won another close game against Baylor, this time without the help of a disputed call.

Chesley Dabbs scored the go-ahead basket on a putback with 32 seconds left, and LaToya Davis then hit two free throws after stealing a pass to lift the No. 9 Lady Raiders to a 62-59 win Sunday.

"Nobody deserved to lose this game. It was a great game," Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "There were a lot of big plays. We were able to make the last one."

Dabbs took Erin Grant's missed jumper and made the winning shot in a game that featured 14 lead changes. No. 17 Baylor (17-5, 5-4 Big 12),

which only had one basket in the last four minutes, then turned the ball over when Davis stole Emily Niemann's pass.

Davis, a 49 percent free-throw shooter, iced the victory for the Lady Raiders (20-3, 6-3) when she made two foul shots with 10 seconds left. Niemann's 3-point shot bounced off the rim as the game ended.

In Tech's 64-63 win over Baylor last month in Lubbock, Alesha Robertson made three throws in the final 7.6 seconds, hitting the game-winner after a disputed call.

Robertson tied that game with two free throws before Jessika Stratton had a turnover when she was called for stepping on the baseline — although

a television replay showed her heel never touched it. Robertson made the game-winning free throw with 2.2 seconds left.

"We really hadn't talked about that," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson said. "We know what happened. This was just another Big 12 game, and they're all tough."

On Sunday, Baylor took a 59-58 lead with just under a minute left when Stratton stole the ball from Robertson. Stratton batted it ahead to Chelsea Whitaker for a breakaway layup.

Robertson led the Lady Raiders with 25 points, including five 3-pointers.

## Jayhawks run away from Tech

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Wayne Simien leaped toward the basket for an offensive rebound, grabbed the ball and brought it down for what should have been a thunderous dunk.

But as Kansas' junior power forward let go of the rim, the ball bounced, hung in the air — and dropped through.

Don't call him lucky, though. For Simien, who had 22 points and a career-high 17 rebounds to lead No. 20 Kansas to a 96-77 win over No. 19 Texas Tech on Saturday, the basket was a reward for his typically hard-nosed play.

"I didn't feel like things were going to come easy for me," Simien said. "I had some easy ones trickle out, too." The Jayhawks (15-4, 6-1 Big 12)

set a season scoring high in handing Texas Tech (17-5, 5-3) its third loss in the last four games and improved to 15-1 against the Red Raiders.

Kansas had not gone over the 90-point mark since beating Tennessee-Chattanooga 90-76 in the Jayhawks' season opener. Then again, Texas Tech's 77 points were the second-most Kansas had given up this year.

"Do you play better when you win 96-76 than when you win 76-56?" Self said. "The fans get caught up in that more than we do. They might think we played better today, but I can tell you we're going to have to do better on defense if we want to win Monday (at No. 13 Oklahoma State)."

It was the first road game for Texas Tech coach Bob Knight since the

school reprimanded him for getting into an argument with chancellor David Smith on Monday at a Lubbock salad bar.

The capacity crowd of 16,300 in Allen Fieldhouse jeered Knight before the game, many waving signs that read "Red Rager," and again on the several occasions when the coach argued with officials.

Knight kept his cool well enough to avoid any technical fouls, even drawing a laugh when he held up a finger to ask for the crowd's patience while he contested a call.

It was the Jayhawks who got hot, hitting 9-of-20 3-point tries and outshooting Texas Tech 51 percent (36-for-71) to 38 percent (23-for-60) from the field.

Over one stretch in the second half, when the Jayhawks finally began to pull away, the Red Raiders went nine minutes without a field goal.

Kansas hit its first five 3-point tries and shot 14-for-19 (74 percent) from the field in just over 12 minutes to open the game.

"We just ran our offense, and it worked," said point guard Aaron Miles, who led Kansas with nine assists. "Everything we've been working on just clicked for us."

### Sooners halted by Longhorn defense

AUSTIN (AP) — Maybe Oklahoma should have sent its football team.

Texas put on a masterful defensive display Sunday, holding Oklahoma to its lowest scoring effort in nearly 50 years in a 66-37 victory.

The 11th-ranked Longhorns held the 22nd-ranked Sooners to 26 percent shooting, including a 1-of-21 from 3-point range. Oklahoma's point total matched the 37 points the football team scored on Texas in the first half of a 65-13 win in October.

"We got after it defensively," said Texas' Royal Ivey. "We were getting at a lot of loose balls. Just playing hard and playing scrappy."

Texas shot just 35 percent and committed 14 turnovers but it didn't matter against a Sooners team that couldn't shoot straight.

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