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Fraud investigation launched in financial aid office

FINANCIAL FOLLY: Tech has identified possible fraud committed against the university in 2003.

By Michael Castellon/
The University Daily

A Texas Tech spokeswoman has confirmed reports that university officials launched an internal investigation into allegations of fraudulent activities at the university's Office of Student Financial Aid.

Acting on an anonymous tip, *The University Daily* contacted university officials to inquire about allegations of theft by an employee at the office.

"Texas Tech has identified possible fraud concerning financial aid in January of 2003," said Sally Logue Post, interim director of the Office of News and Publications. "Appropri-

ate authorities have been notified, and a full investigation is under way."

Post said the incident did not impact past, current or future students, and no students went without aid as a result of the alleged fraud.

When asked if a Tech employee had been arrested last week at the Office of Student Financial Aid in connection with fraudulent activities, Assistant Chief of the Tech Police Department Jimmy Tillinghast confirmed the incident.

"There was a man arrested, and there's an investigation going on over there," he said.

"It's an ongoing investigation, and all we can say is that a man was arrested."

However, Post said she was not aware of an arrest being made in connection to the allegations and was unable to confirm the amount of money believed to have been defrauded from the university.

Post said university officials are engaging in an internal investigation, and was unable to elaborate on which authorities had been contacted regarding the incident.

Tillinghast declined to elaborate on details surrounding the arrest, and police reports were

not available late Tuesday because of a backlog in processing.

Becky Wilson, interim director for the Office of Student Financial Aid, declined to elaborate on the incident

and stopped short of saying she was told not to comment.

"I cannot comment on that at this time...I was told not to... Well, we just cannot make a comment," she said.

Wilson then referred calls to Post and Spe-

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HEALTHY HELPER



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TARA TIPTON (RIGHT), a sophomore nursing major from Crane, explains to Colin Pierce, a mechanical engineering major from Oklahoma City, and Bonnie Turner, a freshman HDFS major from Nashville, Tenn., about the amount of servings of sugar in the common beverages students drink during the Focus on the Positive Food Fair on Tuesday in the Canyon Room of the Human Sciences building.

Student Affairs

SGA officer candidates to answer questions

OPEN FORUM: Selected panel, students to pose questions to executive officer candidates.

By Andrew Bell/The University Daily

Executive officer candidates for the Student Government Association will meet today at the Student Union for an executive candidate forum to answer questions from a selected panel and students of Texas Tech.

The forum will be held in the courtyard of the Student Union building from 1 to 2:30 p.m. today. The event is an opportunity for students to see the candidates and hear the issues the candidates address, SGA External Vice President Colton Batchelor said.

The forum is held so students can voice their concerns and questions to the candidates, while the candidates can let the student body know what they want to focus on throughout the next year.

SGA presidential candidates this year are Chris Carr, Heather Smith and Mitchell Moses. Since the position is the most important of the executive positions, Brown said the panel would ask questions to the presidential candidates first.

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Public Affairs

Test spot discussed as possible solution to housing ordinance

By Sally Gunter/The University Daily

It is not exactly a science experiment, but a voluntary area could be a testing spot for revisions to the two unrelated persons housing ordinance.

"I think the idea of a test area is a good idea," said Student Government Association External Vice President Colton Batchelor. "It's hard to see how something is going to work until you try it."

The test zone would have to be researched by a third party company, agreed on by the neighborhood and approved by the City Council before being activated.

"Different levels of people need to be involved," said Bob Goodwin, corporate communications manager for the city of Lubbock.

The Student Community Committee discussed the preliminary idea Tuesday evening at the Lubbock City Hall. The committee is comprised of members of the SGA, Lubbock residents and employees of the city.

Members of the SGA presented a proposal of revisions of the housing ordinance to the community representatives, who then expressed their con-

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Student Affairs

Tech student to take over chancellor's duties for one day

By Michael Castellon/The University Daily

Texas Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith will surrender the reigns of the university's administration next week and pass the torch of command to a student. But only for a day.

The Tech Mortar Board Senior Honor Society held its annual Chancellor-For-A-Day drawing Tuesday and selected Jeri Rose from a pool of 671 tickets. Each ticket, which sold for \$1 each, represented a student's dream to switch places with Smith next week, and in turn, have Smith spend a day in the life of a Tech student.

Rose, a senior zoology major from Amarillo, plans to attend Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine next fall and is pursuing a career as a physician. Smith is a licensed pediatrician.

"I am absolutely dumbfounded by this," Rose said. "I'm surprised because I have never won anything in my life."

Rose said she was excited about the opportunity to spend a day handling administrative business and looked forward to Smith spending a day in her routine.

"It's nice to have a chancellor who is able to do that, and let a student step up to his position and see what he does," she does. "It's also nice he's able to step down into our shoes and see what our lives are like."

Smith will spend the day riding the Citibus system across campus, and will attend Rose's Monday classes: physiology of bacteria, and a cell biology lab.

"He's going to have it easy," Rose said. "I only have two classes on Mon-

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Public Affairs

Neugebauer makes visit to Tech campus

By Michael Castellon/
The University Daily

Because federal spending has shifted in recent years from areas such as higher education to more diverse domains like homeland security and defense, Texas Tech officials are finding new ways to spin research initiatives that showcase the university's involvement in defense and bioterror projects.

Following up on a promise to examine first hand the ongoing research initiatives at Tech, U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, paid a visit Tuesday to the university's Institute of Environmental and Human Health.

Neugebauer's visit follows a push by Tech administrators to promote the university's research projects to lawmakers in an attempt to attract federal funds.

"As we move forward and look at a lot of the initiatives being offered by

(Tech), what we want to do is be a strong advocate in support of those programs because they're doing some good work here," Neugebauer said.

TIEHH officials are carrying the hallmark of the university's 2005 federal budget proposal, the Zumwalt National Program for Countermeasures to Biological and Chemical Threats. The program strives to harvest information related to the prevention of biological and chemical threats, especially threats related to terrorism.

Tech officials are hoping the federal representatives will be impressed with the initiatives enough to finance the complete list of university-based research requests, all of which total about \$43 million over three years.

While pushing defense and bioterror initiatives may be a new trend emerging at universities across the nation, especially as officials find more creative ways to tout research, Tech has had a steady foothold on the

market since the mid 1990s. The TIEHH opened in 1997 and has pursued solutions to nontraditional terror threats long before it was fashionable to do so.

Other projects at the TIEHH include studies involving water toxicology.

The TIEHH works in conjunction with entities such as the Department of Defense and the Army Research Laboratory, to name a few.

Ronald Kendall, director of TIEHH, said he remains confident the institute will receive the funding necessary to maintain research projects, especially with the demand to study biochemical terror threats increasing since 9/11.

"One of the obstacles we have to face is the federal and state budget deficits," he said. "But we can provide the substance for the money needed

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JAIME TÓMAS AGUILAR/The University Daily

DIRECTOR OF THE Texas Tech Institute of Environmental and Human Health Ronald Kendall and District 19 U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer participate in a demonstration of a virtual reality simulator during a tour Neugebauer took of the TIEHH for his political campaign.

Research shows winter months link to depression

By Beth Aaron/The University Daily

Some Texas Tech students said they found themselves feeling a little blue in the middle of winter as sunny afternoons blew away with the influx of sleet and snow.

Dr. Kelly Bennett, medical director for Student Health Services, said weather conditions can affect peoples' health. Seasonal Affective Disorder is a mild type of depression that occurs during winter months when the days are short and the nights are long.

"They have found that the less sunlight you have, the more the rate of depression goes up," she said.

The disorder typically begins to occur between the ages of 18 and 30, making college students prime candidates for its onset.

"People should understand their mood can sour," she said.

Symptoms of Seasonal Affective Disorder include feelings of fatigue, irritability, a desire to avoid others and cravings for foods high in

carbohydrates, Bennett said.

Zackary Jamenson, a sophomore marketing major from Azle, said he felt lethargic during the past couple of weeks. He said the wintry weather made him want to hibernate.

"I was sleeping like nine to 10 hours a day," he said.

Though he said he didn't experience the need to overeat, Jamenson said friends of his experienced hunger as a symptom of their 'winter blues.'

Jamenson said he is much less likely to be in a bad mood when the weather outside is sunny and warm.

"Whenever I've got sunlight, I'm in a better mood," he said. "The sun is what brings you out in the morning, it makes you happy."

Jamenson also admitted he had some ulterior reasons for being a fan of the sun.

"When the sun comes out, the girls tend to wear a little less clothing," he said. "That tends to make the boys a little happier."

Bennett said the best thing for people who

get the winter blues to do is to take advantage of nice weather.

"You don't get very many 65 degree sunshine days in February," she said. "Try and enjoy it."

Because lack of light is trigger for Seasonal Affective Disorder, boxes that simulate natural light are often used by sufferers to combat the illness. Bennett said students who believe they have Seasonal Affective Disorder can purchase natural sunrise alarm clocks for about \$50 that serve the same purpose.

"The funny thing is, it has a lot to do with what you're used to," she said. "If it's overcast for a couple of days, it will affect people (in

Lubbock) a lot more because they're not used to that."

Over all, Bennett said Texans are at an advantage. Unlike residents of Seattle or Alaska, there are rarely times when the sun is out for less than 10 hours a day.

"In Alaska, people have this so bad that people will take a trip to Hawaii in the winter," she said. "That's the Alaskan state whine: 'I wanna go to Hawaii!'"

Danielle Martinez, a freshman early childhood development major from Lubbock, said she has felt grumpy lately, and thinks it has something to do with dank weather conditions.

"You have to walk like five blocks to get to your classes, and it's cold outside," she said. "It

makes you sick and cranky."

Martinez said she also experienced slight feelings of depression and irritability in reaction to the snow and its effects on the people around her.

"On Thursday, it took me an hour to get to class," she said. "The weather was bad, driving was bad — everyone was in a bad mood."

Though she used to like the winter season, Martinez said she quickly changed her mind during this, her first year in college. She said Seasonal Affective Disorder probably affects college students because they must be out in the elements every day.

"If the weather's bad, it's going to put you in a bad mood," she said. "When it's sunny outside, you don't mind walking to class."

Martinez said she is looking forward to the spring and summer months so that she can begin to work on her tan.

"I'm not a cold weather person," she said.

For more information about Seasonal Affective Disorder, go to www.sada.org.uk.

Neugebauer

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to continue these initiatives."

Kendall applauded Neugebauer's interest in the institute and his interest in university-based research initiatives.

"The initiatives are of extreme importance to homeland security and our national defense," he said. "A lot of operations like (the IEHH) take the

path of 'let's find this problem so we can get research money,' while what we're doing is trying to fix the problem and find the solutions."

Neugebauer said while budget concerns may hinder federal fund-raising efforts, he believes a review of federal spending aid research initiatives.

"I think there is a tremendous emphasis right now on curbing federal spending," he said. "The president released a budget the other day that when you take defense and homeland

security out of it, it shows an increase of less than 1 percent. What I want to do is instead of looking at overall cuts, we need to look at it on a program by program basis."

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cial Assistant to the President and Associate General Counsel Ronald Phillips, who Wilson said was handling the incident. Phillips did not immediately return phone calls seek-

ing comment on the incident.

A representative of Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith's office said Smith was unaware of the incident, and referred calls seeking comment to Tech President Jon Whitmore's Office.

Whitmore was out of town Tuesday and could not be reached for comment.

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Texas officials take part in disaster drill

AUSTIN (AP) — A multistate drill this week will help test Texas' response to multiple emergencies — including effects from a simulated nuclear explosion and a suspected radiation leak, officials say.

State leaders have been briefed that the disaster response exercise known as Unified Defense 04 Thursday and Friday will include the nuclear blast, a suspected radiation leak and a hurricane.

Other unplanned simulations may be added to the three mock events, said Kathy Walt, spokeswoman for Gov. Rick Perry, who will attend a Tuesday briefing on the drill with other state officials.

"It's important to let the public know they won't be able to see anything" related to the drills, Walt told the *San Antonio Express-News* in Tuesday's online edition.

"This is a tabletop exercise. They won't see any events occurring," Walt said.

Walt said the simulated small nuclear detonation Friday in Cotulla will include 2,000 simulated deaths — the first time the federal government will be using such a scenario in an exercise.

Researchers: Game ratings misleading

CHICAGO (AP) — Many teen-rated video contain content that is not listed on the label, including sexual themes, alcohol and profanity, a study found.

Given the results, parents should be aware that popular T-rated video games might include a wide range of unexpected content that could have a negative influence on their children, said Harvard University researchers Kevin Haninger and Kimberly Thompson.

The current voluntary rating system "is not providing complete information to parents," Haninger said. "In many games there's content we think parents would care about."

The authors reviewed labels on all 396 mainstream T-rated video games available as of April 2001, and watched a random sample of 81 games.

Violence was listed in content labels on 373 games, or 94 percent; 15 percent were labeled as having sexual themes; 14 percent were labeled for profanity; and 2 percent were labeled for depicting tobacco or alcohol.

Among the sample the researchers viewed, 20 percent of games with sexual content including partial nudity listed that content on the label; 17 percent of games with profanity listed it on the label; and just 1 percent of games with depictions of tobacco or alcohol listed that on the label.

The study appears in Wednesday's *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Premier: Haiti in coup, appeals for help

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haiti's premier said his country was in the throes of a coup and appealed Tuesday for international help.

Prime Minister Yvon Neptune made his plea a day after former soldiers joined the rebellion, seizing the key central city of Hinche, burning the police station, freeing prisoners.

Rebels also control most roads leading in and out of the Artibonite, home to almost 1 million people, and have isolated the north by chasing police from a dozen towns. At least 56 people have been killed.

"We are witnessing the coup d'etat machine in motion," Neptune told reporters. He said Haiti's 5,000-member police force is ill-equipped to respond and that he expects the international community "to show that it really wants peace and stability in Haiti."

He refused to say if that meant a military intervention, and President Jean-Bertrand Aristide on Monday said he had asked the Organization of American States only for "technical assistance."

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said Tuesday that "there is frankly no enthusiasm right now for sending in military or police forces to put down the violence that we are seeing."

Powell, speaking on CNN, said the international community wants to see "a political solution" and only then would willing nations offer a police presence to implement such an agreement.

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'50 First Dates' a romantic comedy spin

You could use all 10 fingers and toes to count the number of movies that deal with amnesia, short-term memory loss and other brain ailments. Some have been brilliant ("Memento") and some haven't ("Paycheck.")

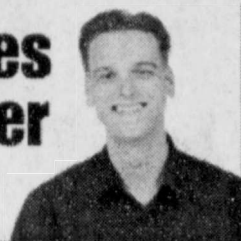
"50 First Dates" uses the brain defect scheme with a romantic comedy spin. Notice — I did not say an Adam Sandler spin.

They are two different things. The new film's opening scenes look like it is heading toward the typical Sandler comedy — a walrus yaks up its lunch on a freaky she-man, and Rob Schneider is Sandler's stoner Samoan best friend who has about a half-dozen kids with a wife he finds repulsive.

I was shocked, then, to see the film turn into a sweet romantic comedy with heart and genuine affection for its characters.

Sandler plays Henry, a marine biologist in Hawaii who is notorious for having one-night

James Eppler



stands with beautiful tourists and then blowing them off when they go back home.

He soon meets Lucy (Drew Barrymore), an art teacher who finds him charming, funny and appealing.

There's just one problem. The next day he goes to see her, and she has no recollection of who he is. We learn from a family friend that Lucy was in a serious car accident a year ago and wakes up every morning with no memory of the day before. She remembers everything up until the day of the

accident, and nothing thereafter. She believes every day is the day after the accident.

Her crusty father, Marlin (Blake Clark) and her brother Doug (Sean Astin, ditching his hobbit persona from "The Lord of the Rings"), a steroid-junkie with a lisp, have been making provisions for the last year to help keep Lucy in so-called blissful ignorance.

Henry's challenge, then, is to win the approval of Marlin and Doug and try to find a way to get Lucy to remember him from day to day. In the meantime, he must work at making her fall in love with him day after day.

Lucy keeps a journal of the day's events and wakes up every morning to watch a video that Henry has made for her to brief her on her life since the accident.

But Lucy soon decides she is holding Henry back from his dreams of going to Alaska for his research. She decides to break up with him, which means ripping out pages of her diary

mentioning Henry, thereby erasing him from her memory.

In the boy meets girl, boy loses girl formula this action is to be expected. But it also adds a lot of heart to a story that could have simply been making fun of mental illness.

The film's success resides largely in the love story, not the comedy.

Those expecting an Adam Sandler movie are likely going to be disappointed. But let's face it — Sandler has been in a rut lately anyway with the cornball "Mr. Deeds" and "Eight Crazy Nights." He explored new depths in Paul Thomas Anderson's wonderful "Punch-Drunk Love," but then sadly went back to his old shtick in the disappointing "Anger Management."

"50 First Dates" reunites Sandler with Barrymore, who starred together in 1998's charming "The Wedding Singer." The two work well together in this setting, and "Dates"

does not ask more of them than they can produce.

"Dates" contains shadows of "Groundhog Day" with Bill Murray, a film about a weatherman who is forced to re-live the same day over and over again. But the new film is appealing enough to be forgiven, especially since it lacks the sharp comedy of the Murray film.

"50 First Dates" is a film that is far more charming than it is ever hilarious.

Not that the film is all ooey-goey mush. This is a sweet-hearted romantic comedy with just the right amount of Adam Sandler seasoning.

EPPLER'S RATING:



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Community

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cerns.

The proposal has three points.

"This addresses the issues of noise, parties and parking," said Joe Biles, member of the SGA.

The first recommendation is to adopt a "Party Ordinance" to restrict out-of-control house parties. Police would charge both the occupant and landlord with a Class C misdemeanor if called out to a party more than once within a 90-day period. The proposal recommended allowing students to perform community service to eliminate the fine.

The cost of rent could increase with each violation of the "Party Ordinance" to deter residents from breaking the ordinance again, Biles said.

"I can see renters just adding \$500 to next month's rent," he said. "That would be an incentive."

To use Texas Tech to influence student behavior, a "Good Neighbor" policy could be included in the Student Affairs Handbook and promoted by the SGA, according to the proposal.

A postcard for first-time party violations would be sent from the administration or SGA reminding students of their responsibility to be good neighbors and asking them to observe city ordinances in the future.

The third point of the proposal was most discussed by the community representatives. It included the development of a process in which landlords with good records could obtain a variance for properties with more than two bedrooms allowing more than two unrelated persons to live there.

The landlords could pay a small fee to cover the cost of the inspection. Additional proceeds from the fee could be used to enhance enforcement of the "Party Ordinance."

There would not be enough profit from the fee to fund city enforcement, said Jack Thompson, a resident of Tech Terrace.

The main limitation included in the proposal is the number of occupants could not exceed the number of bedrooms in the property, and parking spaces must accommodate all residents.

Ruth Schiermeyer, a community representative, said she was concerned that once an exception to the housing ordinance is granted it cannot be revoked.

The group discussed the development of a rental inspection ordinance, but community members agreed it would be difficult to monitor with residents moving frequently.

Thompson said as a father he wants to protect single-family neighborhoods by not encouraging more rental property. The exceptions to the housing ordinance would increase rental property. It becomes less expensive to buy and rent property as renters can charge additional tenants more money, he said.

The committee decided revisions to the proposal will be made and presented at the next meeting.

Overall, Bachelor said the meeting was effective, and a test zone could prove that the proposal is viable for the entire community.

"It was the most positive it's ever been," he said. "What we need is something to show, find a place and make it work and demonstrate."

Forum

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Bill Brannan, unit associate director of the Student Union, said the panel decides on the format of the forum.

During this election, Nathan Nash is the only student running for the internal vice president position. His duties include handling campus issues and presiding over the Student Senate.

The student who wins the external vice president position would deal with issues and situations that do not directly involve the campus. The candidates for the external position are Matt Nicholson, Koby Reed and Anne Hunninghake.

During the past year, the SGA and the Student Senate combined efforts to create a position for the benefit of graduate students at Tech. The candidates for vice president of graduate affairs are interim vice president Alisa Abuzeineh, Dustyn Webb and Veronica Villarreal.

Each candidate from every position

would not only be required to answer questions from the panel but from students as well, Brown said.

Once the forum begins, executive officer candidates would introduce themselves and address any issues in the minute given to each candidate. Brannan said the candidates should use the limited amount of time wisely.

"They need to talk about any issues they are concerned about and talk about issues the students are concerned about," he said. "This is one of the only times the students can see them during campaigning."

Brown said the opening statement is the opportunity for candidates to express their platform to the executive officers of the SGA and the student population of Tech.

"It is an opportunity to see where the candidates stand," he said.

As the question-and-answer period begins for the candidates, Brown said he would like to discuss some topics with the candidates. Most importantly, he said he would discuss how difficult the positions could be.

Brown said he would also discuss the issue of communication between

the SGA and the students. The executive officers of the SGA make decisions on a continual basis that need to be in the best interest of the students, and he will discuss those decisions and how the candidates would communicate the information to the student population.

This year, there will be no outline of questions directed toward the candidates.

Instead, the panel will use the information presented by the candidates during their introduction and how they respond to previous questions to ask questions to the candidates, Brown said.

To give the candidates an opportunity to speak directly with their constituents, Brown said audience members would be given a chance to ask questions directly to any candidate this year. After all, the issues presented by

the candidates are supposed to be in the best interest of the students and make the campus better, he said.

"We aren't the only ones concerned about this," Brown said. "Students have just as much of an opportunity to ask candidates questions as we do."

Brown said he encourages all students who can come to the forum to do so. He also encourages students to vote in the coming election. The elections will take place on Feb. 24 and 25.

Students who would like to vote in the election will need to have their e-raider information available instead of needing a personal test number as in previous elections. Throughout both election days, students can log on to www.sga.ttu.edu and vote through the Web site. In the event of a run-off election, the elections will be held March 2 and 3 using the same Web site.

Chancellor

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day." Other Mortar Board members are calling the fundraiser a success.

"Each year, we like to give a student the opportunity to see how the chancellor makes decisions at the university, while at the same time giving the chancellor a chance to experience the life of a student," said Mortar Board member Kartheek Reddy.

The \$671 raised this year will benefit the Mortar Board Scholarship Fund.

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Gun laws, ideas need to change

I spent the Valentine's holiday doing essentially three things. I drank beer. I played "Goldeneye" and "Smash Bros." for the Nintendo 64. I'm not so good at "Smash Bros.," but I can more than hold my own at "Goldeneye."

Now, say we extend to this situation the (fairly well supported) argument that certain video games can increase real-world skills. If for whatever reason, it came down to me vs. fellow columnists Lenz and Weichmann, the optimal situation would see myself armed with a great deal of guns and them with an electricity-generating Japanese rat. I like these odds. I bleeding hate that Pika-punk but I'm not really much of a gun guy either. Those guys, on the other hand, are pretty big fans of the things for whatever reason. There's a combination of irony, Pokémon, and proximity mines here that's simply too appealing to not ponder, and so recently I've been thinking about guns.

I have a sneaking suspicion here that a good number of you have read my columns before, and so know my general stance on things. Let's set the record straight: no, I do not want to take your guns away. Provided a person is responsible about handling and using what are almost solely tools for death, you are free to own them, but I think everybody should stop and think about some things here.

We as Americans have our right to possess firearms stated in the Constitution in the form of the Second Amendment. Show of hands everybody who can recite it.

I thought so. Here we go: "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

Now, back in the day, guns were prohibitively expensive. Most people did not own them, as they simply didn't need them. They were slow to load. They were large and heavy. Today's guns are inexpensive, small and light and some capable of unloading dozens of rounds a second.

The wording of the amendment tells us its intent: to keep our country safe. After the nation was founded, it was hurting for money. It couldn't support a large standing army, particularly after fighting off the British. We relied on private citizens formed into fighting units to fend off attackers. Hence, the "well-regulated militia" bit. I do not believe this pertains to your average citizen or even your rural separatist factions. I also find it near-impossible to imagine that America will be fighting any wars on its soil ever.

I often hear the notion that this amendment is meant to secure the rights of the citizenry to fight the government itself if that becomes necessary. This is patently ri-

J.P. Acreman



I seriously question the Second Amendment's applicability in today's world. It served its purpose a few hundred years ago, but the world is different now.

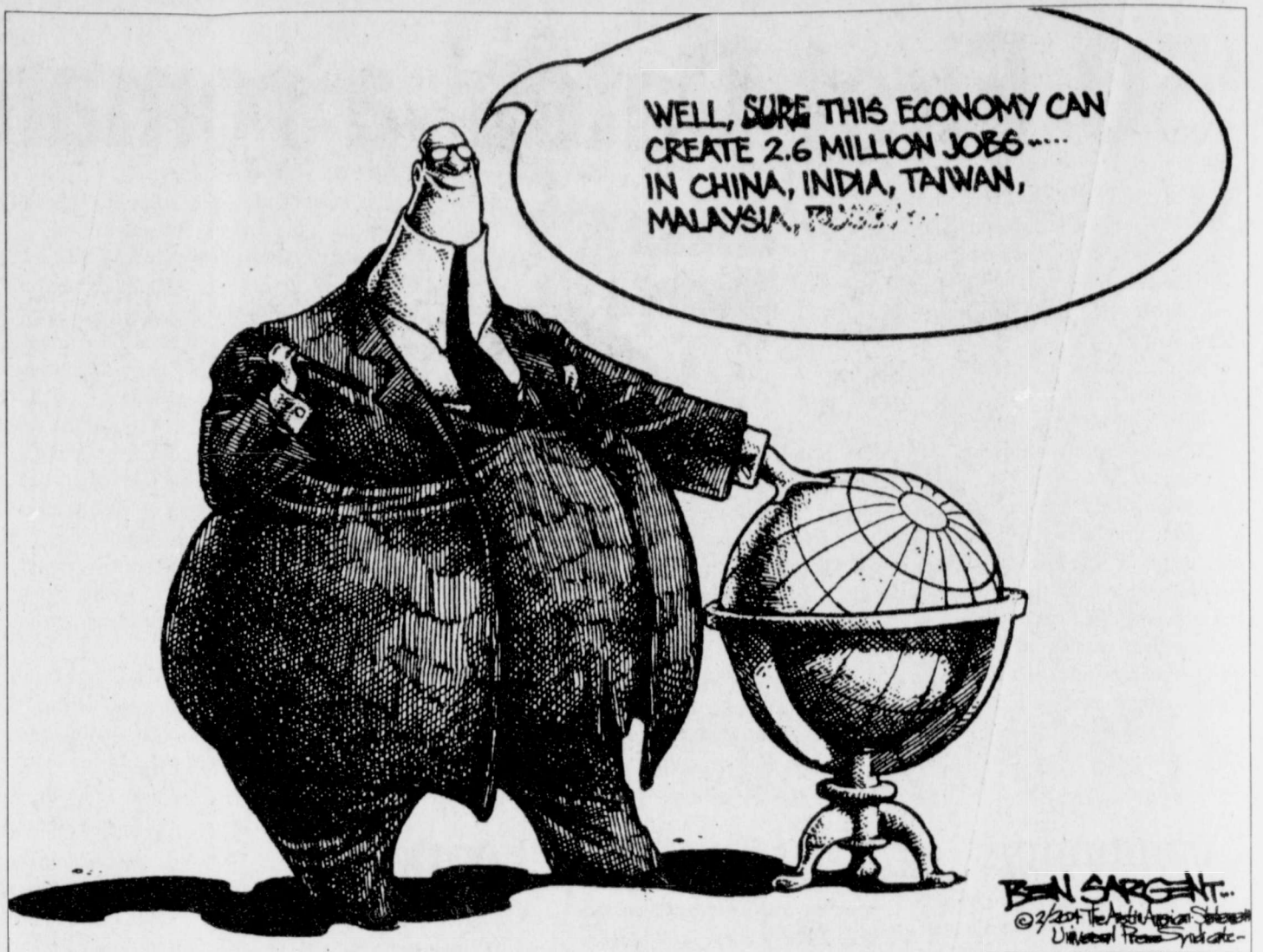
diculous. There were a number of such attempts after the Revolutionary War, and each one even back then was roundly squashed. Anyone who tried that today would be labeled a "terrorist," locked into a little room forever, and none of us would ask further questions. We like the status quo too much to cause any upheaval, so let's just discard that myth right now.

Also, notice not once does it ever use the word "gun" in the wording. It says "arms." Swords are arms. Crossbows are arms. Stinger missile launchers are arms. Where do we draw the line? Who says it's your inalienable right to own and carry a missile launcher?

I seriously question the Second Amendment's applicability in today's world. It served its purpose a few hundred years ago, but the world is different now. Still, I can't advocate doing away with the right to carry guns altogether, for the same reason. The world is such where they're needed, in some capacity. Yes, in England and Australia, where guns are totally prohibited, violent crime rates skyrocketed in the years afterward. The maxim if guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns is also true, but only if the guns are still available.

So guns are free to be made and sold here. We've had laws prohibiting certain sex acts, but you can buy a gun. You can't make or sell or even possess illicit drugs, but you can make and sell guns. Only one of these things has no purpose save that of doing harm to another living thing, and that's the thing that we have no problem making widely available. This is telling of a schizophrenic streak that runs through our society. Collectively, we're a little deranged and we should sort that out before we get all worked up about not being able to buy firearms. Or do you want to give a bunch of crazy people free access to guns?

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How I celebrated Valentine's Day

With not one, but many beautiful ladies

This horse had been beaten to death, but digging holes had always been my forte.

With all the Valentine's Day preview complaints, there must be some sort of resolution.

Many of you might have said, 'hey, I wonder what the chivalry guy did for Valentine's Day?' or some may have said, 'anyone want to get drunk and watch TV?' Either way, I felt there was ample reason to tell my story of Cupid's arrow antics.

Instead of trying in vain to repair my ailing love life through last-second romantic acts, I decided to spend a loving night with a group of compassionate people who ask for no real sentiment, honesty or love — just lots of money.

The gentleman's club is the only true place to spend Valentine's Day if you are a single man.

The night began with the ingestion of several ounces of Keystone Light with a few games of pool mixed in between gulps of brew.

By the time my pals and I felt the buzz, it was time to pick of a babysitter for my friend's kids and start the trek into the unknown. After stopping off for a preparatory beer (or two, or three) at one of the finer watering holes in the greater Odessa area, the time had come to make the evening's final beer run and field trip to the strip club.

Armed with a couple cases of Miller Light and a six-pack of Keystone Light tallboys, my band of merry man entered the palace that has become a second home to

Kyle Clark



During my three years of adulthood, the gentleman's club has become a facet of fun. My money is spent there, but I've never had my heart broken there.

many a lonely man.

There are several names my buddies have given to the strip club — burlesque house, jiggly room, hoot n' hoo and my personal favorite, the dollar store.

After money was exchanged, the fun ensued and money poured from our pockets like water from Niagra Falls.

There's no reason to get into the particulars of what went on during the night. We were drunk, we had money, the girls were naked and at the end of the night we didn't have money. Anyone can fill the gap in that story.

Instead, I will attempt to explain the motivation behind pouring out my wallet on such an occasion instead of pouring out my heart.

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Since I have no feelings for these women, my explanation is based entirely on the objectification of women, but when someone has their hands wrapped around a wad of my cash, it's hard to feel sorry for them.

Women are much more than playthings for my enjoyment, but these women have made a decision in their lives to become objects.

And not even counting the cornucopia of cash they pull in, they seem rather upbeat. It might have been just the cocaine and cheap booze the dancers were probably downing, but either way they seemed pleased with their stations in life.

At the end of the night I was out of money and I had no prospect for a lifetime of love of course, but I was happy.

No heartbreaks, no confusion, no disappointment — just joy. While at the same time there were a million stiffs across the nation drowning their sorrow from love gone bad with cheap vodka.

I'd rather have a meaningless, fleeting, good time than a vodka-drinking, crying session any day.

Thanks to all the women who helped me through another Valentines Day without a significant other to share it with.

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View from another university

Same-sex marriage — The new civil rights frontier spreading across America

By Spencer Conco/Kentucky Kernal

(U-WIRE) LEXINGTON, Ky. — Recently, the Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled to legalize gay marriage, stating that there was no "rational" reason for it to be illegal. Also, the Mayor of San Francisco ordered the county clerk to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples in defiance of a state law, and same-sex couples are lining up to say their vows.

Many Americans view this as a travesty, as a threat to their well-being and to the future of their country. I believe the real threat to this free country comes in oppressing a group of people.

I've heard people say that these are radical judges perhaps looking to make a name for themselves. I don't believe Supreme Court judges upholding the Constitution are just trying to make a name for themselves.

The Fourteenth Amendment says, "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law." Marriage is a privilege, denying a citizen of the

United States this privilege is unconstitutional.

Look at the word liberty, defined in our English language as "the condition of being free from restriction or control. The right or power to act, believe or express ones self in a manner of ones own choosing." Homosexuals are permitted to act freely in many regards, but denying even one freedom is unconstitutional and un-American.

Another argument I've heard people make is that gay marriage is not what the people want. To make laws based on the will of the fickle people is both frightening and dangerous. I know that statement sounds undemocratic, but

consider this: After Sept. 11, a poll conducted showed that 50 percent of people believed that Arabs, legal American citizen Arabs, should be forced to carry special identification with them at all times.

Very similar to Jews being forced to wear the Star of David on their clothes in 1940s Germany.

Our president has talked about making a national constitutional amendment to define marriage as only between a man and a woman, claiming it might be necessary to do this "to protect the sanctity of marriage." The amendment has been turned down three times and is up for vote again in March.

Massachusetts already allowed civil unions — wasn't

If homosexual marriage is made legal, 50 years from now our children will look back and see that is used to be illegal, and it will seem just as bigoted and outlandish as racial segregation does to us looking back today.

that enough? In 1896 African Americans could ride on the same train, just not on the same railway car as white people; wasn't that enough? Not to Homer Plessey (Plessey v. Ferguson) who sued and lost, allowing the "sanctity" of the all-white freight car to be upheld. Prejudices don't necessarily seem wrong at the time.

If homosexual marriage is made legal, 50 years from now our children will look back and see that it used to be illegal, and it will seem just as bigoted and outlandish as racial segregation does to us looking back today.

Whether you oppose homosexual marriage because you find it innately disgusting or because you believe you actually know what God Almighty wants, it doesn't change the issue.

We do not live in a country that assumes the rules

telling us what is morally right and wrong. Our president and the people who would make this national constitutional amendment are using their religion to decide. The No. 1 reason people came to America in the early 17th century was for religious freedom.

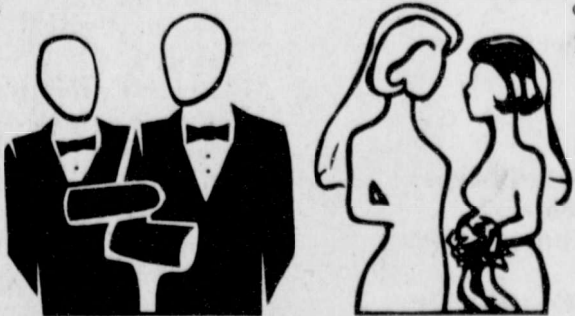
I realize religion isn't the only reason people oppose gay marriage. I think a lot of people look at homosexuals in the same light as sex offenders or people simply acting out their sexual perversions.

That ideology simply attempts to ignore the fact that homosexuality is a natural thing to the people who are gay. Though it might seem "not right" to us, they don't feel like they're committing any abomination. Gays aren't simply trying to rock the boat or make people angry — they just want equal rights. They want their civil rights.

Anything less than allowing gays to marry is treating them as second-class citizens.

But perhaps I'm thinking too idealistically and shouldn't take my immoral stance on this social issue and try to group it with true injustices of the past. We heterosexuals are certainly no outliers.

We might be able to convince ourselves we're upholding the America that so many people have died for, are still dying for, by not giving way to this "disease" of homosexuality. Let's just keep these people in the back of the bus and pray to our God they never implement change with some Million Queer March.



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All work, no play for Bhakta

Fourth-year manager crucial to team despite no action on field

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

He's there before the baseball players step on the field. He's there until after they leave practice and the games. It's not stepping on the mound or up to the plate that keeps him there, but he would not trade his task for anything else in the world.

"I enjoy being out here. It gives me something to do," junior equipment manager Shishir Bhakta said. "I couldn't turn back any memories I have from doing this."

Not many people dream of a job that requires washing dirty pants, jocks and jerseys, but he does it anyway. Bhakta is part of the Texas Tech baseball team, but he doesn't wear a uniform at game time.

It may be cliché, but people say the world doesn't revolve around them. But without Bhakta, senior pitcher Steve Gooch said there is no "center of the team."

"(Bhakta) is there to take care of anything we need," he said. "He's behind the scenes 24/7."

As far as being the manager for the Red Raiders, Gooch said Bhakta is more than that to him and the rest of the team.

"I've been here for three years, and Shishir is one of my good friends," he said. "He helps me out a lot, and everybody appreciates what he does."

If there were a bad thing to say about Bhakta, one would not hear any of it from any of the Tech baseball players. Senior infielder Josh Haney said Bhakta is able to do anything in a matter of minutes.

"He takes care of you. He has no problems with getting anything, even

if you can't get it," he said. "Shishir is the man."

You can see him at practice throwing with the players and head coach Larry Hays, or on game days, setting everything up and getting ready for the first pitch, but you will never see him at the plate or in the outfield. Bhakta said there is more to the sport than what you see on the field.

"Since junior high, I have been an equipment manager. I have to deal with the uniforms, hats, other equipment issues, setting up practice and making sure players are dressed up and ready," he said.

To get that all done in one day as well as go to school, Bhakta said he gets to the field at 7 a.m. every morning.

"I make sure the field is open in case the players want to come and hit in the morning. I do the laundry, then I go to class," he said. "At 1 p.m., I'm here at the field setting up the practice, and at 2 p.m., I play catch with coach Hays."

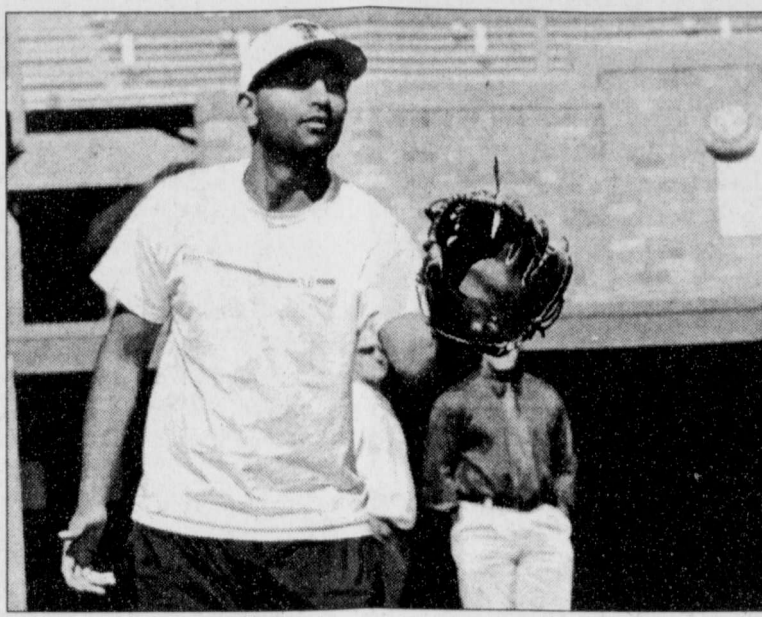
Pitching, hitting and defense may be important on the field, but Hays said Bhakta's job is "equally important."

"He's the guy that makes all things go 'round," he said. "I wouldn't say he's more important, but he does make it easier on the players. He takes real pride in his job."

When asked if he feels he is part of the team, Bhakta hesitated briefly. "I think so. I'm sure I'm part of the team," he said. "I've been part of the program for four years."

Although he's spent only one semester with Bhakta, junior infielder Josh Brady had much to say of Bhakta.

"I can't say enough about him.



ANDREW WEATHERL/The University Daily

LONG-TIME BASEBALL equipment manager Shishir Bhakta plays catch with head coach Larry Hays, a daily tradition. Bhakta is in his fourth year with the team and is treated like a part of the team by the Red Raiders.

Everything he does, he does with a smile," he said. "He just as much a part of this team as anyone else."

Besides helping out with Tech athletics, Bhakta has experience in the professional ranks and has his eyes set for the top when he graduates from Tech next year with a degree in exercise and sport sciences.

After working for the New York Jets during the past two summers as an intern, he said his dream is just one step closer to being reality.

"Somebody saw me my freshmen year out here and recommended me," he said. "I got a call. I thought somebody was playing a joke."

It was his first time in New York and his first time to work with the Jets.

"They taught me new techniques,

and I got to travel to Tokyo with them," Bhakta said. "It was cool because I got to meet Vinny (Testaverde) and Chad Pennington and a bunch of those guys."

Although getting to work with the Jets was good experience, Bhakta said Tech baseball is what he loves.

"I'm glad coach Hays gave me the chance to come out here. When you hear of Tech baseball, coach Hays is a name you think of," he said. "He's a great legend."

Knowing his potential and the name he has already made for himself, Bhakta said he hopes Tech will remember his name after he graduates.

"I hope to leave the same great legacy," he said. "I've still got one more year after this one. I want to enjoy it."

AstroTurf bankrupt with projects pending

LEANDER (AP) — AstroTurf-maker Southwest Recreational Industries Inc., which installed an artificial playing surface at the Louisiana Superdome, has filed for bankruptcy protection and is going out of business.

The bankruptcy leaves projects in limbo at athletic facilities across the country, including new turf scheduled for the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis, where the Twins, Vikings

and University of Minnesota Golden Gophers play.

Leander-based SRI cut more than 300 jobs before the filing, holding on to 190 employees companywide to help it shut down in the next two weeks, the Austin American-Statesman reported Tuesday.

In its bankruptcy filing, the company said it will sell two small divisions that make portable sports flooring and equipment for volleyball, gymnastics and basketball.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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Rodriguez puts pinstripes on with smile

NEW YORK (AP) — When Alex Rodriguez put on the pinstripes for the first time, his shoulders stooped, perhaps feeling the weight of all that tradition on his broad back.

Flashbulbs popped. Cable news networks went live. And Rodriguez was introduced Tuesday with Derek Jeter, Joe Torre and Reggie Jackson at his side. The manager even took a moment to adjust Rodriguez's new Yankees cap to show more of his smiling face for the cameras.

Start spreading the news: Rodriguez is the new star in town.

"Wow! What a reception," he said at the Yankee Stadium news conference before going to City Hall to meet Mayor Michael Bloomberg. "I still feel like someone's going to pinch me and wake me up."

He repeatedly deferred to Jeter, the Yankees' captain and shortstop, a stark contrast to Jackson, who arrived before the 1977 season and proclaimed he was the "straw that stirs the drink," a slap at Thurman Munson.

Rodriguez is seemingly happy to move to third from shortstop, the position he played in Seattle and Texas. The reigning American League MVP, who was born in Manhattan, wasn't about to stir up anything, especially on his first full day with the team.

Conflict? Ego? All media hype, Rodriguez and Jeter insisted.

"Derek has four world championships and I want him to have 10. That's what this is all about,"

Rodriguez said.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner watched on television from the team's minor league complex in Tampa, Fla. Asked where the acquisition ranked for him, Steinbrenner said: "Probably right up there with Reggie. I'm not going to say No. 2.

How can you argue when you get arguably the best player in baseball?"

Jackson believes there will be plenty of room for all the egos in the clubhouse. But Jackson, like all Yankees fans, knows Rodriguez could be just an 0-for-4 or error away from angering Steinbrenner.

"If he doesn't do his thing, he'll have to deal with George," Jackson said.

Jeter dubbed the new pairing the "dynamic duo" and called Rodriguez "arguably the best player in baseball."

"I think we're going to make a great tag team over there," Rodriguez said.

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Softball set for first home games of year

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

They might not be from Austin, but they might inspire a rivalry with Tech anyway. "I just know they're the University of Texas, and any University of Texas, we have to beat them," Texas Tech senior second baseman Britney Stolle said.

Enter Texas' El Paso Miners, the newest NCAA softball program.

The Red Raiders' softball team will face UTEP in a doubleheader at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. today at Rocky Johnson Field. It marks Tech's home opening games for the 2004 campaign as well as the first meeting between Tech and the newly integrated Miners' program.

Tech enters into the games with a 1-9 record, while UTEP is undefeated at 2-0. The Raiders' only win came in a 9-8 win against Dayton in the Fiesta Bowl Tournament in Tempe, Ariz. Prior to that, Tech lost five consecutive games, and following the win, the team went on another four-game losing streak.

With confidence on the rocks, Stolle said she hopes Tech can come out of the matchups with its head higher than normal.

"I'm hoping the excitement of playing at

home will boost our confidence," she said. "There's nowhere to go but up."

In its first two games as a team, UTEP has already seen victory at the expense of Sul Ross State on Sunday during a doubleheader. UTEP won 9-1 in game one and 14-6 in the second game.

Tech does not have quite as many marks in the win column yet, but head coach Bobby Reeves said he does not have any doubt in his team.

"(Wins) are definitely what the doctor ordered," he said. "We've been in every game we've played except for one, and we had chances to win."

Getting the opportunity to play at home after being on the road for nine games, Reeves said Tech will be ready for anything that is thrown its way.

"We're playing at home. There's beautiful weather," he said. "These would be two decisive wins. I can guarantee we'll come out ready to play. We never fail to play hard."

UTEP will be bringing swingers to the plate. Junior third baseman Gracie Borjas leads the Miners with a .714 slugging percentage, going five-for-seven with four runs and one RBI in their first two games.

The main obstacle standing in the way of

Tech's goal is freshman pitcher Renee DiPuccio. UTEP's starter owns both of the Miners' wins, striking out 12 batters from the mound and only allowing one hit and one run.

Senior catcher Elyssa Sigala said she is ready to get another chance at the plate, although her last three at bats proved to be unsuccessful.

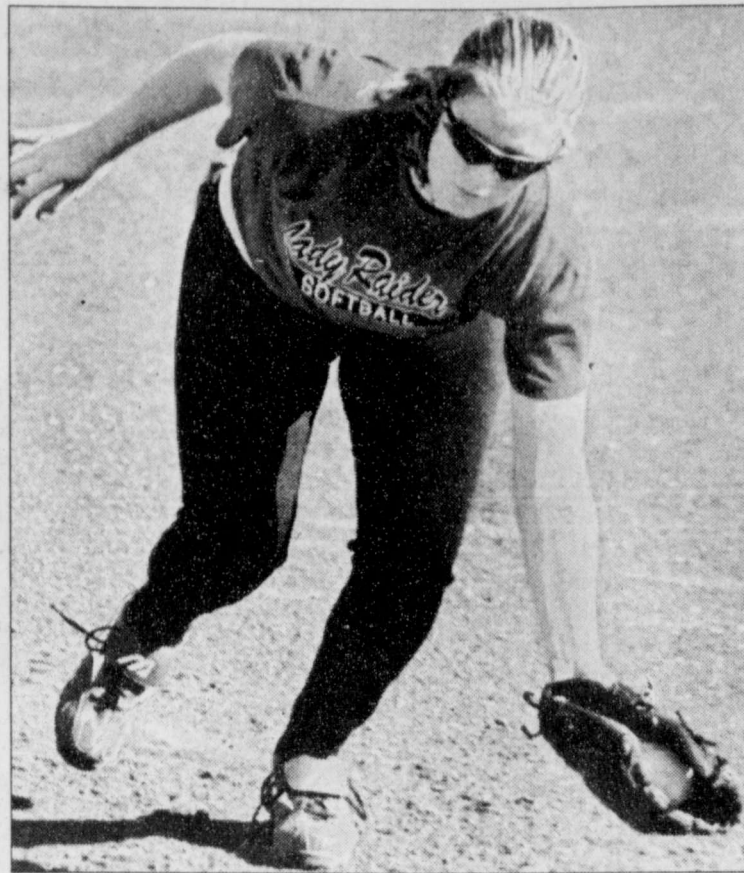
"I want to accomplish getting hits especially after striking out the last three times I batted," she said. "I trust my abilities, and I just have to tell myself to get the hits and the RBIs."

Sigala said Tech is not looking at wins and losses but just taking each step one at a time.

"Losing is hard to keep in our minds. We are more hungry to get wins," she said. "We're trying not to think about the record. It's just another game."

Following the doubleheader today, Tech will be on the road until March 5, when the team returns home to face Columbia and New Mexico at "The Rock". Hays said the Raiders have to play hard just to get a forward momentum going into the long road ahead.

"I'm hoping they can get that winning taste and carry it into the weekend," he said. "But before we think about that, we have to take care of business here."



INFIELDER BRANDY MOULIN grabs a groundball during practice this week in preparation for the Raiders' first home games of the season. Tech will face UTEP at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. today at Rocky Johnson Field.

DAVID JOHNSON/
The University Daily

Lady Raiders hold off Tigers

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Chesley Dabbs scored 14 points and Erin Grant hit a driving shot with 11 seconds left to help secure No. 9 Texas Tech's 73-68 victory against Missouri on Tuesday night.

Texas Tech (22-4, 8-4 Big 12) had to hold on in a frantic finish after leading by 14 points with less than 12 minutes to play.

Missouri (13-10, 4-8) started getting the defensive stops it needed down the stretch and rallied with a 9-1 run, cutting the lead to 69-68 on Evan Unrau's two free throws with 1:24 left.

The Tigers had a chance to take the

lead after Grant threw away an inbounds pass, but MyEsha Perkins missed a jumper and Alesha Robertson rebounded for Tech. After a timeout, Grant dribbled beyond the top of the key, then drove to her right and dropped in her shot to make it 71-68.

The Lady Raiders got a break when Perkins was called for an illegal screen with 3 seconds left. Missouri tried to foul immediately, but nothing was called until just a tenth of a second remained. Robertson made both free throws to finish it off.

Unrau led Missouri with 17 points and 10 rebounds and Stretch James

scored 15 points.

Dabbs, averaging just 5.4 points, went 7-for-12 from the field, mostly on pull-up jumpers, and had four steals. Robertson scored 13 points, LaToya Davis had 12 and Grant finished with eight points, seven assists and seven rebounds.

Tech looked to be the verge of a rout early, scoring on its first eight possessions and 12 of its first 13 in building a 26-16 lead. Twice the Lady Raiders got baskets after getting three shots on a possession and things were going so well that even shots that looked off went in.

Unbeatens have bull's eyes on backs for remainder of season

(AP) — Stanford and Saint Joseph's have little in common, but there is this — They are the only unbeaten schools left in Division I.

It's been 25 years since two men's basketball teams entered the postseason without a loss, and the No. 1 Cardinal and No. 2 Hawks could do just that.

Now the real pressure sets in. "We're going to be really zeroed in on how we're approaching the game and how we play the game. We have to anticipate the atmosphere will be over the top, but we've dealt with that," Saint Joseph's coach Phil Martelli said.

"Extra attention comes with our record, and we'll accept it and deal with it."

The schools from opposite coasts

take different approaches as they try to quiet skeptics and make history.

Stanford (21-0) boasts a balanced offense featuring five double-figure scorers, is led by a physical frontline that outrebounds opponents by almost eight a game, and makes 74 percent of its free throws.

Saint Joseph's (22-0) gets nearly half of its points from its stellar backcourt, is outmuscled by more than three rebounds a game, and makes 71 percent of its free throws.

OK, so there are similarities.

And here's what they have most in common: just a handful of regular-season games left against conference opponents. Both play in leagues that are mediocre this season (Stanford in the Pac-

10, Saint Joseph's in the Atlantic 10).

UNLV was the last team to enter the NCAA tournament without a loss, in 1990-91, when the Runnin' Rebels were upset by Duke in the Final Four. The last time two schools were unbeaten heading into the postseason was 1978-79, when Larry Bird's Indiana State and Alcorn State did it.

No one has gone all the way to an NCAA title without a loss since Bob Knight coached Indiana to a 32-0 mark and the 1976 championship.

Saint Joseph's and Stanford were expected to do well this season — but not THIS well. The Hawks were ranked 17th and Stanford 19th in The Associated Press preseason Top 25.

Asked about his team's rise to No. 1 in Monday's poll, Stanford coach Mike Montgomery could have been speaking about his team or Martelli's when he said: "It's kind of extraordinary from where we started the season."

Four of Stanford's last six regular-season games are on the road, beginning Thursday at Southern California. Then the Cardinal have the Pac-10 tournament in Los Angeles.

Saint Joseph's has five games left, with three on the road, including at Fordham on Wednesday. Their league tournament will be at Dayton, one of the toughest places for visiting teams.

"The thing we talked to the team about is we play five teams we've beaten by double digits, so the onus is on us," Martelli said. "We realize the circus around us will be bigger, but to me it's still about playing a basketball game."

Stanford owns four victories against ranked opponents (Arizona twice, Kansas and Gonzaga), and not everything has come easily. Nine of the Cardinal's victories have been by 10 points or fewer.

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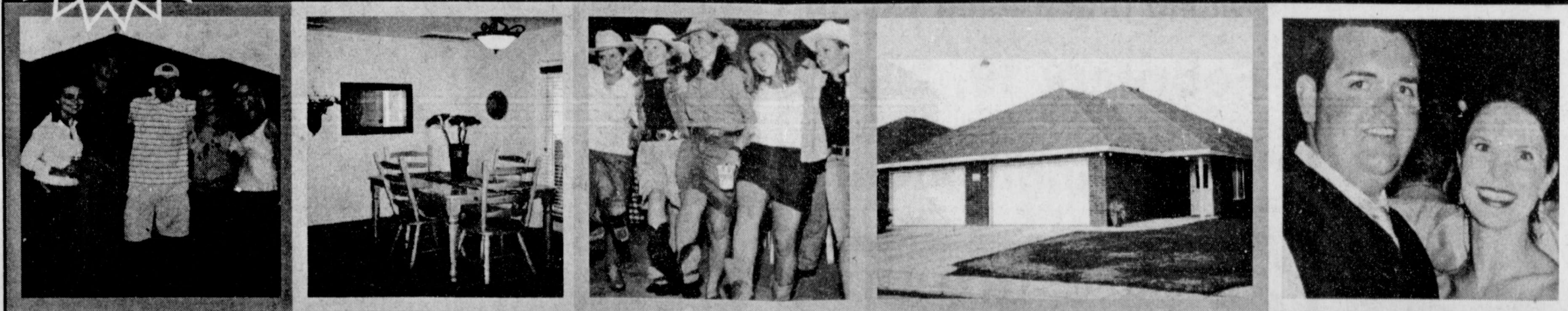
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Emmett ready for Colorado

By Adam Bodeker/
The University Daily

Texas Tech forward Andre Emmett emerged from the locker room Monday with his thigh heavily wrapped after an injury he suffered Saturday against Kansas State.

He will play today, when the No. 22 Red Raiders take on the Colorado Buffaloes (13-8, 5-5 Big 12) at 6 p.m. in Boulder, Colo. The game will be televised on ESPN and Emmett said he will be healthy for the national spotlight game.

"(My thigh) is a little tight," he said. "I have a bruise or a contusion on my thigh, but like I say a couple of more treatments and what not, riding a bike, keeping it worked out and I'll be alright."

Tech (18-6, 6-4) will need the Big 12's leading scorer and the team's leading rebounder to be all right if it wants to pull away from the field and take over sole possession of fourth place in the Big 12.

With a win, Tech will sit alone in fourth place in the conference standings behind Oklahoma State, Texas and Kansas with five games remaining.

The top five teams in the conference get a bye in the first round of the Big 12

Tournament with Baylor's absence. If Colorado prevails, they will put themselves in a three-way tie for fourth with Tech and Oklahoma.

Emmett said the game is a must win. "Man, it's definitely a win we have to get," he said. "It's getting close to the end, and we're fighting for position. If we come out and execute our game plan we can put ourselves in a position to win the game."

Colorado is led by sophomore center David Harrison who is averaging 16.4 points and 8.5 rebounds per game and guard Michel Morandais, who puts in 16 points per game.

Joining Harrison on the boards is Lamar Harris, who pulls in 8.6 rebounds per game, giving the Buffaloes a decided advantage on paper in the rebounding department over a Tech team that has consistently been out-rebounded this season - a problem Tech coach Bob Knight said must be fixed.

"When people asked me at the be-

ginning of this year what we were going to try and do I said we were gonna try to be a better defensive team than we had been last year," Knight said. "For the most part we have. But if you ask me that question next year, I'd simply tell you we're gonna try and be a better rebounding team. We just give up too much."

In order to beat Colorado in Boulder, Tech must execute its game plan to perfection, Emmett said.

"Against (Kansas State) we executed a game plan for a whole game," he said. "I know at OU we definitely didn't follow the game plan at all. We know we can be in any situation, no matter how good a team is playing, and execute our game plan and win the game."

As of late, Emmett has had help in the scoring department, from an array of options, including forwards Devonne Giles and Jarius Jackson, and guards Mikey Marshall and Ronald Ross.

"It's definitely different from last year and previous years," Emmett said. "This may be the best supporting cast of guys I've played with. As far as my

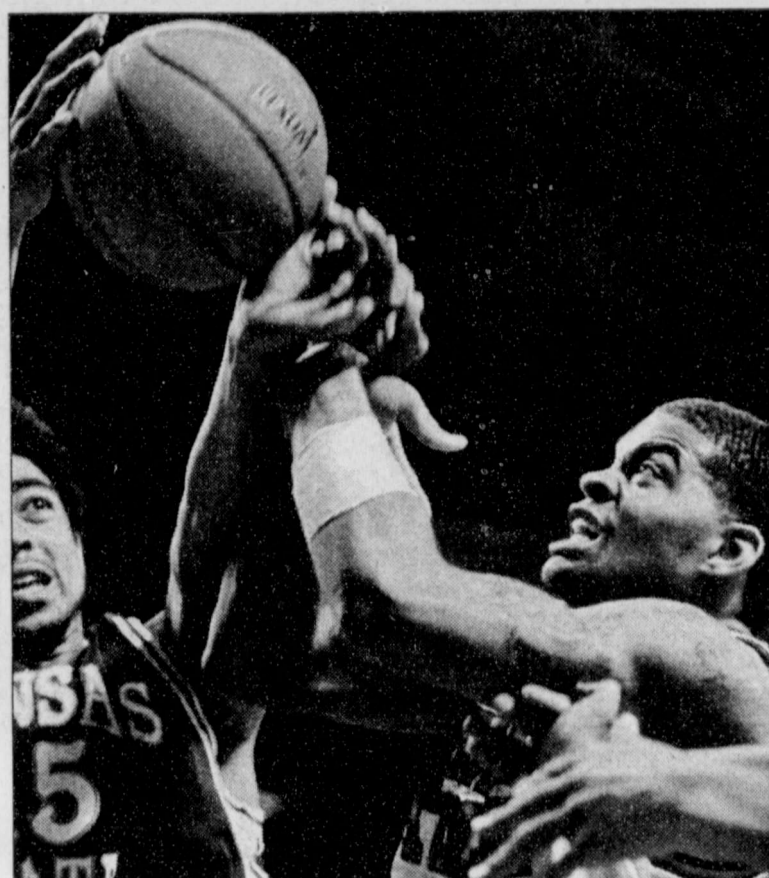
scoring goes, I give all the credit to my teammates. I wouldn't have the opportunity if they didn't deliver the ball and screen for me."

The latest of the supprising cast members to take center stage is Giles, who scored 15 points in the first half in the win against Kansas State Saturday. He finished with 17, while holding the Wildcats' leading scorer Jeremiah Massey to nine points.

Giles will have his hands full Wednesday defending Harrison, but Emmett said he will be just fine. "Fortunately, we have guys like Devonne," he said. "He has a great touch under the basket, and if he continues to work I think he can be tough for us on the inside."

Emmett expects a tough game, especially in Boulder where Colorado is 9-3 this season and 4-1 in conference play, but said it is a game the Raiders should win.

"From past games we know Colorado's a tough team," he said. "They're well-coached, and it's the Big 12 so we expect a fight out of Colorado in Colorado. It's a hostile environment so we'll just have to stay focused and play our basketball. If we do that I think we'll leave Colorado with a win."



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FORWARD ANDRE EMMETT fights for a rebound Saturday during Tech's 82-71 win over Kansas State. The Raiders travel to face the Colorado Buffaloes at 6 p.m. tonight. The game will be televised on ESPN.



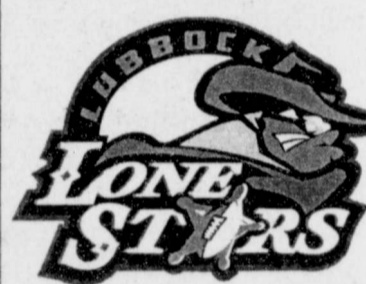
King: Foreman coming out of retirement

MIAMI (AP) — George Foreman agreed to a tentative \$20 million deal to return for a fight celebrating the 30th anniversary of his epic bout with Muhammad Ali, Don King said Tuesday.

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Wellness Blood Screenings Tomorrow AM

Rec Sports and UMC's Health Source are teaming up to offer Blood Screenings tomorrow in the Fitness/Wellness Center of the Rec Center from 7-8:30 am. Rec Center membership is not required. Results include Lipid Profile, Glucose, Wellness Chemistry profile, CBC, Iron, Thyroid, Colon Cancer Screening Kit, PSA, Bone Density, C-Reactive Protein and Homocysteine. For descriptions and prices please go to recsports.ttu.edu. Please register by today at noon by calling 742.3828. Payment is due the morning of the tests. Please come fasting (no food or beverages 10 hours prior).

Make a commitment to better health. Begin by learning your current blood levels and continue with exercise and better nutrition

We're Back! 2nd Session Specialty Classes

Burned out of your regular fitness routine or just want to try a fun, new activity? Register for a Specialty Class beginning Monday. Classes begin the week of Feb. 29-March 1.

Class	Day	Time	Cost	Dates
Ballet	T/TH	4:15-5:15pm	\$20	3/2-4/8
Belly Dance	W	8:15-9:15pm	\$10	3/3-4/7
Boxing Tech.	SU	3:30-5:30pm	\$20*	2/29-4/4
Cardio Belly Dance	T	3:00-4:00pm	\$10	3/2-4/6
Irish Dancing	M	5:30-6:30pm	\$10	3/1-4/5
Jazz Dance	M	7:00-8:00pm	\$10	3/1-4/5
Knockout Jam	M/W	4:15-5:15pm	\$20*	3/1-4/7
	T/TH	6:45-7:45pm	\$20*	3/2-4/8
Mat Pilates	M	5:30-6:30pm	\$20	3/1-4/5
	T	5:30-6:30pm	\$20	3/2-4/6
	SA	11am-12:00pm	\$20	3/6-4/10
Men's Wt. Training	T/TH	8:00-9:00pm	\$16	3/2-4/1
Racquetball	T/TH	7:00-8:00pm	\$16	3/2-4/1
Spin City	T/TH	12:10-1:00pm	\$20	3/2-4/8
	M/W	6:45-7:45pm	\$20	3/1-4/7
	T/TH	5:30-6:30pm	\$20	3/2-4/8
Tap Dance	SU	4:00-5:00pm	\$10	2/29-4/4
USA Tennis 1-2-3	M/W	5:15-6:15pm	\$20	3/29-4/21
Team Tennis	M/W	6:30-7:30pm	\$20	3/29-4/21
Women & Wgts.	M/W	8:00-9:00pm	\$16	3/1-3/31
Yoga	M	9:00-10:00pm	\$20	3/1-4/5
	W	5:30-6:30pm	\$20	3/3-4/7
	W	6:35-7:35pm	\$20	3/3-4/7
	TH	5:30-6:30pm	\$20	3/4-4/8

*Additional \$6 wrap fee.

Focus On The Positive Week Continues

Today
Balancing the Scales: Creative Stress Management. A workshop for Faculty and Staff. Noon in the Women's Studeis Office Admin 213
Body Positive A discussion led by the Student Counseling Center 6:30 pm in English/Philosophy Room 001.
Thursday
Wellness Blood Screenings 7-8:30 am in the Fit/Well Center, SRC. Please register by today
Positive Health for Women Brown Bag Lunch Noon in Women's Studies Office Admin 213
Condom Olympics - 11am -2 pm in the Wall/Gates Lobby
Friday
Chair Massages 11 am in the Student Union Courtyard
Yoga at your Desk Noon, Red Raider Lounge, Student Union
Belly Dancing 1 pm, Red Raider Lounge, Student Union



Intramurals

Table Tennis
 Softball
 Badminton

Special Events

Blood Screenings
 Dodge Ball
 Specialty Class Registration
 Big Kahuna Softball Tournament

Entries Due

Today
 February 24-26
 March 5

Entries Due

February 19
 February 20
 February 23 (begins)
 February 26

AQUATIC CENTER

Lifeguarding Classes

Want to learn lifesaving techniques? Do you want to work outside this summer? Don't wait until it's too late to register! Become a Certified American Red Cross Lifeguard. This course includes Lifeguarding, Standard First Aid, & CPR for the Professional Rescuer. The cost is \$120 for TTU students. Books are included in the course cost. Upcoming Classes:

Session 2	Sat/Sun 8am-5pm	Mar. 27 - Apr. 4
Session 3	T/Th 7-10pm	Mar.30 - Apr. 29
Session 4	Sat/Sun 8am-5pm	Apr. 17 - Apr. 25



5000M Swim Saturday, March 6 10am-1pm

Test your endurance!! Are you up for the challenge of swimming 100 lengths of an Olympic sized pool? The 5000 meter challenge is a long course event for both competitive and non competitive swimmers.

Registration is at the Aquatic Center and will continue through Thursday February 27th. For more information please call us at 742-3896. The swim is free! T-shirts will be available for sale, and YES we will count your laps for you.

INTRAMURALS

Table Tennis

Calling all table tennis players! Today is your last day to sign up for our spring table tennis tournament. All entries for the tournament are due by 5 PM today at the Intramurals office to ensure a spot. The tournament will be held Friday February 20 at the Rec Center (upstairs lounge). Players interested may enter into the Men's or Women's competitive or recreational divisions. There will be no charge for the tournament and champions will be awarded an intramural championship t-shirt.

Oh Yea, It's Here... DodgeBall!

2 DAYS LEFT to take you back to the days of Ol' Skool dodge ball. The Recreational Special Event department is giving in to the demands of DODGEBALL. The All-nighter hosted the first ever indoor dodgeball tournament and it was a success. So, get your friends or enemies together and come out to the first ever indoor dodgeball league. League play is set for Tuesday night from 8 pm to 11 pm. The league will be drawn up according to the number of entries. The final day to sign up is Friday, February 20th @ 5 pm. To sign up for this FREE event or for more information, come to the Intramural office room 203 in the Student Rec Center, or call 742-2945.

IM Spring Softball Just Around The Corner

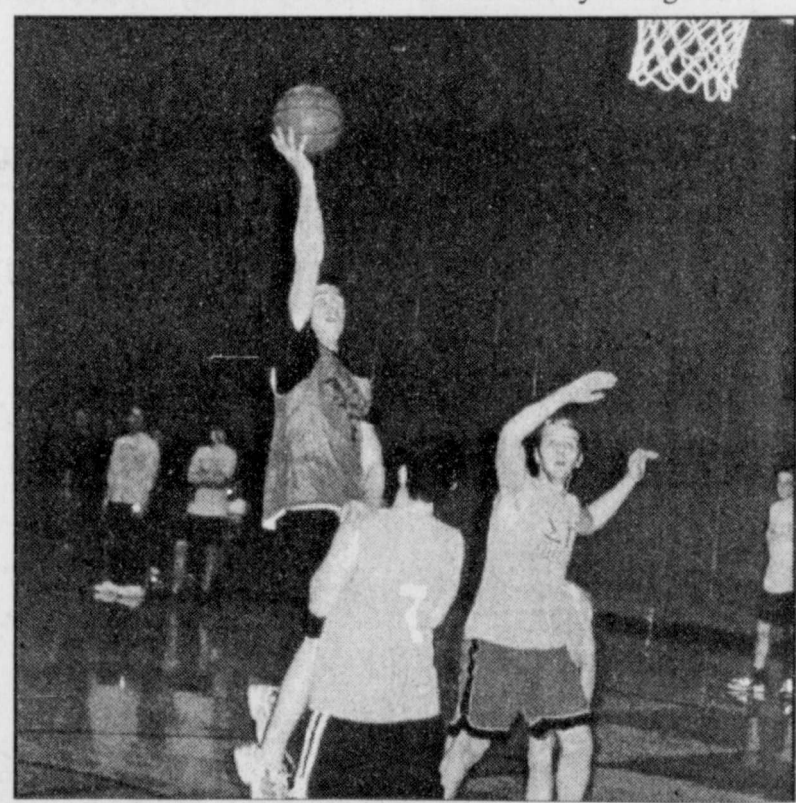
Do the name's Franchise, Phi Delt, Boatox, or Baby Jokers, Tortfeasors, Samsonite, Bibendum, or Chico's Bail Bonds ring a bell? Well if they don't, these are just some of the teams that will be playing for a chance to be Texas Tech Intramural All-University softball Champions this 2004 season. So if you want a chance to dethrone these teams, get your buddies together or your residence hall floor and sign up in Room 203 in the Rec Center. The sign ups for the 2004 Spring Softball season are Tuesday, February 24th - Thursday, February 26th. Last year, we had a record 258 teams in 7 divisions. The divisions are: Residence Hall, Greek Black, Greek Red, Men's Open, Women's Open, Women's Greek, and Co-rec.

Wanted: A Few Good Umpires

If you have been searching for a fun, flexible job that offers good pay, and a chance to meet new people, then we have the JOB for you. You can become an intramural softball official! Students wanting to officiate softball are encouraged to attend the first training clinic on Monday, February 23rd, at 5 pm at the Student Rec Center (SRC), Room 201. Softball officials make \$8 per game and are thoroughly trained in the rules, mechanics, and gamesmanship. Some knowledge of baseball or softball is helpful to an individual wanting to officiate. Any questions should be directed to the intramural staff by calling 742-2945.

IM Basketball Top 10

- MEN**
1. Ice Cold
 2. Phi Delt
 3. Dynasty
 4. Bourbon N Blues
 5. Gottie Boys
 6. Samford and Son
 7. Night and Day
 8. Fiji
 9. Theta Chi
 10. Box Fans
- WOMEN**
1. Ice
 2. Phi Phi
 3. JTG
 4. Lil Black Sheep
 5. KKG



A Sigma Nu player goes up for a shot against Sigma Pi. Sigma Nu went on to win the game 34-15. (photo right)

FALL 2004 HOUSING CONTRACT RENEWALS BEGIN FEB. 21.

VISIT [HTTPS://MY.HOUSING.TTU.EDU/RENEWALS](https://my.housing.ttu.edu/renewals) TO SUBMIT YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION.

For more information, visit www.housing.ttu.edu or call 742-2661.

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