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SGA candidates answer questions at forum



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MARCUS PARKS, INTERIM station manager of KTXT-FM, Jeremy Brown, Student Government Association president, Colton Bachelor, SGA external vice president, and Dustyn Webb, graduate school senator, interview candidates for the upcoming SGA elections on Wednesday afternoon in the Student Union building.

By Sally Gunter/The University Daily

The approach of spring Student Government Association elections is to say goodbye to the familiar faces that represent the student body and bring in different ones.

Texas Tech students had the opportunity to meet these new faces on Wednesday afternoon during an SGA forum.

It also was an opportunity for the candidates to become accustomed to addressing a group, said External Vice President Colton Bachelor.

A panel of four representatives from divisions such as the SGA, KTXT-FM and graduate student government association asked the candidates questions to determine their qualifications for the position.

Three candidates are running for Jeremy Brown's position as SGA president.

Questions from the audience and panel included concerns of how the candidates would maintain a positive working relationship with the administration while trying to

accomplish the goals of the students.

Heather Smith said she is running on a platform of three issues. The issues are school spirit and pride, cultural awareness and communication.

Tuition and fees was an issue touched on by all three candidates.

Chris Carr said he would try to deter the increasing tuition by finding alternative ways to raise money. Money could be raised through a fund-raising campaign or additional corporate sponsorship, he said.

When the panel asked if the candidates were prepared to handle the criticism of their actions as SGA president, all three agreed they were.

"When students don't have all the facts, they tend to criticize," Mitchell Moses said. "That's part of the job."

Nathan Nash is the only candidate for the internal vice president position in which Jackie Steinmetz serves.

"I'm going to work hard as if serving something greater than the student government,"

he said. "If I have an effect on the university, the Student Senate must have an effect on the university."

Nash said he plans to develop new ideas to motivate the senators to complete their responsibilities.

Matt Nicholson, Koby Reed and Anne Hunninghake are running for the external vice president.

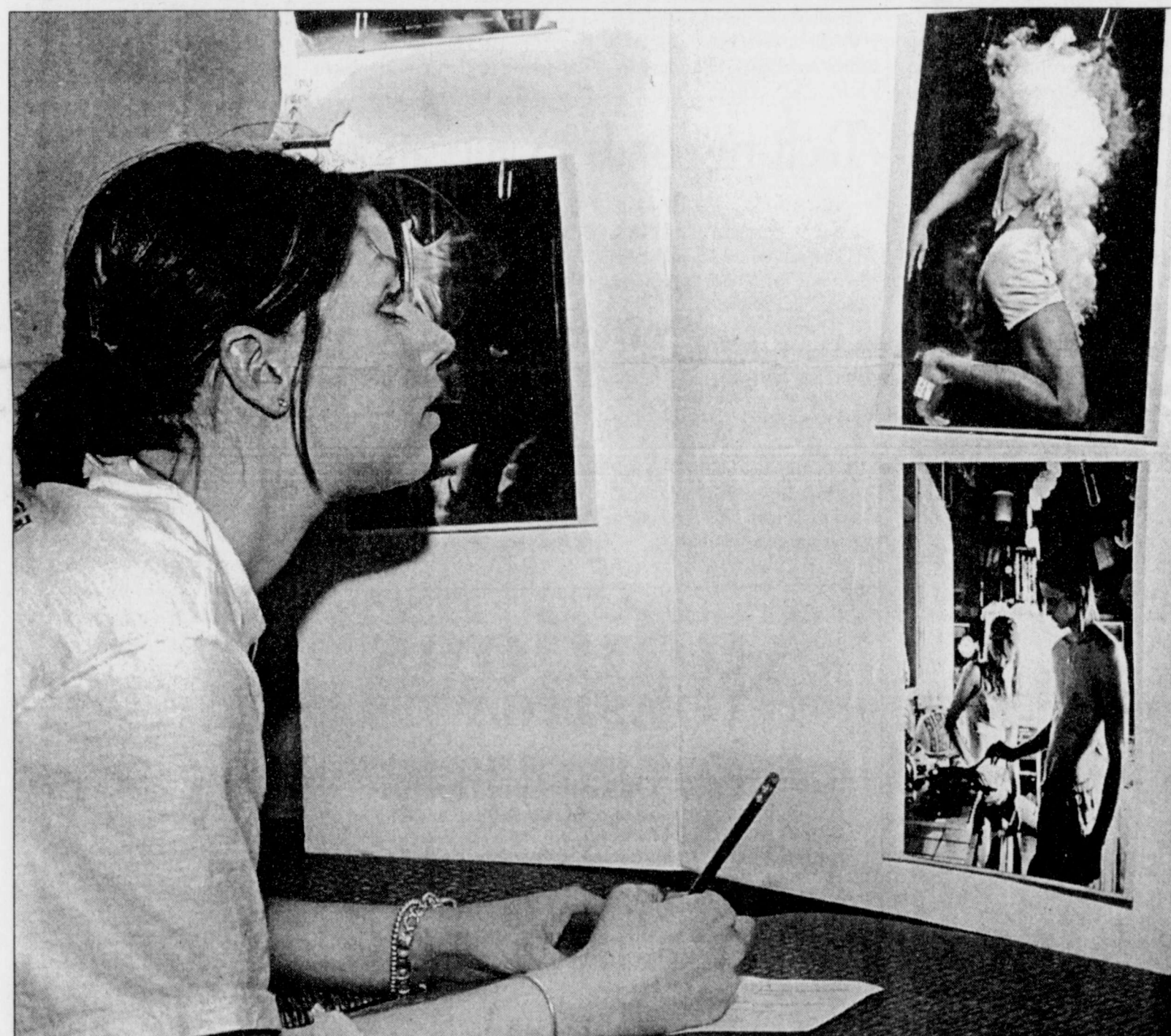
The external vice president works as a liaison between the student body and city officials. While none of the candidates have ever attended a Lubbock City Council meeting, all three said the two unrelated housing ordinance should be changed for the betterment of students.

"I think the housing ordinance is outdated," Hunninghake said. "The city is taking advantage of it."

Reed said positive student involvement in the community needs to increase to prove to the Lubbock residents that students care.

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POSITIVE IMAGE



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

MEGAN COLLINS, A freshman nursing major from Belton, makes comments on various pictures cut out from magazines regarding how they make her feel, at the body image discussion in the English building on Wednesday night. The discussion was part of the week-long Focus on the positive Week festivities.

Health Sciences Center

Medical project aims to educate congressional leaders

By Beth Aaron/
The University Daily

Medical students typically spend \$10,000 to \$20,000 by the time they get through medical school, paying for training to become a medical resident, and then entering specialization programs.

Dr. Richard Homan, vice president of clinical affairs and dean of the School of Medicine, said it is not until after that time medical students become eligible to practice medicine and earn salaries comparable to their schooling.

"Many people don't understand the length of time it takes to become a physician," he said.

A project called Project Medical Education, arranged by the Association of American Medical Colleges, came to Texas for the first time on Wednesday. The goal of the nationwide program is for congressional leaders to get prospective of the needs of medical institutions.

"They all gain a better understanding of the value that academic health centers provide to their local communities and the nation as a whole," Homan said. "In terms of training future physicians, developing new knowledge through research and providing clinical services to those in most need."

Chris Tucker, director of Project Medical Education and member of the Association of American Medical Schools, said the day was intended to educate congressional staff members about the needs of medical students nationwide.

"The best way to educate policymakers and opinion leaders is to have them role play being a medical student, resident and faculty physician," he said. "To let them experience it first hand -- we do that by working with institutions like



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/The University Daily

CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS PERFORM duties during Project Medical Education. The staffers went through school and graduate practice, and were named doctors in one day during a luncheon at the HSC McIntruff conference room on Wednesday afternoon.

Texas Tech to create a memorable experience for the attendees."

Tucker said he hopes other repre-

sentatives, in Washington, D.C., PROJECT continued on page 5

Student Affairs

Voter issues focus of Senate meeting

By Andrew Bell/The University Daily

With presidential primary elections coming up soon, the Student Government Association Student Senate will discuss resolutions concerning voter registration for students of Texas Tech Thursday night at their meeting.

The meeting at 7 p.m. in the Lankford Lab of the Electrical Engineering building will also give senators the opportunity to discuss senate organization and setting a guaranteed rate of fees for incoming students of Tech.

In preparation for the election year, the Student Senate will propose two resolutions and one bill concerning increasing the number of Tech students who are registered to vote in Lubbock.

Student Senate Bill 39.05 proposes each senator become deputized by Lubbock County. Once the senators are deputized, they would have the ability to register Tech students to vote in the county, according to the bill. The process would help increase the number of students who are registered.

During the year, members of the SGA intergovernmental relations committee became deputized and held events to register students. Chris Carr, Senator-At-Large, said the nine members of the committee were able to register 400 students. If all of the members of the Student Senate were deputized, thousands of students could be registered to vote.

Although the bill proposes registration for students throughout the campus, two resolutions focus on the registration of incoming freshman.

When freshmen enter the residence halls, Senate Resolution 39.28 proposes placing voter registration cards in the move-in packet each freshman receives. According to the resolution, after a four-year cycle the majority of Tech students would be registered to vote in Lubbock.

Once freshmen receive a voter registration card, the other resolution proposes conducting a voter registration drive in the residence halls. According to the resolution, the drive would enhance the exposure of the registration cards and the importance of voting.

The drive would also be a method to receive more recognition from the City of Lubbock based on the turnout of Tech students who vote. Carr said when the city considers voter turnout, Lubbock bases Tech's voters on the students who vote in the residence halls.

Since students who live off-campus are considered citizen voters, Carr

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Sports

Knight drops appellate lawsuit against Indiana

By Steve Herman/Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Bob Knight has dropped a lawsuit against Indiana University almost four years after being fired as men's basketball coach for violating a "zero-tolerance" behavior policy.

A circuit court judge ruled in October that IU did not violate Knight's contract when it fired him. The judge later rejected a motion by Knight to reconsider the case to correct errors.

"I believe this would bring the controversy between Mr. Knight and the university to closure," IU counsel Dorothy Frapwell said Wednesday after she received notice that an appeal by Knight had been withdrawn.

"The university always took the position it had fulfilled all of its obligations that were required under Mr. Knight's contract. I believe the notion for summary judgment that was granted supported that, and also a motion to correct errors in which there was a ruling in the university's favor," Frapwell said.

Former IU President Myles Brand, now the president of the NCAA, fired Knight in 2000 for allegedly grabbing a student who greeted him in what Knight considered a disrespectful manner at Assembly Hall.

Knight, who coached at Indiana for 29 years and brought the Hoosiers



Knight

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The Rundown



Police investigating possible serial killer

FORT WORTH (AP) — Law officers are investigating whether the deaths of 10 victims in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Mississippi are linked to a serial killer described by police as a long-haul truck driver preying on women around truck stops.

Next week in Oklahoma City, investigators from across the South are tentatively scheduled to exchange information on a killing in Grapevine, the most recent of the cases suspected to be linked. It is the second such meeting about the slayings.

Most of the victims were prostitutes. Some were strangled; one was raped. In many cases, their nude bodies were dumped in rural areas, often off bridges.

"Oklahoma City seems to be the hot spot," Investigator Jay Hill of the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department in Mississippi told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Wednesday's editions. "Right now, we have to believe that we're dealing with a trucker."

Richard Goss, regional supervisor of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation in Lawton, Okla., said his agency believes that the Oklahoma slayings were committed by one killer.

"Geographically, we could have a serial killer because we have two victims within a short distance from each other," he said. "We just have to keep investigating the others."

Most of the eight women found in Texas and Oklahoma were believed to have been prostitutes involved with drugs. All were found nude with no identification. Six of the victims were found in Oklahoma, one in the Texas Panhandle, and the latest, an Oklahoma teenager, was found Jan. 31 in a Grapevine creek bed.

The seminude body of a woman was found in July on an entrance ramp to Interstate 40 near West Memphis, Ark. The victim was identified as Margaret Gardner of Memphis, Tenn. She had last been seen alive at an Arkansas truck stop. She was killed by a blow to the head, Arkansas authorities said.

Bomb scare evacuates Utah Capitol building

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Capitol was evacuated Wednesday morning and police surrounded the building after a "credible" bomb threat was made, the Utah Highway Patrol said.

The patrol made a recording of the threat that was called in, patrol spokeswoman Kat Dayton said. After reviewing it, officials said it was "credible."

It was not immediately known what office took the phone call, which was made around 8:30 a.m. The state office of Homeland Security refused to comment and referred questions to the state patrol.

Troopers turned away workers and people arriving at the Capitol for the day's legislative session.

Patrol troopers wearing bulletproof vests and carrying guns surrounded the Capitol, waiting for the arrival of bomb-sniffing dogs and for the last stragglers to leave before they entered the building.

Senate President Al Mansell estimated it would take at least an hour to search the building.

Gov. Olene Walker herded people out of the Capitol, initially leading workers and lawmakers into a nearby state office building before she and about five key legislators were ordered to take shelter in a heavily secured bunker in the Capitol basement.

"She's always concerned about everyone around her," said Walker's spokeswoman, Amanda Covington.

Many of the state's 104 lawmakers walked through an underground garage into the state office building.

The day's legislative session had not been scheduled to start until 10 a.m., but some lawmakers were already in committee hearings when the threat was made.

"This is a huge waste of time," Mansell said as he stood outside in 40-degree weather. "All you have to do is look around here at the people doing nothing."

10 dead in suicide bombing at Iraqi base

HILLAH, Iraq (AP) — Suicide bombers detonated explosives outside a Polish-run base Wednesday, killing 10 Iraqis and wounding more than 100 people, more than half of them coalition soldiers. The United States arrested seven guerrillas believed linked to al-Qaida in an early morning raid to the north.

The attack in Hillah, the third suicide bombing of security targets in two weeks, was part of a wider effort "to isolate us from the Iraqi people," coalition military commander Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez told reporters in Tikrit.

Coalition and military officials said at least 106 people were hurt in the blasts, which happened in the Hayy Babil neighborhood near Camp Charlie. The wounded included 32 Iraqis and 26 Poles, as well as Hungarians, Bulgarians, Filipinos and an American.

The casualty toll could have been much higher had guards not opened fire and prevented the bombers from entering the camp. One truck exploded under the gunfire and another blew up after hitting a concrete barrier.

The 7:15 a.m. blasts — from 1,540 pounds of explosives — flattened 11 homes nearby and blew down the entire sides of several other houses in the town.

Earlier Wednesday, U.S. troops arrested seven militants believed linked to al-Qaida in the turbulent city of Baquba, north of the capital, the military said. It gave no details on the militants' nationalities. There was no indication the attacks and the raid were directly linked.

Troops from the 4th Infantry Division carried out the raid targeting an "anti-coalition cell" that may have ties to Osama bin Laden's terror group, a statement from the U.S. command said.

Suicide attacks have killed 300 people, mostly Iraqis, since the beginning of the year. They have fueled speculation that Islamic extremists, possibly linked to al-Qaida, were playing a greater role in the anti-coalition insurgency. U.S. military officials had believed the attacks were spearheaded by Saddam Hussein loyalists.

Despite early leads, Dean says good-bye to presidential hopes

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — Faster than you can say dot.com bust, Howard Dean's quest for the presidency ended Wednesday as the Democrat, winless in 17 contests, bowed to political reality and abandoned his bid.

Once the little-known former governor of a small Northeast state, Dean took a summer ride to presidential campaign heights, attracting scores of followers and a Democratic record \$41 million in campaign dollars largely through the Internet.

Exactly one month ago, Dean was the candidate to beat — front-runner in national polls and poised to begin his primary romp with a win in the Iowa caucuses. It all crashed when the real votes were counted.

Dean finished a poor third in Iowa, second in New Hampshire and managed just single digits in several states through early February. One of his biggest union backers — the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees — bailed out on the day of the Washington and Michigan caucuses.

In the meantime, rival John Kerry had cruised to 15 wins and seized the front-runner moniker. Dean dubbed Wisconsin a must-win, then a not really. After the votes were tallied Tuesday, the race had become what Dean had predicted — a two-man contest — but between Kerry and John Edwards.

A day after his distant third-place finish in Wisconsin, Dean announced that he would no longer actively pursue the presidency, but "we will, however, continue to build a new organization using our enormous

grass-roots network to continue the effort to transform the Democratic Party and to change our country."

Striking the defiant tone that has been the hallmark of his candidacy, the former Vermont governor urged his delegates of some 200 to stick with him.

"Keep active in the primary," Dean declared to an overflow crowd of more than 500 flag-waving supporters and staff. "Sending delegates to the convention only continues to energize our party. Fight on in the caucuses. We are on the ballots. Use your network to send progressive delegates to the convention in Boston."

Historians will have the final say, but Dean was the candidate who rose from obscurity to a main draw on the Meetup.com Web site, newsmagazine cover boy and unrivaled grass-roots organizer. It never paid off in Iowa, and all that was remembered was a high-octane concession speech that will live on long after Dean's candidacy.

His address Wednesday was quieter but not much more reflective. It was a call to build an enduring political movement that will help to elect like-minded Democrats to Congress and local offices and unite to defeat President Bush in the fall.

Although he encouraged supporters to continue voting for him, he did make clear he would not seek to derail the party's ultimate nominee.

"I will not run as an independent or third-party candidate," he said, as his wife Judy stood behind him.

A physician whose rare appearance on the campaign trail had been the subject of discussion of whether she was a proper political wife, Dean drew cheers when he saluted her for starting the debate in the country "about

whether a woman needs to gaze adoringly at her husband or follow her own career."

Dean did not endorse any of his rivals, although he called Edwards and Kerry to discuss his departure from the race. Both had kind words for the former. Both had kind words for the former candidate, with Edwards saying Dean "has energized and revolutionized this race, and excited a whole new generation of young people."

Kerry told reporters in Ohio that "it's impossible not to express admiration and respect for the campaign that he's put together and what he's achieved."

Dean has been impressed with Edwards and suggested on the campaign trail that he would make a better nominee, but Dean has decided to stay out of the Kerry-Edwards contest, a Dean aide said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Despite his departure, Dean made it clear that he will keep a close eye on the remaining candidates.

"I will support the nominee of our party," Dean said. "I will do everything I can to beat George W. Bush. I urge you to do the same. But we will not be above in this organization of letting our nominee know that we expect them to adhere to the standards that this organization has set for decency, honesty, integrity and standing up for ordinary American working people."

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Tech responds to allegations

No arrests were made in the investigation into fraud in the Office of Financial Aid, Assistant Chief of the Texas Tech Police Department Jimmy Tillinghast said.

"There have been no arrests, and no charges have yet been filed," he said. "The investigation is ongoing and until the investigation is complete no further information will be available."

The University Daily learned Tuesday an investigation into alleged fraud in an January 2002 involving a former employee was ongoing.

Associate General Counsel Ronald Phillips declined to comment.

Sally Logue Post, interim director of the Office of News and Publications, declined to elaborate details of the investigation.

On Tuesday, Post indicated that the incident did not impact past, current or future students seeking financial aid.

Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith did not return phone calls seeking comment on the investigation, and Tech President Jon Whitmore was traveling Wednesday and could not be reached for comment.

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Low membership not holding student group back

By Robin Briscoe/
The University Daily

They only have nine members, but that's not stopping the first student chapter of the Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans. The two-week old group is in full force recruitment mode.

For the last 30 years SACNAS has primarily been encouraging and mentoring Chicano and Native American students in educational pursuit in research careers and science teaching progressions.

President Ricardo Aburto said his main goal with the organization is to increase awareness of the importance of science.

"We need new perspective in sci-

ence," Aburto said.

It is a very complex and new perspective gained from minorities could be useful, he said.

SACNAS began accepting applications two years ago, giving universities a chance at having a student branch. Howard Hughes Medical Institute's focus outreach gave Tech prime reason to be picked as one of two in the nation.

Assistant Coordinator of TTU/HHMI Biological Sciences Education Program Diana Fabing helped to bring SACNAS to Tech and is working with students.

"(SACNAS has) always been one complete unit," Fabing said. "We want to go a step closer to the community."

She said their primary goal is to provide a positive role model for students in the entire area. While the new organization is affiliated with Tech, they plan to accept students from throughout the area.

Another component of the organization is focused on exposing underrepresented minorities to educational opportunities.

"Advance and enhance for the underrepresented in sciences, engineering and math," Fabing said.

Although the group is focused on minorities, Fabing said all students are welcome to join regardless of their race. Their goal is to help the entire community.

We have to keep growing to be able to accomplish anything, Fabing

said. Though the group does have a strong foundation, she said they need more members to be able to show that they deserve more funding from sources outside of Tech.

"Everything is set to build on," Aburto said.

He and other members have been working toward getting everything started.

They have worked on their by-laws and producing their Web site and are now focusing on membership.

The group's first recruitment strategy involves other Tech student organizations. With a list of all Tech's organizations in hand from the Student Government Association, they hope some of the other groups will let them talk to their members.

SACNAS main objectives are to further the work, to improve the effectiveness and to enhance the public understanding of and appreciate for Chicanos, Latinos, Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and other underrepresented minorities in science, according to their by-laws.

As long as they are able to achieve the program goals, they should make it, Fabing said.

The student chapter also has goals of achieving intellectual and personal development in current and future students with preparation for tomorrow in mind, said associate vice president for undergraduate research and chapter adviser John Burns.

Academics, community service

and social activities will comprise most of student activities, according to the by-laws.

One future idea for the group is to help encourage high school students and motivate them toward science through sponsoring activities, Aburto said.

While the group only has nine members, three have been added since the chapter was given student organization status by Tech and SACNAS, and members hope that number will increase so that they can help more of the community.

Train carrying fuel, chemicals explodes in Iran, killing more than 200

NEYSHABUR, Iran (AP) — Runaway train cars carrying a lethal mix of fuel and chemicals derailed, caught fire and then exploded hours later Wednesday in northeast Iran, killing more than 200 people, injuring at least 400 and leaving dozens trapped beneath crumbled mud homes.

Most of those reported dead were firefighters and rescue workers who had extinguished most of the blaze outside Neyshabur, an ancient city of 170,000 people in a farming region 400 miles east of the capital, Tehran.

The dead also included top city officials — including Neyshabur's governor, mayor and fire chief as well as the head of the energy department and the director-general of the provincial railways — who had all gone to the site of the derailment, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The explosion devastated five villages, where authorities rushed in blood supplies and appealed through loudspeakers for donors. Hardest hit was Hashemabad, where 41-year-old Zahra Rezaie, whose mud home was near the tracks, was cooking lunch for her family when she heard the explosion and felt the ground shake. Then the ceiling collapsed.

"It knocked down and broke some dishes. I was sure it was an earthquake, and my first thought was to rush to the school and save my children," Rezaie told The Associated Press. Her children were safe.

An AP photographer who arrived in Dehnow, one of the most severely damaged villages close to the train tracks some 500 yards from the blast, said most of the village's homes were flattened.

"The houses are all built of clay, and nearly every one has been destroyed, like they had collapsed in an earthquake," Hassan Sarbakhshian said. "Everyone appears to have been evacuated," he said, adding he could see thick, black smoke billowing about 500 yards ahead.

The blast was so powerful that windows were shattered as far as six miles away. In an apparent indication of the explosion's force, Iranian seismologists recorded a 3.6-magnitude tremor in the area, IRNA reported.

Many of the buildings that collapsed in a Dec. 26 earthquake in Bam, in southeast Iran, also were mud-brick structures. That tragedy killed more than 41,000 people.

Authorities were investigating what caused the 51 cars to roll out of the Abu Muslim train station, outside

Neyshabur, at 4 a.m. Forty-eight of the cars derailed on reaching the next stop at Khayyam, about 12 miles away, and caught fire.

Iranian TV showed footage of black plumes of smoke and orange flames billowing into the sky from the cars, 17 of which were loaded with sulfur, six with gasoline, seven with fertilizer and 10 with cotton. Dozens of people, some wearing face masks to protect themselves from the smoke, were seen walking around or putting out flames on the scene.

Firefighters — apparently with little experience in handling industrial chemicals — had extinguished 90 percent of the fire when the cars exploded at 9:37 a.m., Mohammad Maqdouri, head of the local emergency operations headquarters, told Tehran television.

More than 400 people were injured, said Vahid Bakechi, a senior official in Khorasan Province's Emergency Headquarters.

Eighty percent of them were injured when their homes collapsed, and the rest were either burned or hurt from the force of the explosion, said Syed Majid Taqizadeh, head of the 22 Bahman hospital. The hospital is named after the date in the Iranian calendar that coincides with Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Most of the injured were from the village of Hashemabad, Taqizadeh said. Other victims were found in surrounding villages, particularly Dehnow and Abdolabad.

Dozens of people remained buried under the rubble of their homes, said Saeed Kaviani, editor of the Sobh-e-Neyshabur newspaper. Iranian paramilitary Revolutionary Guards closed the immediate area, fearing more explosions.

IRNA quoted Mehran Vakili, Neyshabur's medical examiner, as saying that by Wednesday evening 180 bodies had been recovered. The dead included 182 fire and rescue workers.

"The scale of the devastation is very great, and the damage appears more than initially thought," said Vahid Bakechi, of the Khorasan

Province's Emergency Headquarters.

In New York, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan conveyed his condolences to the Iranian government and the victims of the disaster, U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said. He added that the world body was ready to assist those affected by the tragedy.

After finding her children safe at the Hashemabad school, which was unscathed by the explosion, Rezaie went to a hospital.

"That's when I saw them bringing in many injured people ... wearing uniforms that firefighters or rescue workers wear," she said. "They told me there had been an explosion," she said.

Neyshabur is at the center of a farming region for cotton, fruit and grain. Other industries include carpets, pottery, leather goods and turquoise.

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Forget Focus on the Positive week

Texas Tech has declared this week "Focus on the Positive Week." Upon learning this, I have been all torn up inside. "Focus on the Positive week" has caused me more stress than anything else going on in my life right now. Bizarre, that something meant to be positive would have such a negative effect.



Sarah Looten

I had originally thought to write about why girls go the restroom in herds and how annoying it is. But, when I found about "Focus on the Positive week" I knew I had to write about it. There was no way I couldn't.

It was a wide-open field. I could talk about all the positive things going on in my life right now. I could talk about how silly and moronic I could be about it. Or I could take a serious look at positive week. So, it is with my best efforts I combine the three perspectives.

As you might recall, I mentioned having a couple of rough days last week. They were indeed, very rough. I was in a terrible mood. But, with me knowing it, good times snuck up on me.

It started small. Just thinking about Texas country music made me feel better. That in turn spilled over into the rest of the week. I couldn't help but be happy. I had a wonderful weekend. My dimples looked extraordinarily cute. People had only the nicest things to say about my columns.

I went shopping, listened to good music, got the most amazing ruby red 98 cent plastic cocktail ring, I hung out with old friends and made a couple of new ones. All in all, nothing too amazing — but I was already in a good mood, so it all compounded. See, when things go good, they go better.

But, honestly folks, you should know this already. You are adults. This is college. You are not a child, and this is not preschool. Your parents are not paying some babysitter to stroke your ego. You come to college to learn and get ready for the "real world." In some cases this is the real world.

I don't expect CEOs of a Forbes 500 company to throw hippy-dippy, feel-good weeks for their employees. I certainly don't expect a collegiate executive to have morale boosting activities. We're not babies. These are professors and faculty, not shrinks or therapists.

But, this is where I get confused. "Focus on the Positive week" has evolved from "Eating Disorder Awareness week," and "Body Image Awareness Week." I understand people worry about how they are perceived by others. And I understand that some people cannot tell real life from reality TV. I understand some people simply cannot turn away, and are deeply troubled by what they think they should be.

I am just not convinced "Focus on the Positive week," does any good. That is my problem with it. In the interest of full disclosure, I have fallen victim to, suffered from or gone through some of the very is-

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such this week is meant to address. I can and do empathize with everyone that has these problems.

But I don't think a campus-wide initiative helps anyone. It is important to realize most people know they have a problem. They know they are stressed, they know they are depressed, they know they have an eating disorder, they know they are thinking about killing themselves. With that knowledge comes denial, though.

Let me tell you "Focus on the Positive week" brochures, after school specials, brochures and the likes will not help. Nothing can help these people unless they want to be helped. They have to want it. It's hard. It is so hard.

It's been my own experience and personal observation that you have to hit rock bottom before any help can be done. Granted, rock bottom is different for everyone. But it's not until you hit that breaking point that things can get better. It's hard, getting better.

Again, it's been my experience that it's not the impersonal-across-the-board approaches that help anyone; it's the personal ones. Your friends and family are the ones who help and heal. It might take a while, but eventually you will believe your Dad when he says you look better. Life will start to look better. Once you get past those dark times, you know nothing can be worse. That freedom is priceless. It's the ability to know that a plastic ruby red 98-cent cocktail ring can bring you more joy and happiness than you would have thought possible.

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Recognizing the beauty around you

Find it in books, music, art

There is so much beauty in this world that gets overlooked all too often. I'm not talking about an individual's physical appearance; I'm talking about the beauty that surrounds us in everyday life. The kind of beauty that is looked over and ignored because people are too busy with their everyday lives to slow down and notice the wonderful things they constantly have access too.

There are a few types of beauty that have to be searched out and closely examined to be able to notice.

One of these is the beauty you can find in a good book. The kind of books that have real meaning and actually make you think about things are the ones that contain beauty. If you look hard enough, you may even come across a book that will change your life. When a good writer puts everything he/she has into a piece of literature, the book will come alive when you read it. You will get so wrapped up in the book that it will feel like you are a part of it. That book is a thing of beauty.

Another form of beauty is one easily found — photographs. Not just any photograph, the kind that at first look grabs you with such intensity that you can't tear your eyes away. Beauty is the kind of photograph that is so powerful that it could actually make you cry.



Kira Hild

Music being made these days is a joke. I don't even know how it is possible to consider people like Justin Timberlake, Britney Spears and Ashanti musicians.

If you take the time to really look at a beautiful picture then you will see what I am talking about. Imagine a picture of a fork — not really something you would consider beautiful, right? Well, this is true unless you are talking about the picture of a fork that Andre Kertesz took in 1928. The simplicity of this picture makes it something I would definitely call beautiful. It is all in how you look at it. Music being made these days is a joke.

I don't even know how it is possible to consider people like Justin Timberlake, Britney Spears and Ashanti musicians. Sure their music may be entertaining and fun to dance to, but are you going to even remember their songs a month from now? Would a song written by any of those kinds of singers, oh I mean their songwriters, ever have a profound effect on your life?

The kind of music that has meaning is the kind that is made for another reason other than making money. Musicians that keep making music no matter how little recognition that have received are the ones making real music.

Art, whether it be paintings or sculptures, is an obvious form of beauty that often is forgotten. An artist puts his/her emotions into their work that can only be noticed if looked at closely enough. Famous art work isn't looked at as often as it should be.

So many people are fumbling their way through life with their only goals being to make money and get rich. There is so much beauty to soak up in life that many people are ignoring.

You only live once so you should try and enrich yourself as much as possible, and try and forget that people like Beyonce can get away with winning five Grammy Awards.

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View from another university

America needs to address the real root of the marriage problem

By Derek Calvert /The Crimson White

(U-WIRE) TUSCALOOSA, Ala. —The sanctity of marriage has long been under attack in this country. The first shots were not fired by same-sex marriage advocates, but by a majority of the American people, including a disturbingly large portion of the church.

The divorce rate among churchgoers is almost identical to that found outside of the church. Shows like "Married by America" and others like it have turned the sacred concept of marriage into a three-ring circus complete with clowns. Marriage was never intended to be a joke — some tragic comedy for the masses to enjoy — yet the media continually portray it as such, and the American people continue to buy into it.

I am a Christian, and I oppose same-sex marriage, even to the point of a constitutional ban on the issue. But as I have read some of the recent columns on the topic, I cannot help but agree with some points. Yes, the whole Britney Spears situation did make a complete mock-

ery and sham of marriage. I'm sure quite a few of those Las Vegas wedding chapels and the weddings that take place in them do as well.

But let's be honest: A lot of the ceremonies performed in church don't fare any better. Marriage is no longer seen as a lifetime commitment, but Saturday night entertainment, easily undone if it doesn't really work out.

Why has same-sex marriage become such a hot-button issue? Because it is the obvious sign to Christians and most conservatives that something is wrong with marriage in this country. It is the product of relaxed attitudes about pornography, premarital sex, adultery, divorce, etc.

Homosexual marriage is not only the strongest indicator to date that there is a problem in this country, but it also provides a group of people on whom to hang that problem. However, the problem that faces this country now is not one dredged up by same-sex marriage advocates, but one that has been continuously growing and festering for years, unchecked by anyone.

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If same-sex marriage is to be opposed, as I believe it should be, let us also start to take a stand against everything that brought us to this point. Let's stop preaching protected sex and start teaching kids about abstinence. How about instead of fighting only child pornography, we start opposing all pornography.

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Instead of watching reality shows that make a joke of marriage, maybe we should spend time with

our family and friends, or possibly even out on a date looking for that person to whom we are ready to make a lifelong commitment. Maybe we should start adhering to the "til death do us part" clause in our vows and start keeping the promises made to both spouse and God during a marriage ceremony.

Same-sex marriage is not the issue here. The issue is the steady decline of morals, the value of a man's oath and commitment. This issue is about the movement away from absolute right and wrong and the movement toward "whatever makes you happy."

This issue is about the movement of a nation so richly blessed by God away from him. This issue is about right and wrong and nothing in between.

Want to defend the sanctity of marriage? I'm all for it, but let's defend the sanctity of marriage from all sides, not just the one in the headlines.

Have an opinion about the same-sex marriage debate going on in our country? Send your letters to the editor to UD@ttu.edu.

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pecially, will hear feedback about the experience and encourage others to participate.

"This is a non-lobbying event," he said. "They're used to hearing why we need money. Ignore for the day those hard, directed funding messages."

Medical students usually do not have much retirement by the end of their schooling process, and medical professionals often have to cover their own medical costs, Tucker said.

"Medical education needs to have consistent government support to maintain its quality," he said.

Alberto Cardenas Jr. runs an office in Washington, D.C., that focuses on government affairs.

He said he hopes this experience

will stick in the minds of decision makers on Capitol Hill when making choices about medical school funding.

"What this should be able to accomplish is to paint a human face and a practical face on what we do in Lubbock," he said. "Sometimes when you end up placing yourself in someone else's shoes, you realize what they go through."

Cardenas said he hopes representatives will remember what it was like to be an employee in a university medical program, and take into consideration wherever the hurt and need is.

Guillermo Valenzuela of El Paso went through the program representing congressman Silvestre Reyes. As he toured Health Net, the telemedicine program at HSC, he wore a white jacket presented to him by the cohorts at that morning.

"I'm an assistant professor, I think,"

he said looking at his nametag. "This is great, we appreciate the invitation."

Valenzuela and congressmen and women got a taste of what it is like to be a medical student at HSC. They were allotted a sum of money to spend as they went from medical student to resident and finally, to faculty physician.

"We're trying to understand what y'all go through when you enroll in medical school," Valenzuela said. "We're trying to simulate the medical world into the policy world; how what we do affects you all."

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, and U.S. Representatives Randy Neugebauer and Charles Stenholm were scheduled to attend, but were held up by other obligations.

Senate

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said it is important to register as many residence hall occupants as possible. If 75 percent of freshmen were registered in the fall that would equal four or five thousand students.

Aside from creating continuity in the registration of student voters, another Senate resolution proposes continuity of committees from session to session.

In past sessions, Carr said the cabinet and portions of the Senate have been overhauled after the election process. To prevent discontinuity, the outgoing committee chairman would present a report to the incoming committee chairman containing a record of assisting the next group of committee leaders by making progress run more efficiently,

Carr said. A majority of students at Tech, however, may be more concerned with the amount of money they give to the university each year for an education.

A resolution to be presented at the meeting proposes setting guaranteed fees for students once they enter Tech. Incoming freshmen would be able to gauge the costs of a full education received at Tech before enrolling into the university, Nathan Nash, a senator for the College of Engineering, said.

Across the board, students pay fees to keep the overall costs of each student down.

For example, a student who uses the services of Thompson Hall may not use the bus system, but that student still pays the fees to keep student fees at Tech at a reasonable price, Nash said.

Although each class would be privileged to pay the same fees for the

rest of their at Tech, each incoming class may be required to pay an increased fee price to alleviate the problems of fees with a ceiling, Nash said.

According to the resolution, the more hours a student enters Tech with; the amount of time the student would pay the guaranteed fees would decrease.

Also, they are professional students, based on what they are studying, would receive varied time frames of guaranteed fees.

For every 30 hours a student has earned upon entering Tech, the timeline for guaranteed fees decreases by one year.

According to the resolution, master's students would receive two years of set fees and law and doctoral students would receive three and four years of set fees, respectively.

Concerning questions on fees and voter registration, the SGA can be contacted at (806) 742-3631.

El Paso grand jury returns indictment against suspected Mexican drug runner

EL PASO (AP) — Charges of murder and spearheading a large-scale drug smuggling operation are included in a new indictment of a man authorities say is a lieutenant in a Mexican drug cartel.

A federal grand jury in El Paso returned the indictment against Heriberto Santillan-Tabares, 49, and 11 others accused of smuggling marijuana and cocaine, U.S. Attorney Wednesday announced late Wednesday.

Santillan-Tabares was arrested Jan. 15 when he allegedly tried to enter the United States with more than 10 pounds of cocaine. He is in federal custody.

Santillan-Tabares is accused of killing five individuals between Aug. 5 and Jan. 14 as part of a drug smuggling and distribution operation.

Their bodies were among the 12 unearthed last month in the backyard of a residence in Ciudad Juarez, just across the Rio Grande from El Paso.

Mexican authorities have said they believe the victims were rivals of the Vicente Carrillo Fuentes drug cartel, and were executed with "extreme violence" as long as six months to one year ago. Several of the victims had been strangled or suffocated in what authorities have described as a war for territory.

Santillan-Tabares is accused of killing or causing the murder of Fernando Reyes-Aguado, Cesar Rubio, Omar Cepeda-Saenz, Luis Padilla-Cardona and Juan Carlos Perez-Gomez. The U.S. Attorney's Office provided no ages for the victims.

If convicted on all charges, Santillan-Tabares faces a maximum of life in federal prison.

The new indictment also alleges that from Feb. 28 to Jan. 15, Santillan-Tabares spearheaded an organization responsible for the distribution of approximately four tons of marijuana and more than 63

pounds of cocaine.

Santillan-Tabares already had been charged with conspiracy to possess a controlled substance with intent to distribute, conspiracy to import a controlled substance, possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance and importation of a controlled substance. He still faces those charges, which stemmed from the Jan. 15 attempted smuggling incident.

U.S. officials said Santillan-Tabares has used the alias Humberto Esteves-Lopez and is known by the nicknames "El Doctor," "El Ingeniero," and "El Maca."

Forum

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The key to having the community take Tech students seriously is to have a larger number of students voting in city elections, Hunninghake said.

Deputization needs to be opened to all students, so additional students may be registered to vote, Nicholson said.

"The foundation has been laid," he said. "We need to work on building on those programs that have been established."

The candidates also focused on the parking situation and improvement.

Working out a deal with off-campus sites to allow students to park at their locations is a short-term option, Nicholson said.

An additional on-campus parking garage would be a long-term solution, Reed said.

Two graduate students are running

for the recently developed position of vice president for graduate affairs.

The interim vice president for graduate affairs, Alisa Abuzeineh, said during the past few weeks in office she has learned to be flexible in her role.

"My strategy changed more and more as I get input from graduate students," she said. "(This position) is the link between the administration, undergraduate, student government and graduates."

Veronica Villarreal is also running for the graduate position. She said she wants to motivate graduate students to become involved in issues and thinks the SGA can help graduate students address those issues.

Villarreal said communication is important to encourage teamwork between graduate students and SGA.

"It is important to keep recognizing outstanding work for the university," Abuzeineh said. "We are a community. You have to work together."

Knight

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three NCAA championships, was hired at Texas Tech in 2001.

He sued Indiana in 2002, alleging it violated his contract by failing to follow procedures for firing him.

He said losing the job had cost him \$2 million in income from media contracts, basketball camps and endorsements.

A one-page motion to dismiss the appeal of Monroe Circuit Judge Kenneth Todd's ruling was signed by Knight's attorney, Russell Yates of Denver, and filed with the court last week.

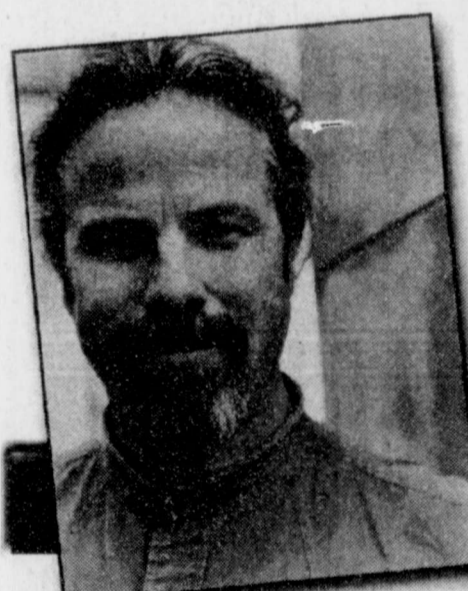
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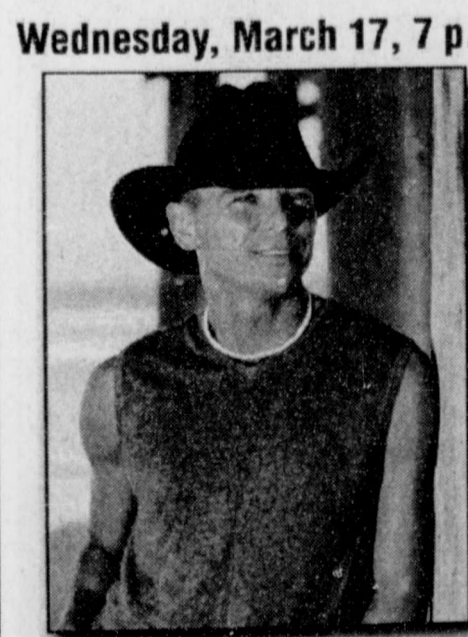


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"I feel I'm the best person because I truly care about the students. The role of SGA president is to represent the desires of the students."

Mitchell Moses



Senator-At-Large; Chairman, Public Relations Committee

"I feel like I'm the best candidate for the job because I would love the opportunity to serve the students. I love Tech, I love the students and I love the faculty. I have accomplished a lot with the SGA, and my experience speaks for itself."

Chris Carr



Senator-At-Large; Chairman, Rules and Administration Committee

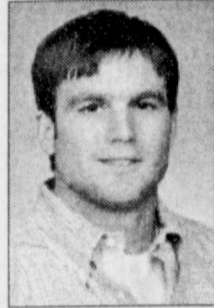
"I have three years of experience in the SGA. I want to make an impact on campus by committing to work hard to do whatever it takes to ensure the voice of the students is heard. After all, without the students there would be no university."

Heather Smith
Senator for College of Education; Budget/Finance Committee; Freshman Involvement Adviser

EXTERNAL VP: KOBY REED ANNE HUNNINGHAKE MATT NICHOLSON

"They say when a defining moment comes along, you define the moment or the moment will define you. I will not shrink from this job, but rise to it."

Koby Reed



Senator for College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources; Budget/Finance Committee

"I want to work with the students — not only for the students, but with the students to come up with creative solutions for different issues and concerns on campus and in the city of Lubbock."

Anne Hunninghake



Senator for College of Arts and Sciences; Chairwoman, University Life Committee; Director, Drowsy Driving

"In focusing on things involving the SGA, the experiences through the SGA have given me experience to deal with faculty and outside groups and the ability to get things done with their help."

Matt Nicholson
Senator for College of Arts and Sciences; Rules and Administration Committee; Freshman Advisory Board Sponsor

INTERNAL VP: NATHAN NASH

"My experience has very much qualified me for this position. Having worked with this year's internal vice president has been like an apprenticeship. I feel like I can serve the students in that capacity, and it seems like a good transition."

Nathan Nash



Senator for College of Engineering; Journal Clerk; Chairman, Historical Committee

VP GRADUATE AFFAIRS: VERONICA VILLARREAL ALISA ABUZEINEH

"For the past three years I have developed services that benefit graduates and graduate organizations. I have an established relationship with the Graduate School dean. We have daily contact with each other."

Veronica Villarreal



Former Treasurer/Secretary, GPSA; Finance Committee

Alisa Abuzeineh

"My main goal in this position is to represent the graduate students in the best possible way. I feel I can do that as a mouthpiece for graduate students to the administration and the administration to the graduate students."

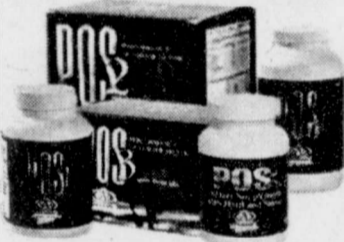
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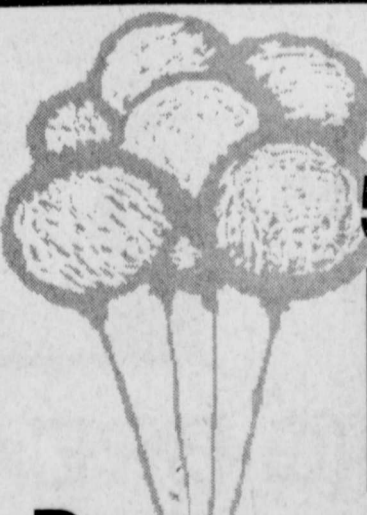
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'One Flea' has few surprises to spare

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She looks straight into the eyes of the audience in front of her and says, "What are you doing out of your grave?"

In the darkness, she begins to recount the story of four people trapped in a house during the plague of 1665 in London. She tells us that two of them have died.

This scene begins Texas Tech Theatre's production of "One Flea Spare" by Naomi Wallace playing this week in the Lab Theatre.

Unfortunately, it's also the most riveting scene in the production. After this haunting opening, which should serve as foreshadowing of unnerving events to come, Wallace's play delivers a contrived political message about class distinctions and power that fails to ever be affecting or challenging.

The play focuses on a middle-upper class Christian couple, William and Darcy Snelgrave (Kelly Parker and Sarah S. Shaver, respectively) who have been quarantined in their home for the past month after their servants all died of the plague. They

James Eppler



are just about to be released when two unwelcome visitors burst into their lives. They are Bunce (Remy Dave Blamy), a sailor, and Morse (Jordan Bennett), a world-savvy, 12-year-old girl who claims to be the daughter of neighbors of the Snelgraves.

Bunce is bleeding from a wound in his side, and Morse could be a diseased child for all the Snelgraves know. But the local guard, Kabe (Kevin Ten Eyck) quarantines the couple and their new visitors for another month.

The duration of the play centers on one room in the house and examines how these four characters interact with one another.

The Snelgraves make Bunce their servant, and each takes an interest in him. He is the sinner who is their keyhole to see into the outside world. William has an interest in seamanship but won't do it himself.

Darcy, whose body was badly burned by a fire only two years after marrying William, takes the obvious sexual interest in Bunce, as she has been stuck in a loveless marriage for decades.

William asserts himself as mas-

ter of the household, although his rule proves to be tyrannical at times. Tensions rise as he gives Bunce a speech about class distinctions, and when adultery is suspected.

Morse serves as the anchor in most of these situations.

This is a play about people with wounds that won't heal properly — whether they are physical or emotional.

Even though there are dramatic moments and some interesting dialogue, the characters and the play never quite get over themselves. This is a very obvious, very self-aware play that knows what each of its characters symbolize and how its message is being propagated in each scene.

Director Michael Novak caters precisely to the play's wishes.

His use of levels, blocking and movement never appear to be anything but by-the-book. In scenes dealing with class struggle, it is always very obvious who is standing, who is kneeling, who is sitting, etc.

The play moves at a slow pace, going from scene to scene without giving the audience many cliffhangers as a reason to keep watching.

The audience will be uncomfortable both by feeling trapped in this house along with the characters and the hot stuffiness of the small Lab Theatre.

The cast, on the other hand, does



ACTORS REMY DAVID Blamy, Kelly Parker and Jordan Bennett, in the scene, "Tying Snelgrave down" for the play "One Flea Spare."

an admirable job with the dry material. Parker's presence is always rightfully commanding, as is his speech. Blamy's performance is curiously mysterious, and Bennett's bouncing 12-year-old is played with the right mixture of adult intuition and childish playfulness.

Shaver is saddled with the stiffest and most stereotypical character in the bunch, but she brings a quality of frailty to the role of the strong and independent woman some actresses could have easily ignored.

Eyck's deliciously dirty and fluid performance as a corrupt guard who will let him suck her toes is equally

funny and disturbing.

But no matter how good a crew may be, a battered ship is going to sink.

Most of the blame can be placed on Wallace, whose material is only occasionally interesting, never shocking, always predictable, and at times, flat-out boring.

Eppler is The UD's movie critic. E-mail him with questions at James.D.Eppler@ttu.edu.

Show information

What: "One Flea Spare" by Naomi Wallace
Where: Texas Tech Lab Theatre
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Tickets: Student reserve seats \$5. Limited number of free tickets for students arriving 1 hour prior to start.
General admission: \$12

O'Brien offers his apology to offended French Canadians

NEW YORK (AP) — Talk show host Conan O'Brien apologized Wednesday for offending any French Canadians during his NBC show's visit to Toronto last week, but not before trying to wring some laughs out of the flap.

"People of Quebec, I'm sorry," O'Brien said on NBC's "Late Night" telecast early Wednesday.

He had his remarks "translated" into French and subtitled: "People of Quebec, I'm an albino jackass."

"We meant no harm with our comedy piece the other night," O'Brien said.

The translation: "The other night, I wet the bed like a little girl."

And so on.

O'Brien's cantankerous sock puppet, Triumph the Insult Comic Dog, drew the ire of French Canadian separatists with some of his jokes last week. O'Brien did a week of shows from Toronto to try and pump up the SARS-disrupted economy.

"You're in North America, learn

the language," the puppet hollered at one couple encountered at a visit to Quebec City's Winter Carnival.

"It's too late, but it's better than not giving his apology," said Madeleine Meilleur, Ontario's minister of culture and francophone affairs on Wednesday. "The comments should never have been made."

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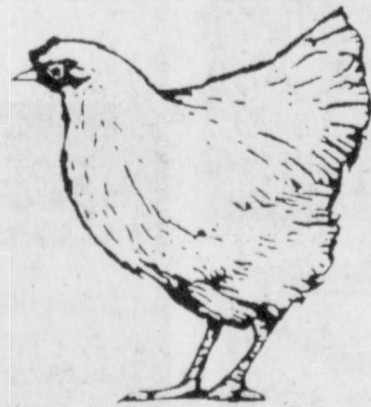
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Yankees are problem of sporting world

The old saying "the rich get richer" applies to baseball. Let me rephrase that, unfortunately, it doesn't apply to baseball, just to the "Evil Empire" of Major League Baseball affectionately known as the New York Yankees.

I've never been to New York. To be fair, I'll say I've probably never met a true Yankees fan, so what I'm about to say is not directed toward them.

But Yankees fans really chafe my hide. I'm a Rangers fan, but this column was not derived through the recent transaction already being called the "biggest move in history" right up there with the Curse of the Bambino, which still haunts Red Sox fans to this day.

You see, as a Rangers fan, I'm glad the Rangers dealt Alex Rodriguez and his \$252 million contract for a very good, young player in Alfonso Soriano.

I'm also what you would probably refer to as a bandwagon Boston Red

Sox fan, but I've liked them for about three years now. Not just since last season when they were one poor knuckleball away from breaking the aforementioned curse and going to the World Series for the first time in modern baseball history.

Ben Affleck, the star of "Gigli" and the self-proclaimed "biggest Sox fan on the face of the Earth" recently said it best.

It was something to the effect of: the Yankees have a \$270 million infield, and that's without a second baseman!

I never thought I'd say this, but I agree with Beniffer.

It's ridiculous.

Here's my interpretation of the recent thought process of the dictator of the empire himself, George Steinbrenner.

"Hey, it really sucks that our overpriced third baseman Aaron Boone



Adam Boedeker
Poor old Georgie just couldn't stand not winning a World Series...

violated his outrageously priced contract and hurt himself in a pick-up basketball game. Maybe we should go trade for the best and richest player in baseball to take his place. Those poor Red Sox couldn't get him, but I sure as hell will. We didn't win the World Series last year, in fact we lost

to one of the poorest teams in baseball. I cannot and will not stand for this oppression."

You know what, George, get off your high horse.

The fact is baseball is the only sport without any meaningful type of salary cap and it shows.

With the exceptions of a few teams it seems the same teams make it to the playoffs every year, which only include eight teams to begin with.

Poor old Georgie just couldn't stand not winning a World Series, so he began the process of dismantling arguably one of the greatest teams in baseball history, even though I personally think they are the devil's team.

First he let longtime bench coach Don "I'm 70-years old and I'm going to attack a man that could be my grandson and get my fat butt embarrassed" Zimmer.

Now there's talk that if the Yankees aren't atop the AL East at the All-Star Break he will cut loose Joe Torre, one of the most decorated managers of all time.

The Yankees now have four of the eight \$100 million players in baseball operating on a payroll that is six times as much as some other teams.

This offseason, besides acquiring the only reigning MVP to ever be traded in A-Rod, the Yanks picked up a few other decent players.

Gary Sheffield, Kenny Lofton and Kevin Brown were all added to the roster.

This is an abomination, and frankly, it makes me sick one team can be so rich and proceed to go out and buy World Series rings.

I'll say this one more time, I'm excited as a Rangers fan that A-Rod is gone, and they got Soriano and freed up a huge chunk of money to go out

and get a pitching staff, but too bad Tom Hicks is the worst owner in all of sports so that won't happen.

I'll leave my devoted audience with these words, which the mayor of Boston said best in reaction to the trade.

He basically said, the Yankees are definitely a better team now with the addition of A-Rod, but it doesn't mean they will be handed the title.

They still have to get on base to win games, and the Red Sox made a nice little acquisition of their own. His name's Curt Schilling, and he'll be joining forces with Pedro Martinez to form a pretty solid No. 1, No. 2 rotation.

I've got three words for you, George. Money isn't everything.

Boedeker is a senior journalism and advertising major from Flower Mound. E-mail him about the historic trade at david.a.boedeker@ttu.edu.

Marcus Vick charged with misdemeanor

(U-WIRE) BLACKSBURG, Va. - Virginia Tech quarterback Marcus Vick and two teammates have been charged with multiple counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Vick, tailback Mike Imoh, and wide receiver Brenden Hill each were served warrants and released on \$2,500 bonds. According to a joint statement from Commonwealth's Attorney Joey

Showlater and the Blacksburg Police Department, Vick was charged with four counts and Imoh and Hill each were charged with three.

Contributing to the delinquency of a minor is considered a class one misdemeanor. The charges stem from a Jan. 27 incident in which two girls, ages 14 and 15, accused the trio charged of serving them and a friend alcohol at Vick's apartment.

Raiders focus on improving doubles play

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

They might not be experiencing their first dates or puberty, but the Texas Tech men's tennis players are going through growing pains.

With the lineup consisting of three juniors and five freshmen, head coach Tim Siegel said the Red Raiders are a young team still in the process of learning the fundamentals for success.

"They fight hard every match," he said. "We can't just have one player do it every time."

After losing to Florida State on Feb. 7, Tech will be looking to overcome the loss and focus on the future. The Raiders will face Texas-Arlington at 11 a.m. Sunday at the McLeod Tennis Center.

UTA may not be a top-ranked team like the Seminoles, but Siegel said Tech will still go into the game with an open mind.

"We'll wait and see how we do," he said. "It doesn't matter how bad you beat somebody a year ago or even two weeks ago. You have to worry about the next game."

The Raider players are having promising results in singles action. Siegel said the top spots for Tech's lineup are strong and the others are

getting better. "Jakob (Paulsen) works hard, and I think he can play with just about anybody," he said. "Bojan (Szumanski) has got to be one of the best freshmen in the country right now. He's 4-0, and he's beating players badly."

One of Paulsen's biggest challenges will come Sunday against the No. 21 player in the nation, David Corrie. Although UTA often finishes No. 1 or 2 in the Southland Conference, junior Paulsen said he does not have any doubt in Tech's ability, and he knows what he will see.

"I expect a solid team, but I know the Big 12 is much stronger," he said. "I predict a win for us, but I know there will be close matches."

The Raiders are 3-1 this season, with its only loss to Florida State. They will be looking to extend that win column in the home match this weekend, Paulsen said.

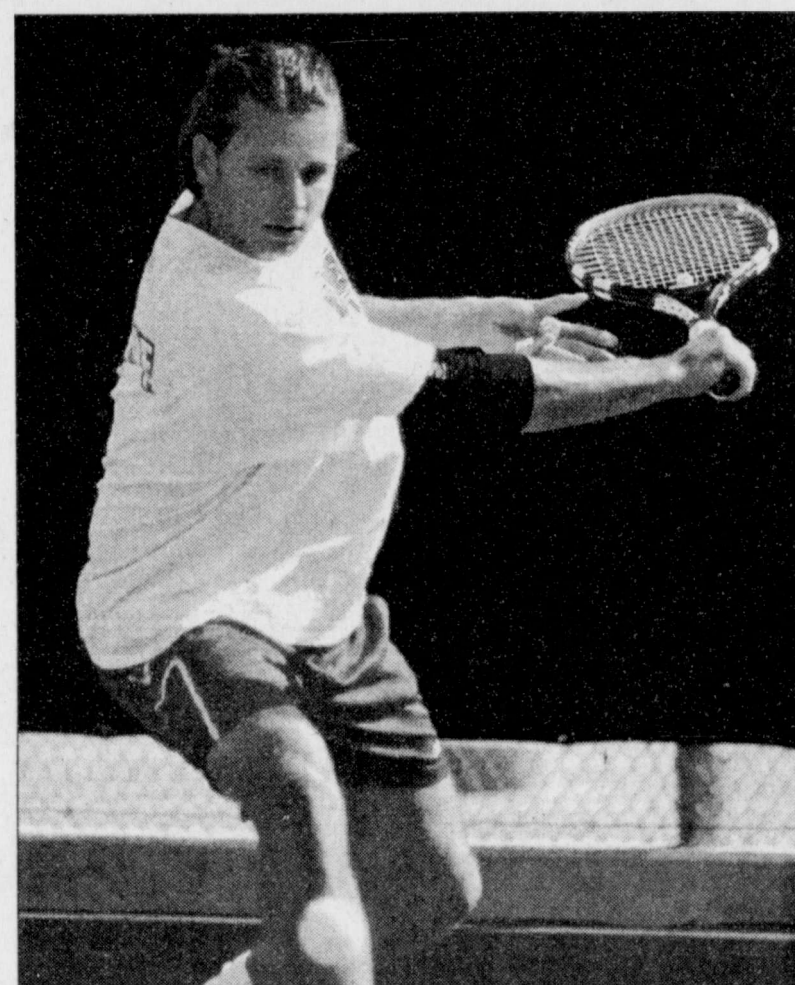
"We will come out hungry and thirsty for blood. Hopefully we'll be firing them at them," he said. "It's our first real one at home, and I'm hoping people will come out to see us face a decent team."

As a freshman, Teddy DiBlasi said he does not know much about UTA or its team.

"We can't take it for granted. We have to go out and play hard," he said. "If we keep up the intensity, I think we can win. That's the key."

Playing in the No. 3 seed doubles team for Tech, DiBlasi said he hopes to start a momentum that will carry through the game and eventually end with a win.

"Being part of doubles, it will help



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EAST TANK HITS a backhand during practice in preparation for Tech's match with Texas-Arlington on Sunday morning at the McLeod Tennis Center.

start up the match," he said. "It's an important part and we can get it going."

Siegel said he agreed with DiBlasi's idea about getting momentum going and that doubles has been a weak

point as of yet. "We didn't win doubles against Central Florida, but we won the match," he said. "Our doubles are not the strength of the team, but I'm hoping that it will get it ready to go. It will carry it over to singles action if we can do that."

One issue that would worry most athletes is time off, but Siegel said he has no problem with it.

"It will be almost two weeks since we played our last match," he said. "Before February's over, we will have a total of seven matches. I think we can go 6-1 and come away with a lot of wins."

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Women's tennis hunting wins in Huntsville

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

Things like cold medicine and aspirin can be bought over the counter, but for the Texas Tech women's tennis team, wins are one thing that cannot.

Head coach Cari Groce said after falling to Colorado State and Colorado last weekend, the Red Raiders have to come out swinging their rackets this weekend because they cannot purchase victories.

"They are learning what it takes to win and handle losses," she said. "It makes them better players. They need to get into a habit of winning, but it takes a while to get there. It's not something you can buy over the counter."

Tech is 1-2 on the season, 0-1 in the Big 12 Conference, going into a three-match weekend in Huntsville. In her first year as Tech head coach, Groce said the Raiders have come a long way in a short time.

"They had to get used to a new coach, a new style and a new approach to how they play the game," she said. "The team is still learning more about me, and I'm learning more about them. They will be successful."

Tech will have three more oppor-

tunities to show its confidence in the players. The Raiders face Sam Houston State at 8:30 a.m. Friday and follow the match with a 2 p.m. pairing against Louisiana Tech. The third match is set for 8:30 a.m. on Saturday against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, all of which will be played in Huntsville.

Groce said the team does not know much about Tech's opponents, but that does not make her worry about what the outcomes will be.

"We are going to play the team that is on the other side of that net," she said. "It doesn't matter if they're a stronger team; we need to keep doing things the right way."

If Tech does what Groce expects, she said the players will know success when they see it.

"Winning will come if they do the right things," she said. "Winning is not easily found. But they can ex-

perience success when they start competing again."

After the two losses during the weekend, Groce said she feared the team would get down.

"Experiencing that, all questions were out the window. But they remained positive," she said. "The worst thing that could have happened was they came up a little short. But they still have their confidence."

Senior Kendall Brooks said she has felt the feeling a lot, but in the end, it proves to be a good lesson for her as well as for Tech.

"You learn a lot from losses. There's a couple of bright spots to them," she said. "You don't make the same mistakes twice. We still have three months to go so that helps."

Following these three matches and one the following weekend, Tech

will begin conference play. Brooks said the Raiders have to improve before getting there.

"These games are real important. It's important to gaining more confidence," she said. "We cannot take it for granted before heading into Big 12 matches."

Senior Irina Tereshchenko said one thing Tech has failed to accomplish is finishing its matches with a bang.

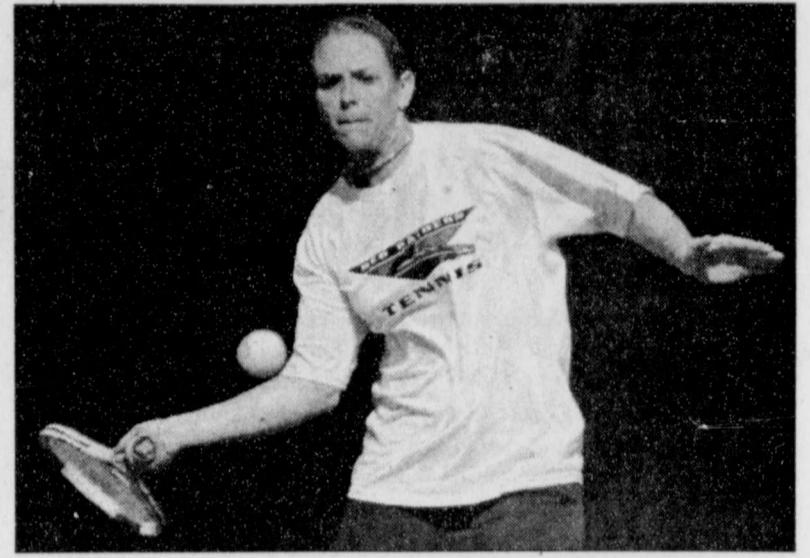
"We have to come into the match not afraid to lose," she said. "We have to finish the games and come away with wins. That's the ultimate goal."

Groce said so far, she has noticed the Raiders are playing at a certain level, but they continue to improve.

"Every match we are getting better," she said. "We are playing with consistency, but at the same time, we are improving on the court. We're very confident in our abilities."

In college tennis, Groce said Tech's players have to deal with two aspects of the game that makes it a little tougher than in the professional ranks.

"Tennis is an individual sport. But in college, you still have to worry about the team," she said. "The flip side to that is you have to go out and win by yourself. You can't pass the ball to another person and expect them to carry it."



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KENDALL BROOKS PRACTICES at the McLeod Tennis Center to get ready for the Raiders' matches this weekend. Tech will take on Sam Houston State, Louisiana Tech and A&M-Corpus Christi in Huntsville.

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Softball sweeps UTEP in extra innings

By Adam Boedeker/
The University Daily

Texas Tech softball coach Bobby Reeves stole a scene from a classic movie after Wednesday's doubleheader.

The coach sounded like Dorothy Gale in "The Wizard of Oz" when describing his feelings of playing at Rocky Johnson Field for the first time this season. He knew there was no place like home.

"We appreciated everyone coming out," he said. "The atmosphere was great. Those guys (behind home plate) were great, and you can put that in the paper. I don't know who they were, but it was great and it was great to play at home for the first time."

The team did not disappoint the fans in attendance as they were treated to two Red Raider victories, which put them at 3-9 on the season.

Tech defeated Texas-El Paso 9-3 in the first game of the doubleheader and prevailed 5-4 in an extra innings

thriller that became a nightcap.

Transfer Julie Hauck won her first game of the season after starting with two losses. She pitched three innings in the 5-4 victory with three strikeouts and allowed two earned runs.

She said even though the game kept going along in extra innings she knew her teammates would eventually come through.

"They backed me up 100 percent for however many innings we go," Hauck said. "The whole time, through all those innings I was behind them 200 percent. I just said the whole time that I knew someone was going to scrape across the plate, and we were gonna win the game."

In the top of the ninth inning Tech had a scare from the Miners.

With two outs and a runner on third base Miner centerfielder Gracie Borjas lined a shot to Tech shortstop Heather Parker's right side.

Parker hit her knees and corralled the ball, jumped to her feet and threw

Borjas out to hold the Miners to no runs in the ninth, which set up the opportunity to win the game for the Raiders.

"It's huge for us to know that we can keep battling and pull it off," Reeves said. "When Heather made that play at shortstop on her knees it was huge."

In the bottom half of the inning it became a family affair as Heather's sister Ashley, who finished 2-for-3 at the plate, hit a sacrifice fly to give the Raiders their second victory of the day.

"After a win like that they know what it feels like to stick to it and win now, so hopefully that carries on," Reeves said.

The first game of the doubleheader was won by Tech in dominating fashion behind a seven-run third inning, when five runs were scored off an error by Miner second baseman Jennifer Garcia.

That same inning saw Tech centerfielder Natalie Enderlin continue her recent hot streak from the plate. She sent a three-run homerun over the left field wall after hitting a solo shot

to the same spot in the first inning. She finished the first game 2-for-3 with four RBIs and two runs scored.

In the second game she was 2-for-4 with one RBI, a day's performance that left Reeves with nothing but compliments for the junior college transfer.

"She's swinging the bat real well right now," he said. "She's seeing it well and getting good pitches and recognizing them and driving the ball. It's huge, and that's the kind of leadership we need. It'll carry over to these other girls, and I'm very proud of her."

As for her team-leading three homeruns, two coming on Wednesday and one on a walk-off homer in the team's first victory of the season against Dayton, Enderlin said the hits are coming naturally.

"I'm happy with (my recent good hitting)," she said. "I'm not going up trying to swing for the fences. I'm just trying to get base hits when they're needed. But when it happens, it happens. You won't hear me complaining."



FRESHMAN ASHLEY PARKER bunts the ball during Tech's first home game of the season Wednesday afternoon at Rocky Johnson Field. Tech swept its doubleheader with UTEP 9-3 and 5-4.

JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/
The University Daily

Greenwalt out for rest of season

The Texas Tech Lady Raiders had another wrench thrown in the works Wednesday when head coach Marsha Sharp announced center Cisti Greenwalt will miss the remainder of the season.

This is the second time this season the Lady Raiders have lost a player for the rest of the year.

Greenwalt fractured her right ankle in Tuesday night's game at Missouri. The injury occurred in the first half of the game.

She will have surgery later this

week to repair the injury, according to the release.

Greenwalt recently set the career record at Tech for blocks with 192. She had increased her total to 195 before the injury. She was averaging 7.9 points a game and 5.7 rebounds and had played in every game this season, starting eight.

In a press release Sharp said this adds to the challenges her team has

had to face this season.

"This is just another blow to our team," she said in the release. "I feel bad for our players and our fans to have to endure this adversity. I have confidence that our team will respond as they have all season long."

Players and coaches were unavailable for comment.

Tech also suffered the loss of guard Jia Perkins earlier this season when the guard left the team because of medical reasons.

Perkins was Tech's leading scorer when she left the team.

The No. 9 Lady Raiders will play No. 1 Texas at 1 p.m. on Sunday in the United Spirit Arena.



Buffaloes too much for Raiders

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — David Harrison had 24 points and 10 rebounds, Michel Morandais added 22 points and Colorado beat No. 22 Texas Tech 85-75 on Wednesday night.

Colorado (14-8, 6-5 Big 12) used runs of 9-2 and 15-6 to hold off the Red Raiders in the second half.

Texas Tech (18-7, 6-5) was led by Devonnie Giles, who had 18 points and 18 rebounds, and Andre Emmett, who scored 16. The Red Raiders have lost five of their last seven games.

Colorado, which led 48-42 at halftime, pushed its lead to 56-46 on Harrison's three-point play.

Texas Tech twice cut the deficit to four points, the second time on Ronald Ross' steal and layup with 11:37 remaining.

Colorado responded with a 9-2 flurry, including a Glean Eddy's layup and subsequent 3-pointer, for

a 68-57 lead with 8:02 left.

Emmett's three-point play and ensuing rebound layup trimmed the lead to 70-66 with 5:31 to go, but Morandais countered with a three-point play that triggered a 15-6 surge. Morandais hit two free throws to make it 79-69, and Blair Wilson added a three-point play with 1:30 to go.

The Buffaloes suffered a scare in each half when Morandais and Harrison both fell to the floor with apparent leg injuries.

Midway through the first half, Morandais stole the ball and hit a slam dunk on the other end but landed awkwardly, apparently injuring his right knee. He had to be assisted to the locker room but returned to the game three minutes later.

Harrison went down with an injury to his right foot with 5:58 remain-

ing and was helped to the bench, but he returned in two minutes.

Harrison had 17 points and Morandais 14 in the first half as the Buffaloes took a six-point halftime lead. Giles had 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Red Raiders, who were

outshot 47 percent to 54 percent in the half. Morandais' basket on the play on which he was injured triggered a 6-0 run that put Colorado ahead 26-19 with 7:51 left in the half. Texas Tech countered with a 7-0

run, including Emmett's three-point play and his steal and layup.

Morandais' 3-pointer capped Colorado's 7-0 flurry later in the half, giving the Buffaloes a 42-36 lead.

Harrison's slam dunk of a rebound with two seconds left accounted for the halftime margin.





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