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## Students react to 36 percent tuition increase

By Michael Castellon/The University Daily

Debra Boyce is concerned about her future at Texas Tech.

"I would like to continue coming to Tech, but if tuition keeps going up I'll have to transfer in the fall," Boyce, a junior education major from Lubbock, said. "I'm a nontraditional student so I live by the loan. This will leave me nothing left over, so it makes it hard for me."

Boyce and a number of other Tech students responded Monday to the university's

decision to boost tuition by 36 percent starting next fall.

Jennifer Day, a senior psychology major from Austin said she and her family are concerned about the increase.

"My parents are upset because I may go to graduate school here, and my brother is thinking about coming here," Day said. "There's a lot of construction going on, but I didn't see any improvements since the last tuition increase."

Last week, Tech administrators successfully proposed the increase to the university's Board

of Regents.

Citing a need to offset state and federal budget cutbacks, administrators said the hike was necessary to finance new and continuing projects at the university, among other things.

"I didn't even see that we got new professors," Day said. "Psychology majors usually only have TAs. I have TAs teaching all my classes now."

Under a plan by Tech President Jon Whitmore, the university will allocate a portion of the nearly \$15 million additional revenue

generated each semester by the tuition hike to hire about 100 new faculty over the next three years.

But a significant number of students at the university are expressing concern that university officials aren't doing enough to show where the money is going.

For a student enrolling in 15 credit hours, the hike will result in a \$300 increase in costs per semester. The costs will have raised more than \$500 since the fall 2003 semester.

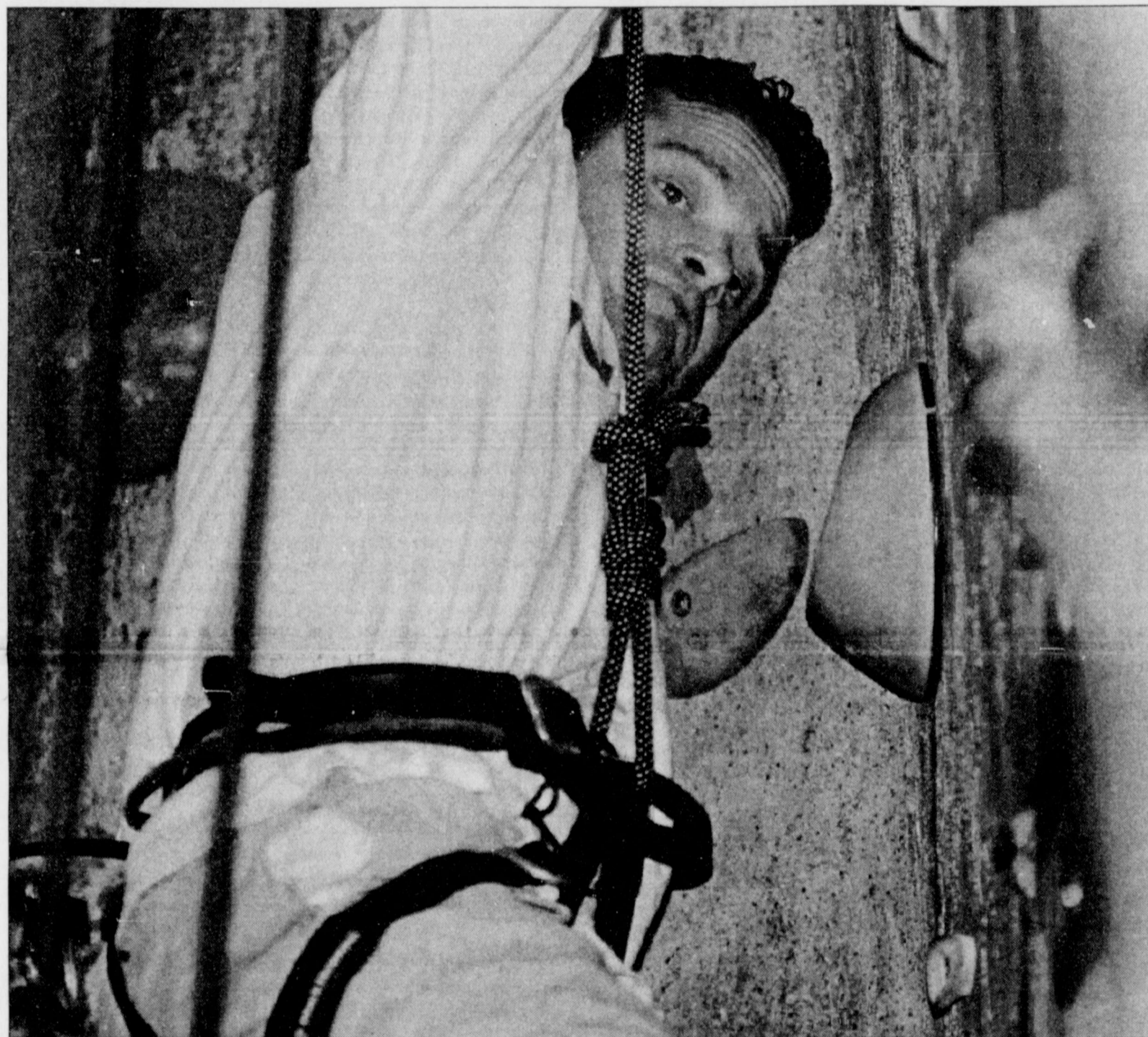
"I went to junior college before I came here

so I could try to save money," said Camille Prater, a senior psychology major from Midland. "I'll be here in the summer and fall, and it's getting harder and harder to pay for school."

Officials have marked about 33 percent of the additional revenue for scholarships and financial aid, but some students expressed concern that the increase will only put more students in need of financial aid.

"I just hope that its being allocated well," said Prater. "It just seems like there have been a lot of hikes over a short period of time."

## CAUTIOUS CLIMBER



MATT GARVIN, A senior geology major from Garland, looks for his next move while climbing to the top of the rock wall in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center on Monday.

LINC ARMES/The University Daily

### Health Sciences Center

## HSC tuition increases to \$48 per credit hour

By Beth Aaron/The University Daily

The Texas Tech Board of Regents approved a raise in tuition not only for the main campus, but for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center as well.

Tuition in the schools of nursing, allied health sciences, pharmacy, and biomedical sciences will increase from \$46 a credit hour to \$48. Institutional tuition will increase from \$1,104 to \$2,000.

Dr. M. Roy Wilson, HSC president, said the decision to increase tuition in the medical school was made after much debate.

"We try to be very thoughtful before making any tuition increase," he said. "That's why we didn't make any increases in the other schools, by the way."

Wilson said it is possible there will be another tuition increase in the future in order to compete with other medical schools both in the state and nationally.

"We just have to see how the other medical schools react," he said. "No plans at this time."

While it had potential to help the general academic campus, tuition deregulation hurt the HSC, Wilson said. Because there are fewer students on the medical school campus, he said, raising money is difficult.

"Tuition deregulation was really a disservice to the HSC," he said. "We can't generate the funds necessary to continue to improve programs," he said.

Faculty and staff working at the HSC have not gotten raises in the past two years, Wilson said, partly because of lack of surplus funds.

Dr. Richard Homan, dean of the medical school and vice president of clinical affairs, said this is the first tuition increase in Tech's medical school in 15 years.

"Any tuition increase is something we try to avoid," he said. Because the increase is considered to be minor, Homan said he does not believe medical students will be deterred from further pursuing their education at Tech.

"The tuition is just one small part of educating a physician," he said. "Students actually bear a small part of the cost through tuition for their educational experience."

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### Crime

## Man shot outside of Depot District bar

**FAMILY FEUD:** Victim shot while trying to help a woman allegedly being assaulted by her husband.

By Sally Gunter/The University Daily

University Medical Center officials released a 39-year-old male victim of a shooting in the Depot District on Monday after he spent 36 hours in the hospital.

The victim, Daniel Saenz, was shot at 11:10 p.m. Saturday while trying to help a woman allegedly being assaulted by her husband.

Connie Denise Lieck, 32, was in Tom's Daiquiri Bar when she was told that her husband, Timothy Wayne Lieck, had pulled up in front of the bar. He was driving a red Corvette and had their daughter inside the vehicle, according to the police report.

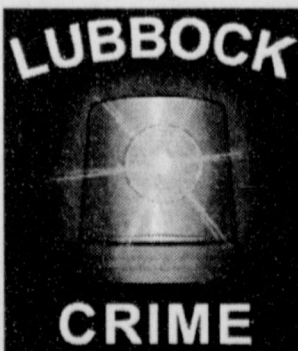
Because Connie Lieck and Timothy Lieck have been separated since Jan. 1, she said she was afraid to go outside and asked a companion to join her.

As she approached the vehicle, Connie Lieck saw her daughter in Timothy Lieck's lap. She leaned into the passenger side window. Timothy Lieck asked her to get into the vehicle, but she refused, according to the report.

Timothy Lieck then grabbed Connie Lieck by the hair with both hands and pulled her into the vehicle through the passenger window. Her head was almost even with the steering wheel and her feet were off the ground, according to the report.

The vehicle began to roll, and a bystander ran to the car. He leaned inside the passenger side window and tried to pry Timothy Lieck's hands off of Connie Lieck. When the driver refused, the man reached over and put the vehicle in park, according to the report.

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### Student Affairs

## SGA executive officer run-off elections begin

By Andrew Bell/The University Daily

In the final measure to elect executive officers for the Student Government Association of Texas Tech, run-off elections will be held Tuesday and Wednesday.

Voting begins at 9 a.m. today and will continue until 7 p.m. on Wednesday. Students who would like to be a part of the voter process can log on to the SGA Web site, www.sga.ttu.edu, and vote using their e-Raider username and password.

Unlike previous elections, the election last week was the first time students used their e-Raider information instead of their personal test number. Any student that does not know their information can contact 742-HELP to get their e-Raider username and password.

For the run-off election, students will not be able to write in a vote. Bill Brannan, unit associate director of the Student Union, said the only votes that can be submitted are for the candidates.

Since there is not a possibility of write-in votes, each candidate would need to win by majority. Brannan said he is not sure what would happen if each candidate for one office received 50 percent of the vote.

"The issue has never been addressed," he said.

Last week in the race for SGA president, Mitchell Moses received almost 44 percent of the votes while Chris Carr got over 28 percent. Since

Wednesday, both of the candidates said they have not let the stress and anxiety of a run-off election get to them.

Carr said the past week has been busier than usual. His main strategy has been to get the student body back to the polls. Brannan said the voter turnout last week was the largest since 1996.

Carr said he would like to get all of the students who voted before to go to the polls again. Most importantly, he wants to let Tech students know that their previous vote does

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### Public Affairs

## Fox gaining comfort in role as Lubbock city manager

By Sally Gunter/The University Daily

Two weeks ago when the new city manager of Lubbock arrived in town, he was met with a blinding dust storm.

Things are looking a little clearer now as Louis Fox moved into an apartment and began to meet with city employees in what he called a "smooth transition."

"I want to walk before I run," Fox said. "I've been meeting on an informal basis to find what the key issues are."

Fox, a former city manager of San Antonio, said he still knows quite a bit about government, despite his 14-year vacation from the public sector. During that time, Fox concentrated his time being founder and owner of Urban Advisory Services in San Antonio, a consulting firm to cities.

"I learned the pressure private sectors put on governments to do busi-



Fox

ness," he said. "There is self interest, and I understand that a lot better."

Fox said he will not begin personal goal-setting sessions with the City Council until after elections in May.

His transition will be met with occasional bumps as Fox deals with being separated from his family and the day-to-day operations of the Lubbock government.

Fox said he is like the CEO of a corporation. He oversees and carries out in an efficient manner the policies the City Council and mayor create.

"My responsibility is to keep them informed," Fox said. "There are times

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# Tech student injured in on-campus motorcycle wreck

By Beth Aaron/  
The University Daily

A Texas Tech student was injured in a motorcycle accident at the intersection of Main Street and Flint Avenue on the Tech campus outside of Stangel/Murdough residence hall at 10:49 a.m. Monday.

The sophomore business administration student was transported to University Medical Center, said Maj. Gordon Hoffman of the Tech Police Department. The student was wearing a helmet.

The extent of his injuries is unknown, Hoffman said, but he was treated and released on the same day.

"(His injuries were) serious enough to warrant him going to the hospital," he said. "Anytime you have a motorcycle accident, it's bad news."

Mary Jo Brown, from Dickens, said she was driving her car on campus with her husband to pick up her grandson for lunch when the accident occurred.

"I was turning left, and he was coming from the south," she said.

Hoffman said the accident was caused by a failure to yield right of way. He does not believe the speed of the vehicles was a contributing factor.

"They basically turned in front of him," he said.

No one in the car was injured.



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/The University Daily

AN UNIDENTIFIED MALE Tech student was injured during a motorcycle accident at the corner of Flint Avenue and Main Street at the Stangel/Murdough complex Monday morning.

Motorcycle accidents are not very common, Hoffman said, but motorcycle drivers must exercise caution when riding.

"You've got to drive that motorcycle as if that other driver doesn't even see you," he said. "Be very careful and look out for the other driver."

Though it is not certain if a helmet played a lifesaving role in this instance, Hoffman said wearing a helmet and turning on headlights to increase visibility also increases motorcycle safety.

"It does offer that little bit of protection," he said. "Once you tell where you're going, it's hard to tell where you're going to hit."

# European astronomers find farthest galaxy

PARIS (AP) — French and Swiss astronomers say they have detected the farthest galaxy ever observed, a glimmer that dates back to when the universe was still in its infancy.

The galaxy, dubbed Abell 1835 IR1916, is 13.23 billion light-years from Earth — beating by a chunk another galaxy that until now was believed to be the farthest known object, said France's state-funded National Center for Scientific Research, a major European research organization.

Because light from the new find took 13.23 billion years to reach us across the vastness of space, astronom-

ers are seeing the galaxy as it was back then. The universe, believed to have started with the Big Bang some 13.7 billion years ago, would still have been in its infancy.

"It is as if we are seeing the childhood of the galaxy," Roser Pello, a member of the team that found it, told The Associated Press on Monday. "It's a galaxy that is starting to form."

The galaxy is in the Virgo constellation and, in space terms, is tiny. It is at least 10 times smaller than our own galaxy, the Milky Way, and has one ten-thousandth of its mass, said Daniel Schaerer of the Geneva Observatory,

another member of the team.

He said the find lends weight to theories of how galaxies and stars first formed after the Big Bang, when space is thought to have exploded in a fraction of a second from a speck to an immensity bathed in heat and radiation. It took an estimated 300 million years for the universe to cool and for the stars to form from hydrogen and helium.

Theory holds "that at the start of the universe, galaxies were small, like a kind of basic building block," Schaerer said in a telephone interview.

## The Rundown



### Earle defends election investigation results

AUSTIN (AP) — Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle defended his work as the state's legal ethics watchdog Monday, while the chairwoman of the Republican Party of Texas called on the Legislature to strip funds and duties from the Democrat's office.

Several of the state's top Republicans have criticized Earle's investigation into spending for GOP candidates in the 2002 legislative elections, calling it a "witch hunt" and "fishing expedition."

"The law in Texas is that corporations and labor unions cannot make political contributions. If they do, it's a felony offense," Earle said. "My job is to prosecute felonies. I'm just doing my job."

Dozens of subpoenas have been issued in the grand jury investigation led by the Travis County Public Integrity Unit.

Last week, Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick was ordered to produce records relating to his run for speaker.

"During the time I've been district attorney, I have prosecuted roughly 15 elected officials — 11 have been Democrats and four have been Republicans. They all said, all of them said, it's political and it's partisan. It has never been and that never will be. They know better than that, but it's easier for them to say that."

The 2002 legislative races gave the GOP a majority in the Texas Legislature. Craddick's subsequent election to speaker by members of the House made him the first Republican speaker since Reconstruction.

Republicans used their power to leverage a congressional redistricting measure, which is expected to boost GOP numbers in Washington this fall.

Bristling over Earle's investigation, state party Chairwoman Tina Benkiser proposed a resolution for the party's executive committee to call for the Legislature to move funding and the authority of the Public Integrity Unit to the state attorney general.

"It makes absolutely no sense for a local district attorney to have such far-reaching authority, especially since it can clearly be abused for partisan purposes," Benkiser said.

"No other district attorney in the state is given such broad powers, and geography should not arbitrarily entitle one liberal prosecutor to a platform for launching vicious, partisan attacks," she said.

Last week, Benkiser submitted a Freedom of Information request with Earle's office for correspondence between his office and the media.

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### Relative charged in family's disappearance

YAZOO CITY, Miss. (AP) — A relative of a family of three who vanished on Valentine's Day will be charged in their disappearance, authorities said Monday as they scoured a rural area near the suspect's home.

A funeral home van left the search area in southern Mississippi's Covington County early Monday afternoon, but authorities would not say whether bodies had been found.

Earnest Lee Hargon was to be arraigned earlier in the day in Yazoo County on multiple felonies related to the disappearance of Michael and Rebecca Hargon and their 4-year-old son James Patrick.

But minutes before lawmen were to bring Hargon into the courtroom, Mississippi Highway Patrol spokesman Warren Strain announced that the hearing had been postponed as investigators sped 100 miles away to search the property in pursuit of what he called "profound new developments." He would not elaborate.

State troopers and deputies closed entrances to the land while helicopters and state Crime Lab trucks moved in to assist in the ground search. The property consists of land and trees.

Earnest Hargon, who was arrested Friday on unrelated drug charges, is a cousin of Michael Hargon.

Intense searches of Hargon's home and 160 acres around it were carried out over the weekend by teams using horses, off-road vehicles, a helicopter and blood dogs.

Tracing and spent bullet casings were discovered at the family's home in Yazoo County after the three disappeared. Investigators have not found a .22-caliber weapon that apparently was fired in the home.

Investigators also have been checking a piece of land that Michael Hargon recently inherited from his uncle, Charles Hargon, to determine if it is linked to the disappearance, said Jennifer Hargon, Michael's sister.

Earnest Hargon, Charles Hargon's adopted son, was not included in the will, she said. Strain said the property is a consideration in the case, but not necessarily a motive.

### Fradkov appointed Russia's prime minister

MOSCOW (AP) — President Vladimir Putin nominated a low-profile technocrat to the post of prime minister on Monday, signalling he wanted a politically unambitious head of government to push through sensitive economic reforms.

The choice of Mikhail Fradkov — who also could become a scapegoat if the reforms fail — was announced five days after Putin's unexpected dismissal of Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov and his Cabinet in advance of this month's presidential election.

"If Putin wanted to surprise people, he definitely succeeded," said analyst Masha Lipman of the Carnegie Endowment.

Lipman said the move likely reflected Putin's desire to improve relations with Western Europe.

Others saw Fradkov, 53, as a man who would do Putin's bidding, including a push for unpopular but badly needed reforms to reduce government subsidies in sectors such as housing, health care and education.

Under the Russian, the prime minister's main focus is the economy.

"It appears that Fradkov has been singled out as a man who could be sacrificed after he implements unpopular policies," said Yevgeny Volk of the Heritage Foundation.

Putin nominated Fradkov during a meeting with leading lawmakers from the dominant pro-Kremlin party, United Russia.

"We faced a task that was not simple," Putin said in televised comments from the meeting, edging intense speculation about his choice as he heads into the March 14 presidential vote.

Fradkov was a foreign trade official during the Soviet era and served as Russia's trade minister twice in the 1990s. He was appointed to head the tax police in March 2001, but the agency was disbanded last year. He was named envoy to the EU last March.

Putin said that the nominee had to be a "highly professional, orderly person with good experience in various branches of state activity," and that Fradkov fit the bill.

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# Students, administration clash on free speech issues

**TWO-SIDED STORY:** Students say they were kicked out of event; administration disagrees.

By Michael Castellon/*The University Daily*

Members representing a Texas Tech student organization say they were asked to stop handing out pamphlets and leave the inauguration of university President Jon Whitmore on Saturday.

The students were passing out pamphlets related to an ongoing debate of free speech rights at the university.

Trevor Smith, a graduate student studying philosophy from Chicago and a member of the Tech student organization Students for Social Justice, said he had received a formal invitation to attend Whitmore's ceremony, but said other representatives of his group were asked to leave by officials after they began handing out literature that pertained to free speech on campus.

Smith, who also serves as a graduate instructor in the department of philosophy, said he and other representatives of the group were in attendance to show support for Whitmore.

Ironically, Smith said he believed Whitmore would bring new ideas and administrative practices to the university, in particular, the ongoing debate about free speech

issues at the university.

"We wanted to let him know we supported him and his administration," Smith said. "We admire him as someone who wants to be a part of students' lives. Going (to the inauguration) was our way of saying we appreciate him."

The university has been involved in an on-again-off-again legal battle with opponents who argue that the university's policies regarding freedom of speech forums are unconstitutional.

The university has several established "freedom of speech forums" throughout campus.

Opponents argue the entire campus is subject to more broad and diverse constitutional free speech policies.

In an odd twist of fate, Smith said police arrived and told representatives of the group to relocate to a free speech forum at the northwest side of the Student Union Building. When the group did so, Smith said they were then told to leave that area and proceed to the

free speech gazebo, located significantly further from the ceremony, which was held at Allen Theatre.

"It wasn't enough that we were there and in a free speech area, but that we were in the wrong free speech area," Smith said.

Maj. Gordon Hoffman of the Texas Tech Police Department said Tech police asked the group to relocate if they were going to offer unsolicited information to those in attendance at the ceremony, but at no time asked the group to leave.

"There were two groups of students passing out literature, and they didn't get prior approval as per the student handbook," he said.

"They were not told to leave, but they were told not to solicit the pamphlets. This place was reserved for this particular event, and it looks like to me it was consistent with the rules of the student handbook."

Interim Director of News and Publications Sally Logue Post said the group was told they could stay at the ceremony, but only if they ceased handing out information.

"They were asked not to pass out literature," she said. "They were told they could stay but only if they stopped handing out pamphlets."



# Investigation into fraud allegations continues

An internal investigation is being conducted into whether the executive director of the Northwest Texas International Trade Center misrepresented his education and criminal history on an employment application.

"The investigation is being conducted from my office at the moment," said Robert Sweazy, vice president for Research, Technology Transfer and Economic Development. "Right now, we're looking into the allegations."

The investigation is focusing on

Patrick Helton, the center's executive director, amid allegations that he lied about having a college degree from Tech, and that he lied about a criminal history that resulted from a \$38,000 bounced check he wrote amid growing debt and legal bills in connection with a failing business.

University officials became suspicious after Helton could not reveal the names of clients involved in the center's \$600,000 per year income.

Helton could not be reached for

comment Monday, but on Sunday, he told *The University Daily* he would wait on the outcome of a meeting with his attorneys and Tech officials before making any further decisions.

"I had initially offered to resign, but they told me it might be better to sit tight for now," he said.

Sally Logue Post, interim director for News and Publications, said the investigation is ongoing.

"Right now we're just still trying to confirm the allegations," she said.

# Girls who falsely accused man charged with conspiracy, perjury

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. (AP) — A homeless Eric Nordmark was baffled and terrified when police arrested him last May and accused him of attacking three 12-year-old girls in a park.

The police were "high-fiving, calling me a creep, calling me a bum, calling me a wino," Nordmark said. "I've never been so freaked out in my life. I have no clue what's going on."

The 37-year-old Nordmark was so scared of being sent away to prison — so afraid of being preyed upon and brutalized as a child abuser by the hard-core inmates — that he resolved to cut his throat if found guilty.

But it never came to that. After nearly eight months in jail, Nordmark was set free when one of the girls admitted they made up the story as an excuse for coming home late from school.

Police in this Orange County community have charged the three girls with conspiracy, and one of them with perjury as well. They face an appearance in juvenile court on Thursday. The charges carry up to four years and eight

months in custody.

Some critics say police sought to cover up their own missteps by bringing charges against the girls and removing them from school in handcuffs. Garden Grove officials put the blame on the girls.

"We made an error in believing, but so did a lot of people," said Mayor Bruce A. Broadwater. "They fooled the judge, they fooled the district attorney's office, they fooled everybody."

Nordmark's case dramatized the dangers of relying on child witnesses. But while some of the most lurid child-molestation cases of 1980s involved youngsters who told false stories after being subjected to suggestive interviewing, this case is alleged to involve out-and-out lying.

Raised in Wisconsin by a teacher and a psychologist, Nordmark dropped out of college after a semester and enlisted in the Army before he took to roaming, often following the Grateful Dead around. At the time of his arrest, he was sleeping behind a Kmart in Orange County.

On May 15, the day of the alleged attack, Nordmark had been released from a night in jail after being arrested

for public drunkenness in Anaheim.

According to the girls, he choked them, pulled their hair, threw one of them down on the ground and got on top of her. He was charged with assault and child annoyance, and if convicted could have gotten nearly 7 1/2 years in prison and would have had to register as a sex offender.

His family said they never doubted his innocence.

"He's a peace-loving person not given to violence," said his father, Torberg Nordmark. "Eric's always been mild-mannered, somewhat shy. He likes to keep a low profile."

Nordmark said he was so afraid that he made plans to cut his carotid artery with a razor blade if convicted. He said he told himself: "I'm going to end up acquitted or I'm getting out of here in a body bag."

But his trial was cut short after one accuser admitted lying, just days after she testified that he had choked her.

Police said fear of punishment prompted the girls to concoct the attack story as an excuse for coming home late from school. Prosecutors dropped the case and Nordmark was released Jan. 26.

# Palestinians looking for way out of country

QALQILIYA, West Bank (AP) — Imad Zaid, unemployed and desperate, spends his days at an Internet cafe, e-mailing friends in Europe for help in escaping his virtually walled-in town.

About 10 percent of Qalqiliya's 40,000 people have left during the past three years of Israeli-Palestinian fighting, the mayor's office says, either to go abroad or move deeper into the West Bank.

The flight from Qalqiliya mirrors migration patterns across the territory and to a lesser extent in the Gaza Strip.

Thousands have moved to other towns to avoid the hardships of living too close to army checkpoints and battle zones. There are

also signs that thousands more have gone abroad, mostly to Europe, Persian Gulf states and America.

Jordan last week made the migration threat the focus of its argument before the world court against Israel's separation barrier in the West Bank, saying it is making life so miserable that many West Bankers could seek refuge in the neighboring kingdom and overwhelm already strained social services.

Israel says the barrier is meant to keep out attackers who killed 930 people. Palestinians call it a land grab.

Jordan is enforcing restrictions on Palestinian visitors to stem the influx. Israeli and Jordanian border officials say they don't have emigration figures.

However, anecdotal accounts, estimates by human rights groups and surveys point to a worrying flight of students and professionals going abroad.

The number of applications for asylum in Sweden, a popular destination, was about 1,600 last year, more than triple the 2001 number, Swedish immigration officials say.

Palestinian officials tend to play down the scope of migration.

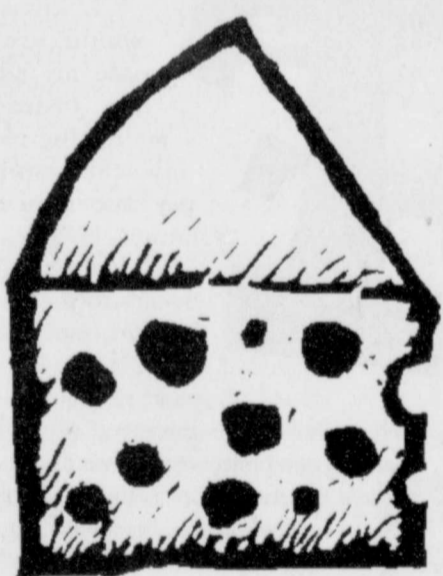
Many Palestinians consider emigration a betrayal of statehood aspirations — a taboo dating back to the 1948 Mideast war over Israel's creation when hundreds of thousands of Palestinians fled or were driven out. The exodus is referred to as "al naqba," or the catastrophe.

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## Stealing money from students

Tuition hike should be coupled with higher academic standards

A lot of good things can be described with percentages. "The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King" won 100 percent of its Oscar nominations Sunday, grabbing 11 awards and tying with "Titanic" for the most ever. Coincidentally, "Return of the King" is infinity-percent better than the latter.

Speaking of movies, "Ninja Turtles II" had 100 percent more Vanilla Ice than its predecessor, a move of pure genius that is beyond measure. "Ninja Rap" was the best white martial-arts rap song of the 90s, hands down.

The presence of creative artists in mainstream music has increased to 7 percent, a phenomenon not seen since "Higher" hit the airwaves.

But I'm sure enough noise will be produced to stave off this recent glimpse of talent and hope.

Likewise, the number of Texas country artists has increased by about 570 percent ... sorry, bad example. I forgot that I was talking about good increases, my mistake.

Also, I've noticed how car salesmen like to use increased percentages to further dupe the customer, such as .9 percent APR financing as opposed to whatever it was before. I don't really know what that means, but more money is always a good thing, right?

It can be a good thing, unless the new surplus is created by unnecessarily taking it from a helpless group of people, and for unclear purposes. By the way, tuition was just increased by 36 percent. Alarm bells are ringing.

For many students, all this means is a different number written on Daddy's check next semester. But for the rest of us, it serves reason to sweat. Oh well, at least next fall we can reminisce about the good old days, or the fall of 2002, when it costs about half as much to go here.

This whole idea started when the law restricting tuition at Texas state schools was rescinded. Since then, the Board of Regents has gone tuition crazy, raising it three times. But before judging their actions, we should look at what all they've accomplished as of late.

Let's see, they were missing for a while, repeatedly raised tuition, recently decided to use race as an admissions factor ... yeah, that's basically it. Wait, so why were they appointed again? Maybe we're better off without a Board of Regents; at least we'd get to see that fun little "days until Perry appoints new regents" counter on the front page of *The UD* again.

But have no fear, Red Raiders, the Student Government Association is coming to the rescue. Thankfully, SGA President Jeremy Brown is reported to be "vehemently questioning" the reasons for the tuition increase. I mean, inquisitive talks with the administration worked really well in shelving the past tuition increases, so it'd be a shame to discontinue them. Also, SGA presidential hopeful Chris Carr said he was "going to fight against the tuition increase," which means he: a) has a plan to assassinate the entire Board of Regents, or b) is really optimistic about that whole political figure-head thing.

A third of the funds garnered through the tuition hike will be used to fund scholarships, which might put

**Spencer Ingram**



Since the administration feels the need to raise the tuition by more than a third, how about raising the academic level of this school? With the last two tuition increases, nothing really changed, so if they want to raise it again they should make it worthwhile.

a few doubts to rest.

"Oh, so scholarship amounts will increase as well, making it sort of balance out," one might conclude. Ummm no, you're wrong.

"Oh ... so a lot of the extra money that I'll be shelling out will be helping pay for other students to go here." Now you're catching on.

Allocating a third of the money to scholarships might sound like a great idea, but is it? Tech should proportionally increase the amount of money awarded to current scholarship recipients, that only seems fair.

I know it would greatly ease my situation, instead of me having to use my scholarship to pay for someone else's tuition.

C. Robert Black, chairman of the Board of Regents, said the increase is "needed to finance new and continuing projects at the university." As far as financing new projects goes, the only ones that I have benefited from is the new Student Union (excluding you, bookman), and the new addition to Jones Stadium, but that's just because it looks cool. So, I'd like to propose a project myself.

Since the administration feels the need to raise tuition by more than a third, how about raising the academic level of this school?

With the last two tuition increases, nothing really changed, so if they want to raise it again they should make it worthwhile.

We are a third tier university, academically. Texas A&M is second tier and UT is first tier, to give you an idea of what that means.

Now, being a third-tier school isn't bad, we're still acknowledged as being a four (six) year university. But, I don't want to pay more money for the same level of education.

So, let's get up to that second tier, and preferably before I graduate.

That way, the degree that I earn, and the other 7 degrees that I pay for, will increase in value by 36 percent as well.

**Ingram is a sophomore creative writing and music major (for as long as he can afford it) from Mesquite. E-mail him at james.s.ingram@ttu.edu**

## Mail bag addresses campus, country concerns

Believe or not, but my mind has been filled with some of the important questions facing this campus and this country.

No, seriously. While thoughts drift toward the Clinton Portis for Champ Bailey NFL trade, there are still more perplexing issues to discuss.

Tech and America must agree because my mailbox overflows with letters about some heated issues.

Enjoy.  
Hey Kyle, what's up with the 36 percent tuition increase at Tech? I have a job, but I don't know if I can swing about \$600 more per semester? How do the administration and Board of Regents expect me to pay for this? Todd from Amarillo.

Todd I have no idea, really. I don't like to brag, but *The UD* keeps me rolling in decent dough and even with financial aid and my wages, the numbers are not adding up that great.

While my father's last name isn't Gates or Carnegie, they have a little bit of money to invest in me, but there are a lot of students at Tech who aren't so lucky.

Unfortunately for many of us at Tech, if we can't pay it, Tech will find someone who will.

Kyle, I don't go to class too much, and I admit I don't keep up with the campus news. I get federal loans, but I don't work. How is this tuition increase going to affect me? Tony from Pampa.

Tony, in the fall when you receive your loans and Tech takes the money away, you'll just have less left over for living expenses.

This means you'll have to find an outside source of income to pay a couple months' worth of rent and bills.

**Kyle Clark**



Hey Kyle, what's up with the 36 percent tuition increase at Tech? I have a job, but I don't know if I can swing about \$600 more per semester. How do the administration and Board of Regents expect me to pay for this?

As far as food and beer are concerned, I hope you have roommates to mooch off of. If not I would start stocking up on Ramen Noodles and macaroni and cheese.

Also instead of grabbing a 30-pack of Keystone Light, reach a little lower and opt for the Milwaukee's Best Light. And if times get really bad, the Plasma Center is always an option.

Hey Kyle, I've accepted the fact Tech is going to jack my money whenever they want. I'm more interested in the Democratic Party primary race and how well the Democrats will do in an election against President Bush. What's

your take? Andy from Grapevine.

I was really surprised Dean didn't last. His speech with all the yelling and weird noises got my blood pumping. Just kidding.

I saw a national poll indicated that if Kerry and Edwards were running buddies then they would beat Bush by 12 percent in the November election. I find that surprising because, aside from attacking the president's decisions, they haven't come up with many of their own.

Bush is my man. While he isn't the greatest president I've ever seen, what little money my daddy supplies me with comes from an industry he and Vice President Cheney are fond of, so the economic woes of the nation have been in actuality a minor era of prosperity for the Clark family. Sorry it couldn't be that way for everyone.

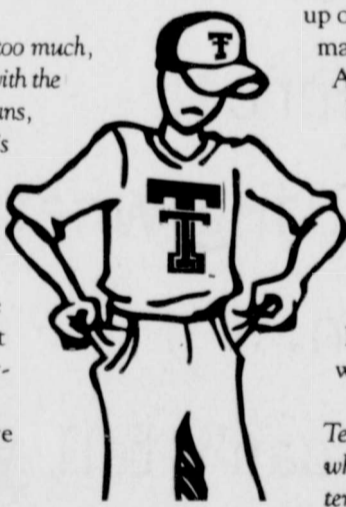
When all is said and done though Bush and his band of merry men will likely pull Osama bin Laden out from behind a rock in October and Bush will get another four years.

Hey Kyle, how much longer is this non-sports rhetoric going to continue from you? I want to know where you think receivers Larry Fitzgerald and Mike Williams will be picked in the NFL Draft. Let's say I have a vested interest. Longhorn Roy from Austin.

Don't worry Roy. Dropping a few spots in the Draft won't cost you much cash.

The Escalade is still nice without the spinning Sprewell wheels. But make sure to tell your agent to get a DVD player in the headrest. Those are sweet.

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### Letters to the Editor

#### UD's 'Passion' forum disappointing

Last Friday (Feb. 27), as I opened *The UD* I was excited to see a "Freedom Forum" on Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" because I had already seen it and was interested in seeing if people got from it what I did.

Now I'm not naïve on how these things work, I knew going into it that there would be at least one dissenting view (and having read Mr. Acreman's articles all year I could guess which one.) However, I was surprised at one thing: that *The UD* allowed two people to write about this movie without ever having stepped into a theater. I don't have a problem with you not liking a movie, or anything else for that matter, but please have an informed opinion!

And, I'm sorry, but research into how Mr. Gibson's father feels (cited by Mr. Acreman) or what others have said about the focus of the film (cited by Ms. Toth) don't count. I was hoping for the same journalistic gut and integrity in this "forum" as was shown last fall about the "Haunted House" at Potter House church.

All these two writers used in their columns was distortion, conjecture and hearsay. The main difference is in those columns, all three

writers actually experienced the "Haunted House" and wrote true reactions and depictions based on their own experiences.

I am very disappointed in both Ms. Toth and Mr. Acreman and *The UD* in general for printing this type of cowardly journalism.

I am a Christian but was also very nervous about seeing the film. I don't like violence, don't like to focus on it, and as any of my friends can tell you, I feel that the most important message that can be spread by Christians is that of a loving, forgiving God.

However, I feel that this movie was a powerful statement about Jesus' love for us and that anyone who told Ms. Toth that this movie downplays Jesus' love apparently missed all the flashbacks into Jesus' life, the scene on the cross where he tells God to forgive his persecutors as "They know not what they do," and quite frankly they missed the point of the movie entirely. I encourage everyone to see this movie, going into it with an open mind (unlike what Mr. Acreman suggested), an open heart, and most importantly, open eyes.

—Renee Lebeuf, junior speech/language and hearing sciences major from Houston.

#### Administration upsets average student

Five hundred dollars a semester in increases so far. 16,000 students currently drawing financial aid and more like myself who simply don't qualify.

Does our administration understand that with an economic downturn and decreased state funding you can't realistically expect to move forward at the previously stated pace?

This seems strangely reminiscent of our federal governments idea of cutting social security and hurting the everyday man instead of boning up to the reality they created and cutting their outlandish spending.

Last falls, hikes were expected and in many events required, but 20 more dollars an hour?

Get real.  
Oh and thanks President Whitmore for saving us that \$1 an hour, I sure am glad I can eat at Taco Bell once or twice more next semester.

—Steve Liebel, political science major from Farmington, N.M.

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# Runoffs

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not carry over to the run-off election this week.

His opponent, Moses, said he also wants to make sure everyone who voted the first time returns to the polls.

However, Moses said he has been so busy with his campaign that he has not had time to be worried about the election.

During the runoff period, Carr said he will talk to as many students and student organizations as possible, because every vote can make a difference in a run-off election such as this.

Moses said he would also be talking with students, but he would rely on his friends to talk to as many people as possible to let the student body know of his campaign.

Anne Hunninghake and Matt Nicholson will be running against each other for the position of external vice president. Nicholson said being in a runoff can be excit-

ing and draining at the same time.

"I'll put it this way and I'm being dead serious," he said. "Getting in a runoff is like getting a check minus for the first time."

Now that Nicholson said he is rested from the experience of last week, he was going to make his way back out on to the campaign trail. Until Wednesday night, he said he would talk to different student groups and "keep on keeping on."

Hunninghake holds the same positive attitude, but she could only laugh when asked how the past week has affected her.

"Yeah, it's been pretty stressful," she said.

With a runoff, Hunninghake said it is a new election. While she appreciates her previous support, she said she would be speaking to student organizations to get students to vote again.

Last week, the closest race involved Alisa Abuzeineh and Veronica Villarreal for the position of vice president of graduate affairs. Although Villarreal picked up 50 percent of the votes, the rules of the

SGA election code state an executive candidate must win by a majority.

Brannan said a majority vote consists of one vote more than 50 percent. So, if Villarreal had received one more vote from the student population, she would have won the election.

Villarreal said she was disappointed that she did not receive the one vote, but she is not stressed about that or the runoff.

During lunch breaks on Tuesday and Wednesday, Villarreal said she will go talk to students while her campaign volunteers do the same.

Abuzeineh, who received close to 47 percent of the votes, said she would also use the assistance of campaign volunteers to display signs during the election days.

As for the week of waiting for the next election, Abuzeineh said it has not been too bad.

"It's just business as usual," she said. "Just feels like another week of elections."

# Fox

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when the council and I will disagree, but I try to work through it respectfully."

A total salary in excess of \$258,000 should not be met with much disagreement from the community, as it matches the package of former city manager Bob Cass.

The amount does not include any trips home to see his high school-age son or wife, Fox said.

"That will come out of my own pocket," he said.

Fox may not be able to travel to his home in San Antonio as often as he might like, but he said his wife will be making frequent trips to Lubbock.

"She's probably going to come up here more than I go down there," he said. "We want to keep our house in San Antonio."

Although he will be missing his son's senior year, Fox said there are plans for Matthew, 18, to visit Lubbock during spring break and help out at city hall.

"It will give him the chance to see what I do," Fox said.

Fox has run in several marathons, including the Boston Marathon. The high-impact sport caused him to need back surgery and a hip replacement.

He does not plan to let this slow him down as he begins a new job in West Texas.

"I intend to be active in the community," Fox said. "I want to be thoughtful but not evasive. There's going to be some changes."

Traffic, water and the city-owned electrical utility are all issues Fox will be faced within the coming year. While he did not say how he would address the issues, he said he is ready.

"Every city has its problems," he said. "If it wasn't a challenge, I wouldn't be here."

Mayor Marc McDougal said Fox has the leadership and vision to solve the problems facing the city. Thursday will be Fox's first official meeting over which to preside.

"I think we're very fortunate to have Lou Fox," McDougal said. "I don't think you'll find anybody in the city more excited to have him here

than the seven members of the Council."

Fox said he sees Texas Tech as being important to Lubbock.

"Lubbock is large enough to not be a 'run by the college town,'" he said. "It is healthy for the community and college. Tech is a super asset with tremendous resources."

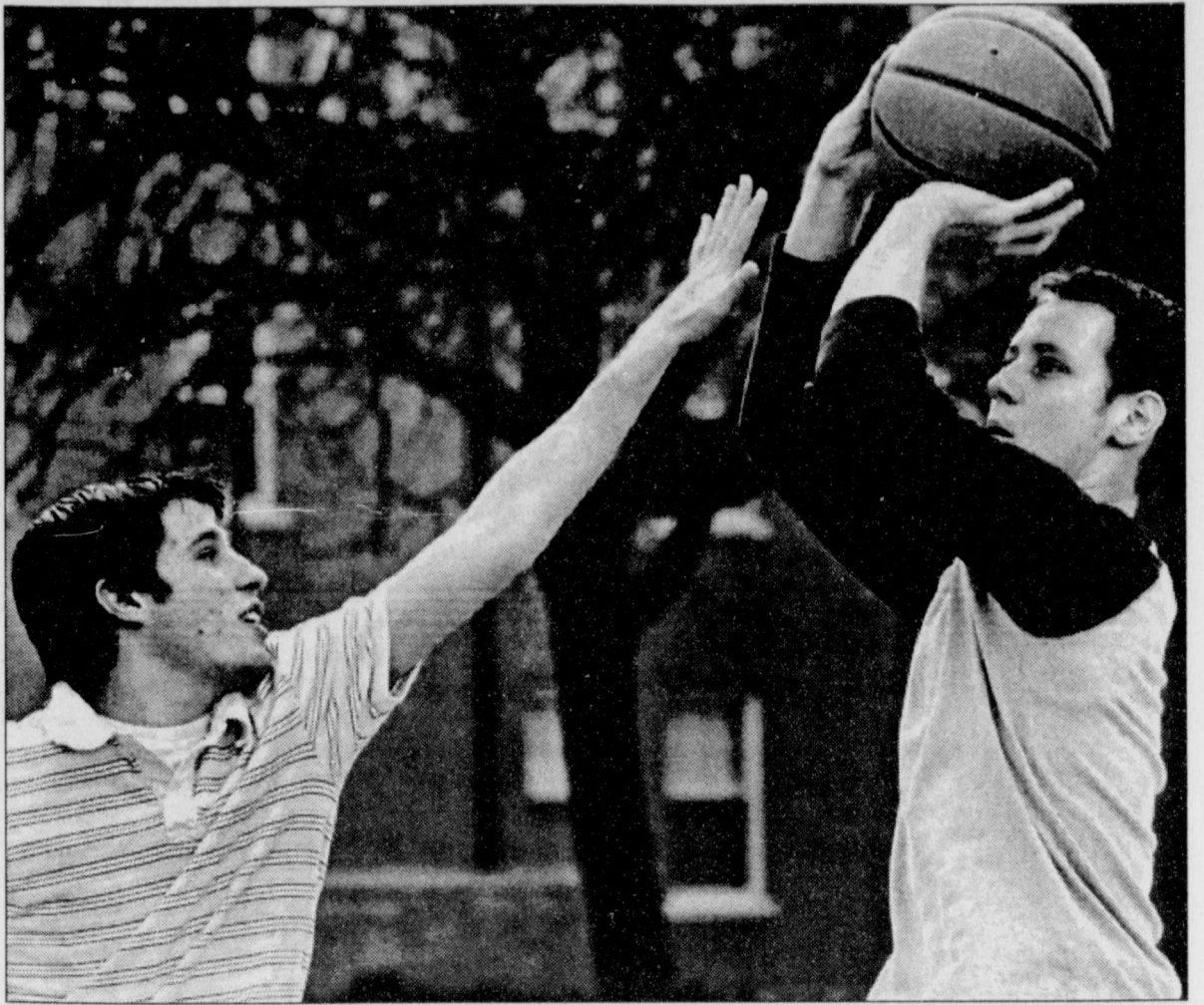
These resources include a number of graduates that do not stay in Lubbock. Fox said he plans to work with Market Lubbock Inc. and other economic development companies to retain more college graduates in the city.

The Overton redevelopment project will have a positive impact on the city, Fox said. "We are losing population in parts of the community," he said. "Abandoned areas are less expensive to redevelop because of the infrastructure."

The only promise Fox offered was the truth.

"No business is perfect. No government is perfect," he said. "I can't claim to know everything, but I have a real solid feeling for what's going on."

# GOING UP FOR THE BLOCK



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

JAMES ROBERTS, A freshman exercise and sports sciences major from Dallas, tries unsuccessfully to block a shot from Chad Andrews, a freshman exercise and sports sciences major from Dallas, making the score 14-13 of the pickup game on the courts north of the Bledsoe/Gordon/Sneed residence halls Monday evening.

# HSC

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On the average, public medical schools cost about \$17,000 per year. At Tech, medical students pay about \$9,000 per year.

In comparison to other public medical schools in the nation, the price of tuition at HSC is a steal, Homan said.

He said students have not expressed concern about the increase

because it is so small and because it is the first in years.

"To have one of such a modest amount was reassuring to class representatives and class members," he said.

Elmo Cavin, HSC vice president, agreed the price of medical education at Tech is relatively low-priced.

A typical medical student will leave college with a debt of about \$123,000, but potential salaries for students going into medical professions are high, he said.

"I don't mean to diminish the impact on students, but we're still way below the national average," he said. "Medical institutions in the state of Texas are a bargain—it's a great buy."

Cavin said approximately \$457,000 will be generated for HSC by the tuition increase that will be implemented in the fall.

Fifteen percent of those dollars will go toward need-based scholarships, Cavin said, the rest will partially fund faculty salary raises and faculty retention.

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# Shooting

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Saenz, 39, approached the driver's side of the vehicle.

He began to kick the door when Timothy Lieck released his wife and pulled out a .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol.

Saenz saw the pistol and began to cut through the convertible top of the vehicle with a knife.

Connie Lieck ran back toward the bar when the driver fired a shot at Saenz, according to the report.

Lubbock police officers were "on the scene when the shot was fired," said LPD Assistant Chief Tom Mann.

Lubbock police officers arrested Timothy Lieck. The child was taken out of the vehicle unscathed.

Timothy Lieck is in the Lubbock County Jail and will be charged with one count of endan-

gering a child and two counts of aggravated assault.

Bail was set at \$50,000, according to the jail.

Domestic disputes happen all over town, Mann said. This one just happened to be in the Depot District.

"That kind of incident in the Depot District is unusual," he said. "It is not a reflection on the Depot District. It is typically a very quiet area."

# Doctors can't testify in abortion cases

WASHINGTON (AP)—Doctors should be prohibited from testifying for their lawsuit challenging the Partial-Birth Abortion Act unless the government has access to patient medical records, the Justice Department told a federal judge Monday.

The Justice Department motion filed in U.S. District Court in New York also points out that the National Abortion Federation, a professional association of abortion providers, has previously argued that patient records are essential to determine a procedure's medical necessity.

"The government's efforts to obtain the medical records that relate to plaintiffs' performance of late-term abortions ... in this case have been completely thwarted, notwithstanding that plaintiffs admit that such discovery is entirely appropriate," says the Justice Department court filing.

Without records, the government adds, the judge should prevent the doctors challenging the law "from offering any testimony about the purported medical necessity for partial-birth abortion."

Lawsuits brought in New York and elsewhere challenge a new law barring a procedure referred to by critics as partial-birth abortion and by medical organizations as "intact dilation and extrac-

rebut a group formed by former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop called Physicians Ad Hoc Coalition for Truth, or PHACT, that opposed the procedure.

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# margarita MADNESS

Frozen or on the rocks,  
margaritas a favorite drink

By Megan LaVoie/The University Daily

"Wasted away again in Margaritaville" — the strains of the famous Jimmy Buffet song often accompany the thoughts of people drinking the tequila and limeade concoction that makes up one of America's favorite cocktails — the margarita.

Since their creation, margaritas have become a consistent icon in America's bar scene.

The cocktail can be served frozen or on the rocks, with salt or without.

Some people choose to stick with the original margarita composed of tequila, cointreau and lime juice, while others engage their taste buds with popular flavors such as the peach margarita or the sangria swirl.

Many people have claimed ties to the drink, but pin-pointing its exact origin can be a little shaky.

The most well-known tale about the birth of the margarita is actress Marjorie King created the cocktail.

According to partyinapail.com, King was allergic to every type of alcohol except tequila. Tired of taking plain tequila shots, King asked her friend Danny Herrere to come up with an alcoholic concoction using tequila.

Alas, the margarita was made when Herrere combined white tequila, a splash of cointreau and fresh lemon juice. According to the Web site Herrere named the cocktail after King using the Spanish version of Marjorie, which is Margarita.

Another tale brings the roots of the margarita back to the Lone Star State.

According to Cocktailtimes.com, a Dallas socialite invented the margarita by the name of Margarita Sames, in 1948. As the story is told, Sames held a Christmas party for her friends in Acapulco, Mexico.

Wanting to see the reaction of her friends to her new concoction,

she mixed three parts tequila with one part cointreau and one part lime. According to the Cocktailtimes, her drink was a success and soon became a mainstream drink throughout Texas and among Hollywood's elite.

J.B. Ward, an instructor for the restaurant, hotel and institutional management department at Texas Tech, said the most important ingredient in the margarita, tequila, is distinctive of Mexico.

"Tequila comes from the blue agave plant found in Mexico, the soil it comes from contains volcanic ash — maybe that is why tequila is so damn scary," he said.

According to Tequilaworms.com, when the blue agave plant is between eight and 10 years old, it is harvested. The plant is then boiled, fermented and aged to make tequila.

The Web site states the longer the tequila is aged, the better the tequila tastes.

Ward said one could tell if they are drinking good tequila if they can drink the alcohol by itself.

"A lot of the tequilas out there I wouldn't dare drink by themselves. You shouldn't have to lick salt and suck on a lime after you take a shot — if you do, then you know it's bad," he said.

Jaime Paige, a bartender at Abuelos, a restaurant known for its margaritas, said margaritas are popular because Texas is so close to Mexico.

"Margaritas go with Mexican food — so I think that is one reason they are so popular," he said.

Besides being famous for their unique taste, margaritas also have a reputation for terrible hangovers.

Ward said many of his students claim drinking tequila will give the worst hangover.

"Tequila — ouch, I have definitely heard tequila has the worst after-effects — it's the congeners in it that cause the hangover," he said.

Paige agreed with Ward.

"I don't know why, but tequila makes people crazy — margaritas are pretty strong so we always keep an eye out for the people who are drinking them," he said.

"Margaritas go with Mexican food — so I think that is one reason they are so popular."

— JAIME PAIGE  
Bartender at Abuelos

## MARGARITA

2 oz Tequila  
2 oz lime juice  
1 oz Triple Sec  
Salt  
Garnish: lime wedge

Rub rim of margarita glass and dip it into salt. Shake tequila, lime juice and triple sec in a shaker with ice and strain into glass. Garnish with lime wedge.

## FROZEN MARGARITA

2 oz Tequila  
2 oz lime juice  
1 oz Triple Sec  
1 cup ice cubes  
Salt/Garnish: lime wedge

Rub rim of margarita glass and dip it into salt. Shake tequila, lime juice and triple sec and ice in a blender. Pour into a margarita glass and garnish with a lime wedge  
Source: cocktailtimes.com

# Survey shows Americans have super-sized bodies

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Well into what paleontologists of the future might call the Fast Food Drive-Thru Epoch, the most complete body survey conducted in 50 years shows Americans have super-sized, particularly in the waist and hips.

TC2, a company based in the Raleigh suburb of Cary, used light-pulsing, 3-D scanner technology to measure some 10,000 Americans of all ages and ethnicities. The SizeUSA survey confirmed that all those extra french fries have come with a price.

The study was funded by clothing manufacturers, the military and

colleges and universities, all of whom have a keen interest in body sizes.

Size 8 has long been thought to represent the measurements of the average American woman. In the clothing industry, a size 8 officially is supposed to be a 35-inch bust, a 27-inch waist, and 37 1/2-inch hip.

But in the survey, white women ages 18 to 25 came in, on average, at 38-32 to 41, with white women ages 36 to 45 coming in at 41-34-43.

In truth, some manufacturers made the adjustment years ago. Some sell a size 10 as a size 8 to flatter women's vanity, TC2's Jim

Lovejoy, who conducted the survey, said in a telephone interview Monday.

The last survey of Americans' bodies was in 1941, and it was a low-tech undertaking, involving measuring tapes.

TC2's technology involves a 3-D measurement system in which four strategically placed cameras register more than 200,000 data points on the body. The data are then fed into measurement software that spits out 200 accurate body measurements in less than a minute.

"By using the body scanner we know it is consistently accurate," said Lovejoy. In contrast, the accuracy of a measuring tape "depends on where it is placed and how tight you pull it."

The 10,000 subjects were grouped into gender, age and ethnicity. The survey also collected

information such as ZIP code, annual household income, marital status, lifestyle, education, employment status and clothing preferences.

"From looking at the interim survey data, we can see the U.S. population has grown taller and heavier, but we are growing heavier faster than we are taller," Lovejoy said. "If you look at the grade rules for most manufacturers today, they do not reflect what we are finding in our size survey."

Because of its size and breadth, the survey also will allow a closer look at the typical body size of different minority groups, including blacks, Hispanics and Asians.

"Minority populations were not well represented in previous studies, which included no Hispanics or Asians," Lovejoy said.

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# 'King' reverses Oscar ratings dip

RATING HIKE: ABC's telecast drew 43.5 million viewers, up 32 percent from last year.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" helped reverse last year's sharp drop in Oscar viewership, but the staid ceremony couldn't match the buoyant "Titanic" ratings of 1998.

ABC's telecast Sunday drew 43.5 million viewers, up 32 percent over last year's war-depressed ratings and putting the show on par with 2002 (41.8 million) and 2001 (42.9 million).

But even the last installment of the enormously popular "Rings" fantasy epic, which won 11 Academy Awards to tie the record shared by "Titanic" and "Ben-Hur," couldn't pull ABC close to the high of 55.2 million viewers who tuned in when "Titanic" ruled.

Last year, when "Chicago" took best picture and the ceremony coincided with the start of the Iraq war, ratings dipped to a modern low of 33 million viewers.

ABC, which organized a massive promotional blitz to restore luster and ratings to this year's show, said it was satisfied with the results. Oscar plugs were inserted in ABC soap operas and other shows.

"Anytime you get a 32 percent gain versus a year ago, you have to be pleased," Larry Hyams, ABC research chief, said of the figures released Monday by Nielsen Media Research.

Final ratings were to be released Tuesday with little if any variation expected.

First-time ceremony producer Joe Roth — a studio head whose company's credits include the mainstream "Anger Management" and "Daddy Day Care" — brought back popular host Billy Crystal and his clever pre-filmed openings.

Moving the ceremony up by a month and keeping it relatively tight (3 hours and 25 minutes, well shy of the 2002 record of 4 hours, 23 minutes) also helped, said academy President Frank Pierson.

"I think the show went smoothly. We ended just a few minutes past midnight in New York, which is good. We started six weeks earlier this year, and that paid off," he said Sunday night.

Others were not so kind toward the 76th Oscar telecast which, as usual, had long stretches of celebrity-free awards (such as best sound

mixing) livened by brief bursts of fun. Adrien Brody's mouth-spritzing to prepare for "Monster" — best actress Charlize Theron — playing off his Halle Berry liplocking after he won best actor last year — was one bright spot.

With the once-reviled dance numbers gone, it became clear that "the Academy Awards are basically just four hours of movie stars doing dramatic thank-you note readings," wrote Carina Chocano of the Los Angeles Times.

The ceremony also delivered the kind of political grenade that documentary maker Michael Moore dropped at last year's show or the brazenness of Janet Jackson's peep show (although cleavage was plentiful).

"Whether desired by decorum or a desire to play nice with Washington powers-that-be already incensed by the Super Bowl halftime show, everybody stayed safe," commented TV Writer Frazier Moore of The Associated Press.

With the academy voting the party line with "The Lord of the Rings" — it swept all of the 11 categories in which it was nominated — the show also became increasingly predictable.

Even attendees were less than impressed.

"There were no surprises," Elton John said at a post-Oscar party.

"I think Billy (Crystal) was very funny, but there is still a lot of boring stuff, you have to sit through," said Will Smith, among the presenters.

The J.R.R. Tolkien epic's third installment, breaking through an Academy bias against fantasy projects, picked up trophies including best picture, best director for Peter Jackson and best song.

The first two "Rings" films won only technical or music awards.

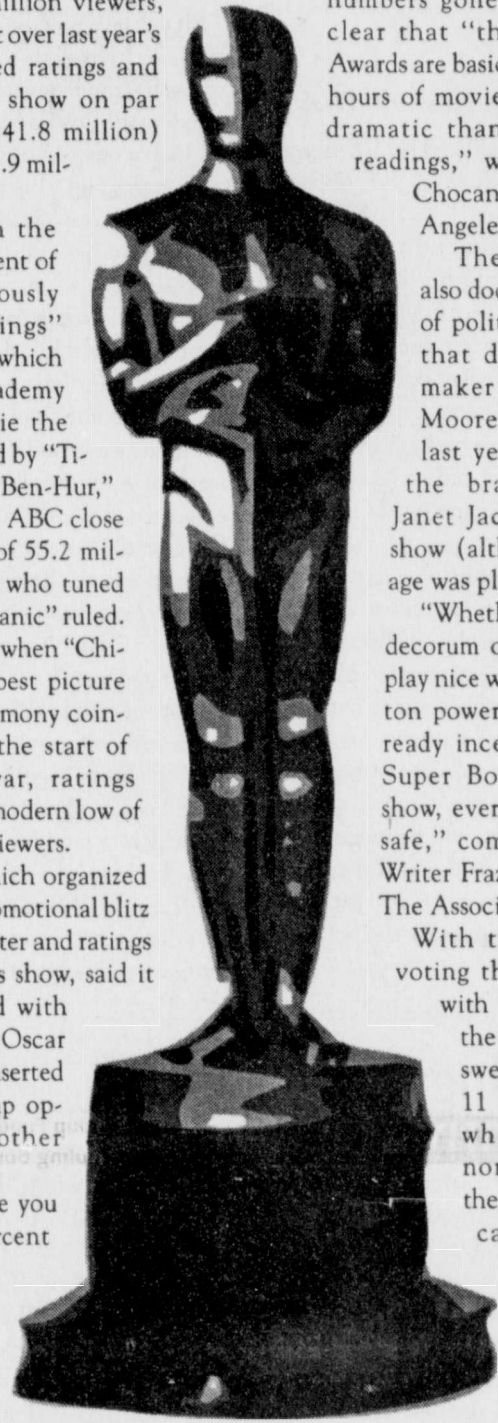
"I think the fact that we had goblins and trolls and wizards and everything else made it hard for people to take it seriously," Jackson said backstage. "I appreciate that the academy and voters tonight have seen through all that."

None of the cast was in the running, clearing a bit of room for other films.

The lead acting trophies went to Theron and to Sean Penn for "Mystic River," with supporting-performance Oscars went to Tim Robbins for "Mystic River" and Renee Zellweger for "Cold Mountain."

Sofia Coppola's victory for original screenplay for "Lost in Translation" made her family the second clan of three-generation Oscar winners, joining Walter, John and Anjelica Huston.

Her father is five-time winner Francis Ford Coppola, who was an executive producer on "Lost in Translation," and her grandfather, Carmine Coppola, won for musical score on "The Godfather Part II."



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7	Body Etc.	Today Show	Early Show	K. Copeland Paid Program	Good Morning America	Paid Program Spin City	
8	Berenstein Barney		Early Show	Paid Program		GraceFire Roseanne	
9	Dragon Tales Arthur	Today Show	Paid Program	Judge Mathis	Rogers & Kelly	Family Feud Family Feud	
10	Sesame Street	Martha Stewart	Price is Right	Hatchett Hatchett	View	Dharma/Greg Dharma/Greg	
11	Mr. Rogers Taletubbies	Hiwyd Square Jeopardy	Young & the Restless	Paid Program	Home Impr. Paid Program	Access Extra	
12	Motowenk One Stroke	News Days of Our	News Beautiful	Jerry Springer	All My Children	Good Day Live	
1	Body Etc. Dragon Tales	Lives Passions	As the World Turns	Paid Program	One Life to Live	People's Court	
2	Zoom	Whoopi 'TV14 Happy	News NCs	Big 12 BKs: Okla. St.	# Rules 'PG I'm With	American Idol	
3	R. Rainbow Cyberchase	Whoopi 'TV14 Happy	News NCs	Big 12 BKs: Okla. St.	# Rules 'PG I'm With	American Idol	
4	Clifford	Dr. Phil	Judge Judy	Sabrina	Montel	News & More	
5	Liberty	News	News	Pyramid	News	That '70s	
6	News	News	News	Access	News	Friends	
7	NOVA	Whoopi 'TV14 Happy	News NCs	Big 12 BKs: Okla. St.	# Rules 'PG I'm With	American Idol	
8	Innovation	Frazier 'PG Scrubs 'TV14	Guardian 'PG	Missouri	Accord/Jim	Forever Eden 'TV14	
9	11:11: Clear the Skies	Law & Order: SVU	Judging Any	One on One	NYPD Blue	News	
10	Nightly Bus. Destines	News Tonight Show	News David	America's Next Top Model	News Nip/Tuck	Seynfeld Raymond	
11	Conan	Latterman	Crab	Est. Dating Blind Date	MASH	J. Mike	
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# Women's poll receives another shake up

(AP) — Tennessee is getting another chance at No. 1. Now comes the tricky part: staying there.

The Lady Vols replaced Connecticut atop The Associated Press' women's basketball poll Monday after the Huskies were upset by Villanova for the second straight year.

But keeping the top spot has been harder than getting there; this change is the fifth in the last nine weeks. The longest stint at No. 1 in that stretch was Duke's three weeks.

"For us right now, where we're ranked is

not as important to me as how we play," Tennessee coach Pat Summitt said. "I don't think the team is focused on that. They know not many people think we're the most talented team in the country."

"All we want to do is keep working and keep getting better and hopefully we'll have a chance to be the best team."

Villanova, which joined the poll at No. 23, beat Connecticut 59-56 Saturday night. Last year, the Wildcats ended Connecticut's 70-game winning streak in the Big East tournament title game.

Connecticut led the poll the first eight weeks of the season, but lasted only one week in its return to No. 1, dropping to fourth Monday.

Tennessee (25-2) was No. 1 for two weeks before losing to UConn on Feb. 5. That was the Lady Vols' only loss in the past 19 games, and they went 14-0 in the Southeastern Conference despite losing starting point guard Loree Moore to a knee injury Jan. 24.

"I told them yesterday, 'There's something special here,'" Summitt said. "It's one of the most special groups I've worked with in my

30-year career. This team has something inside of them that has allowed them to compete with a great deal of confidence."

Tennessee received 34 of 47 first-place votes from a national media panel and had 1,159 points — 55 more than No. 2 Duke.

In all, five teams had at least one first-place vote, matching the highest number since the poll switched from a coaches' panel to media voting in 1994.

Duke received four first-place votes, No. 3 Texas had three, Connecticut got five, and

No. 5 Penn State received one.

Purdue dropped two places to sixth after a loss at Penn State on Sunday ended its 15-game winning streak. Louisiana Tech was seventh, followed by Kansas State, Texas Tech and North Carolina.

Houston jumped six places to 11th after beating then-No. 13 TCU for its ninth straight win. Stanford slipped two spots to 12th after splitting two one-point road games. Colorado was 13th, followed by Baylor, LSU, TCU, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Auburn and Georgia.

## Men make push at Big 12 Indoor Championships

The Texas Tech men's track and field team sat in ninth place at the Big 12 Indoor Championships in Lincoln, Neb., on Friday, but thanks to a solid performance on Saturday they finished in fifth place in the conference.

The men and women turned in a combined eight provisional qualifying times for nationals at the event.

Albert Booker continued his recent hot streak by running to a 20.99 finish on Friday in the 200-meter dash preliminary, the time was a career-high for Booker. It was the third time he had provisionally qualified in the 200 this season.

Tyree Gailles finished sixth in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.83, and Aki Heikkinen finished second in the heptathlon with 5,323 points, a provisional qualifying total.

Heikkinen ran the 60 (7.37), the 60 meter hurdles (8.63) and the 1,000 meters (3:03.93). He also competed in the long jump (22 feet 3 inches), the pole vault (15 feet 7 inches) and

the shot put (44 feet 9.75 inches).

With the Tech men sitting in last place entering the 600-yard run, Jonathan Johnson looked to change their standing.

He finished second with a time of 1:09.58, just one one-thousandth of a second behind Kansas State's Joseph Lee. Johnson's performance vaulted the men to eighth place.

In the 200 finals, Booker finished second with a time of 21.03 trailing Kansas' Leo Bookman, who ran a 20.58, the fastest time in the nation this year, and the third fastest time in the world.

Junior Jared Thornhill placed second in the pole vault, jumping 17 feet. With one more miss than Thornhill, freshman Sage Thames finished fourth with the same height.

The men's 4x400 relay team comprised of Matt Stewart, Booker, Orin Darrington and Johnson finished in fifth place with a time of 3:10.88.

The women finished tied for 11th in the team standings.

## Portis-Bailey trade bad for Broncos, Cowboys

In the NFL, the run sets up the pass, and passing is what makes a good team.

Well, if you don't have a person to carry the ball, you might as well forfeit and save yourself the embarrassment in the air.

The Denver Broncos are doing just that.

Giving up second-year running back Clinton Portis to the Washington Redskins is setting them up in a position to get burned. Oh, they will get a Pro Bowl defensive back in the process along with a second-round draft pick. But Champ Bailey can't do what Portis did.

Putting more than 3,000 yards while running in the Rockies, the 22-year-old Portis is a Pro Bowler and one hell of a running back.

The only backup left that can possibly give the Broncos' opponents any trouble is Mighty Mouse and former Sooner, Quentin Griffin. As an Oklahoma player, he may have put big numbers up on the Texas Tech Red Raiders, but that was college.

This is the pros.

The only people making out on

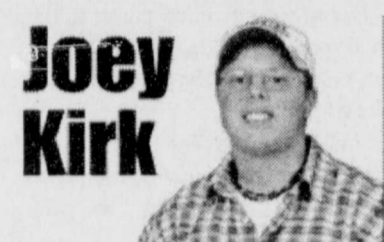
this deal are the boys in the Capitol City. If Denver were smart, they would keep the former Miami Hurricane to help them reach a new level in the AFC. Talk has been going around that Bailey's contract could make history.

Granted, Bailey is a dynamite player. But offense wins games as well, and to get yards, you have to have somebody running the ball, not defending it.

With Joe Gibbs returning to the Redskins, Mark Brunell signing a big contract to play under center, and Portis possibly wearing the red and gold, the NFC might have another up and coming team on their hands.

Being a Cowboys fan at heart, this hurts Dallas more and more. The Big Tuna, Bill Parcells, turned around a team in only a year to give them a chance at greatness. Maybe it's Joe Gibbs' turn.

The big idea behind this whole mess is money. Portis is in need of higher pay for his play. When he signed, he was a second-round draft pick and was scheduled to make only the league minimum for four



The advantages go all toward Washington.

They're getting an awesome backfield threat that can block, run and catch. The drawback is placed on the Broncos and the success of their team.

seasons and a signing bonus slightly over \$1 million.

Denver, have you gone mad? Has the altitude really gotten to you that much? Sign Portis for

three or four million a year instead of paying seven or eight million a year for Bailey.

Now look at what you got; a defensive player making millions, a bunch of old receivers and one stupid owner. You'll pay a whole lot of money for a cornerback that might get in on half the plays in a game, but you won't finish out the contract of a player that helps you succeed.

Let's look at the pros and cons of this transaction. The advantages go all toward Washington. They're getting an awesome backfield threat that can block, run and catch. The drawback is placed on the Broncos and the success of their team. I know we won't see Denver in the Super Bowl, and that's how it should be.

If the Cowboys do as well or even better than this season, I think we could have an old school Cowboys against Redskins rivalry for the NFC East Championship.

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## Women's tennis looking for consistency

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

Texas Tech women's tennis head coach Cari Groce is not a ringmaster, and she is getting tired of the team's juggling act.

With players moving from spot to spot in the lineup, she said she is looking for more consistency from the Red Raiders.

"We have had to juggle people from positions and then noticed they weren't solid," she said. "We can't find ourselves bumping players."

Tech (3-2, 0-1 Big 12) plays its first

home match against Abilene Christian at 2 p.m. on Wednesday and will attempt to secure a steady lineup. Groce said it is time to do so.

"Mid-March is close, and at that time we have to have six players to build strong records," she said. "I know we're capable of that."

By bringing in a new player to the No. 6 spot, Groce said she is ready to give freshman Iva Gyurgina a shot at competition.

"We have players in the sixth through eighth spots with their own strengths and weaknesses," she said.

"We are looking forward to her playing big and seeing her succeed."

One aspect of tennis that is hard to grasp, Groce said, is the top and bottom positions.

"Nobody wants to play at No. 1 or 6," she said. "At six, they're expected to win, and at one, they know it's gonna be hard as hell."

Senior Irina Tereschenko is in the No. 1 position and Groce said is still finding her niche.

"She'll get things going. It's a tough position," she said.

Tereschenko is 2-3 for the season

at the top spot for Tech. With the second through fifth positions doing well, Groce said the Raiders have to concentrate on getting better overall.

"When we become better as singles players, we'll get better as a team and then we can be successful," she said. "That's how you get to be a nationally ranked program and become a constant contender."

As a freshman starting in the No. 4 spot, Lakann Wagley said she is ready to see how she performs at home at McLeod Tennis Center.

"I've never played here at home before since I'm a freshman, so I'm excited," she said.

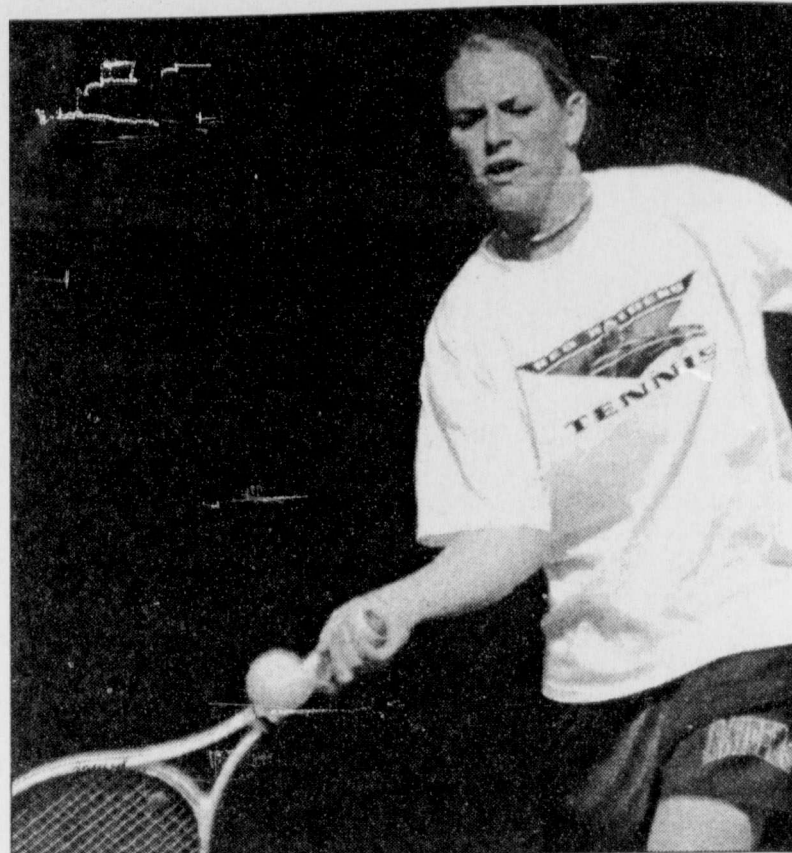
Wagley also said Tech is overcoming early season losses to Colorado State and Big 12 opponent Colorado and is still trying to place itself within the mix of competition.

"We're still improving every day," she said. "The match against ACU will help us prepare for Saturday's match against Kansas State. It's pretty much a warm-up."

Following Wednesday's match against Abilene Christian, the Raiders play host to Kansas State at noon on Saturday. As a veteran player, senior Kendall Brooks said she has seen the Wildcats and knows what they bring to the court.

"They have had some pretty tough teams in the past," she said. "I expect to play as hard as I can because it is a big match for us."

Even though it is a conference match up, Brooks said the exciting part is being at home with fans of Tech athletics and the experience with the courts.



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SENIOR KENDALL BROOKS returns the ball during practice at the McLeod Tennis Center. The women's tennis team plays its first home match of the spring at 2 p.m. Wednesday against Abilene Christian.

"I know college tennis doesn't draw big crowds, but it's always good to be here because we know the conditions," she said.

Groce agreed with Brooks about playing at home, especially after playing on the road for five straight matches.

"We're looking forward to playing in front of the community and Tech people," she said. "When you're on the

road, you have fans cheering, but they're usually for the other team."

After beating Sam Houston State and Texas A&M - Corpus Christi Feb. 20 in Huntsville, Groce said Tech has to continue what they are doing right.

"We can be successful if we stick to a certain game plan and implement it," she said. "We felt it in Huntsville and we hope to feel it Wednesday before playing Kansas State."

## The University Daily READER'S CHOICE AWARDS

The Readers Choice Awards are a fun spring promotion sponsored by *The University Daily*. Tell us your opinion of what you think are the best things about Lubbock by filling out the ballot. The most popular answers will be tabulated and published in a special section on Friday, April 30.

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## Big 12 may not get six teams into NCAA Tournament

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — If 9-7 remains the magic record, then Colorado and Missouri are in good shape with 9-5 marks heading into the last two regular-season games.

So is No. 21 Kansas. But just how many other Big 12 schools will wind up with a precious invitation to the prestigious and moneymaking NCAA tournament?

Using history as a guide, every team that goes 9-7 in the league will hear its name called on a loudspeaker Sunday. But with pundits around the country saying the Big 12 is going through a down year, maybe the league's participation will be down as well.

"I don't think it's down at all," said Kansas' Bill Self, who is in his first season as a head coach in the Big 12. "I think it's a monster league. If you go above .500 in our league, I don't see how you cannot get in, unless you had some really bad losses early."

Since the Big 12's first season in 1996, only one Big 12 team that finished 9-7 or better did not make the NCAA field. That was Texas Tech, which was embroiled in an ineligible player controversy and took itself out.

At risk are Texas Tech (7-7), which has lost seven of its last 10, and Oklahoma (6-8). The Sooners have been to the NCAA tournament nine years in a row, or every season during Kelvin Sampson's tenure as head coach. Iowa State and Nebraska are also 6-8 with two games remaining.

The Big 12 has sent six teams to the NCAA tournament in each of the past four seasons, with four Final Four participants.

"I think that six this year may be a little bit more of a stretch than it has been in the past," said Texas A&M coach Melvin Watkins, whose team is a winless 0-14 in league play. "But it will depend on other factors."

Baylor, the team just about everybody figured wouldn't win a single Big 12 game, finishes its home schedule against Kansas State on Wednesday night before ending its season at Oklahoma on Saturday.

And what a season it's been. The Bears won't play in the Big 12 tournament; they removed themselves from postseason play following the tragic events of last summer, when former player Patrick Dennehy disappeared and was later found dead. Another former player, Carlton Dotson, is charged with his killing, and the school has cited itself for violations that include improper tuition and meal benefits for travelers paid for by former coach Dave Bliss.

But with three league wins and two games left to play, the Bears have earned respect of everyone on their schedule.

"I am really pleased with how the team's performed this year," said first-year coach Scott Drew. "We've tried to represent Baylor in a positive way."

Three of Baylor's best players transferred in the scandal's wake, including John Lucas, the Oklahoma State point guard who has emerged as a leading candidate for Big 12 player of the year.

"Even though we've lost a lot of games, the community and the school have been encouraging, have been great," Drew said. "The players can hold their heads high and walk around campus with a sense of pride rather than being made fun of."

Kansas is home Wednesday night against Nebraska and will then help Missouri close out a colorful era on Sunday when the Tigers play their final game at the Hearnes Center. Freshman center David Padgett, who's been starting since about midseason, may be out with an ankle injury he sustained Sunday against Oklahoma.

"He's definitely going to be on crutches for a while," Self said. "We can't anticipate him being available on Wednesday. Sunday would be a serious question mark. But hopefully we'll have him back by the Big 12 tournament."

The conference's tournament will again be played in Dallas this season. Basketball fans in Kansas City can probably give up on the idea the tournament will return to their town and never leave again.

Kansas City's Kemper Arena hosted every Big Eight tournament and every Big 12 tournament until last season, when the event moved to Dallas and its basketball venue, the American Airlines Center. Omaha, Oklahoma City and other cities in the Big 12 region with newer arenas are likely to compete for the event in the future.

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