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HSC students react to recent tuition increase

By Beth Aaron/*The University Daily*

The Texas Tech Board of Regents decided tuition in the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Medicine will increase from \$46 a credit hour to \$48 a credit hour in the fall. Institutional tuition will increase from \$1,104 to \$2,000.

Funds generated from the surplus dollars will go toward need-based scholarships in the School of Medicine, the retention of faculty and staff and will aid in providing the first faculty and staff salary raises in two years, said HSC President Dr. M. Roy Wilson.

Medical students enrolled in classes at HSC

said they are not bothered by the tuition increase.

Chris Gallagher, a third-year medical student from Dallas, said the tuition hike in the medical school is not drastic, so he is not bothered by a few extra dollars a credit hour.

"That's all right, it's not much - if it's to help out to get more professors," he said. "It's a small price; it's nothing like undergrad."

On the general academic campus, tuition costs will go up about \$300 in the fall.

Because the increase is minor, Dr. Richard Homan, dean of the medical school and vice president of clinical affairs, said he does not believe medical students will be affected much by the increase.

"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."

Daniel Lee, a first-year medical student from Los Angeles, agreed that an increase in tuition is not a big deal because as a medical student, he is looking at a large debt in the long run.

"I'm already in the hole 30 grand," he said. "So, 500 bucks doesn't matter."

Medical students typically have a debt of about \$10,000 to \$20,000 by the time they are finished with medical school.

Robert Stewart, a first-year medical student from Houston, said he realizes Tech's medical

school's tuition is much less expensive than other schools in the nation, and he feels grateful to be paying the amount of money he does.

"When you think about it, we get it pretty cheap compared to other schools in the nation," he said. "Texas itself, compared to other schools, is very cheap."

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 the HSC is a steal, Homan said.

Aman Sandhu, a first-year medical student from Garland, said because this is the first tu-

ition increase in the HSC medical school in 15 years, having to pay some extra money is not worrisome.

"For them not to have any kind of tuition hike in 15 years is not bad," she said.

In response to Wilson's prediction for tuition increases in the future, Sandhu said she is not concerned.

"Some schools have raised it \$1,000 (a year)," she said. "\$2 a credit hour - that's nothing."

The issue with the tuition increase in the medical school that medical students seemed concerned about was the fact that no one informed them of the impending decision or its outcome.

BETTER THAN A BAKE SALE



JAIME TÓMAS AGUILAR/*The University Daily*

Peter Chizinski, a senior photography student from Falls Village Connecticut, and Kris Kincaid, a senior visual studies major from Lubbock have some firing techniques explained to them on the pottery for sale in the Art building by Associate Professor of art, Juan Granados, on Wednesday. The Clay Club will continue to host the fundraiser sale today in an attempt to raise money to attend a ceramic arts conference in Indianapolis, Ind.

Public Affairs

Burns continues quest for spot on City Council

By Sally Gunter/*The University Daily*

A Texas Tech employee could have the opportunity to serve as a bridge between the university and Lubbock if elected to the City Council on May 15.

Daniel Burns, 43, is running for the District 4 City Council position against Frank Morrison, Todd Overholser and Phyllis Jones.

"I've always been an interested political observer," he said. "I think citizens have the responsibility to step up to the plate and serve the community, and that's where it comes from."

Burns is the associate director for the United Spirit Arena, where he oversees all daily operations of the multi-purpose facility.

He also is an instructor for Tech's Program for Academic Success Services, teaching a required course for those students returning from academic suspension.

His interaction with students provides him with a unique outlook of the



Burns

he knows what issues are important to himself as a resident of District 4.

These issues include public safety, police and crime numbers, adequately staffing and budgeting the fire and police departments, and economic

innovative ideas of students, Burns said.

"I love working with students. It keeps you young," he said. "We're an extension of the education mission of the university."

Burns was born in Syracuse, N.Y., and earned a bachelor of arts in psychology from the State University of New York at Geneseo. He moved to Lubbock in August 1984.

Burns is married and has three children between 14 and 20 years of age.

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National Politics

Kerry dominates Super Tuesday primary results

John Kerry cemented the Democratic presidential nomination Tuesday, driving rival John Edwards from the race with a string of Super Tuesday triumphs that left the Massachusetts senator standing alone against President Bush.

Calling Kerry "my friend," Edwards told supporters, "He's run a strong, powerful campaign. He's been an extraordinary advocate for causes that all of us believe in."

Edwards, the freshman senator from North Carolina, stopped just short of conceding, but two Democratic officials said on condition of anonymity that Edwards would step aside Wednesday in Raleigh, N.C.

Kerry rolled up huge victories in Ohio, Maryland, Connecticut and his home state of Massachusetts. The four-term senator also was favored in the late-poll closing states of California, New York, Minnesota and Rhode Island. Georgia was too close to call, and Vermont went to Howard Dean, the state's former governor who dropped out of the race last month.

Kerry, quickly pivoting toward a general-election fight, took a congratulatory call from Bush.

"You had an important victory tonight," the president told Kerry, adding that he looked forward to a "spirited fight."

Hours earlier, Bush had dispatched Vice Presi-

dent Dick Cheney to TV studios to criticize the presumptive foe. "He very clearly has over the years adopted a series of positions that indicate a desire to cut the defense budget, cut the intelligence budget, to eliminate many major weapons programs," Cheney said of Kerry, a 19-year Senate veteran.

In all, 10 states with a combined population of 94 million - one-third of the U.S. total - awarded 1,151 delegates, more than half of the 2,162 needed to seize the nomination.

Kerry, a 60-year-old senator, had 701 delegates to Edwards' 205, even before Tuesday's voting.

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Student Affairs

Traffic & Parking softening its tactics

By Michael Castellon/*The University Daily*

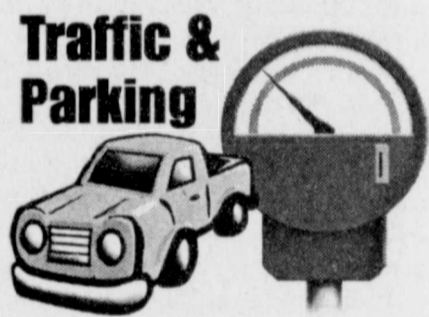
While all the news coming from Texas Tech's administration may not be good news for students, there will always be exceptions.

Amid rising tuition costs and overflowing classrooms, Tech students may finally have a reason to be happy. And the source of the good news may come as a surprise to many - the Office of Traffic and Parking.

The university's Traffic and Parking officials are crediting awareness, compliance and a slight shift in the way business is being handled for a dramatic decrease in parking violations and parking related tows. And the results look good.

This time last year, there were 85 students with 10 or more parking citations at the university. This year that number has fallen to 22 students. The numbers represent figures comparing spring 2003 and spring 2004 semesters.

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Voting

Early primary voting begins on Tech campus

By Sally Gunter/*The University Daily*

Four years ago, 30 voters cast ballots on campus during the early voting period for the presidential primary. The first day of early voting for the 2004 presidential primary surpassed that number by five.

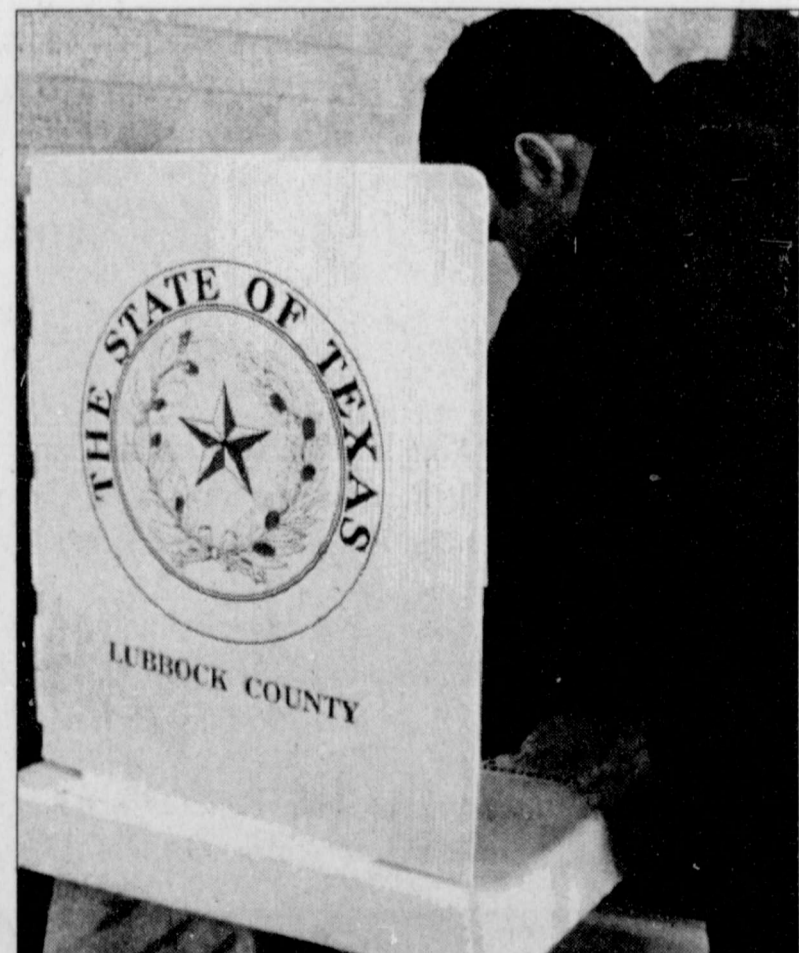
Early voting in the Democratic and Republican primaries for the 2004 elections is being made a little easier for Tech students as a voting location will be at the east section of the Student Union building until Friday, when early voting for the primary ends.

"The voter registrar's office goes to great lengths to make it convenient," said Nicky Standlee, a worker at the Tech polling site. "They make it very easy."

To vote in the early voting election, students must be registered to vote in Lubbock County.

Students must present either a voter registration card or photo ID to vote. County commissioners for Precincts 1 and 3 will be on the ballot as well as candidates for railroad commissioner.

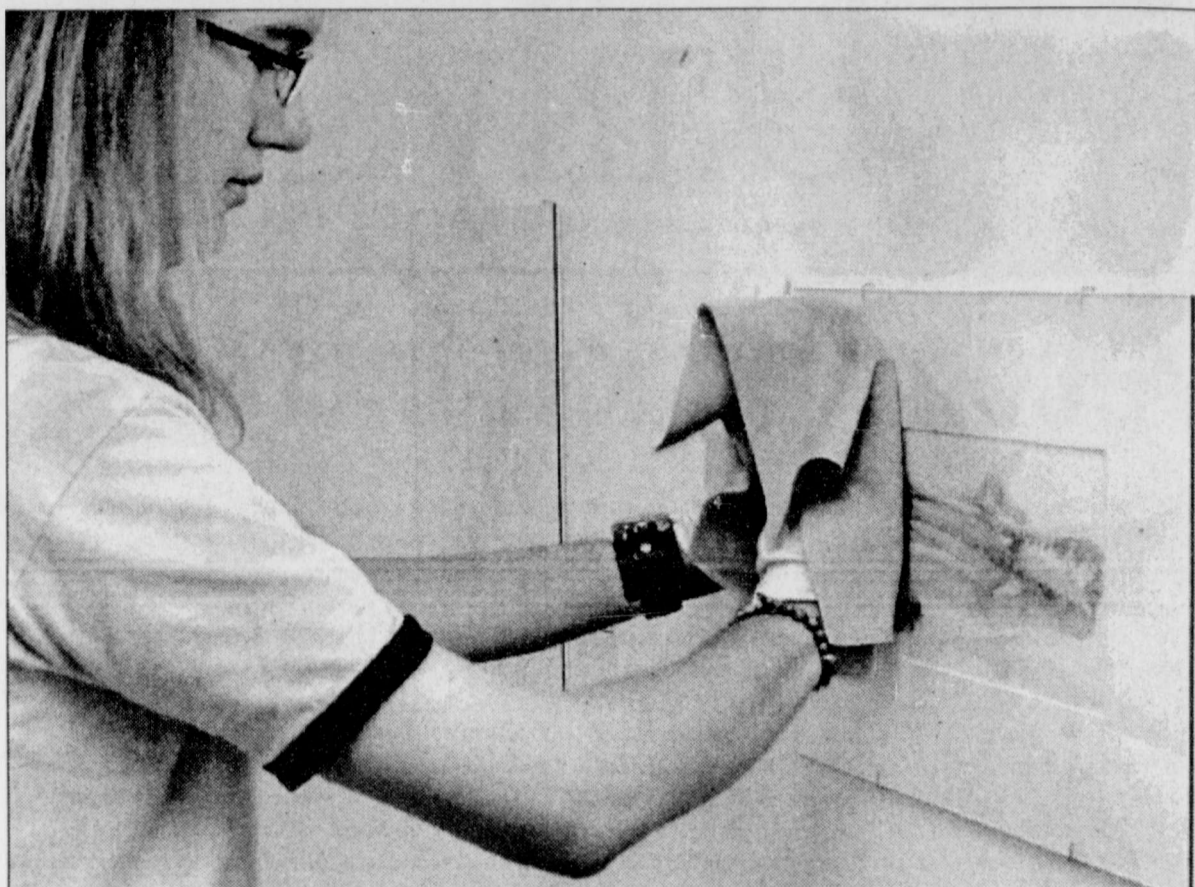
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A TEXAS TECH student fills a voting ballot for the political primaries on Tuesday afternoon in Student Union building.

PRINT POLISHER



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/The University Daily

MAC CAMP, A freshman anthropology major from Houston, puts the finishing touches on the silverpoint line drawing exhibit of work by Charles Schmidt on Tuesday morning in the Art school gallery. Schmidt is a visiting professor of painting and drawing from the Tyler School of Art at Temple University and will host a slide lecture on March 3.

Financial officer to testify against Worldcom CEO

NEW YORK (AP) — Former WorldCom CEO Bernard Ebbers was charged Tuesday with falsifying the books at the long-distance company in the biggest corporate fraud case in American history, and his chief financial officer pleaded guilty and agreed to testify against him.

Ebbers was accused in a federal indictment of taking part in a scheme to falsely inflate earnings by \$11 billion. He was charged with securities fraud, conspiracy and making false filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Former chief financial officer Scott Sullivan agreed to plead guilty to the same charges and cooperate with prosecutors in hopes of reducing a potential 25-year prison sentence.

"I took these actions, knowing they were wrong, in a misguided effort to preserve the company to allow it to withstand what I believed were temporary financial difficulties," Sullivan,

42, of Boca Raton, Fla., said in court.

In a steady voice, Sullivan said he was motivated to plead guilty by "sincere remorse and a deep sense of contrition."

Ebbers, 62, of Jackson, Miss., was to be arraigned Wednesday.

Ebbers resigned from WorldCom in April 2002, well after its stock price had begun a steady decline and soon after questions began to swirl about the company's finances amid a slew of corporate scandals.

Two months later, WorldCom announced it had uncovered nearly \$4 billion in hidden expenses — the beginning of a spiral that would uncover a fraud now estimated at \$11 billion, the biggest in U.S. history.

Attorney General John Ashcroft announced the indictment in New York, saying, "America's economic strength depends on the integrity of the marketplace."

"No one," Ashcroft said, "stands

above the law."

Ebbers' attorney, Reid H. Weingarten, said no "fair-minded jury" would conclude that his client acted with criminal intent.

"We know the evidence in this case, we know our client and we know that Bernie Ebbers never sought to mislead investors, never sought to improperly manipulate WorldCom's numbers, never improperly took any money and never sought to hurt the company he built," he said in a statement.

Lawyers in the case said Sullivan had agreed to sell his lavish \$15 million Boca Raton estate, which has a movie theater and six Jacuzzis, and use the proceeds to reimburse victims.

WorldCom, parent of MCI, the nation's second-biggest long-distance telephone company, filed for bankruptcy in 2002. WorldCom changed its name to MCI last April and moved its headquarters from Mississippi to Ashburn, Va.

The Rundown



Jury gets case in Houston murder trial

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston jury Tuesday began deciding whether a 27-year-old woman acted in self-defense when she stabbed her husband 193 times or murdered him so she could collect thousands of dollars in life insurance.

"Someone isn't going to stab someone 193 times over a couple hundred thousand dollars," defense attorney Neal Davis told jurors in his closing argument in the case of Susan Wright. "This was a brutal, terrifying, sadistic relationship that spanned years."

Prosecutor Kelly Siegler contended Wright's self-defense claims were contrived.

"How long has she been lying? Since her arm got tired of plunging the knife in Jeff's body," Siegler said.

If convicted, Wright could be sentenced to five to 99 years in prison.

Jurors met for about two hours Tuesday afternoon before recessing for the night.

Wright testified she killed her husband only after he raped her and threatened her with a butcher knife.

"I couldn't stop stabbing him; I couldn't stop," she sobbed from the witness stand, her hands covering her face. "I knew as I stopped, he was going to get the knife back and he was going to kill me."

Earlier Tuesday, in her second day of testimony, Susan Wright fended off accusations from Siegler that her tears were faked for the jury's benefit.

"I haven't cried on cue once," a tearless Wright said.

She began testifying Monday that she killed Jeffrey Wright, 34, on Jan. 13, 2003, in self-defense. A former topless dancer, Wright said her husband was a cocaine abuser who beat her and threatened to kill her.

Prosecutors allege she killed her husband because she didn't want a divorce but wanted benefits from his \$200,000 life insurance policy. They also allege she seductively tied Jeffrey Wright's ankles and wrists to their bed before stabbing him, buried his body in a shallow hole he had dug to install a fountain in the back yard of their northwest Harris County home, and cleaned house to cover up the crime.

Susan Wright testified that before she killed her husband, he raped her and threatened her with a butcher knife. She said she wrested the knife from him and stabbed him repeatedly.

Then she said she tied his body to a metal dolly with neckties and cloth sashes, hauled it to the back yard, dumped it in the hole and covered it with topsoil. The body was found five days later, after Susan Wright's attorney reported it to authorities.

NASA explores life on Mars, implications

WASHINGTON (AP) — Water percolating through the soil once created a friendly environment that would have been ideal for life to flourish on Mars, NASA scientists say.

It not known how long this environment lasted or if any organisms actually developed. But scientists directing robot rovers prowling the Martian surface said Tuesday the evidence now is clear that some rocks "were once soaked with liquid water."

"The ground would have been suitable for life," said Steve Squyres of Cornell University, the lead investigator for science instruments on the rover Opportunity. "That doesn't mean life was there. We don't know that."

Mars now is cold and dry and there is no apparent evidence of life on its barren surface.

But Squyres said chemical and geological clues gathered by Opportunity give dramatic proof that at some time in its past, liquid water coursed over the rocks and soils.

Such conditions on Earth, Squyres said at a news conference, "would be capable of supporting life."

"We believe that that place on Mars for some period of time was a habitable environment," he said.

Squyres said it is not known how long the life-environment lasted, if the water collected in surface pools or underground, and when in the long history of Mars the liquid water existed. Answers to those questions, he said, probably will require missions that scoop up Martian samples and bring them to laboratories on Earth.

NASA researchers from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., who are guiding the exploration of Mars by Opportunity and its twin, Spirit, said the primary goal of the rover mission was find evidence of Martian water.

That goal was accomplished, they said Tuesday, when Opportunity used all of its instruments to study a fine, layered rock called El Capitan. The rock is embedded in the wall of the crater where the six-wheeled robot began its journey on Mars.

"We've been attacking that outcrop with everything we have," said Squyres. The payoff is chemical and geological evidence of a water history at that one spot.

Benton C. Clark III, a Lockheed Martin Space Systems scientist and a member of the rover team, said that when Opportunity used an abrasion tool to bore into the rock it found "an astounding amount of salt" crystallized inside.

"The only way you can form such large concentrations of salt is dissolve it in water and allow the water to evaporate," Clark said.

Clark said the salts may have been dissolved in water and then crystallized as the water evaporated.

More than 100 killed in suicide bombings

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Suicide bombers set off simultaneous attacks on Shiite shrines crowded with pilgrims in two Iraqi cities Tuesday, killing at least 143 people and turning the holiest day on the Shiite calendar into the bloodiest since the fall of Saddam Hussein.

Unofficial casualty reports, however, put the toll in Baghdad and Karbala as high as 223. At least 430 were wounded. Authorities said there were about a dozen bombers in those cities as well as in Basra, several of whom were captured before they were able to detonate their explosives.

U.S. officials and Iraqi leaders named an al-Qaida-linked militant, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, as a "prime suspect" for the attacks, saying he seeks to spark a Sunni-Shiite civil war to wreck U.S. plans to hand over power to the Iraqis on June 30.

But some Shiites lashed out at U.S. forces. Iraq's most powerful Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Hussein al-Sistani, blamed the Americans for not providing security.

Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish members of Iraq's U.S.-appointed Governing Council pleaded with Iraqis to remain united — an attempt to avert reprisals. The blasts stirred fear and anger at a time when leaders of the Shiite majority are pressing for more power in a future government after years of oppression under Saddam.

The attacks forced the delay of a milestone in the path toward the U.S. handover — the planned Thursday signing of an interim constitution approved by the Governing Council.

"What we've seen today in these attacks are desperation moves by al Qaida-affiliated groups that recognize the threat that a successful transition in Iraq represents," Vice President Dick Cheney told CNN.

The devastating explosions came on the climactic day of the 10-day Shiite mourning festival Ashura commemorating the 7th century martyrdom of the prophet Muhammad's grandson Hussein.

The festival was also the occasion of an attack on a Shiite procession two hours later Tuesday in Quetta, Pakistan. At least 42 people — including two attackers — were killed and over 160 were wounded. In Pakistan, the annual rites often spark violence between the Sunni majority and Shiite minority.

Tens of thousands of pilgrims from Iraq, Iran and other Shiite communities were massed around the golden-domed Imam Hussein mosque in the holy city of Karbala and the Kazimiya shrine in Baghdad when the explosions went off about 10 a.m.

In Karbala, women 10 feet over their long, black robes as they ran. Police wept at the sight of the mangled and torn bodies of pilgrims, their blood pooling in the streets.

"I was walking away from the tea stand, when I heard someone shouting 'Allahu Akbar.' I turned my head and saw a tall, bearded man," said Ali Haidar. "A split second later, he exploded, his clothes flying upward. The sound was deafening. Bodies, feet, arms were everywhere. Pieces of flesh flew at me."

Hameed al-Kafaei, spokesman for the Governing Council, said five suicide bombers struck in Karbala, using TNT, nails and ball bearings.

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Traffic & Parking to crack down on fire lane parking

By Andrew Bell/
The University Daily

In the interest of the safety of students and residence halls occupants, the Traffic and Parking department at Texas Tech will begin to randomly ticket students who park their vehicles in fire lanes.

Col. Buddy Knox, director of Traffic and Parking, said after 5:30 p.m., when on-campus parking is allowed, students decide to park in fire lanes and other off-limits parking spaces.

The handicap and service spaces on campus are off-limits to students 24 hours a day. Other areas prohib-

ited from student parking are the bus turnouts. This is because fire trucks could also use the bus turnouts in the event of an emergency, Knox said.

Prohibited parking spaces in the immediate vicinity of residence halls will also be considered by the department when ticketing vehicles. All cars parked in the areas will be subject to a ticket and/or impoundment, according to a campus fire lanes report from Traffic and Parking.

Most importantly, the fire lanes must be kept clear to maintain access for emergency vehicles. The fire lanes include all curbs on the campus, Knox said.

"As a rule - and I can only think of a couple of exceptions - all curbs on Tech are considered fire lanes," he said.

The only places students are able to park on campus are places designated by signs. After hours when parking is allowed on campus, cars still need to have a yellow stripe on both sides of the vehicle, Knox said.

The rule on curbs also applies to Memorial Circle. Knox said if students choose to park in that area after hours, then they would be given a citation. The ticketing of vehicles will be a random event throughout Tech during various times of the night and morning.

Knox said employees of Traffic

and Parking will search the campus during the evening and early morning to ticket unlawful parking. The searches could take place anywhere from once a week to every day of a school week.

Also, there will be no quota on the number of tickets distributed to students who unlawfully park. Although there will be no quota, Knox said he would be happy if he did not have to give out any tickets.

"It's all about saving the students money," he said. "They just had to deal with another increase in fees, and I don't want to have to make them pay anymore than they should."

Voting

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Registration applications will be available at the polling site, but people wishing to register may not vote in this primary because eligible voters must be registered 30 days previous to the election.

March 9 is the date of the primary elections for Texas. That day the on-campus voting poll will be available for the Democratic Party in precincts 49 and 50 only.

"The SGA students have offered to work some," she said. "SGA has done a lot out there to get more people involved in elections."

Both precincts 49 and 50 encompass the Tech campus. On-campus living provides a maximum capacity of 6,300. In precinct 49, there are 648 registered voters while precinct 50 has 780.

In the March 2000 early voting for the U.S. presidential primary, 30 voters cast a ballot at the on-campus site. The number increased in the November 2000 election to 221.

The numbers for the March 2002 primary decreased to 18 with 67 voters turning out at the on-campus poll for the gubernatorial race.

"It is very low considering the number of students that live on campus," Kennedy said. "A lot of faculty and staff vote early there."

The high numbers during the first day of early voting are positive signs that the number will increase during the next days, Kennedy said.

"I'm certainly hoping so," she said.

"The SGA and other organizations have worked hard to get them registered. The students have said we just need to vote. We would like to keep Tech open as an early voting site."

To keep it available, Kennedy said the number must increase as proof to the county commissioners that the cost of operation is worth the voter turnout.

"As vital a part Tech is to Lubbock and the state, (students) need a place to go vote and exercise their right while its there," she said.

The recent controversy concerning the Lubbock housing ordinance, restricting no more than two unrelated persons from living together, has gotten students excited to vote, Kennedy said.

"I'm hoping they use the privilege of voting every time and not just when there is a purple house involved," she said.

It is too late to request an absentee ballot from another county, said Dorothy Kennedy, director for the Lubbock county elections.

Kennedy said students should have absentee ballots turned in two weeks before the election. Counties provide absentee ballots beginning 45 days before the election, she said.

The Tech campus has been the site for early voting for primaries in the past, but SGA External Vice President Colton Bachelor said the turnout has not been impressive.

"It hasn't been taken advantage of," he said. "With the push for voter registration on campus, I hope it will be utilized more on campus."

Parking

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Students at Tech have often loved to hate the university's Office of Traffic and Parking. But there may be change in the air.

"What we've really tried hard to do is make students aware of some common sense sort of things," said Vice President of Operations Max Hinojosa. "What I really don't want, at least for the enforcement side of things, is to represent something that's punitive or represent something that's bad because that's not what we're here for."

Hinojosa said the university has experienced a decrease in the number of drivers parking in reserved spaces and in commuter lots without appropriate permits.

"I think we're doing something right," Hinojosa said. "When comparing September through January, we've given out about \$200,000 less in citations."

Thanks in part to the implementation of "educational boots" that are placed on noncompliant vehicles, Hinojosa said the boots serve to make drivers aware of a violation, but without the severity or cost of a tow.

The boot is a device that is affixed and locked to a vehicle's wheel that prevents it from being operated.

While it may seem like a drastic measure to many drivers, a boot can be a better alternative to the dreaded tow. Especially since boots aren't left on over weekends, and are removed

in the event of an emergency.

In 2004, the university has had to boot about 490 cars, Hinojosa said, most of which were attached for what are called "educational purposes," meaning no fine was imposed. The purpose of the act is to stimulate awareness without forcing costly fines on campus drivers.

Hinojosa said while campus drivers are taking more initiative in obeying parking regulations, Traffic and Parking officials are being more lenient in writing citations, opting instead to write warning violations, which simply notify the driver they are committing a parking violation in hope that the violation won't occur a second time. And drivers are catching on.

"We're writing more warnings and that's one of the ways we're changing things," he said.

The number of vehicles being towed from the university is also decreasing, Hinojosa said. For the same time period last year, the university towed 720 vehicles for parking violations. This semester, the university has initiated 533 tows.

"Most of the tows we do are absolute," Hinojosa said. "Examples include vehicles that park in a fire lane, in the middle of a lane, a bus stop or a reserved space that needs immediate attention."

"It's only a handful of students that are contributing to a lot of the statistics," he said. "The numbers are going in the right direction for me. We try to do whatever we can to encourage students to abide by our traffic and parking regulations."

Burns

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development.

Burns said he wants Lubbock to have an open, fair and effective government. This can be done through increasing citizen feedback and being adequately informed on issues before making decisions, he said.

"My biggest thing is consensus building," he said. "This ensures a good, balanced approach to (issues)."

Burns said he supports the housing ordinance restricting more than two unrelated people from living together.

While he said the majority of college students know how to be good neighbors, Burns said the rights of property owners must be protected.

Because events at the Spirit Arena are either in the evenings or on the weekends, Burns said he does not foresee any problems balancing his time between the council and his work at Tech.

"Being ready for those things is important," he said. "If I didn't have the time commitment, I wouldn't do it. I go in all the way."

As a Tech employee, Burns will be required to recuse himself when matters concerning business with Tech are brought before the City Council.

District 4 Councilman Frank Morrison said he sees this as a problem.

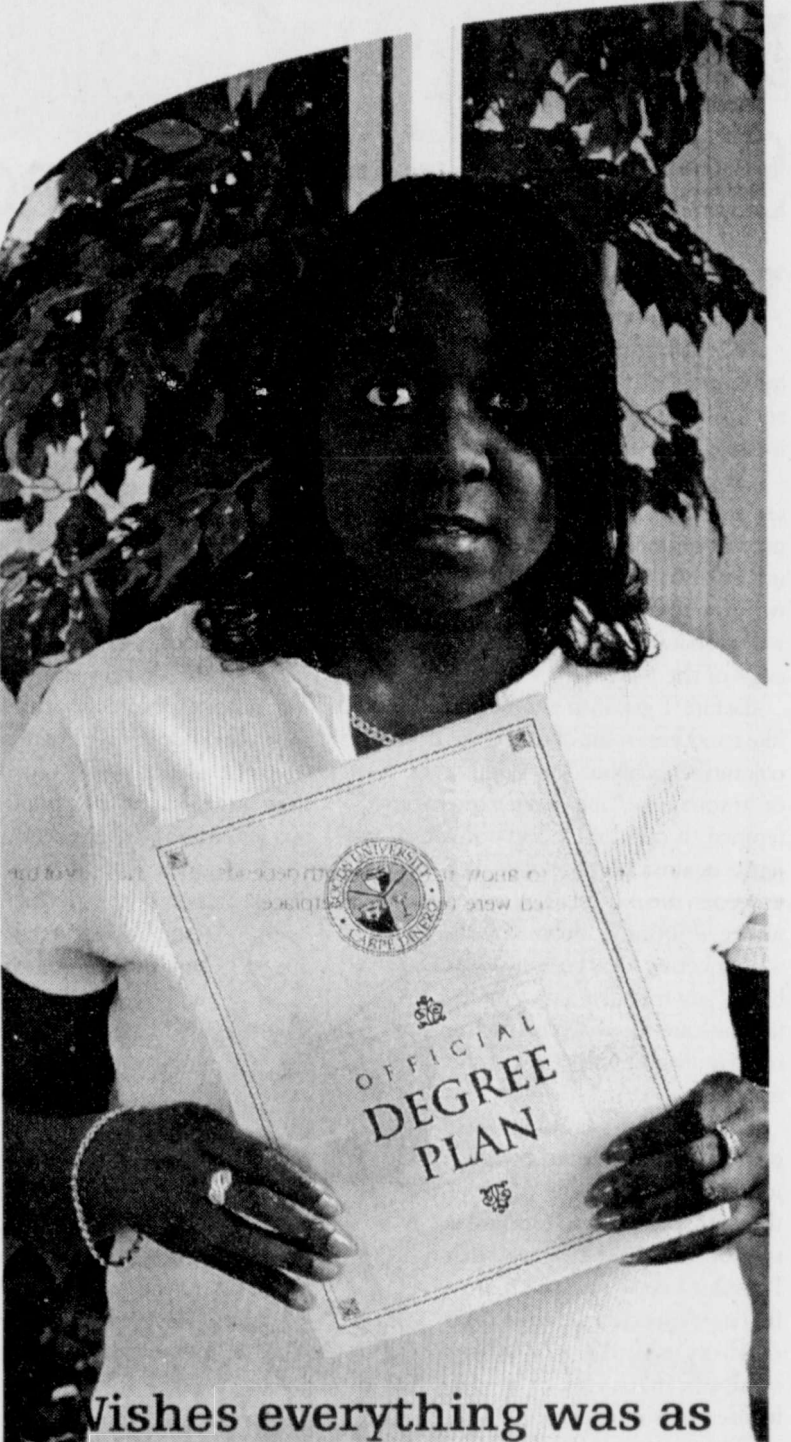
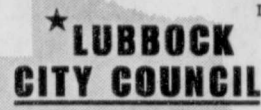
"I have a concern about an employee of Tech being on City Council because of so many contracts with Tech that he would have to recuse himself on," Morrison said. "The citizens of District 4 would not be represented because he would have to recuse himself."

Burns said that while he would recuse himself during voting, he could provide valuable information during the discussion stages.

"I hate to think that because I am a state employee that would exclude me from public service," he said. "State employees should have the right to serve the community just like everyone else does."

With support from Tech colleagues and his family, Burns said he is ready for the shoe-leather campaign, or door-to-door campaigning.

"I'm really excited about the opportunity to represent the people in District 4," he said. "Bringing people together to work toward a common goal and make this better than it already is."



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Kerry won 22 of the first 25 elections, many by routs, in a six-week campaign that drew attention to his decorated service in the Vietnam War and amplified Democratic criticism of Bush.

Strategists in both parties say the general election may be one of the nastiest in memory, with both camps seeking to energize their core supporters. In a polarized nation, there are fewer swing voters to be courted with warm-and-fuzzy politicking, they say.

His poll ratings slipping, Bush begins a multimillion-dollar TV ad blitz Thursday designed to bolster his political fortunes. Kerry is prepared to dip into Democratic Party coffers to pay for his own ads.

Democratic interest groups, required to act independently of the Kerry camp, laid plans to air ads critical of Bush.

In a preview of a potential general election fight, Kerry and Edwards took a Super Tuesday time-out in the Senate to vote for extending the ban

on military-style assault weapons. Senate Republicans prevailed in scuttling the gun bill.

The pair spent part of the day in Georgia, with Kerry looking ahead to November.

"President Clinton was often known as the first black president. I wouldn't be upset if I could earn the right to be the second," Kerry told the American Urban Radio Network.

His unbridled optimism muted, Edwards shook hands outside a polling place in suburban Atlanta, then declined to take questions from reporters.

Answers came all day from 10 states with nearly 50 million registered voters, many of them torn between the two candidates.

"The issue that drove me is getting rid of Bush, and that led me to Kerry," said Ron Debray, 47, of suburban Cincinnati. "Maybe Edwards someday, but I don't think he's ready yet."

Ousting Bush was the top priority for voters in nearly every Super Tuesday state, with large majorities saying they are angry at the president, according to exit polls conducted for The Associated

Press and TV networks by Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International.

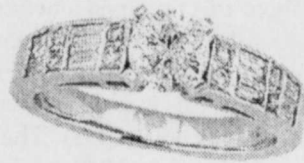
"I'm an ABB kind of fellow — anybody but Bush," said Dean voter Jeffrey Hughes of Shelburne, Vt.

The economy and jobs were the

dominant issue in the states.

Edwards won a single state, his native South Carolina — and that was four weeks and 11 defeats ago. He has had eight second-place finishes, five third-places and six fourth-places.

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Same-sex marriage and the Constitution

Vile, hateful, and immoral. These are the words Rosie O'Donnell used to describe President Bush, who is trying to protect the sanctity of my marriage and millions of others in the United States today.

This comment and the issue of same-sex marriage in the Constitution raise a myriad of issues, none of which this column will cover thoroughly, some which it will not cover at all, and in this process I will probably irritate some people on both sides of the issue.

Before I get into the column I would like to address some of the critics now. This column is not about "gay-bashing" or "hate" or "intolerance," it is about expressing a difference of opinion. I don't advocate violence against homosexuals, nor was I involved in the protest a few months ago where a "church" from Kansas was picketing local businesses for being "gay-friendly." I was watching the hate-filled slogans on the news in disgust with most of the rest of you.

I don't have a problem with people that are homosexual, I just don't believe the lifestyle they are choosing to espouse is appropriate and I agree with President Bush and the majority of Americans that this country should not allow same-sex marriages to be performed now or ever.

This brings me to my first point, going back to O'Donnell's comments about President Bush. His inclination not to allow same-sex marriage is shared by most of the American people, but when he, and others with similar opinions, express them, they are attacked as "intolerant," "hateful" or "oppressive," yet when a member of the minority who wants to allow same-sex marriage speaks out, they are just practicing their rights to free speech as an American citizen.

An example of this is when Judge Roy Moore refused to take down the display of the Ten Commandments in an Alabama courthouse. He was disobeying the law by refusing to remove the monument and many people were calling for his harsh punishment because of the fact that he was a judge and should there-

Jennifer McIntyre



fore, uphold the law. But now the mayor of San Francisco is disobeying California state law, and those same people say he is just practicing "civil disobedience."

Why the double standard? Why can't the majority express opinions without being called oppressive? I am not advocating that the minority should be silenced — they have a right to express their opinion; but what about the rest of us, don't we?

A second issue about same-sex marriage is the defining word "marriage." Marriage was a religious institution long before it became a civil institution. Churches issued certificates, and performed marriages, and although the local government usually recognized the marriage, it played a passive role at best. And as a religious institution, marriage was first defined by God being between a man and a woman (remember Adam and Eve). Changing the definition would fundamentally shake the foundation of the idea of marriage, because it takes God out of the equation and makes marriage no more than a legal contract. That would

trivialize marriage even more than it already has been in today's society because we all know just how closely people stick to legal contracts, all they need is a good lawyer.

Now, I said I was going to irritate people on both sides of the issue, so here's the other part. I don't believe same-sex marriages should be allowed and I think the federal government should be involved in defining marriage, but I don't agree with defining marriage in the Constitution. There are two reasons I think this definition should not be included in the Constitution.

First, the Constitution defines the government of the United States. Although marriage is a fundamental part of Ameri-

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can society, it is not integral to the workings of the U.S. government and should not be included along with amendments defining citizenship and voting rights. Yes, the purpose of putting amendments in the Constitution was to adapt to societal changes, but for governing purposes, not moral values.

Which is the second point I would like to make about this proposed amendment. The people of the United States have tried including morality in the Constitution (and yes, I think this is an issue of morality, not denying people rights). The 18th Amendment, passed in 1919, prohibited the sale of alcohol and in the process enriched numerous criminals who sold it illicitly. As I'm sure you all know it was repealed in 1933 with the 21st Amendment, the only amendment to the Constitution that has ever been repealed.

The government cannot dictate morality. In spite of this, I think the government should give its best effort and continue defending the institution of marriage as it is and has been for centuries, as a union between a man and a woman. After all, it has worked so far.

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Heidi Toth



Kristen Gilbreth



Let's take a look in the future: Next fall when you open your tuition bill, the amount you owe will have skyrocketed by 36 percent.

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You may not be aware of it because, in the past, they have fallen short of accomplishing it, but there is a group on campus whose mission statement is to "serve and protect the student body and its interests."

The student leaders who get paid to fight for our rights next semester reign in the Student Government Association. Today is the final day to cast your vote in the run-off elections for the executive

offices of president, external vice president and vice president of graduate affairs. If you care about your future at Tech and you want your voice heard, we ask you to take a few minutes to vote.

Think one vote doesn't count? Tell that to Veronica Villarreal. If one more person had voted for her in last week's election, she would be the newly elected vice president of graduate affairs, instead of crossing her fingers through this runoff.

Here's the situation. The student voice at Tech is getting quieter. We have become passive participants as someone else's

voice loudly dictates decisions we should be a part of. In the past, the SGA, whose purpose is to represent our interests, has been too busy with their own interests — building resumes and relationships with big wigs. The problem? A small number of students actually elect these "elite" to office. It becomes a popularity contest of who knows the most people that will gather together like sheep to cast the vote they are told to. It becomes a mockery of democracy. Meanwhile, Average where-did-my-money-go Joe is complaining about "getting screwed" when he isn't involved in the political process.

We're sick and tired of hearing about "voting parties" where a sorority or fraternity gets together and all robotically votes for a candidate because that person is either a member of their organization or a member of another organization their organization is aligned with. Those involved in these brainless bashes may think they are being "loyal" to their Greek brothers and sisters — but they are undermining what should be a democratic process.

As average students we are allowing the "C" in SGA to stand for Greek when this association is meant to look out for more than 30,000 students. While, as of press time Tuesday, there have been no formal complaints, it is vital the average student is aware of a shady practice that

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could be going on with this election.

It has been rumored that one Greek organization passed around a sheet to all its members with blanks for them to fill in their e-Raider username and password. Why would they do this? Well, one person can sit at a computer and log in as many different students and cast a consistent vote for the same person. Illegal? No, not by SGA standards. Lack of integrity? Definitely. Showing they have no independence? Exactly. Stealing an election you could be deciding? You should be angry.

Do you want to make sure unethical actions like this don't choose who is leading our university? Do you want to have a say in the future of your university? Then, before 7 p.m. log on to the SGA Web site, www.sga.ttu.edu, and vote using your e-

Raider username and password. If you don't know your password, there are some easy questions you can answer to get a new one quickly. Or, if you are clueless to any of your information just call 742-HELP to get your user name and password.

When you've reached your ballot, and you are all alone deciding whose name to click to best look out for you, force yourself to think only about that issue. Don't pick the name that sounds the coolest. Don't vote for the cutest face or the most charismatic personality. Don't vote for someone just because they're in your sorority or fraternity. Look beyond every-

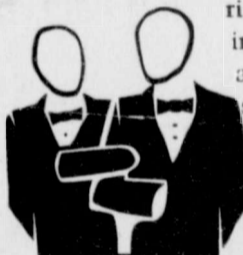
thing superficial and decide who will be more walk than talk. Who will actually step up and make a difference? Who knows about the issues and cares about them?

We cannot let this election be decided by SGA members and their friends. We, the average working student, are the people these positions have pledged to protect. Let's make them do their job.

We have a strong opinion about two positions on the ballot. Last week the UD editorial board endorsed Chris Carr for president with a 7-1 vote.

Carr's passion, depth of knowledge and unmatched dedication make him the best candidate for the head office. Also, we endorsed with an 8-0 vote Villarreal for vice president of graduate affairs because her go-get-'em, no nonsense attitude has the power to get graduate student concerns heard loud and clear. Above all else, we trust these candidates to stand up to the administration, taking the side of the student. If you care about someone seriously taking your side, vote Carr and Villarreal. If you care about this election not being decided by "voting parties" and other means of casting a casual I-could-care-less choice, then do something to have the average student's vote voiced. This is an election determined by a small number of votes, so make sure your vote counts.

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Red Raiders ready to renew old ways

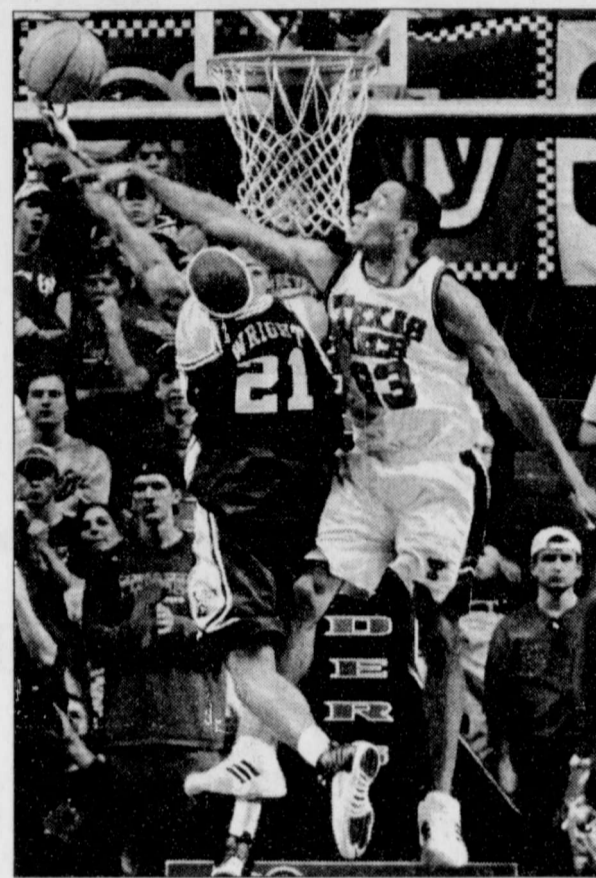
By Adam Boedeker/
The University Daily

Robert Tomaszek is back. The Texas Tech forward says he is not 100 percent, but he is back to where he can contribute, and will help the Red Raiders (19-9, 7-7 Big 12) make a needed end-of-season run to solidify their place in the postseason. "I really don't think we're in a cold streak," Tomaszek said. "I got hurt and that kind of brought on the whole downfall of the team. Otherwise we'd still be in good shape. Now we're back to the team we were before I got hurt; we saw that against Texas. We have our confidence back, and now we can just play." The Raiders play the Missouri Tigers (15-10, 9-5) at 6:30 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena. The Tigers have won their last six games. After the Raiders' 74-71 loss to the Longhorns in Austin, they have gained some confidence after playing well on the road for a game while struggling for a month.

"The Texas game was something for us personally," he said. "We now see we can play on the road. Texas is the No. 10 team in the nation, and to play them as close as we did shows us we can do it on the road and at home too." The Raiders no longer have to worry about playing on the road, as they will finish the season with two home games against Missouri and Iowa State on Saturday. Tech has lost only once at home this season. Tomaszek said it is good to know the remainder of Tech's schedule will be played in the friendly confines of the USA. "It's a really nice feeling to have that on your mind," he said. "But we have to treat every game like a road game." In Tomaszek's recent absence, junior college transfer Devonnie Giles stepped in and played a more important role. "I just wanted to keep everything going good and for us to keep focusing as a team," Giles said. During the last seven games, Giles

has done so, averaging 13 points and six rebounds per game, including an 18-point, 18-rebound performance against Colorado in Boulder, Colo. Giles and Tomaszek will both have their hands full Wednesday. The Tigers bring big man Arthur Johnson to Lubbock. Johnson is averaging 14.6 points and 7.5 boards per game. He is one of four Tigers averaging double figures in scoring, led by guard Rickey Paulding, who is averaging 15.9. Tomaszek is not concerned with Johnson, though. "Each team has a big man that is pretty good," Tomaszek said. "I mean, we're not in high school anymore where there's only one good player on a team... Each game's the same, just different players. We just have to do the same thing, just box out." Johnson does not scare Giles either. "He's big, he's strong and stuff like that. But when I come into a game I don't fear nobody," Giles said. "I'm just gonna play with the same heightened

intensity as I would against the weakest man in the conference and just try to stop him in whatever he's trying to do." Giles said the Raiders must play one game at a time in order to put themselves in position to make the NCAA Tournament with the team having lost seven of its last 10 games. The Raiders are two games behind Missouri with the Tigers playing Kansas in Columbia, Mo., on Sunday. If Tech wins out and Missouri loses both games then Tech will likely have sealed a bye in the first round of the Big 12 Conference Tournament. "We are thinking a lot about tournaments and stuff," Giles said. "The losses we've been taking have been real tough. We know this is an important game coming up against Missouri. We've got to win it first and then move on to the game after that and win that, too. We want to win both to move us up and hopefully give us a better place in the (Big 12) tournament." The game will be televised on ESPN2.



FORWARD MIKEY MARSHALL blocks Antoine Wright's attempt at a layup during the Raiders' 76-60 win over Texas A&M on Feb. 21. The Raiders play host to Missouri at 6:30 p.m. tonight in the United Spirit Arena. JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/The University Daily

Stadiums, arenas can serve as sanctuaries

I'm a very manly man. There are few things that can bring a tear to my eye, but one of those few is a good sports story. I don't cry in movies, unless those movies are "Field of Dreams," "Miracle," or "Cool Runnings." OK, I was joking about the last one. The point is for some people, like myself, sports can be what I would call a "religious experience." Before all the religious nuts come after me, let me just say it's a figure of speech, but it's almost true. And if this experience were to have a sanctuary there would be eight of them. I've compiled a list of my top eight sporting venues that I need to go to before I die — if I want to die a happy man.

So, to steal a line from the "King of Late Night" David Letterman, "And now, from the home office in Sheboygan, Wis., here's the Top 8 sporting venues in the world." Cameron Indoor Stadium — Durham, N.C. I have two words to describe this place: "Cameron Crazy." I have always been a huge college basketball fan and, in my earlier days, have been known to get pretty crazy at basketball games. I'm not particularly a fan of Duke, but that doesn't matter. These are easily the best fans in college basketball, and if you've seen them on television, you know what I mean. Fenway Park — Boston, Mass. I'm convinced that as a city, Boston has the best fans in all of sports. They are loyal and more importantly know their sports. I've become a Red



Adam Boedeker

It would be a dream come true to sit in the outfield bleachers above the ivy. I'm getting emotional just thinking about it.

team in The House that Ruth Built. Wrigley Field — Chicago, Ill. Probably the second most storied venue in sports. Ruth called his shot here among many other great moments the stadium has witnessed. It would be a dream come true to sit in the outfield bleachers above the ivy. I'm getting emotional just thinking about it. Michigan Stadium — Ann Arbor, Mich. "The Big House" seats 107,501, which is more than half of Lubbock, and it sells out every time. Seeing the players run out and hitting the "Go Blue" sign amongst a midsize city would be very cool. Lambeau Field — Green Bay, Wis. ESPN's Chris Berman says it best, "The Frozen Tundra of Lambeau Field." The "Ice Bowl" occurred here, and you can't beat the "Lambeau Leap" touchdown celebration. And it takes a miracle to get tickets, so if you do take advantage.

Old Trafford — Manchester, England I'm an English Premier League soccer fan. Manchester United is kind of like the Yankees of baseball, so I hate them too. But this is perhaps the most recognizable stadium in the world. Plus I'd enjoy a good ole' soccer brawl while double-fisting a Bass and a Guinness. Memorial Stadium — Lincoln, Neb. I'm not a Cornhusker fan, but I've experienced their fans before and like the rumor says I do believe they have the most amicable fans in college football. I'd love to join the sea of red, if only once. So there it is folks, the best sports venues in the world, and I'd venture to say I might just cry if I ever get to set foot in any of them.

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Look for The UD's coverage of the Big 12 Conference Basketball Tournaments from Dallas next week. Women's play begins Tuesday, and the men tip-off March 11.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Norme Steinberg
San Francisco, CA 3/3/04

Sox fan during the past few years, and the reasons are obvious why this venue sits so high on the list. The famed "Green Monster" is easily one of the most recognizable images in all of sports, and just a couple of years ago they added seats on the monster. It must be a great place to watch a game from. I hope I have the chance to do so soon. Yankee Stadium — The Bronx, N.Y. I absolutely despise the Yankees. However, this is the most storied venue in all of sports. It would probably be No. 1 on the list if I didn't hate the team so much. But come on, Ruth, DiMaggio, Gehrig, Mantle, Maris and the list goes on. The best players in the history of America's Pastime have played on the coveted grass; it would truly be amazing to set foot in there. I would just be rooting for the other

Watkins on thin ice at Texas A&M

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — As he nears the end of his sixth season without a winning record on a 14-game losing streak, coach Melvin Watkins knows his time at Texas A&M could be running out. "Unfortunately, in this business, there's always a clock put on you," he said Tuesday. "If you get into this profession and you don't understand that, you're either naive or stupid." Athletic director Bill Byrne has repeatedly declined to discuss any personnel matters until after the Big 12 tournament in Dallas next week. "We'll know at the end of the season," Watkins said. "Obviously, I know there's a lot of talk out there, and I know it hasn't been a good year, and I know they have to make a decision about what they're going to do."

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Injuries, inconsistency troubling pitchers

PITCHER COREY GERSTNER hurls the ball to the plate during Tech's series with Texas Christian last weekend. Tech will take on Harvard and Air Force this weekend at Dan Law Field.

HUTCH STILGENBAUER
The University Daily



By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

The Texas Tech pitchers do not know what to think because they are getting thumbs up and thumbs down from their toughest critic.

Head coach Larry Hays said with players getting injured, the pitchers stepping up are getting mixed reviews.

"We have had guys that can't play because of injuries and there are some that have stuck their heads up as starters," he said. "Then there's three or four others that are 'either ors.'"

With freshman Randy Gattis out for the season and junior pitcher Dallas Braden working day-to-day to get back into the rotation, Hays said other Red Raiders on the mound have to take charge.

"(John) Milton has had his share of good and bad outings, and this past weekend, he really did a good job," he said. "(Steven) Thomas is the same way. With players hurt, we have to

have those Thomas' and Miltons."

Thomas leads the pitching staff with a 2.45 ERA in 11 innings pitched. He has allowed seven runs, three of which are earned, 11 hits and has nine strikeouts. He is the only pitcher who has suffered a loss with no wins.

Prior to Friday's start against Texas Christian, Thomas served as a reliever.

"With a couple of guys out, I have the opportunity to start," he said. "Some of these guys will get another chance when they get better, but right now, the relievers are stepping up and the pitching staff is coming together."

One thing pitching coach Travis Walden has taught his players, Thomas said, is throwing the right ball when needed.

"In (junior college) I started and could just throw and get people out," he said. "It's different here. Walden has taught us to know what to throw and at what time."

Milton got the win in Sunday's 19-

9 victory over the Horned Frogs. Also as a reliever before, Milton is now 1-0 on the season with a 2.61 ERA in his 10 innings of pitching. Thomas agreed that his performance could find Milton in the driver's seat of Tech pitching.

"I have a lot of confidence in our pitching staff," he said. "Milton did a great job, and I'm glad for him that he got a chance to get out there and pitch like he did."

Being behind the plate, junior catcher Jacob Jones almost is connected at the hip to pitchers. Knowing their strengths and weaknesses, he said there is one issue that has to be resolved that will get Tech back on top of games.

"Our pitchers have to stay ahead of the count," he said. "They need to establish the fastball early and then mix it around to set the tone for the whole game."

Catching for Milton as well as Thomas in the series against TCU, Jones said he noticed some good things from

the two that might give them better chances at starting later down the road.

"Milton had a fastball with a pop behind it, and that's after not throwing for a couple of weeks," he said. "Thomas had a change-up that was killer. He was carving them up at the plate."

Hays said several of the pitchers are having a good year, but they have to find their niche within the team.

"(Juan) Razo has had a little trouble, but we will find somewhere to plug him in again and hope that he's getting it going," he said.

When asked who Tech's ace is, Hays said he still doesn't know.

"Since Gattis is not with us, Braden is hurt and we don't know when he'll be back, all I can say is we have to back up what we have," he said.

The Raiders face Air Force at 3 p.m. Friday and at 1 p.m. Sunday. Tech also plays Harvard at 6:30 p.m. Friday and at 2 p.m. Saturday. All games will be played at Dan Law Field.

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Report states Bonds received steroids

(AP) - Barry Bonds walked silently through the San Francisco Giants' clubhouse. Asked about a report that he had received steroids and human growth hormone from a nutritional supplements lab implicated in a drug-distribution ring, Bonds softly replied: "Get out of my locker."

Similar scenes were repeated Tuesday at other major league teams' sites.

From Florida to Arizona, the focus at spring training was on steroids again.

Citing information it said was given to federal investigators, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Tuesday that Bonds was given the substances by his personal trainer — who got them from the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative.

According to the newspaper, investigators also were told that steroids were given to New York Yankees stars Jason Giambi and Gary Sheffield, three other major leaguers and one NFL player.

Trainer Greg Anderson gave the players the drugs from BALCO, according to information given to the gov-

ernment and shared with the newspaper. The report did not say how federal investigators received the information.

Bonds, Giambi and Sheffield have repeatedly denied using steroids, and last week Bonds said baseball could "test me every day if they choose to."

All testified last year before a grand jury that indicted Anderson and three others in the alleged distribution ring.

THG, one of the steroids in the investigation, was not made illegal until recent months, and while the possession and sale of human growth hormone without a prescription is a crime, its personal use is not.

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.

- The rules are easy...Follow them and your vote will count!**
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7. Buffet	_____	7. Local Radio Personality	_____
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Lady Raiders look to lock bye

By David Wiechmann/
The University Daily

Everything is coming down to the wire in the Big 12 Conference for women's basketball, and the Lady Raiders find themselves in the middle of all the action.

No. 9 Texas Tech (24-5, 10-5 Big 12) stands in third place in the conference standings, but a bye in the conference tournament next week is not a lock yet.

"It's as much a situation as what we need Oklahoma to do (Tuesday) and what we need to do," head coach Marsha Sharp said. "Any combination of those things is great for us. Certainly Nebraska has an opportunity to beat Colorado."

A win would guarantee a bye for Tech in the conference tournament. A loss would mean Oklahoma or Colorado would have to lose. If Oklahoma wins, Colorado has to win for Tech to keep its bye. It is a juggling match to see who will end up where in the final standings of conference play.

"There are a lot of things that are gonna happen on the last evening of conference play to determine who's gonna play who in the first day of the conference tournament," Sharp said.

As mentioned earlier, Tech cannot worry about any of the what if's if Oklahoma loses Tuesday or Tech wins tonight. So, the Lady Raiders are focusing on taking care of their end of the deal and not having to worry about the Sooners' game against No. 3 Texas.

"It's important to get a win period in Big 12," said Natalie Ritchie. "Of course this win, with Oklahoma and Texas we don't know what's going on, but we just need to go in and beat K-State and worry about what we can do and not what's gonna happen otherwise."

Getting a win is Tech's main focus right now. The Lady Raiders can look at the standings after the game and then dedicate themselves to getting ready for the Big 12 Tournament.

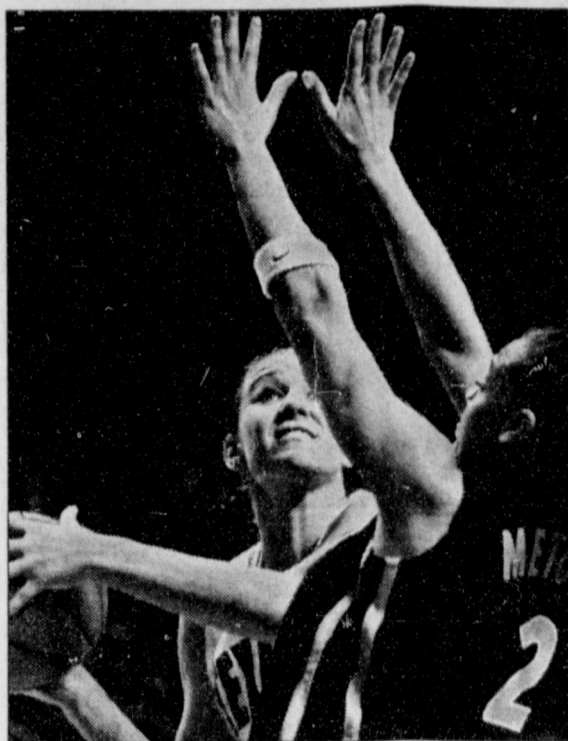
"Right now we're not worried about the standings and what place we're gonna be," Ritchie said. "We're just focused on the game and winning."

Tech comes into this game against the Wildcats off a game in which it led from start to finish against No. 13 Colorado on Saturday. That game gave the team some added confidence, but more importantly it showed Sharp her team is still learning how to get better this late in the season.

"We followed game plan, especially on the defensive end, better than we have all year," she said. "And we're beginning to understand the importance of knowing exactly what we need to do to defend a team for 40 minutes and not waver from that."

Defending Colorado was difficult with Tera Bjorklund in the middle at 6 feet 5 inches. This week a similar player will stand in Tech's way. Nichole Ohlde is the same height and the same style of player.

The Wildcats and Buffaloes also play the same style offense. Both play



the triangle offense the Chicago Bulls made famous during their glory years.

Also, K-State is a familiar team to Tech. The Wildcats did not graduate any players last season, so the Lady Raiders know what to expect from their opponent.

"I think we understand what they're all about," Sharp said.

K-State's seniors will not want to lose their final game, especially at home. Tech is ready for that challenge, even with the special honor Ohlde will receive before the game.

"Ohlde's getting her jersey retired, so they're going to be fired up to play,"

CENTER
JOLEE AYERS-CURRY goes to the hoop against Colorado's Amber Metoyer during Tech's 60-51 win Saturday. The Lady Raiders close out the regular season at 7 p.m. at Kansas State. The game can be seen on UPN 22 (Cox 6).

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Ritchie said. "We're just gonna go in there working hard and taking the momentum from this last game."

Forward Casey Jackson said it was her senior night Saturday, and she would like to spoil K-State's final push.

"The tables are reversed," she said. "We have to go in there being aggressive, thinking positive, playing our game and not getting caught up in the moment by just focusing and trying to win the game."

Results of the Texas-Oklahoma game were not known as of press time. Colorado plays at Nebraska tonight at 7 p.m. Tech will be televised on UPN 22 (cable 6) at 7 p.m.

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Brand new, spacious 3/3/2. Manicured lawns, trees, shutters. No rent increase! 773-2543, 773-2544.

NO DEPOSIT. Bills paid. 10 blocks from Tech. Appliances + Washer/Dryer. 3 bedroom. April 1. 762-2973 and 891-5768.

PRE-LEASE BY APRIL 1ST

We have some wonderful 1,2, and 3 bedroom homes near Tech with nice appliances and lovely yards. Come by 4211 34th St, Highland Place Center (near 34th and Quaker). Ask for Ann or B.J. afternoons Mon.-Sat. 795-2011.

REDUCED RENT

Lovely 2 bedroom home. Appliances, wood floors, large fenced yard. Near 21st and University \$555 + pet fee. See Ann at 4211 34th afternoons. 795-2011.

REMODELING UNDERWAY. Ready for May. 3/2/1 Hardwood Floors, Central H/A, W/D Hookups. 2124 29th St. \$1125/mo. with bills. 778-4842.

TOTALLY REMODELED! 3/2 2 story brick house. All new fence, carpet, paint, CH/A, appliances, W/D connections. Great parking. 1924 20th. \$900/mo, \$500 dep. 787-2323 or 789-9713.

VILLAGE TOWNHOMES

New 3/3/2. North Brentwood, Chicago. Tech Neighbors. Manicured lawns. Amy 773-2544, Joel 773-2543.

WILL BEAT ANY PRICE

New Duplexes! 3/3/2. Great move in specials. Call 787-3973 or 632-2114.

WOODSCAPE APARTMENTS

NOW LEASING

Spacious efficiencies, 1, 2 & 3 bedrooms. Split-level pool. Superb maintenance. 5 minutes from Tech. Affordable rates. Pre-Leasing for Summer & Fall. Ask about our great move-in specials. 3108 Vicksburg 799-0695

FOR SALE

'97 PONTIAC Grand Am. 92,500 miles. \$6000, obo. Call Errin at 470-1615.

COMPAQ PRESARIO 6000. 1yr old, pentium 4 processor, 512 mb memory, 80 gb hard drive, 32X DVD drive, CD burner, 52X CD-RW drive, 17" monitor, speakers, keyboard, mouse, Microsoft xp/office professional. \$475/obo. 800-9

EXPERIENCE Rec Sports

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Sports Clubs

TaeKwonDo Update

On Saturday February 21st, the first annual Texas Tech TKD Tournament was held at the rec center. This event brought over one-hundred competitors from across the state. Team Texas Tech swept across the divisions:
18-35 Yellow Belt
 Patrick "Pmurf" Murphy: 1st
 Julio Gonzalez: 2nd
 Doug "Hooosa!" Marold: 3rd
 Alex Fannin: 4th
18-35 White Belt Sparring
 Dave Haigood: 1st
 Will Cooper: 3rd
18-35 Yellow Belt Forms
 Patrick "Pmurf" Murphy: 1st
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Wrestling Update

Texas Tech Wrestling Club took first place at the Southwest Conference Regional Championships at Texas A&M the weekend of February 28th. Among the competition that Tech faced were teams from Texas A&M, Rice, UNT, Baylor, University of North Texas, Louisiana State University, Stephen F. Austin, University of Kansas, and many other schools located in Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Kansas. This first place showing moves Texas Tech up from 25th to 11th in the nation (tied with Texas A&M) with 137 points.
 Coach Lemaire said at the conclusion of the Tournament, "I have never had the opportunity to coach a team quite like this, but I know that this is just the beginning because they are only going to get better." Coach Lemaire was voted by the NCWA as "Southwest Coach of the Year." This award has now made him eligible for "National Coach of the Year." The Tech Wrestling club will be sending individuals to compete in the National Collegiate Wrestling Association National Championships March 12th in Dallas. To see complete standings, rankings, and results, visit <http://www.ncwa.net>.

FITNESS/WELLNESS

5 A Day Nutrition Challenge

Have trouble eating healthy foods? Has your fitness hit a plateau? March is National Nutrition month, so kick your wellness goals into high gear with the 5 a Day Challenge.

Register in the Fit/Well to receive your Strive for 5 Chart or click on www.recsports.ttu.edu to download the files. The rules are simple: Eat 5 or more servings of fruits and veggies daily and record them on your sheet. Turn your completed form in April 5. A drawing for cool prizes will be held from all of those who turn in a completed sheet. It's free.

Specialty Classes Still Open

There is still room in several specialty classes that begin this week—so come a few minutes early to register and enjoy!

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

*Additional \$6 wrap fee.

OUTDOOR PURSUITS

Spring Break Ski, Snowboard and Camping Rentals

Whether you are heading to the mountains, desert, or the beach the Outdoor Pursuits Center (OPC) has all your outdoor equipment needs. We have K2 snowboards, snowblades and shaped skis. We also have your camping equipment if you are heading to the desert or mountains including: tents, backpack, stoves, lanterns, sleeping bags, and coolers. Filling out the necessary paperwork and paying the rental fee can reserve equipment. Don't be left behind this spring break, get out and enjoy the wilderness of America.

The package price for skis and snowboard/snowblades for the spring break week are \$60 and \$75. All other equipment the week rate will apply. Stop by the OPC located outside the north entrance of the Student Recreation Center or call 742-2949 / 742-3351 for more information.

Fly Tying Workshop 6-8pm Tuesdays: March 9, 23 & 30

Fly Tying is the art of transforming fur and feathers into a beautiful representation of a fish's natural food source. This class will introduce you to the tools, materials, and help you master the basic techniques of tying quality flies. You will learn how to tie different patterns that will help you progress steadily from easy techniques to more advanced ones in a clear and simple fashion.

All materials and tools will be provided and you will be able to keep all of the flies that you tie, as well as all of the knowledge you gain. The cost is \$50 for Tech affiliates, \$60 for community members. To register, stop by the Outdoor Pursuits Center.



Intramurals

- Badminton
- Indoor Soccer
- 4 on 4 Flag Football
- Tennis Singles

Special Events

- 5000 Meter Swim
- Fly Tying Workshop
- Lifeguard Training

Entries Due

- March 5
- March 9-11
- March 9-11
- April 1

Entries Due

- March 6
- March 9
- March 27

STUDENT RECREATION CENTER HOURS

Open Recreation Hours

Mon. - Thurs.	6a.m. - Midnight
Friday	6a.m. - 10:30pm
Saturday	9am - 9pm
Sunday	noon - 11pm

Aquatic Center Hours

Monday - Friday	6:30am - 8:45am	Saturday-Sunday	2pm - 6:45pm
	Noon - 1:20pm		
	3:00pm - 8:45pm		

AQUATIC CENTER

3 Miles... Can You Swim It?

Is the winter weather starting to chill your bones? Warm up at the Aquatic Center and get back into shape. Can you swim 3 miles? The 5000 meter swim is an event that challenges you to swim 100 lengths in an Olympic sized pool. This event is for both competitive and non competitive swimmers. Registration is at the Aquatic Center and will continue through Thurs. March 4th. For more info please call us at 742-3896! The swim is free!!! Cool t-shirts will be available for sale, and YES we will count your laps for you!

INTRAMURALS

Badminton, Last Day To Sign Up

Today is the final day to sign up for the Intramural Badminton tournament. Play is to begin on Friday evening, March 5th. There are leagues for men's recreational and competitive play as well as women's recreational and competitive play. To sign-up, stop by the Intramural office, Room 203 in the Recreation Center. There is no fee to play, so come out and have a good time with us. Feel free to call 742-2945 with any questions that you might have about playing in the Badminton tournament.

Greek Table Tennis Results

Following on the heels of the Open tournament the Greek table tennis tournaments were held at the SRC. 118 players competed in the Men's Red and Black Divisions and the Women's Division.

Great table tennis action filled two days and individual and team winners were crowned.

In the Greek Black division Brian Blankenmeister led Kappa Alpha. Blankenmeister defeated fellow KA Adam Frinco to take the individual title. Team members of Kappa Alpha also included Brett Torina, Dusty Elo, Garret Yancey and Tanner Flood. Phi Delta Theta finished second.

In the Women's Greek Division, 21 women competed. Allison Utley of Pi Beta Phi took the individual championship. Zeta Tau Alpha combined to take the team title. Members of the championship team were Kayce Turner, Taylor Goggans, Lindsey Gowing and Jillian Tavener.

The Greek Red Division saw very close competition. Zach Marshak of Delta Sigma Phi came through with the individual championship. Marshak also led his team to the team title as he defeated Tyler McCall of Sigma Nu in the final. The teams were so evenly matched that the winner of the final game of the evening determined the team champion. Other members of the Delta Sigma Phi team were Isaac Porterfield, Grayson Somers, Matt Earle, Jody Moore and Shi Hodge. For Sigma Nu, Patrick Nading and Andrew Crain combined with McCall to finish second.

Just Around The Corner...

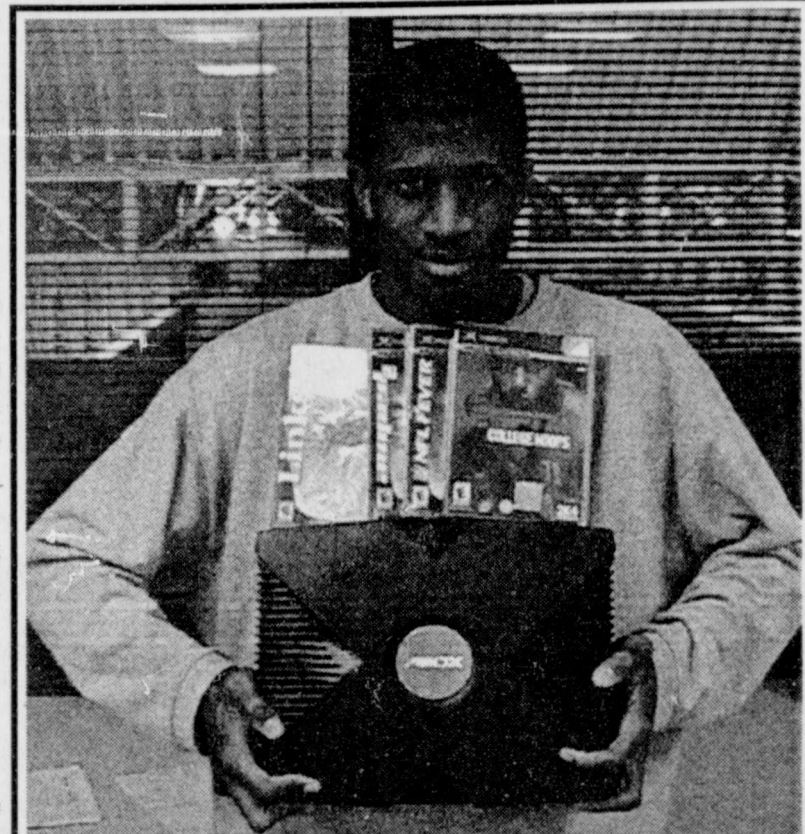
Indoor Soccer

It's almost time to get your indoor soccer teams registered for intramural play. We are limited to 96 teams so don't wait until the last minute to get your entries in. Team captains should bring their rosters, with student ID numbers to room 203 of the Rec Center to register. There will be divisions for men, women and co-rec play. Players may play on one men's or women's team and may also play on a co-rec team.

4 on 4 Football

We will once again offer intramural 4on4 flag football. Games will be played after Spring Break. 4on4 requires a \$20 entry fee (this is not the same as the refundable forfeit fee for other sports) Teams must pay the fee at registration. 4on4 is a fast-paced version of flag football. It is a passing game with quick scoring and big plays. We will offer men's, women's and co-rec divisions. Join in the fast-paced fun and action of spring football.

Registration for both sports is Tue. - Thu. March 9-11



COURTESY PHOTO/Rec Sports
 You never know what you might get from Rec Sports! Tony Mays holds his X-Box and video games after winning the College Hoops X-Box tournament. Tony competed against 31 other Tech students and now has a chance to compete in a National tourney. Good Luck!

Severe Weather

In case of a tornado...

Seek inside shelter **immediately** on the lowest floor of a building and away from glass.

Avoid buildings with a wide, free-span roof such as auditoriums and gymnasiums.

Tune into local radio or television stations for weather monitoring.



Awareness Week

March 1 - 6, 2004

Tornado Watch means conditions are such that tornadoes could develop. A watch is issued to alert you that conditions are favorable for tornadic development. Tune into radio or television stations for weather monitoring when a tornado watch is issued.

Tornado Warning means a tornado has been sighted visually or by weather radar. Warning sirens are mounted on selected campus buildings. These sirens produce a steady, high pitched signal. The sirens are augmented by police car sirens and by radio and television announcements.



Severe weather season begins in March on the South Plains. Educate yourself on what to do during severe weather. It can strike at anytime and anywhere on the South Plains!



Have you tried a specialty sandwich from the Union BistrO?

- Monday—Cubano or Seafood Salad on Bordeaux
- Tuesday—Prime Rib or Chicken Po-Boy
- Wednesday—Chicker! Stuffed Pita or Bistro Muffaletta
- Thursday—Meatball or Philly Mignon
- Friday—Bistro BLT or Pulled Roast Pork

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