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## France to continue with head scarf law

**DEMOCRATIC DEFIANCE:** French officials ignore demands of militant holders of Frenchmen in Iraq

By Jocelyn Gecker/Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — France vowed Monday to press ahead with a controversial law ban- rejecting the militants' warning. ning Islamic head scarves in schools, despite demands by militants holding two French journalists hostage in Iraq that Paris revoke

would not compromise its values to win the release of the journalists, Christian Chesnot Muslim fundamentalism in France. and Georges Malbrunot. Militants claiming

to hold them demanded the law be overturned within 48 hours.

school resumes on Wednesday. It forbids public school students from wearing "conspicuous" religious apparel. Jewish skullcaps and Government spokesman Jean-Francois large Christian crosses will also be banned, Cope told Canal Plus television France but the true target of the law is head scarves

French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier not works for Radio France-Internationale

respects all religions and human rights and Ouest-France. noted that Muslim leaders in France also had called for the journalists' release.

"I call for their release ... for all these "The law will be applied," Cope said, reasons, and especially because the respect for human life is sacred," Barnier told report-The head scarf law goes into effect when ers at the French Embassy in Cairo. Barnier said French officials were going to Baghdad to help the embassy there handle the situation. Asked whether he would go, he said: "Nothing is excluded."

Baghdad to the southern city of Najaf. Chesout of Iraq.

the journalists' release. He said his country for RTL radio and the dailies Le Figaro and escape terrorists.

of Iraq gave some safety to French citizens newspaper. "Governments that decide to passport holders.

The demand to end the head scarf ban reverse a nation's domestic law. Insurgents selves the Islamic Army of Iraq demanded Chesnot and Malbrunot were last heard but until now their demands have focused "an aggression on the Islamic religion and seen by authorities as a sign of rising from on Aug. 19, just before heading from on pushing nations' troops or companies personal freedoms."

Iraqi interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi

arrived in Cairo on a mission to help win and Radio France, and Malbrunot works said the hostage crisis showed France cannot

"France will not be spared - no more The abduction shook the notion that than Italy, Spain or Egypt," Allawi said in France's opposition to the U.S.-led invasion an interview published Monday in Le Monde amid the rash of kidnappings in Iraq. Some remain on the defensive will be the next Iraqi militants have previously spared French targets of terrorist ... Avoiding confrontation

In a video aired on Arab TV station Alwas the first time hostage-takers sought to Jazeera on Saturday, militants calling themin Iraq have kidnapped dozens of people, France revoke the headscarf law, calling it

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## Tech faculty members honored for donations

RAIDER GENEROSITY: Tech employees donated \$539,728 to State Employee Charitable Campaign.

By Nick Coy/The University Daily

Several department members throughout the Texas Tech system were honored Monday at a reception held at Jones SBC Stadium for their donations to the State Employee Charitable Campaign.

The SECC is a way for state employees, including those at Tech, to donate to their favorite charities.

Debbie Torrez, supervisor for the vice president of student affairs and a member of the Tech SECC campaign committee, said employees can choose from about 600

For the 2003 campaign, Torrez said Tech employees donated \$539,728 to the campaign, surpassing Tech's goal of \$522,000. These numbers reflect how much was donated by Tech, the Tech Health Sciences Center and other campuses in the Tech system.

Torrez said the reception was a way to say thank you to the departments for their part in donating to the SECC.

According to Tech's SECC Web site, employees can contribute a one-time gift or have donations deducted from their paychecks.

Torrez said employees can deduct a minimum of \$2. She said an employee is not limited to a maximum donation.

On hand at the reception were the Tech Spirit squads, who led the crowd in several cheers, as well as Chancellor Dr. David Smith, Tech President Jon Whitmore and HSC President Dr. M. Roy Wilson.

The HSC received a state award for the Highest Per Capita Gift out of a category with more than 2,000 employees.

Wilson accepted the award on behalf of the HSC.

Also receiving a state award was the Tech System. It received an award for Highest Participation and Highest Per Capita gift in a category with 200 or fewer employees. The system includes the satellite campus located in Junction.

Among the many departments receiving awards were the Student Government Association, College of Engineering, Traffic and Parking, the Tech Library and the Physical

Campaign coordinators were also on hand to accept awards for their departments. FACULTY continued on page 6



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TECH CHANCELLOR DR. David Smith accepts an award from Glenn Cochran. president of Lubbock United Way, during a reception Monday in the club level of Iones SBC Stadium on behalf of the members of the Texas Tech system for their donations to charity during the State Employee Charitable Campaign.



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

STEPHANIE CUNNINGHAM, A senior early childhood education major from Houston, fights against the wind with an umbrella while walking to class past Memorial Circle Monday afternoon.

## Students facing hardships with services

By Jackie Schirard/

The University Daily

Backpacks are full, the parking lots are overflowing and everywhere students go, they face long lines.

Texas Tech students, however, can the students faster, since avoid some first week obstacles by fre- the services don't have quently checking traffic and parking to call the individupdates, arriving to the campus early ual offices back and and handling financial aid, business ser- forth." vices and parking permits at the Student

Student Government Association In- tions and training, is ternal Vice President Nathan Nash said a representative at the pus to take care of school-related busi- this event. ness. The SGA agreed to put a satellite service in the Student Union, referred to Services, so we can settle issues quickly,"

Financial Aid and Traffic and Parking.

services," Nash Said. "Those offices will be able to get feedback to

Becky Akin, who

manages the publica-

spring to settle the dilemma of students dent of Student Affairs Michael Shonrock can grab that while waiting in line.' going to multiple buildings around cam- talked to her office about participating in

"It's nice being by the Student Business

as the Student Shuffle, that would consist of Akin said. "We don't like it either that a table for each Student Business Services, students have to walk around to individual buildings; it's bad customer service. It's a "This benefits both the students and the lot more convenient to be in a bookstore,

so students can handle multiple things at one time."

Andre McZeak, a cashier supervisor at the Student Business Services, said students have been giving positive feedback to the fast service.

'Students are jumping with joy that the wait is not long at all," McZeak said. "They also get the the SGA put together a focus group last Financial Aid table. Akin said Vice Presi- benefit of being next to Starbucks, so they

> McZeak also suggests going online to take care of payment for classes and parking

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## Tech closes Doak, Gaston residence halls

By Nick Coy/The University Daily

Two student housing residence halls at Texas Tech closed this fall because not enough students were choosing to live at the two complexes.

housing and residence life, said Doak and Gaston halls closed because renting out the halls without enough students living there is too expensive

Duggan said about 50 students were relocated to different residence halls under the same plans.

Weather

The students who chose to live in the standards. two halls were notified after June 1 they would be relocated to different residence halls, he said.

Students living at Gaston were relocated to extra space in Coleman Hall, while Sneed Hall.

If the students did not want to live at Sneed Hall or Coleman Hall, Duggan said they were allowed the option of choosing another residence hall.

Duggan said there was a six-year plan to update all residence halls to meet fire

Wall Street at a Glance

Michael Shonrock, vice president for student affairs, said the long-term plan was to install sprinkler systems in low-rise residence halls. The state fire marshal's office six years ago mandated all high-rise residence halls Sean Duggan, managing director for students residing in Doak were moved to require sprinkler systems. Shonrock said Tech is taking this mandate a step further by installing sprinklers in all low-rise residence halls as well. He also said upgrading Doak Hall and

Gaston Hall to the new standards would be

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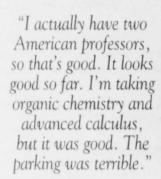
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How was your first day of school?

"I only had two classes. It was great. The teachers are a lot different than high school teachers. They're a lot more laid back.

> Katie Dworsky, freshman marketing major from Ingram



Kassi Carter, junior math major from Kermit

"Today was perfectly fine. It's my third semester, so it's not really anything new.'

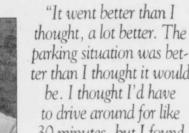
> Vishak Menon, sophomore computer science major from Miami





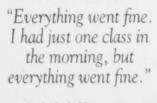
"I had to go to lab today, which was a big letdown because I didn't take my books. I guess there's this new rule that you have to sta in lab the entire time now, so I was very disappointed."

Bryan Gibson, junior biology major from Lubbock



parking situation was better than I thought it would be. I thought I'd have to drive around for like 30 minutes, but I found something right away."

Steve Springer, junior microbiology major from Albuquerque, N.M.



Lalith Karsani, graduate student from India studying electrical engineering



### State court rules fetus is not an individual

AUSTIN (AP) - A stillborn child's parents cannot sue a hospital or doctor for negligence because a fetus is not considered an individual under state law, the Texas Supreme Court has ruled.

In a decision watched by abortion rights activists and anti-abortion groups, the court voted 7-1 to stand by legal precedence that allows only infants who have taken at least one breath to be considered individuals who can sue or have a suit carried out on their behalf.

The Friday ruling overturned a decision by the 2nd Court of Appeals in Fort Worth that would have allowed Tara and Donnie Reese to sue a Fort Worth hospital for the death of her unborn son.

Tara Reese was seven months pregnant in May 1998 when she went to the Fort Worth Osteopathic Medical Center's emergency room complaining of a racing pulse and dizziness. She said the hospital's staff should have delivered the baby by Caesarean section.

The hospital said Tara Reese was a high-risk patient who gained about 50 pounds during her pregnancy, eventually weighing almost 300 pounds. They also questioned the quality of her prenatal care.

A state district judge tossed out the couple's wrongful death lawsuit, but the 2nd Court of Appeals in Fort Worth ruled their son was being denied his constitutional right to equal protection under the law. The hospital appealed that decision.





### Convention, protest of convention begin in NY

NEW YORK (AP) - Filmmaker Michael Moore and Jesse Jackson carried the banner Sunday for tens of thousands of protesters who peacefully swarmed Manhattan's streets on the eve of the Republican National Convention to demand that President Bush be turned out of office.

Flanked by police in riot gear, the protesters moved through the fortified city, loudly and exuberantly chanting slogans such as "No more years." They accused the Bush White House of prosecuting an unjust war in Iraq, making the country poorer and undermining abortion rights.

There were no immediate reports of violence and only scattered arrests: in the largest incident, some 50 protesters on bicycles who stopped near the parade route were carted away in an off-duty city bus.

Police did not give a crowd estimate for the demonstration, which snaked in a circular route around midtown Manhattan, shutting down dozens of blocks and bringing out hordes of police in a city already girded against terrorist attacks. Organizers had claimed up to 250,000 people would participate in what was expected to be the largest protest of the week. At its height, the march filled much of the route, forming an enormous horseshoe of dissent in the heart of an overwhelmingly Democratic city.

'They chose New York, where they're universally hated," said writer Laurie Russo, 41, of the New York borough of Queens. "They should have gone somewhere they're more welcome.'



### Election results under fire after terror attack

GROZNY, Russia (AP) - The Russian government's choice to lead warring Chechnya easily won a presidential election held in the shadow of last week's terrorist destruction of two airliners, election officials said Monday. The opposition charged that voting was tainted by fraud.

Alu Alkhanov, the region's top police official, replaces Kremlinbacked president Akhmad Kadyrov, who was assassinated in a bomb attack in May.

The election of Alkhanov was central to the Russian government's attempts to bring a degree of political normality to the ravaged region. Alkhanov on Monday repeated campaign pledges to bring peace.

"The most important task for the president and the republic's power structure is that the course of stabilization, the course of peaceful existence," Alkhanov said at a chaotic news conference in the presence of heavily armed guards. "The course of restoration continues, and it will continue only in the presence of an effective power structure and corresponding measures to preserve stability."

Alkhanov received nearly 74 percent of the vote in Sunday's balloting, Chechen elections commission head Abdul-Kerim Arsakhanov

Arsakhanov dismissed other candidates' claims of fraud, saying there were no violations. Turnout was about 85 percent, he said, even though many polling stations appeared sparsely attended.

### Man charged with murder in child's death

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 20year-old man was charged with capital murder over the weekend in connection with his daughter's death.

Joseph Anthony Mauricio was arraigned on the charge on Sunday and was being held in the Bexar County

Jail on \$500,000 bond.

Mauricio's 7-week-old daughter, Desiree, was found unresponsive in her crib on July 23, police said. She was taken to University Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

An autopsy revealed Desiree had

sustained two separate brain injuries about four weeks apart. The second injury killed her.

Child Protective Services placed the child in her aunt's care after she was taken to a hospital on July 2 for vomiting.

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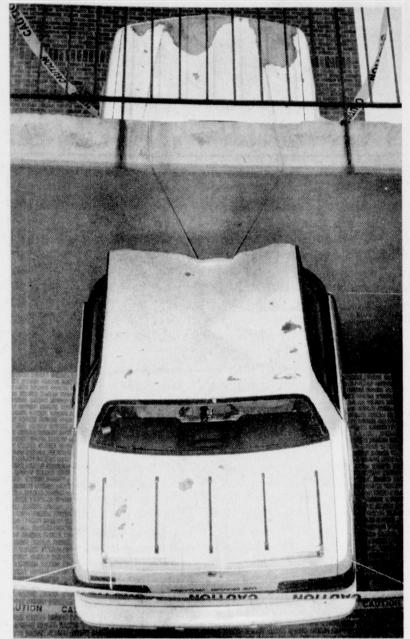
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## Architecture earns reaccreditation

By Erica Hoff/ The University Daily

A six-year accreditation granted to the Texas Tech College of Architecture in July by the National Architecture Accreditation Board will go into effect in January.

A team from the National Architecture Accreditation Board, headed by James Lawler, visited the College of Architecture for four days in March to review every aspect of the college. The team room, which is a collaboration of the students' outcomes within the college, was a rather large aspect of the visit, said David Driskill, associate dean of academics for the College of Architecture.

The review team then returned to the board to make a recommendation regarding what accreditation the college would receive, Driskill said.

The team declared the college successfully met 37 of the student outcomes, as well as having eight of the required criteria well met. The team was also highly impressed with the format Tech's College of Architecture uses, said Academic Dean of Architecture Andrew Vernooy. The team suggested a similar layout could be useful in other schools.

Lawler said Tech's College of Architecture was the first college out of 23 team visits in

past years that has met all of the required student outcomes. The college received a letter in July notifying them of their six-year accreditation, which will be effective January 1, 2005, according to the visiting team report.

The College of Architecture has been accredited since 1957. The school received a five-year accreditation in 1993, but then lowered to a three-year accreditation in 1998, as well as a three-year accreditation in 2001.

The lower accreditation was partially because the Tech College of Architecture was the first college in the U.S. to convert to a five-year masters degree, in 1996. Doing so, Vernooy said, created a lot of attention for the school, and although the curriculum has remained strong, the conditions were lacking. A six-year accreditation, which represents the highest standard of accreditation, was vital to the college because without receiving it this year, the college would have lost accreditation, said Driskill.

According to the mission statement of the College of Architecture, the college educates students for future design practice and advances knowledge of the discipline for the benefit of society.

The six-year accreditation shows success within the college and also sends an important message, Driskill said.

"What this also says in the future practice of architecture is we

see ourselves as bridging the discipline of architecture to the practice of architecture," said Driskill.

The curriculum and college has not been changed, but organized. Several additions helped in the process of receiving the six-year accreditation, said Driskill.

These include courses covering Non-Western Architecture, as well as history courses redeveloped to embrace Non-European Architecture. Other changes to the College of Architecture are a diversity committee, which was formed within the faculty and staff, as well as the creation of a new position chair of instruction.

Thirteen fulltime faculty have been hired within the College of Architecture, and students as well as faculty may notice the enhancement of their visual resources, Driskill said.

Future focus will be put into national architecture, historical preservation and community development and visualization, Vernooy said. The goal of the college is to establish status in these three areas.

"We balance to keep a strong commitment to the profession and to be known for that commitment," Vernooy said.

Driskill said he attributes the six-year accreditation to many aspects, such as ongoing support of the administration, as well as a

steadfast leader

"Really, this effort was lead by our dean Andrew Vernooy," Driskill said. "He really has spearheaded the whole effort."

whole effort."

The administration at Tech is very proud of the outcome of the recent visit, said James Brink,

senior vice provost.

"The praises our College of Architecture got from the visiting team were unsurpassed," Brink said. "They were impressed with the holistic approach which the College of Architecture uses with their students."

With the six-year accreditation, the board will not have to return to review the college for another six years, according to the visiting team report.

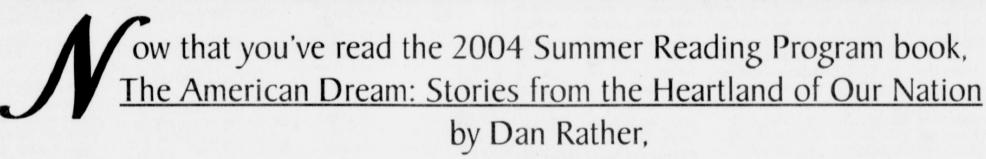
During this period, plans involve organizing around the highest accreditations, Driskill said. The college is planning ahead with intentions to revamp existing Tech courses to meet future demands, he said

The process of receiving the sixyear accreditation was labor intensive, said Sharen Hart, Director of Architecture. Now the school must maintain while preparing again in the next six years, she said.

"We continue to extend the outlook of our program so that it keeps pace with the modern world,"







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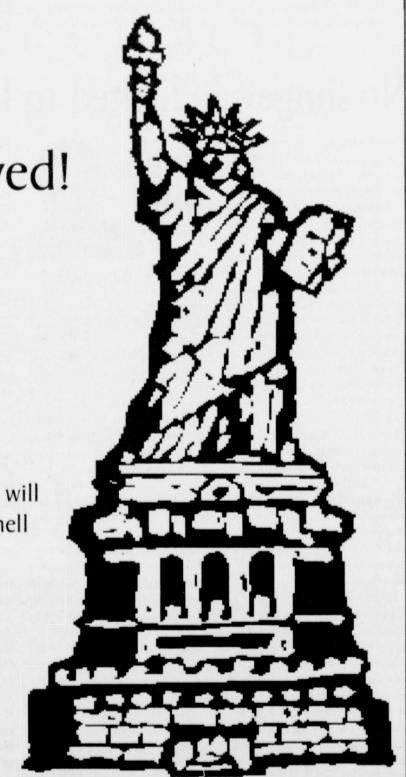
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## What Olympic games should inspire in us

hen you read this, the Athens Olympics will Sunday, and the world is a sadder place.

By nature, I am a politics junkie. Like any addict will tell you, the purer the stuff, the sweeter the feed, and I am currently mainlining on this election. But that is hardly surprising. Those of us with the craving see our habit peak every four years, when the greatest show of all hits the road.

The election is almost always worth waiting for, and it lasts, including early primaries, an average of eighteen months. What more could any discerning observer, any lover of the American political scene ask for? But still, it is almost too much at times.

Politics is a strange, polarized world, where artifice, deceit and guile are applauded and held as art forms. Politics is perhaps the only part of American life where hard cynicism truly is the primary philosophy of life, not just a fashion, and is the sole venue where the pure ambition for power can be condoned, even applauded. Honesty, if not obscured, is hazily seen at best. Truth, far from being tied down, floats above a hazy battleground, subject to the motions of the spin of the day, like great ships drifting in a changing tide.

Politics is fun, but also tiring and tinges your view of the world and of human nature. Politics is something with which we all have to deal, but those who spend a lot of time looking at it find it is like Alice's looking glass — it has a way of swallowing you up whole into a strange, twisted world that has little resemblance to the real one.

That is why every August of a White House year, I am so thankful for the Olympics. It means something to me, not just as an American, but as a person. I would watch the games

even if the U.S. did not compete. At heart, the Olympics are good and pure. The Olympics have lived up to the noble ideals of their mod-



We are all lifted up, watchers and winners and competitors alike into a better place, where words like honor, sportsmanship and fair play are real and

ern founder, Baron De Coubertin, and their ancient founders as well. Controversy follows every game, but the harsh glare of that limelight distracts from the essential and undeniable fact that something very beautiful is happening.

true.

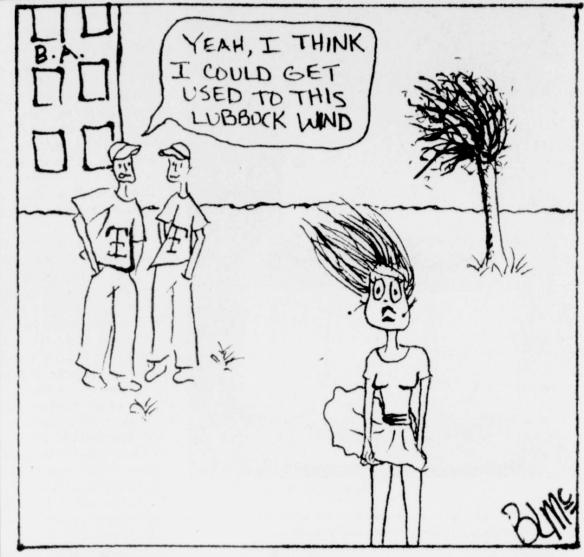
The idea of the Olympics is bigger than the politics that inevitably trails in the wake of every Games, larger than any frailty of its governing committee, bigger than doping or squabbles over medals, overcommercialization, vote swapping or boycotts. The idea is this - human beings have, across the board, something in common that can overcome their differences, something so worthy of praise and laurels, both literal and figurative, that it blasts through the chasms between peoples. We are all lifted up, watchers and winners and competitors alike, into a better place, where words like honor, sportsmanship and fair play are real and true.

Sure, this idea is idealistic and high-minded and corny and sort of goofy in that unmistakable nineteenth-century way. And nobody can or should deny that politics has, and will, play its part in the Games. Nor should any of us ignore the fact that the Olympics, conceived in a different age, is host both to a spirit of global unity and also to the sort of old-fashioned forceful nationalism that makes some people uncomfortable. The Games do take place in the real world, after all. But even a hard-bitten pragmatist must admit this: in a world where many talk of global ideals and human unity, but seemingly little is achieved, the modern Olympic Games is one of the few international institutions actually working. It was damaged by, but endured, both world wars and a cold war; outlived the League of Nations and has a far better track record than the United Nations, in both senses of the word.

For two weeks, we saw what a world at peace would look like. It is a place where winning is not achieved by the murkiness of a campaign ad, but the fact of a stopwatch. A place where actions mean more than words, and the comparative merits of human capacity, courage, endurance and ability are obvious to all and not subject to distortions. I've been to two Olympics, and it is manna to the soul. The Games are what athletics is about: the exaltation of the body and spirit, a reminder of our potential, our high purpose, a validation of human worth. I watch the Olympics because it makes me want to be a better person.

"What a piece of work is a man!" wrote Shakespeare. "How noble in reason! how infinite in faculty! in form and moving how express and admirable! in action how like an angel! in apprehension how like a god! the beauty of the world! the paragon of animals!" What I saw this summer from Athens did not make a liar of him. I am not really a sports fan. And I am not a sports writer. But for fourteen days every two years, I wish I was.

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## Athletes and drugs — what their choices do to morals

Ceeing athletes mixed up with drugs always is entertaining, and this summer was a regular blockbuster. Granted, it was no "White Chicks," but it still held its own in captivating the hearts of America.

Of course, the monumental sports scandal of the summer was the BALCO/steroid investigation of professional athletes, but I am not going to touch that one, mainly because it is not humorous.

Which leads us to my favorite scandal of the summer, involving professional-athlete-turned-Rastafarian Ricky Williams. However, in a seemingly bizarre move, the former Longhorn actually cut his dreadlocks before admitting his penchant for marijuana, rather than growing them. But, I digress.

In early August, Williams shocked the Miami Dolphins by retiring after only five seasons in the NFL. According to the Associated Press, the reasons Williams opted for retirement included an "excessive workload," and football was "not in his best interests."

Later in the month, the tailback's testing positive for marijuana three times was revealed, violating the NFL drug policy. He plans to live in Asia for an extended period of time. Basically, he spent enough time playing professional football to have the resources to smoke dope worldwide for the rest of his life, in essence, becoming just another famous burnout.

Spencer Ingram Williams's choice

of marijuana over professional football paints a perfect picture of our society's tolerance of drug use.

Williams' story is sadder and different than other athletes who have meddled with drugs, because most of them retire or take time off from sports for rehabilitation. Williams, however, is retiring so he can smoke more weed, and embrace his narcotic fix. Does anyone else see the ominous message of this event?

Williams's choice of marijuana instead of professional football paints a perfect picture of our society's tolerance of drug use. Many people ignore the wrongness and negative effects of marijuana because the drug will not kill them while getting them high. I suppose destroying brain cells is not damaging enough to cause alarm.

Marijuana has become a major part of our culture, making it seemingly all right because everyone is doing it. The profound leniency of late has changed our battle cry from, "Just say no!" to "It's just weed!" The ill effects of this mindset may come back to haunt us. Twenty years from now there could very well be an epidemic of middle-aged adults drowning in society, awash in the stupidity they have brought upon themselves.

Why is smoking weed widely considered "recreational use" of marijuana, while snorting lines of cocaine is generally known as "drug abuse?" Incorrectly, we are treating marijuana differently than other drugs. Our attitudes should not be relative to the degree of immediate harm a certain drug causes; we should realize they are all illegal substances and have been made illegal for a reason.

Quincy Carter, who was cut by the Dallas Cowboys this summer amidst alleged drug problems, said in the Dallas Morning News that "cocaine has never been an issue" for him, which implies he used the drug but feels he has control over his use. I am sure the late Rick James would have said the same thing.

But we can choose to stop pretending marijuana is not an issue for us; stop pretending that we can control it. Or we can just continue to kill the brain cells that notice.

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## No longer dedicated to lofty ideals

Tam giving up. Since we last met, I have decided enough is enough. Gone are the columns where I attempt to cleverly address social and political issues. No more babble about people's individual rights and government's responsibilities to its citizens. From now on, my contribution to page four will be an unabashed and explicit attempt to get some quality tail.

Before you get offended (or interested), let me explain. See, I am just a guy. I do not have a lot of money or a powerful family. I drive a minivan, for God's sake. I have to ask myself, "What do I really know about politics?"

I used to love arguing and debating all night long. A close friend and I would take on anyone at any time, loaded down with information and youthful idealism, championing the importance of participation and investigation to anyone who could stand to listen. Debating was not about left or right; it was about selfeducation.

Those days are over.

I see now that world is not all that awful of a place. Sure, a million starving homeless refugees live in Sudan in pestilent conditions, where their government has helped send them through its military support of the Janjaweed. But I am an American. The systematic murder of male villagers and impregnation through rape of women as a form of



genocide is not happening here, so what is in it for me?

I personally cannot wait to find

out what happens to Kobe Bryant. Can anyone tell me that the Middle East really is all that bad? There have been barely even 1,000 American fatalities, and the invasion was pretty clean, with barely 13,000 civilian Iraqis killed. So what if they had "faulty intelligence," no real strategy and played American's post-Sept. 11 heartstrings like Steve Martin on the banjo? It is the government.

And as we all know, you can

always trust the government. Is it really my problem that big pharmaceutical companies get special treatment by the administration and the FDA? I am young. Maybe in 40 years I will be concerned that politicians are letting corporations inflate the price of what keeps me alive.

But that problem is in 40 years. And old people are really only good for holding up traffic and smelling like ham.

And for now, I at least know my drug dealers are honest.

I had never realized that George W. Bush was appointed by God.

Before I knew, I just thought he was an idiot. But now I see that she has a divine plan for Bush, to lead this nation full of sinners toward the promised land, where we all are holding hands around a big steak dinner, praying for the barbarians who are unfortunate enough not to have deserved life here in the United States.

So why have I even been trying to argue? God is going to have her way no matter what. And applying what we know about this "Reaganomics" thing, I believe the trickledown of power runs right over W's righteous silver crown.

I once thought people, especially my contemporaries, who did not "like politics" or "watch the news" were simply stupid, lazy, pathetic wastes of oxygen holding back America's potential actually to be a great country. Now I see I was the idiot. All that reading and talking and trying to make a change in the world was dumb. I should know better than to have my own thoughts. except the dirty ones.

So things may get a little pathetic here on Tuesdays as I try to get young ladies to come home with me, but at least I have my priorities straight.

Good talk. See you out there. ■ Ring is a graduate student studying political science from Hobbs, N.M. E-mail him

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## The freshman blues will not last long

By Geremy Bass/

The Diamondback (U-Wire) — I spent countless hours researching and talking about college. The stories from college students filtered down to my eager high schoolears, and I summed them up, hopefully somewhat correctly, in my head. I would have to balance my time between classwork and enjoyment. In college, I would work hard and play hard.

But I found myself on my bed the afternoon after moving in, with no work and no idea how to play. All right, it was 4:31 p.m., and I should not have had to wait much longer.. Maybe 50 students would dash by my door sporting beer helmets and carrying scantily clad girls on their shoulders, just waiting for me to join the fun.

To kill some time, I dragged out my new wireless-ready laptop that looks like something out of Star Trek. I attempted

to sign online, but to no avail. Apparently the "go anywhere" slogan means, "go anywhere where there's already high speed Internet hooked up." So, after angrily plugging into the Internet jack, I signed online. I was completely un-wireless. Finally, I checked my new university e-mail account, which, of course, was empty.

A knock at my door quickly whisked me out of my anguish, and I prepared myself for some real college excitement. I flung the door open and tried my hardest not to look disappointed when my roommate edged past me into the room with a simple "Hey."

My cell phone then began vibrating, saving me from looking too bored in front of my roommate. I didn't tell him that the screen flashed "Mom."

"Hold on, I should get this," I said with a feigned importance. I hurried down the stairs and out of the building, looked out on campus, and the classic movies played in my head and did not ease my frustration.

I wanted to party like in "Animal House," and start my own "Old School"

But the movie reel creaked to a halt as I spotted another student strolling on the concrete in front of me heading for my dorm, looking equally as flustered. I approached the stranger.

"Hi," I blurted. "Where are you going to school next year?"

I could not stop myself from uttering this incredibly corny wisecrack, but it was my best attempt to lighten the first-day mood. But this remark actually served me well. My new acquaintance laughed at my question and soon became a new friend.

With no plans to go out that night, I felt elated when my phone vibrated again at 7:30 p.m., and instead of "Mom," my screen flashed "new friend."



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## Lubbock citizens pass bond package for school system

By Andrew Bell/ The University Daily

\$100 million. Dr. Evil might be proud of the Lubbock citizens who voted and helped pass a \$98.8 million education bond package for the Lubbock Independent School District on Aug. 24.

Dan Pope, chairman for the bond committee that created the ideas for the proposal, said the bond package will help LISD in three distinct areas: technology advancement, facility utilization and capital improvement.

On the night of the election, 8,326 Lubbock voters voted for the issue while 4,563 voted against the bond package.

Tracy Gregory, executive director of finance and election administrator for LISD, said the final tally for the election had a majority of about 65 percent for the project, with 35 percent against.

Of the almost 13,000 people who voted on the issue, 8,194 voters cast their ballots in the early election.

Originally, Skip Watson said more than 8,200 people voted on the matter, but some ballots were discounted from the final numbers.

Watson, director of public information for LISD, said the early election numbers, as with the final numbers, indicated a majority of the voters were for the bond package.

In the past 15 years, Lubbock voters have consistently voted for school bond issues, and the most recent election is no different, Pope said.

"I believe there has been large community support, because, first and foremost, it is concerning education," Pope said.

Essentially, a bond is similar to a home mortgage. Bonds are sold to competing lenders to raise funds for the costs of constructing and equipping facilities. The bonds are repaid over a period of years through local tax dollars, he said.

To ease the impact on local taxpayers, Pope said the increase would be presented to the taxpayers in a stair step fashion.

The bonds will be sold to lenders over a period of time. The tax will increase as more bonds are sold

over the coming years, he said.

Technology Inititaves

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to worry about an increase in taxes during the 2004-2005 school year, Pope said. Instead, the tax will begin next year and increase until the bonds are

sold by 2008 or 2009, he said.

During this time period, the net increase in the tax rate could range from 4.5 cents to 9 cents, according to the newsletter.

For the owner of a home at current average home value of nearly \$84,000, the homeowner's monthly tax increase will cost between \$2.60 to \$5.21 per month.

However, the cost is for a purpose. LISD Superintendent Wayne Havens said every student in the district will realize the benefits of the most comprehensive bond package he has ever seen.

Technology advancement, facility utilization and capital improvement are the focus points of the bond package for LISD students. In total, the technology initiatives recommended by the committee would cost taxpayers over \$18 million, Pope said.

First, the funds will be used to replace labs in the senior high, middle and elementary schools in the district.

The funds also will be used to provide wireless technology to the labs of the senior high and middle schools, while accommodating However, taxpayers will not have teachers and libraries with new

computers, Pope

said. L. S.D. EDUCATION BOND Since the average age of LISD campus buildings is 42 years, the bond package also is designed to provide maintenance and upgrades for

the LISD schools throughout the district, he said.

In particular, the bond package allows for the renovation of heating, air conditioning and electrical systems for the schools within the district at the cost of nearly \$25 million, Pope said.

The final portion of the bond package concerns the facility utilization of LISD.

Unlike many districts in the state, LISD does not currently have a middle school that conatins sixth through eighth graders, Havens

However, through the use of the bond package, LISD would be able to set up the middle school concept and help to further educate the students within the concept, Havens said.

"Through our research, we have seen that it is the best format to offer a constructive education for that particular age group," he said.

The change of facilities will be possible because the nearly \$56 million facility utilization program will include the construction of two new elementary schools, Pope said.

The changes to come for the district during the next five or six years of construction and funding could possibly enhance the infrastructure of the entire school district, said Eddie McBride, president and CEO of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce.

The future success of the bond package is a testament to the support of Lubbock citizens for the continuous improvement of education for the students of Lubbock, he said.

This is a ringing endorsement by the city of Lubbock," McBride



Justin Barnes, a senior mechanical engineering major from Pampa, looks at the literature distributed by Leslie Simon, who works for the Student Alumni Association. Those that join will receive a free t-shirt.

### Auctioning piece of freedom

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP) — What price Liberty?

Well, a starting bid of \$60,000 could get you a small piece in an eBay auction of items removed during renovations of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island from 1984

The items include 18 10-inch pieces of Lady Liberty's original inner framework and 25 bricks from

the Great Hall on Ellis Island, the immigration center's main processing building.

The auction began Friday, but there were no bids as of Monday afternoon. The minimum bid for a splice bar that connected metal beams in the statue is \$60,000; a single brick goes for \$25,000. Ten percent of the auction's proceeds will be donated to the Epilepsy Foundation.



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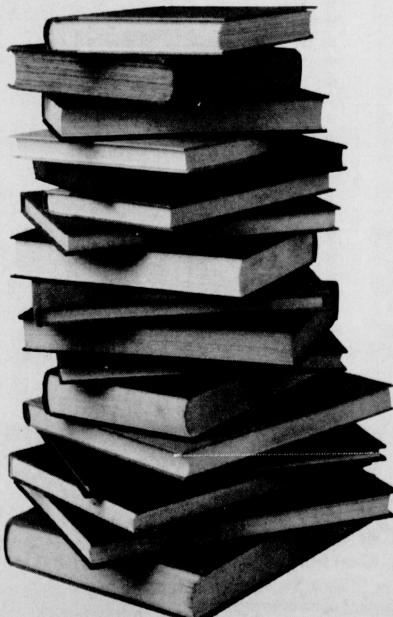
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### Hardships

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permits. The tables at Barnes & Noble in the Student Union will accept checks or credit cards, but will refer student to individual offices if paying in cash. The Student Shuffle will be available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Friday.

Janet Wright, an advisor in Mass Communications, said a high volume of students has visited for consultation.

"A lot of the students are in here now because they didn't pay their fees on time and were dropped from their classes," Wright said. "I always recommend to double check that everything is taken care of before starting school.'

Wright said the advisors are recommending students take 15 hours a semester to graduate on time.

Students have to meet with their advisors twice a year before signing up for classes the following semester. Wright said students should

be able to register online without speaking to an advisor; otherwise, the advisors are available to answer questions about deadlines or change

Michael Lopez, coordinator of events and transit operations for Traffic and Parking, said the Tech Parkway construction continues to cause delays for commuter and satellite parking.

"Overall, it's different than what we expected," Lopez said. "We have tons of extra people on staff to educate and give direction to students. My suggestion is to be tactical about it take the bus when necessary, be familiar with bus routes and map out your classes. Once students get into the routine of school, the parking situation will get better."

Until then, Lopez said to arrive on campus 20 minutes early.

For updated information on traffic and parking, student can visit www.parking.ttu.edu or listen in the mornings to KTXT 88.1 or KOHM 89.1 for traffic reports.

### France

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They gave no ultimatum, Al-Jazeera said. The station showed a brief tape of the journalists saying they were in captivity - the first word on their fate since they disappeared.

A militant group with a similar name to the one holding the French journalists is believed to be responsible for the death last week of Italian freelance journalist Enzo Baldoni. Before his murder, the group had said it could not guarantee his safety unless Italy announced within 48 hours that it would withdraw its troops from

French President Jacques Chirac vowed Sunday to spare no effort to secure the reporters' freedom and dispatched Barnier

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too expensive, because not

enough students choose to

be used for overflow housing.

Duggan said Gaston Hall and

the Gaston Apartments will

eventually be demolished after a new student health

"We don't anticipate we'll use the current space after the Gaston Apartments close,"

The demolition process can be costly, Shonrock said. There are costs to remove asbestos from the building and for the actual demolition

Doak Hall will not be

demolished because it lies in a historical part of campus,

but Duggan said the building

would most likely be used for

Hall and West Halls were pre-

Shonrock also said Drane

additional office space.

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center is constructed.

Shonrock said.

process, he said.

If needed, Duggan said, the two closed residence halls will

live in the two complexes.

Halls

to the Middle East.

The foreign minister arrived in the Egyptian capital for meetings with Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit and with Amr Moussa, secretary-general of the Arab League. In July, Egyptian diplomacy secured the release of one of Cairo's diplomats in Baghdad, Mohammed Mamdouh Helmi Qutb, held by militants for

Speaking at the French Embassy in Cairo, Barnier did not directly address the militants' demand but said, "This ultimatum is incomprehensible, given the reality of French society." Barnier also planned to visit Qatar.

The Foreign Ministry in Paris said that a diplomatic envoy, Hubert Colin de Verdiere, was heading to Baghdad.

Chirac appealed on Sunday to the kidnappers, implicitly reminding them that France opposed the U.S.-

led invasion of Iraq.

"France ensures equality, the respect and protection of the free practicing of all religions," a solemnlooking Chirac said in a televised address. "These values of respect and tolerance inspire our actions everywhere in the world ... They also inspired France's policy in Iraq.'

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat joined Middle Eastern religious and political leaders in condemning the kidnappings. Arafat called for the journalists' "immediate release," saying France was a friend of the Palestinian cause, according to a statement issued by the Palestinian news agency WAFA.

Other critics of the kidnappings included Egypt's largest opposition group, the banned Muslim Brotherhood.

The European Union also appealed for the reporters' liberty. Their kidnapping means "not only freedom of expression is again at stake, but also the values of tolerance and respect for others to which all Europeans are profoundly attached," said Javier Solana, the EU's top foreign policy

Chirac postponed a Monday visit to Russia, where he was scheduled to hold two days of talks with Russian leader Vladimir Putin and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder. Chirac planned to join the meeting on Tuesday, his office said.

Even French Muslim leaders who opposed the law on head scarves condemned the kidnapping and urged the government Sunday not to capitulate.

'We must not negotiate. It is blackmail which the Muslims of France reject," said Lhaj Thami Breze, president of the powerful Union of Islamic Organizations of France. France's Muslim community of 5 million is western Europe's biggest.

### **Faculty**

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Torrez said they serve as a point of contact running the campaign for their department throughout the year. Smith congratulated those

in attendance for their fundraising

"The family at Texas Tech truly is a compassionate one," he said.

Smith called on more people to participate in the SECC as it begins the 2004 campaign Sept. 1.

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ROOMS IN DOAK Hall remain empty after the doors of the residence hall closed to residents. Gaston Hall aslo closed to residents this fall.

viously used as residence halls.

Drane Hall is now the home of Student Business Services, while West Hall is the home of the Financial Aid office.

According to Tech's hous-

ing and dining Web site, Doak Hall is located southeast of the Human Sciences building. The Web site also states, "the nonair conditioned hall is designed as an economical option for

freshman."

The Web site said Gaston Hall is designed for upper class and graduate students. This hall is open-year round, including holidays.



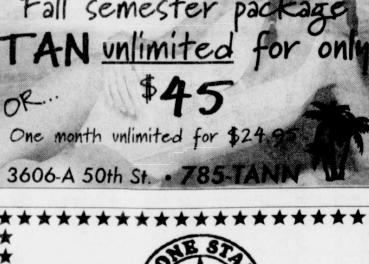
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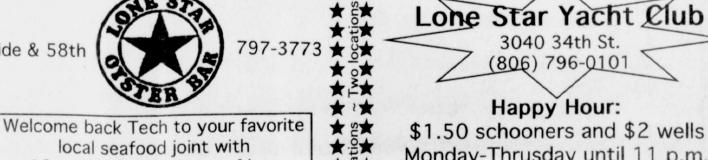
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## Awarding the summer movies

he summer was busy at the movies. For studios, every weekend was like robbing a bank, as they got their big films in, made their money and got catnip, he says, "That's, uh, not out before the next big release weekend.

With months' worth of movies to see, I found developing a way to recognize the standouts, both loathsome and loveable, necessary.

Here, now, are my own sum- the mer movie awards, which are, frankly, just a way to rant, rave and/or ridicule movies I saw this

Lived up to expectations:

"Spider-Man 2." This sequel surpassed the original on every level and is probably the quintessential summer movie. One may worry "Spidey 3" won't be able to match it.

Lived down to expecta-

"King Arthur": An epic that aimed for mediocrity and hit the bulls-eye.

Biggest let down: Troy" was a Trojan Horsesized disappointment. Best date movie:

"The Terminal." I never thought Spielberg and Hanks would produce something so schmaltzy, but they are part of a select few who could succeed.

"Shrek 2": When authorities frisk Antonio Banderas's Puss in Boots and find a small baggie of

Most welcome surprise:

"Saved!" was a sharp, hilarious jab at religious hypocrisy. Those calling the film anti-Christian simply

have no seen it, or are the ones the film targets in first place.

A close runner-up in this category was "Napoleon Dynamite," which was a funny, charming

You could smell it coming:

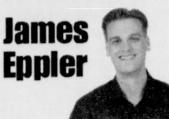
"Catwoman." Who could have thought this \$90 million Halle Berry vehicle would bomb?-Anyone who had seen the trailers months in advance. The stench from this litter-box was potent long before its release.

Most misunderstood

"The Village." Most patrons were expecting a horror-fest, which has never been what writer/director M. Night Shyamalan is all about.

Being disappointed at the lack of scares, too many people missed the provocative political message at the heart of this film.

In his film, Shyamalan demonstrated how government might Single biggest laugh of the sum- use fear as a method of control



My vote has to go for Morgan Spurlock in his documentary 'Super Size Me.' Aliens and Predators are fictional, but fast food addicts like Spurlock walk among us daily. Now that's scary.

over its people -a timely message, considering the current administration. The fact that it was released on the same weekend as "The Manchurian Candidate" is more than ironic.

Most involving movie:

"Open Water" holds audiences in constant tension, scanning every frame for intruding sharks as a married couple is abandoned in the middle of the ocean. I was told a few viewers had to leave the theater due to seasickness.

The video game was better than

"The Chronicles of Riddick." One of the worst movies of the summer sure made a cool Xbox game. I only hope they make another video game instead of another movie. Vin Diesel may be running out of fuel.

Scariest movie monster:

Alien? Predator? Michael Moore? Nah. My vote has to go for Morgan Spurlock in his documentary, "Super Size Me." After eating McDonald's for three square meals a day for thirty straight days, Spurlock gains 25 pounds, almost pickles his liver, suffers from headaches and violent mood-swings and scares the daylights out of his doctors. Aliens and Predators are fictional, but fast food addicts like Spurlock walk among us daily. Now that's

Movie everyone should have seen but didn't:

"Super Size Me" spent only one week in Lubbock theatres and soon left for lack of attendance. It's a shame, because the film is one of the most confrontational of the year.

While Moore's documentary, "Fahrenheit 9/11," pointed the finger at the Bush administration, Spurlock's film attacks fast food chains, but holds us responsible for eating ourselves to death. Summer film most likely to find

a spot on my top 10 list: "De-lovely." Kevin Kline

shines in this musical biography of Cole Porter that is not afraid

to explore once taboo aspects of the musician's life, including his

Most gratuitous nudity:

Tie game. Will Smith's naked derriere in "I, Robot" and Blanchard Ryan's full-frontal peep show in "Open Water."

I conveniently took my vacation

the weekend it was released:

"White Chicks." I was going to see this lame comedy, but darn it, I had to take my vacation

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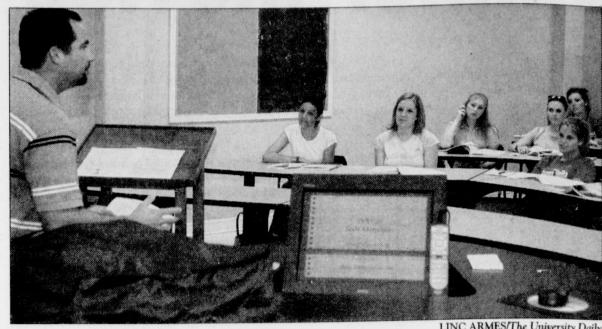
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## Freshmen share their first impressions of Tech



PROFESSOR BRAD DABBERT gives a lecture to freshmen in the Agriculture Education building Monday afternoon. The course is IS 1100 and is designed to assist incoming freshmen with how to handle the college

By Kandis Wenk/ The University Daily

The 2004-2005 Freshmen class at Texas Tech University have come from near and far, but for the next few months, Lubbock and

the Tech community will be their home away from home.

Many students have adapted to trading private rooms and homecooked meals for a new level of freedom as college students.

For some, nervousness of col-

lege classes has slipped out of view, due to the excitement of the first year as a Tech student.

Greg Norwood, a freshman electronic media major from Georgetown, said he is excited about freedom.

"I'm excited about being on my own for the first time," Norwood said. "I'm a little nervous about running out of money, though."

Although Norwood said he is not interested in getting involved with Tech organizations, he said he likes living in the dorms.

"The people are nice and easy to get along with," he said. "I like my roommate, too, we get along pretty well."

Norwood said the toughest thing for him would be getting to class on time, due to the size of the campus and having to walk everywhere.

"I like it here," Norwood said. "It's a big, but beautiful campus."

Julianne Henry, a freshman pre-med major from Houston, was set on meeting as many people as she could.

"It was pretty boring and quiet in the beginning, because not a lot of people had moved in yet," she said. "Now, there's been a lot more going on. I knocked on people's doors and left my door open so I could meet new people."

Henry said adjusting to Lub-

bock's climate was easy, and the weather is a nice change from her hot, humid hometown.

"I like the weather down here," she said. "Houston's always so

Henry said she also has become

a bit of a night owl. "There's a lot to do if you're up at two or three," she said. "You can

always find something to do." Although Henry has almost nothing bad to say about Tech, she said she has had some problem adjusting to dorm life.

"Haters! Haters that erase my board and are jealous of my room,"

Payal Patel, a freshman Premedicine major from Arlington, said she is anxious to explore all Tech has to offer.

"I'm ready to get involved and get into organizations," she said. "A lot of people out here are willing to meet others and not stick to one group."

Henry agreed.

"In other words, they're not snotty," she said.

Patel said the thing she likes

least about Tech is its size. She said it takes her 15 minutes to walk everywhere.

Tara Higgins, Assistant Director for the First Year Experience program, said she thinks many freshmen come to Tech because

they have so many options. "I think Tech offers so many opportunities to explore and find the field or major that's best for

them," she said. The faculty at Tech works to ensure students are happy and taken care of, Higgins said.

"I want freshmen and all students to know that Tech is here for them, for the student," she said. "Tech believes in them and wants them to have the best experience they can."

Freshman students who want more information on how to get the most out of their freshman year should visit the Center for Campus Life, located in room 201 of the Student Union Building or online at www.campuslife. ttu.edu.

## Austin plastic surgeon sucks his own fat

AUSTIN (AP) — Calling himself the biggest fat sucker in Texas, an Austin plastic surgeon performed liposuction on himself in full view of television and newspaper cameras to promote the potential use of stem an operation.

Dr. Robert Ersek, 66, also had a staff member videotape the proce-

out of his belly.

"Somebody said we're doing our part to keep Austin weird," Ersek

The inventor of liposuction, cells that can be harvested in such Dr. Yves Gerard Illouz of Paris, in town for a plastic surgery seminar held at the Personique clinic where Ersek practices, ducked in and out

dure Thursday as he sucked fat cells of the crowded operating room and, at one point, advised Ersek on his technique.

"This will be the future," Illouz said of stem cells. He said that in five years, adult stem cells derived from tissue, such as fat, and other organs will be successful in fighting disease and injuries. Illouz performed the first liposuction in 1977.

Ersek said he will encourage his patients to save their liposuctioned fat from now on.

climbed on an operating table and covered his legs with a drape. "It's a lot better with the patient

With the media looking on, he

cooperating, huh?" he told his as-

Ersek then asked for a big needle containing local anesthetic to numb the left side of his abdomen. He jabbed himself many times, wincing once or twice.

goes in," he said.

Satisfied that he was numb this is."

enough, Ersek made a small incision near his navel. He made sure his videographer got a good shot.

"It's unbelievable," Ersek said. "I'm the actor, the director and the cinematographer.'

Using a metal wand more than a foot long and about as thick as a pencil, he started to suck out the fat. Attached to a long clear tube with a collection bottle at the end, the wand was stuck deep into his abdomen.

"I feel absolutely fine," he said, "It's a little tricky when it first as he operated. "I am surprised how simple and how comfortable

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In less than 20 minutes, Ersek had removed about a pound and a half of fat from his left abdomen.

Elizabeth Scarbrough, vice president of MacroPore Biosurgery Inc. of San Diego, told the Austin American Statesman Ersek collected 250 cubic centimeters of tissue, much more than the 100cc minimum for stem cell processing. Her company will isolate and store Ersek's stem cells at -370 degrees Fahrenheit in case he needs them in the future.

Ersek said he'd leave his right side "as is" for now and be his own before-and-after liposuction ad for his patients.

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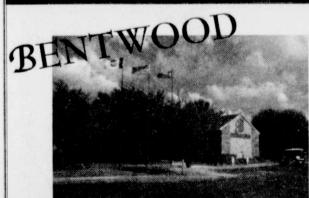
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## Soccer team splits season openers

By Bryan Wendell/ The University Daily

It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. Well, maybe it was not the French revolution, but the Texas Tech soccer team clearly revolted against the trends of last year's team in its first game of the season.

The team still showed many weaknesses after finishing the weekend 1-1, however. After a 6-2 victory over Oral Roberts Friday, the team fell to Texas Christian by a score of 2-0 on Sunday.

The victory was the best of times for Tech, which exploded for six goals, matching the greatest goal production since a 2001 victory over Stephen F. Austin. Freshman Priscilla Esquivel recorded two of those six goals.

"I think I did pretty well. I was nervous from the beginning, which comes with being a freshman," she said. "It's very important for me to contribute like that every game. If I can do that, it'll be good for the team."

She scored her first two collegiate goals in the victory. In fact, all five Tech players who scored the six goals got their first college tallies. Freshmen Jennifer Thomas and Ashley Reed, sophomore Ana Morton and senior Alley Seifert coach Felix Oskam gave the starting each recorded that honor.

This Tech team, which scored only 14 goals last season, got six in the opener. The first came on a penalty kick in the third minute taken by Seifert. Last season against University of Texas, she took one for an injured Catie Arsenault, a former Raider, and missed on that attempt. This time, she was ready.

"I was just thinking about how I missed the one last year. This year, I went in with confidence and knew it was going in if I got the chance," she

Ana Morton's Soccer goal came from midfield as a surprise for the defender.

"I wasn't shooting, and I didn't think it was going in at all or that I kicked it that hard," she said.

Two days later, it was not quite the worst of times for Tech, but the game still was a disappointment for effort in future games. the team and its fans.

SMU. For the second straight game, flat. We can learn from that that every

nod in goal to Megan Knauss, who registered six saves in the game against ORU.

Despite making three saves, Knauss only played the first half of this game and was replaced by freshman Tina Rincon in the second half. Knauss understood the coaches' rationale for pulling her.

"I talked to Topper (Cogan),

the goalkeeper coach. He said I had a strong couple of saves but made some mistakes. Because of the depth we have at the goalkeeper position, I don't have room

to make mistakes like that," she said. "I'll have to go out there next week and fight for it."

The physical play set the tone for this game. Tech came out not quite ready for the physicality, and the players know they must change their

"We need to be intense right from TCU came in after a 4-0 loss to the start," Oskam said. "We came out

game is gonna be a battle, and you have to come in and be ready to go."

TCU recorded 17 fouls, including one yellow card to Amy Van Zandt. Esquivel and fellow freshman Lauren Lothrop were two recipients of rough play.

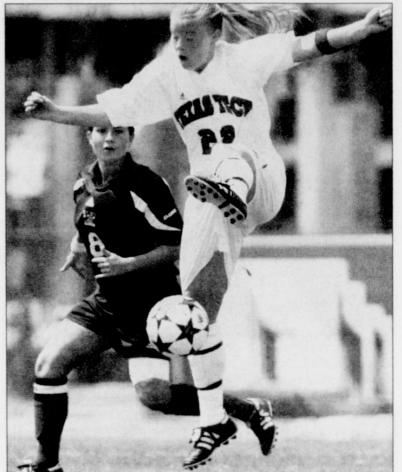
"I think we weren't anticipating them to come out as strong as they did. We were still on a high from the game against Oral Roberts," Lothrop said. "I think we thought it would be smooth sailing, and we had to adjust to them. In the end, it got a little dirty, kinda trashy."

Esquivel did not like the rough play and did not let it go unnoticed. "If they're gonna push, I'll push

them back. I won't take it. That's what I was always taught. You can't get shoved around, or else they'll just take you out," Esquivel said.

For the next two games, both in Albuquerque, N.M., Oskam still is tweaking the combinations he thinks will yield success.

"I don't think we've found the right mesh of players at certain positions. It's my responsibility and the staff's to come up with the right chemistry," he said. "You know what? It might take half the season to get it right because we're so young."



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

SOPHOMORE MIDFIELDER JENNA Wetzel goes up for the ball against TCU on Sunday. Tech lost to the Horned Frogs 2-0 during the second game of the season. The Red Raiders beat Oral Roberts, 6-2, in their home opener on Friday.

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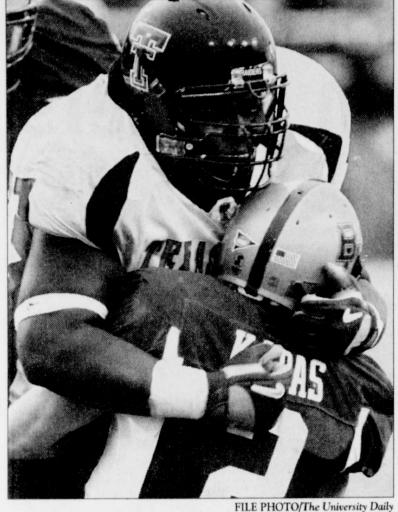
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## Duckett on straight path to record season



SENIOR ADELL DUCKETT recorded 14 sacks in the 2003 season, one of which came against Baylor's Aaron Karas on Nov. 8, 2003.

By Adam Boedeker/The University Daily

When Adell Duckett arrived in Lubbock three years ago, he had no trouble finding a roommate. His living with then-junior defensive end Aaron Hunt seemed logical. Hunt would go on to set the Texas Tech and Big 12 Conference record for career sacks with 34.

Duckett, now a senior, lived with and learned from the best, and now he has his sights set on becoming the best.

"I lived with Hunt until he graduated," Duckett said. "We've become really close. We've joked about (the record), and he said when he got it that he set it somewhere where I could go break it."

If Duckett does become the Big 12's all-time sack leader, the record will not be the first of Hunt's he has broken. Last season against Oklahoma, he broke Hunt's single season school record for sacks with 14, besting Hunt by two.

"He was actually at the game and after the game, he congratulated me," Duckett said of his former roommate. "He's been a big supporter of mine, and now he's trying to make it with the Miami Dolphins, and we talk on the phone every other day. We're each other's biggest fans, and we expect the best from each other."

Duckett has been known to make some big plays, resulting in his being named one of the four captains for this season's team, but two of the plays Duckett remembers most fondly came last season in a matter of seconds.

The game came the weekend after Tech's defense fell to No. 117 nationally. The Red Raiders had just lost two consecutive games, and the defense gave 113 combined points. The Red Raiders were in a dogfight against Colorado after a rare bad performance from the Tech offense.

The Buffaloes were poised at Tech's 45-yard line to tie the game, but Duckett took control and recorded two of his three sacks in the game back-to-back. Tech ended up winning the game 26-21 to break its two-game losing skid.

"It was probably the biggest two sacks I've ever gotten," Duckett said. "It was big because they were going in, and we ended up getting them three and out."

Although Duckett plans to have great memories added to his list this season, he still looks back on his first career start against Mississippi in 2002 as his greatest. The Rebels came to Lubbock riding their quarterback Eli

Manning, but Duckett did not buy into the hype recording six tackles, four batted passes and a 21-yard interception return for a touchdown.

"That game kinda put me on the map a little bit and got me a starting

job," he said. "I've never looked back since." No matter what Duckett accomplishes in 2004, the feat will be shared with his teammates. He hopes to have some burden taken off his shoulders and see fewer double and triple teams with the emergence of defensive linemen like Keyunta Dawson and Seth Nitschmann and returning starters

"I honestly think Seth Nitschmann on the other end had a great camp," Duckett said. "Last year, people didn't get to see him play because of his injury, but he's back 100 percent this year.'

Coach Mike Leach said Duckett should indeed have more help this season than he did in his junior season.

"I'm excited to see how things go on defense," Leach said. "Duckett anchors the front guys, but guys like Dawson and Nitschmann are stepping up. Dawson is emerging as a force, and I think that will make it harder to double-team Duckett. It's really incredible what (Duckett) did last year because most of the time he was splitting double teams. It will be harder, for teams to do that to him this year."

When asked what makes Duckett such a force on the defensive line, Scott gave a simple answer.

"I have no idea," he said. "I guess it's just God-given ability. He's just a freak. He's 6'4" and 265, and on top of that, he's quick."

Duckett's 14 sacks in 2003 was good enough to get him on the third team of the Big 12 coaches' squad. The lack of recognition has led some to say Duckett would get more accolades if he played for Texas or Oklahoma, but the senior is happy where he is and will look to prove his worth in his final collegiate season.

"I wouldn't want to play anywhere but Texas Tech," he said. "I've enjoyed my time here. I figure if I go out and put up a better year than last year, they'll have no choice but to see me. I've got to have a better year. That's a major goal of mine this year is to break my school record (for sacks in a season.)"

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## Rawls ranked among top 50 best buys

By David Wiechmann/ The University Daily

When plans for the Rawls Course began taking shape, administrators and coaches in the athletics department predicted the course would bring attention to Texas Tech University. The linksstyle course has succeeded in turning the eyes of the golfing world to West Texas and has garnered another honor from the industry's No. 1 publication.

In its bi-annual rankings, "Golf Magazine" included The Rawls Course in its Top 50 Courses Under \$50. In February, Golf Magazine ranked the course in its top 10 new courses.

Director of Golf Jack North said the course is in a league all its own in West Texas.

"I think we're in a position where we are unmatched as far as playability in this area," he said.

The fair weather this summer, teamed with the hard work of head superintendent Eric Johnson have aided getting the course in the best shape it has ever been,

The affordability of the course is because of to two things — Jerry Rawls's desire to have a top-notch golf course for Tech and the economics of Lubbock. Golf is a growing industry across the country, and that trend is no different in Lubbock, but men's head golf coach Greg Sands said because Lubbock is not an elitist city, the price of golf becomes more affordable.

"I think this is a testimony of what we're trying to do and what Jerry Rawls' vision was, and that was to create a championship golf course that was available to your everyday player," Sands said. "It's a product of demand in West Texas. If we put this course somewhere else, like the Metroplex, the price would go up. I think this is a case in economics of what Lubbock can bear. They're getting a great



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THE RAWLS GOLF Course was ranked by Golf Magazine as one of the top 50 best courses under \$50.

deal. If you put this golf course somewhere selling point this summer. else, you would easily pay \$75. Some

places you would pay as much as \$150." The Rawls Course is playing into the label given it by "Golf Magazine" even more than one may anticipate. Under \$50, according to Sands, is a steal, and

North said he has been pushing a major

"This is a price sensitive market," North said. "We thought it was very, very important to get people to play the golf course. The response has been amazing. People are really enjoying it. We're the cheapest championship course in the world, we believe."

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