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Lubbock responds to three area shootings

By Brittany Barrientos/The University Daily

Tuesday night was busy for the Lubbock Police Department, as three separate shootings were reported and investigated.

According to police reports, at approximately 10:45 p.m. a shooting was reported at the 1800 block of East First Place. The victim was found upon police arrival with non-life-threatening injuries.

According to reports, the victim, 24-year-old Lonnie Griggs, was transferred to University Medical Center. The suspect, 30-year-old Aubrey Johnson, was arrested and taken to the city holding facility.

Cpl. Bill Carter, who was assigned to the shooting, said Griggs was released from the hospital shortly after 4 a.m. Wednesday. He said the incident was a domestic dispute and occurred at the Windcrest Estacado Apartments, at 512 N. Martin Luther King Blvd.

He said the victim drove himself to the 1800 block of East First Place, where police picked him up.

"It was a domestic type of deal," he said. "(A woman) was living with one of the guys and dating another."

The identity of the woman still is unknown.

Johnson was scheduled to appear before a judge Wednesday and was expected to be facing aggravated assault and failure to appear charges.

Two other shootings occurred early Wednesday morning.

According to reports, at 12:09 a.m. a shooting was reported in the 1800 block of Brown Street. The report stated a residence and a vehicle were struck by the gunfire, and the residence was occupied at the time of the shooting. The investigation is still pending.

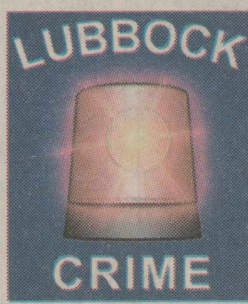
At 12:10 a.m. another shooting was reported at the

2900 block of Bates Street.

According to the report, the suspect knocked on the door of a residence and was informed the person he was looking for did not live there. The suspect then opened fire at the residence and a vehicle. This investigation is still pending.

No one was reported injured in the latter shootings and no suspects have been identified. Carter said it is not known if the incidents are related, and said police are still investigating all three incidents. He urged residents to be aware of their surroundings and be careful at night.

To report information related to any of the shootings call Crime Line at (806) 741-1000.



Parking zones to change next fall

By Meghann Lora/The University Daily

Texas Tech students will see changes to parking on campus next fall. These changes include three zones for commuter parking and a new residence hall zone.

Buddy Knox, director of traffic and parking, said the new parking system is an effort to address the No. 1 student complaint regarding a lack of available parking.

"Next year, we're going to offer three different commuter permits," he said. "We're doing it this way because our No. 1 complaint last year was that there was no place to park."

The three commuter zones are the north zone, west zone and satellite

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TEXAS grants continuing to help

By Meghann Lora/The University Daily

The TEXAS Grant program has affected the lives of many Texas Tech students positively, and the continuation of the program is important for future Texas students, said Paul Blake, assistant director of operations for the Office of Student Financial Aid.

The name of the grant is an acronym for Toward EXcellence, Access and Success. According to www.collegefortexas.com, the purpose of the grant program is to provide money to enable well-prepared,

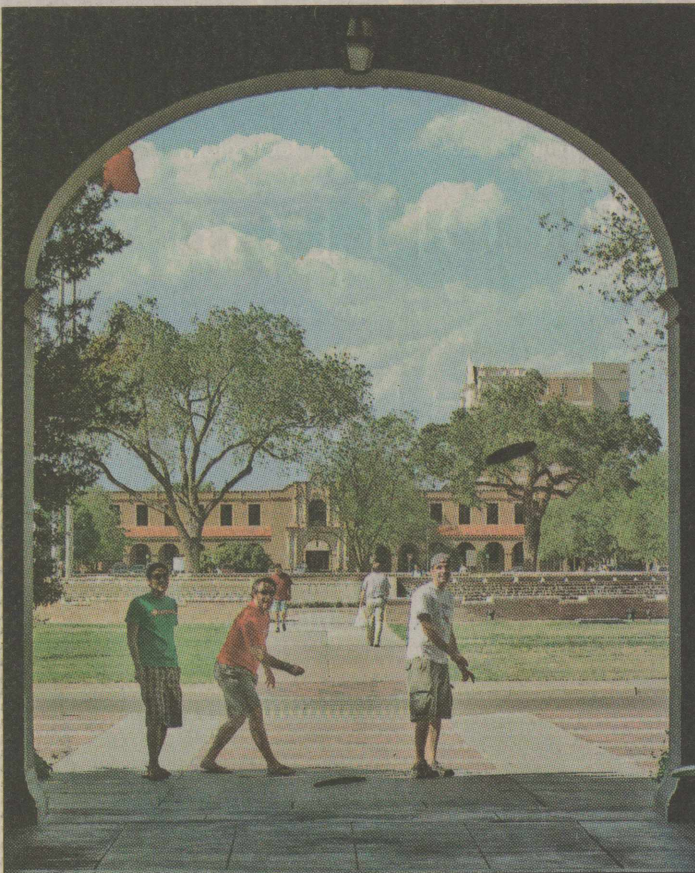
eligible students to attend public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education in Texas.

The amount of the grant is equal to the tuition and required fees at public institutions. According to the Web site, the award is approximately \$1,795 for 2004-2005. Private institution awards are based on the public university amount.

Tech awarded \$7.3 million in TEXAS Grants to students with demonstrated financial need, Blake said.

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AIRBORNE APPROACH



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JESSE LEOS, A freshman pre-medicine major from Coppell, Justin Hefner, a senior engineering major from Lubbock, and Ryan Emerson, a junior management major from Rockwall, shoot for the Preston Smith statue through the Administration archway while playing disc golf Wednesday afternoon. They are Young Life leaders, and they are practicing on the 19-hole course they created throughout campus.

A World of Colors



CAITY COLVARD/The University Daily

MIE HORIUCHI, A graduate art student from Sapporo, Japan, and Miwa Killingworth, a Japanese instructor from Okayama, Japan, model kimonos in the Colors of the World International Fashion Show Wednesday night.

Tech students enjoy International Fashion Show

By Jeremy Martin/The University Daily

Color television was invented in Mexico. Announcer Brooke Kiehne shared this fact and others with attendants of Wednesday's Colors of the World International Fashion Show, while models wearing international clothing strutted down the makeshift catwalk.

Kiehne, a graduate student studying French and business, said the show was designed to give people a better idea about the cultures of other countries and show the diversity of the Texas Tech campus.

"We wanted to give information about each country and teach a little about them," she said. "You know, so people don't leave here going, 'Where the hell is Mali?'"

Mali, located in Africa, was one of 15 countries featured in the program, which took place in Qualia Room of the Foreign Languages building.

Beau Stephenson, a senior biochemistry and Latin American and Iberian studies major from Plano, said he enjoyed watching the show and learned something from the experience. He was so interested in the bits of information about each country he wrote some of them down.

"I liked it," he said. "I got exposed to a lot of different cultures through the costumes and the music. I even took a few notes on the trivia and facts they said about the different countries."

After a line-up including models representing countries such as Cuba, China and Tunisia, the program ended with a presentation of the United States. The American models came out with the Rednex song "Cotton-Eyed Joe" playing in the background.

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Recent accidents raise issue of helmet safety

By Brittany Barrientos/The University Daily

This spring, two Texas Tech students have been killed while involved in traffic accidents and suffered head injuries, which were heightened because of the absence of a helmet.

On Feb. 7, Tech sophomore Kedric Hobbs was riding his bicycle at the 7800 block of 4th Street when a car hit him. According to the police report, the suspect, Jason McInroe, who has now been indicted on charges of failure to stop and render aid, and aggravated assault, fled the scene.

Hobbs was taken to the University Medical Center, where he died a short time later of head trauma, according to the report.

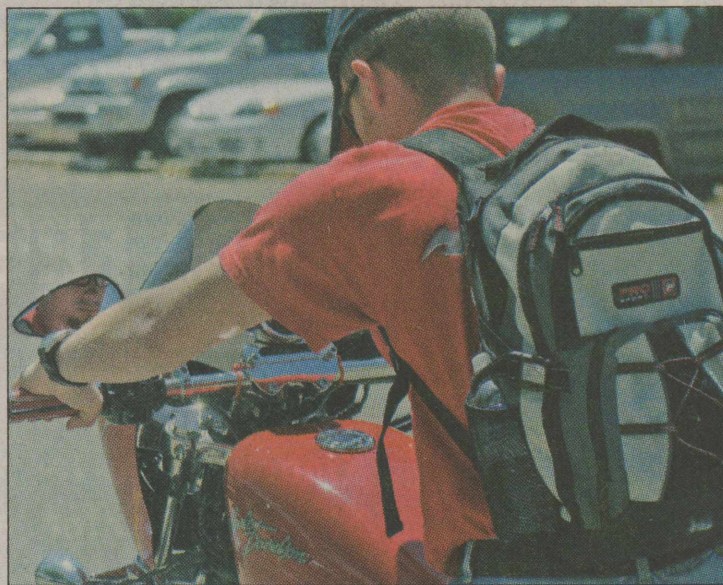
More recently, Tech student Cody Hughes was killed while riding his motorcycle at the intersection of 50th Street and University Avenue. According to police reports, Hughes was hit when an oncoming vehicle failed to yield the right-of-way.

Hughes was transported to UMC, where he later died of head injuries. Hughes was not wearing a helmet.

Capt. Neal Brumley of the Lubbock Police Department said although motorcycle and bicycle accidents are not common, the police department has noticed an increase and believes anyone riding a bicycle or motorcycle

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MATT DANIEL, A senior mathematics major from Lubbock, backs his motorcycle out of the parking lot next to the Biology building Wednesday afternoon.

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Child abuse awareness month activities promote prevention

By Kelly Gooch/
The University Daily

April is Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness month, and several organizations throughout the Lubbock area are doing their part to raise awareness of issues concerning child abuse.

Amy Paiva, executive director of Court Appointed Special Advocates, said CASA trains volunteers to work with abused or neglected children from birth up until 18 years old.

In 2004, according to state records, the Lubbock region had the highest number of confirmed victims of child abuse in the state per capita, Paiva said.

Most child abuse cases take about one year to resolve, and court appointed special advocates report to the judge of each child's case to let them know exactly what is happening, Paiva said.

If drugs are a problem in a child's home, court-appointed special advocates make sure the judge presiding over a specific case is aware of the problem and orders treatment, Paiva said.

Eighty or 90 percent of the cases that CASA volunteers see involve parents who have a substance abuse problem, Paiva said.

There has been a 20 percent increase annually throughout the past several years in child abuse, Paiva said, but she believes awareness has

been raised this month.

On April 11, an event called "Light of Hope" took place in the yard of the Kappa Alpha Theta lodge.

Paiva said Jeff Klotzman, a news anchor at Fox 34, came to speak about children who had died in the past year from child abuse in Lubbock.

Two hundred and four candles were lit symbolizing the 204 children who died last year, she said.

Holly Campidilli, public information officer for Family Protective Services, said 811 victims of child abuse or neglect have been confirmed in Lubbock County this year.

"We need to realize that these numbers are children," she said.

Statewide, neglectful supervision is the most common form of abuse, Campidilli said.

Neglected abuse is defined as leaving a child in a situation in which a reasonable person would not leave him.

Family Protective Services raises awareness through community partners like Big Brothers Big Sisters, Campidilli said.

Texas Tech students should be aware of the children in their community, she said.

"These children are going to be responsible for us when we are older," she said.

It is a class B misdemeanor for to not report child abuse if one knows it is going on, Campidilli said.

Sarah Haley, assistant director of the Student Counseling Center at Tech, said many students come to the Student Counseling Center to talk about different problems, but will mention they

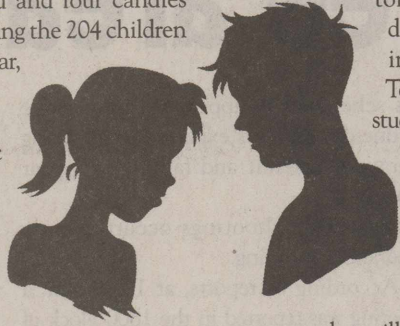
were abused as a child while in therapy.

Tech students, Haley said, may be involved in an abusive romantic relationship or an unhealthy friendship. She said some Tech students believe their abuse will go away, but it will not until they deal with it.

"It's important to get therapy," Haley said.

Haley encourages students to come into the Student Counseling Center if they need to, and to look into support groups in Lubbock.

To report a case of child abuse or neglect, call the Child Protective Services Hotline at 1-800-252-5400.



The Rundown



Man kills daughter after officers leave

EULESS (AP) — Twelve hours before a man killed his 4-year-old daughter and then himself, Eules police got a 911 call from the girl's mother saying her ex-boyfriend had threatened the life of their daughter.

Police were dispatched just before midnight Saturday to the home 24-year-old Johnny Khanthalangsy shared with his parents, but when they arrived the doors were locked and relatives refused to let them in.

So after receiving assurances that Khanthalangsy and his daughter, Mya Lina, were safe, officers left without going inside or seeing the child.

Eules police Lt. Steve Eskew said officers had no legal right to enter and left after speaking to family members through a door and Khanthalangsy through a window.

"You can go in under exigent circumstances such as someone is screaming," Eules police Sgt. T. Remington said. "There was no probable cause."

Believing there was no imminent threat to Mya, police did not seek a search warrant because they lacked evidence to pursue Lina Nguyen's claims that her daughter's life was being threatened.

Twenty arrested in Web pharmacy bust

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twenty people in the United States and abroad were arrested on charges they ran Internet pharmacies that illegally shipped narcotics, steroids and amphetamines to teenagers and other buyers around the world, federal authorities said Wednesday.

The arrests were the result of a year-long investigation by six federal agencies of online pharmacies that often operate in the shadows of the Internet, with no fixed address and no way to track where they are located, Drug Enforcement Administrator Karen Tandy said.

"The Internet has become an open medicine cabinet," Tandy said. "Strangers are peddling drugs in your home, and you don't even know it."

With the arrests, she added: "We've logged off some of the worst e-traffickers out there."

The drugs were shipped to buyers with little or no effort to verify ages or medical need, allowing teenagers or drug abusers easy access to addictive and dangerous drugs, officials said.

Tandy and officials from the FBI, Customs, the Internal Revenue Service, Food and Drug Administration and the Postal Service gave details of Operation Cyber Chase at a news conference. They said the pharmacies forfeited 41 bank accounts valued at more than \$6 million.

Benedict XVI vows to reunite Christians

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI pledged Wednesday to work to unify all Christians and reach out to other religions as he outlined his goals and made clear he would follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, Pope John Paul II.

Benedict, the former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, listed top priorities of his papacy in a message read in Latin to cardinals gathered in the Sistine Chapel for the first Mass, celebrated by the 265th leader of the Roman Catholic Church.

He said his "primary task" would be to work to reunify all Christians, and that sentiment alone was not enough. "Concrete acts that enter souls and move consciences are needed," he said.

The new pope said he wanted to continue "an open and sincere dialogue" with other religions and would do everything in his power to improve the ecumenical cause.

The message was clearly designed to show that Benedict was intent on following many of the groundbreaking paths charted by John Paul, who had made reaching out to other religions and trying to heal the 1,000-year-old schism in Christianity a hallmark of his pontificate.

Teachers union, schools sue Bush administration

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's largest teachers union and school districts in Texas and two other states sued the Bush administration Wednesday over the No Child Left Behind law, aiming to free schools from complying with any part not paid for by the federal government.

The lawsuit, filed in the U.S. District Court for eastern Michigan, is the first major challenge to President Bush's signature education policy. The outcome would apply directly to the districts in the case, but it could affect

how the law is enforced in schools across the country.

Leading the fight is the National Education Association, a union of 2.7 million members and a political adversary of the administration. The union mobilized its forces for Democrat John Kerry in the 2004 presidential race, and its objections to Bush's law prompted former Education Secretary Rod Paige to call the NEA a "terrorist organization."

The other plaintiffs are the Laredo, Independent School District

in Laredo, eight school districts in Michigan and Vermont, plus 10 NEA chapters in those three states and Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Utah.

Bush is facing battles on other fronts, too. The Republican-led Utah Legislature voted Tuesday to put its educational goals ahead of the federal law despite the possible loss of \$76 million, Connecticut is planning its own lawsuit, and other states are balking over money.

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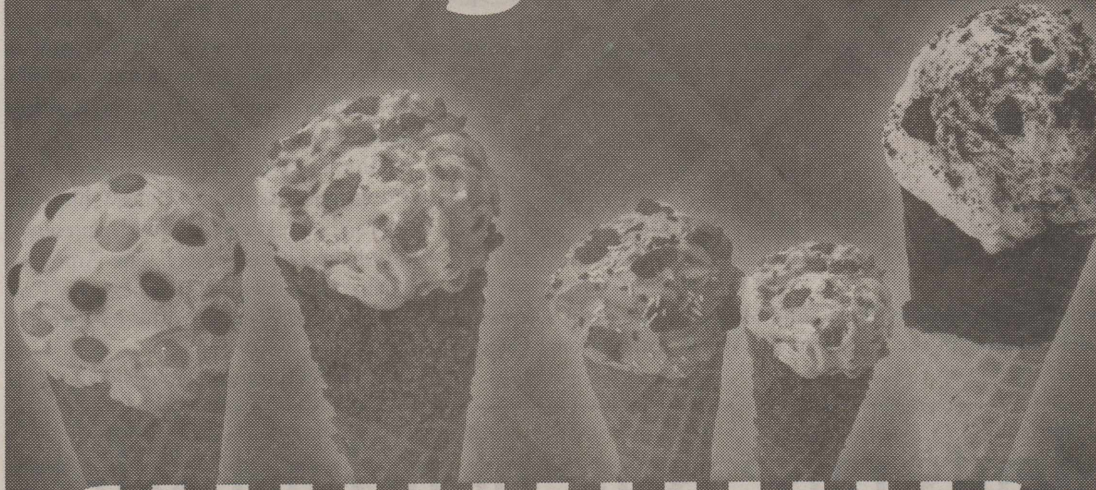
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Federal Credit Union starts realty service for professors

By Travis Cram/
The University Daily

The Texas Tech Federal Credit Union recently announced its new realty service for Tech professors.

The program is designed to help Tech faculty and staff fund new homes in the area and help with mortgage financing.

According to the Tech FCU, they joined up with Sharon McCormick and her team of associates at PrimeLending, a PlainsCapital Corporation, in assisting teachers coming into the area to find homes in Lubbock.

McCormick, the Senior Loan Officer at PrimeLending, said she wanted to start a service to help professors find new homes.

"We want to make moving to Lubbock and being part of Texas Tech a positive experience," she said.

The company offers a tour of the city by a selected real estate agent for professors coming in for interviews or being hired by the university, McCormick said.

"We give them a full walk through with everything and it is a seamless operation from start to finish," she said.

The Tech FCU talked to faculty members and found that there was a

lack of service in the area in helping teachers with finding homes and giving them knowledge about the Lubbock area as well as mortgage

consulting, McCormick said.

"Many professors said the loan process did not go very well for them," she said. "We said 'Why not put it in a package deal for them?'"

Ellen Hein, director for the Tech FCU, said this is a new service the FCU wanted to help facilitate new hires coming into the university and give them information about Lubbock neighborhoods and schools.

"It's kind of a one-stop shopping program," she said.

The FCU has had a partnership with PrimeLending for several months and the idea was to create something to build a better relationship with people coming into Tech, Hein said.

"If we can reach out to them as they come to the university it's go-

ing to help out a lot in growing a membership with the credit union as well as Tech," she said.

According to the Tech FCU, matching TFCU customers with PrimeLending's team of partner investors offers a wide array of cutting loan products, including fixed rate conventional mortgages, adjustable rate mortgages, JUMBO loans, FHA

and VA loans, interim and permanent construction financing, relocation programs and refinances.

"We hope to take our mortgage loan partnership to a higher level," Hein said.

PrimeLending wants to give new professors as much help as possible when it comes to finding a new home, McCormick said.

"We just want to also be able to help entice professors to come to Texas Tech," she said.

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— SHARON MCCORMICK
Senior Loan Officer at
PrimeLending

Morning after pill still not available without prescription

By Brittany Barrientos/
The University Daily

One of the world's major controversies is birth control. Some wonder whether it is moral; others, to what extent it can be exercised. One source of controversy is a method of emergency contraception, the Plan B pill, more commonly known as the morning after pill.

In December 2003, a Food and Drug Administration panel of scientists examined the pill and its questionable potential to become an over-the-counter medication, as opposed to its previous status as prescription only.

The panel voted, and it appeared after the 23 to four vote Plan B would soon be on store shelves everywhere.

Since then, the final ruling has not been issued, leaving many supporters of the contraceptive skeptical.

Jessie Raeder, a senior campus organizer for the Feminist Majority Foundation, said she and other members of the nationwide organization believe the Plan B pill should be available for over-the-counter sales.

"It's important because it is a drug that needs to be taken in a short period of time — within 24 hours," she said. "It's hard to get a doctor's appointment in a day."

Raeder believes the drug represents another tool that should be given to females to help control their reproductive lives.

"There's no real reason it shouldn't be over-the-counter," she said. "The FDA expert panel has recommended it be over-the-counter, and the final decision has been delayed for years now. It's just politicians trying to make what should be a scientific decision."

Raeder believes it is a possibility that conservatives in Washington D.C. may be to blame for the delay and believes the contraceptive will limit the number of abortions and unwanted pregnancies.

Joe Biles, a senior history major from Mineral Wells and the president of the College Republicans, said although he does not believe President George W. Bush actually has his hand in the delayed process, he believes the delay could be politically motivated.

"I think there's probably something to

it having something to do with ideology," he said. "But I doubt there's a whole lot of pressure coming from the top."

Biles also believes the drug could cut down on the number of abortions, which is something he believes many republicans could agree with.

"Overall, it helps the pro-life movement to have emergency contraceptives available over-the-counter," he said. "There may be medical concerns that still may need to be worked out."

Raeder said the pill is safe, but it is often confused with mifepristone, more commonly known as the abortion pill.

"Respected scientists say that the EC brand pill does not cause abortions," she said. "It is completely different."

Raeder said some people may have problems getting the pharmacy to distribute the pill to them for both moral and religious hesitations.

Charles Seifert, a professor of pharmacy practice and regional dean for Lubbock programs at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, said he can see both pros and cons to having the pill become over the counter.

"A con is obviously the religious connotations. Also, this would be available to people without any health care advice or guidance," he said. "The good side is that more people would have access to it."

Seifert believes this debate will eventually turn into a much larger question, regarding how much control pharmacists have over the medications they professionally dispense to patients.

Not allowing medical advice when distributing certain medications could be harmful to the patients, and both the pharmacists and doctors would feel repercussions, Seifert said.

"This is the only avenue we have for guarding against people getting a drug," he said. "Removing the ability of pharmacist's to dispense medication will be a big problem."

Seifert believes pharmacists who have a problem dispensing medications for religious or ethical reasons have an obligation to provide their clients an alternative pharmacist or suggest another pharmacy.

A third class of drugs would be another

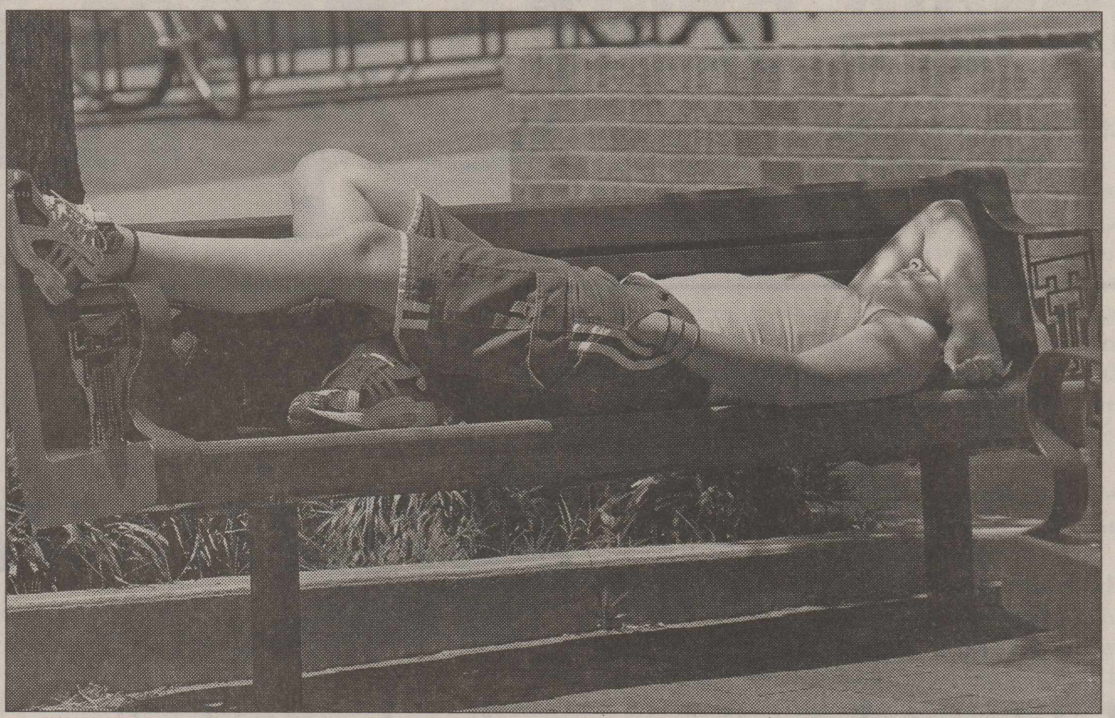
way to help bring together the conflict, Seifert said. He believes some medications are safe enough to be over the counter, but should still require medical advice. He said one of the major cases that is currently in the news is pseudophedrine.

The Plan B contraceptive does not protect against sexually-transmitted diseases, and the Feminist Majority Foundation estimates the pill could prevent more than 800,000 unwanted pregnancies per year.

Raeder said neither she nor the foundation is encouraging irresponsible sex, but rather trying to give women their rights.

"We have faith in women to make responsible decisions about their own bodies and lives," she said.

BENCH BREAK



LINC ARMES/The University Daily

ANNE DONAHUE, A junior geosciences major from Alomagordo, N.M., tries to sleep on a bench in front of the Mathematics building in between her classes Wednesday afternoon.

Gays criticize gay foster parents ban

AUSTIN (AP) — Eva Thibodeau and her partner, Christina Rodriguez, have been foster parents to nearly 80 children since they were licensed eight years ago. They have adopted four of them.

But they would have to stop taking in kids under legislation passed by the House on Wednesday that could make Texas the only state to bar gays from becoming foster parents.

"I'm just so hurt and surprised, especially now (when) we are facing an ongoing crisis of not having enough resources to take care of foster children," said Thibodeau, a social worker who lives in Houston.

She and Rodriguez brought their four children to the Capitol on Wednesday to speak out against the provision.

The measure proposed by Rep. Robert Talton, R-Pasadena, calls for applicants to be a foster parent or a foster parent whose performance is being evaluated to list whether they are homosexual or bisexual. If they are, they would lose eligibility; children would be removed from the homes of current foster parents who answer affirmatively.

Talton would not comment Wednesday, but during debate on the bill the day before he said, "I don't think it is right for young children to be exposed to this type of behavior when they are young and innocent."

The provision is an amendment that Talton added to a bill overhauling the state's Child Protective Services. The House gave the CPS bill final approval Wednesday on a 135-6 vote.

The bill is one of the top issues of the legislative session. It follows several recent high-profile child homicides that occurred after CPS caseworkers had investigated for possible neglect or abuse and decided the children were safe to remain with their parents.

The foster parent amendment is not included in the Senate version of the CPS legislation. If the Senate does not accept the House bill, a committee from both chambers would meet to work out the differences.

The Senate sponsor of the bill, Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, said Wednesday she had a lot of questions about Talton's amendment.

"My biggest question is how many kids would be displaced with this and where are we going to put them," she said.

Randall Ellis, executive director of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, estimated that between 2,000 and 2,500 kids could be affected.

"The truth is that a parent's sexual orientation has no negative consequence on the children that are raised in those homes," he said at a news conference arranged by House Democrats opposed to the amendment. "Those children are

not adversely affected."

Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, said he voted for the amendment because he believes children are better off with heterosexuals.

"I've always said that we should strive to have the best, best place for our children because we have to look at these children that are in foster care as wards of the state," Chisum said. "It would be like our family, and we have to place those children where we would place our children."

CPS officials have said Texas has about 17,200 children in foster care, and spokesman Darrell Azar said there are never enough foster parents. He said there is no way to tell how many foster parents are gay or bisexual because the agency currently does not ask them.

If the bill becomes law, Texas would be the only state to ban gays from becoming foster parents, according to the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights project. Arkansas had banned gay people or any family with a gay member from becoming foster parents, but a judge in December declared the law unconstitutional.

Florida bans adoptions by gays and lesbians. Mississippi prohibits gay couples from adopting, but not gay or lesbian individuals. Utah's ban is a state law that bars any cohabiting couples that are not married, whether gay or heterosexual, from adopting or fostering.

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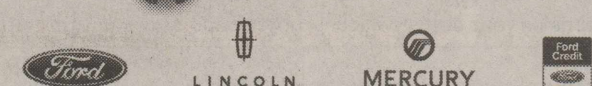
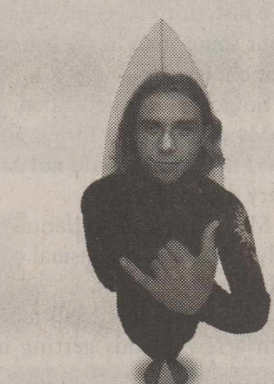
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She strove each day to become better at her career and over the years compiled a multitude of skills that eventually were recognized and appreciated. She became a counselor, a consultant and a manager, although she never did get much of a pay raise for all her efforts.

She is my mother, and given the choice of one person in the world I could emulate, she would be it.

My mom has accomplished so many things in her life.

She raised four children, including teaching them how to cook, supporting their activities, teaching them morals and values and meting out correction when necessary.

She now teaches 11th-grade English, and for some baffling reason, she loves it.

She'll never make a lot of money; she'll probably never be famous or influential in a worldly way. But she's happy, and she's doing what she loves.

I consider my mom a progressive. She's not bound by notions or traditions; she has lived her life and made her choices, and I don't believe she has regretted many of them.

But to some, she's hopelessly old-fashioned.

I used to consider myself a feminist. No man would run my life, no society would tell me what I could or could not do or what I was capable of, and no notion of propriety was going to stop me from doing what I wanted, no matter how historically unfeminine my career or life choices were.

To me, that's what feminism is all about — choices. Knowing I stood up for my right to choose my life path and for the right for other women to choose their paths without hindrance from a government or society determined to keep women in our places.

Unfortunately, somewhere in the last few decades feminism and I have parted ways.

Many mainstream feminists and feminist organizations no longer promote views with which I agree. And what's worse is the current rhetoric being served often does not improve the welfare of all women.

Sometimes, those statements and actions even cause women's rights to regress or condemn decisions made by women.

Women who stay at home are viewed as traitors. Women who don't believe in abortion are being brainwashed by religious zealots. Women who actually want to be nurses or teachers are being held down by a patriarchal society.

What happened to choice? Why doesn't the National Organization of Women fight for the rights of soccer moms just like they do for business-



Heidi Toth

women? Why aren't all women who are exercising their right and ability and willingness to choose fully supported?

The actual decision shouldn't be the issue. Feminists should be proud because much of the mission has been accomplished.

Women have options.

We can work just about anywhere, we can go to college, we can play professional, collegiate or recreational sports without being called lesbians. We can stay home and be homemakers, run a business or climb Mount Everest. And, we can bear children and be mothers, something the stronger sex will never do.

Somewhere feminism has lost its way. It shouldn't be about putting women over men; it should acknowledge the interdependence of the two sexes. It shouldn't decry anyone, women or men, but should celebrate the accomplishments of women everywhere.

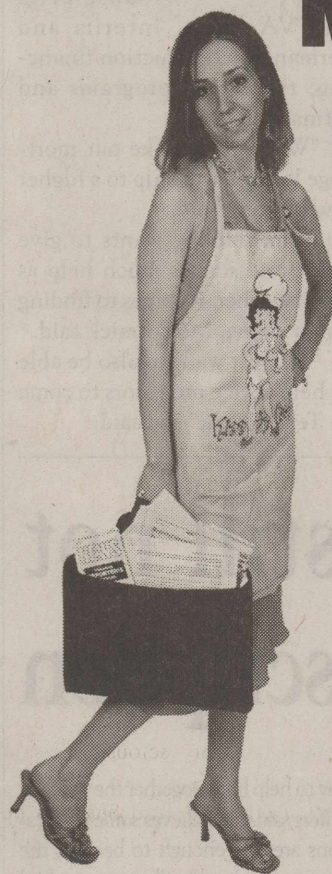
It shouldn't promote irresponsible behavior or making excuses but should encourage humanity, charity and values that benefit everyone.

If nothing else, I still consider myself a progressive. Just like my mom.

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When women are the equality enemy

Kristen Gilbreth



Inequality is not a feminazi delusion. But, this also isn't a war against men. If it were — we would be losing.

The not-so-civil war

If men wanted to keep women down, all they would need is to take vacation time: Catch a flight to the Bahamas, lazily lounge under a palm tree and let the catfights begin.

Isn't it ironic that in search of equal rights with men, we have created a pecking order amongst ourselves? The birth of fanatic feminism has pitted woman against woman in ways far more segregating than the most male-sexist pig could setup. Women no longer are sleeping with the enemy — we are the enemy.

Like gang members of the same race pelting bullets in the backs of their brothers, women have become weaker not because our male counterparts are controlling but because we are conniving.

I've never known a man who had as much built-up hatred for the opposite sex as we have for those within our sex.

We complain about civil rights while tearing each other apart in a civil war pitting North against South. The progressive vs. traditionalist themes are not limited to geographic regions; you often can find them living in the same house or competing for the same jobs.

When "Sex and the City" meets "Little House on the Prairie," the chicks don't automatically click. Battle lines are drawn at promiscuous vs. pious or career vs. kids. If we want to find peace and progress, we must stop fighting against our sisters. Unlike what Hilary Rodham Clinton or Theresa Heinz Kerry would have us believe, housewives are not second-class citizens. And despite what Concerned Women for America preach, women with full-time professions are not second-class women.

Head over heels

There once was a woman who wanted to control her world. Being the CEO of a Fortune 500 company wasn't enough to make her happy. With her high heels and high ideals, she had crushed every woman on her climb to the top. All of her female friends compared themselves to each other based on beauty and brains. No one was good enough. Cooperation was replaced with competition.

One day while nursing a martini during happy hour, she leaned into the co-ed crowd and screamed, "I've got it. Respect. That's the answer."

True feminism can be dressed in pink, carrying a briefcase, with a basinet nearby. It is not intimidated by both men and other women. Its poster child can be a single sexpot or a married mom. Feminism says all women are created equal. It thrives not on dependence or independence, but interdependence.

No one else decides the deadlines on our dreams. Those dreams can include a white picket fence in suburbia or a six-figure salary. It's our choice. And isn't choice what freedom is all about?

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Figure out what you want on your own, and then base life decisions from there

I originally wanted to write this column about all kinds of stuff. Sex. Faith. Sex and faith.

About how it's not OK to call sexually free women sluts while men of the same caliber get off without a sneer.

I was all about openly writing in support of a devil-may-care attitude for women who still go to Catholic mass and how that's the new wave of feminism.

While I do espouse that sentiment, I quickly bored of the numerous, scattered topics and decided to leave the statements of acceptable sexual freedom to my girls Christina Aguilera and Liz Phair.

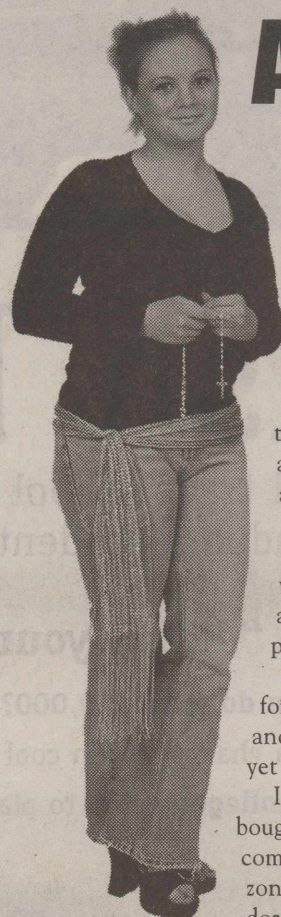
Instead, I was lost in thought about what I will do with my own life following my May graduation.

After my parents moved to the Austin area just months ago, this seemed an ideal place to find a job in journalism — back when I still felt like getting a job.

My boyfriend lived there, I could live with my parents and commence climbing through the ranks — once I found a job.

Then I realized just how far my parents live outside Austin. Then my boyfriend and I broke up just eight weeks before I would move down to that area.

Then my world turned upside down for a while. Not because of the ex; he was a part, but for sure not the whole. While neither of us ever felt that "together forever" crap about each other, it was disappointing we would not see our always-been-long-distance relationship come to



Angela Timmons

contemporaries fall: they're all of 22, 23, 25 and engaged or married or finding — or thinking they've found — "the one." There never was any of that engaged/married talk with him and me.

But first the big move to the city where he lives, then the leaving of items at his apartment, then the serious discussion of the future. Then you have an independent girl like me caught up in what really was his life, in his city.

I understand some of you will be offended by my implication that getting so involved so young is a bit ridiculous, but remember, it's my opinion because it's never worked for me.

That zone was never for me, not with any guy yet. I'm not one of these feminists who say women don't need men and vice versa. I believe that.

I just think you need each other when you've spent some time in the career, city and lifestyle of your choice.

So now this independent girl is all alone again. My parents live far enough away from the city that I definitely would not care to drive in for work every day.

My hippie-culture fantasy of Austin has, truthfully, turned rather dismal considering the mishaps of late.

So where has this all left me? Well, it's left me with a few friends getting married at the end of their college careers, others moving in with their boyfriends and some moving away or wildly ap-

any fruition.

So now it's back to the dating circuit in a new city — with the ex around, while we attempt to be "friends" and I attempt to distance myself from the emotional crisis into which many of us women always find ourselves post-break up.

I guess that's what I get for falling too deep into yet another relationship with yet another guy.

I have to say, I finally bought a little bit into that comfort zone. You know the zone — the one in which dozens of your college-aged

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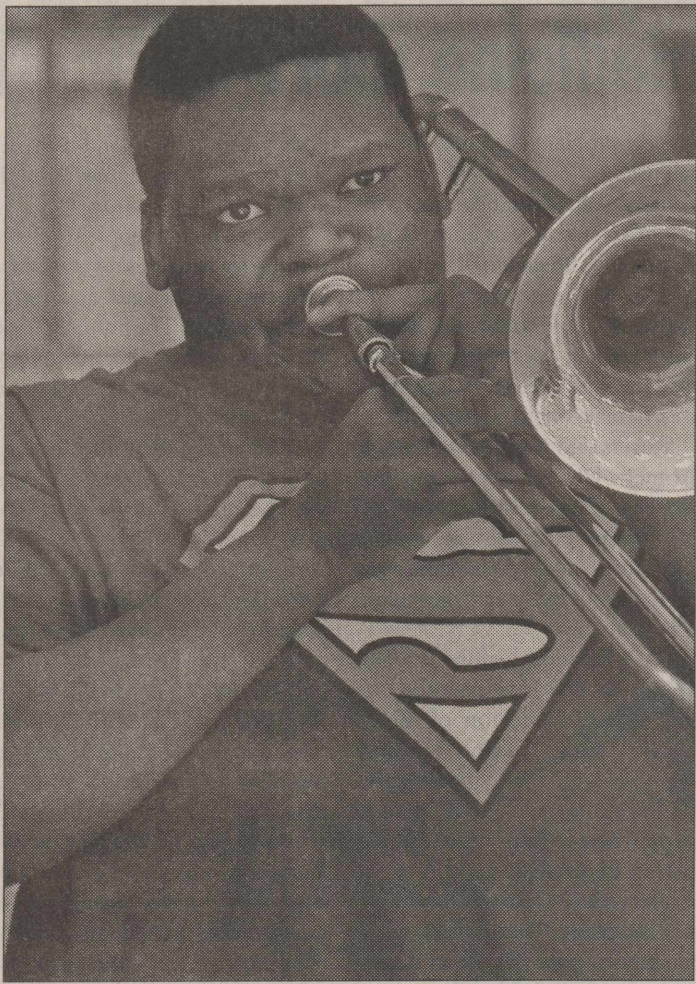
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JEROME SMITH, A graduate student from Austin studying music, plays the trombone Wednesday afternoon near the Education building as part of the inaugural Student Awards Celebration honoring education students.

Rabies report a false alarm

By Brittany Barrientos/
The University Daily

A rabies scare over the weekend has brought attention to a continuing problem both around the globe and in the Lubbock area.

According to a statement released by the Lubbock Health Department, a yellowish-colored bat was dropped off at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center on April 14. The bat was left in a box with an anonymous note and indicated the bat might have been rabid.

Karen McDonald, a zoonosis technician, said the scare was simply a false alarm.

"We did not have an exposure with the bat," she said. "Saturday morning an employee called saying that he had found the bat and swept it up, but didn't want to leave it in the box for someone else to find, so he left a note."

The bat died and was sent to be tested for diseases, where both preliminary and final results tested negative for rabies. McDonald said bats are migrating in and around the South Plains.

"They are in the area," she said. "If one is found, as long as it's not

in the home and couldn't have landed on anyone, people are safe to just shoo it out."

McDonald said especially during migration, bats may get separated from their group and end up lost or on the ground.

"Be cautious; we know wildlife are cute — they're great to watch, but we don't want people playing with them," she said. "They are labeled as high-risk because information collected on them shows a higher risk of them transmitting the rabies virus."

Ron Warner, a local veterinarian and associate professor in the family and community medicine department at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, said the rabies trend has shifted since the World War II era ended.

"Since the end of World War II, rabies in the United States has been much more of a problem in wild animals than in domestic animals," he said. "Before the war, rabies was common because of the bite of a dog."

Warner said although rabies is a disease that requires a quick reaction, other problems can be present because of animal bites.

"The prime concern when dealing with animal bites is proper wound treatment to avoid other bacterial infections," he said. "The rabies virus is very unique in that it only multiplies in nerve tissue — that's how it gets to the brain."

Warner said studies have been done showing the closer the bite to the brain, the quicker medical treatment is necessary.

"People should seek treatment. Any animal bite should be seen by a primary care physician or an emergency room physician as soon as possible," he said. "These are not things you should try to deal with at home."

Warner said the incubation period of the virus is between one month and several months, and oftentimes symptoms will not present themselves until neurological symptoms begin.

He said although no cases have

been reported in Lubbock in 2005, there have been several cases reported in surrounding counties.

"As of April 14, there have been 27 cases reported of rabies in animals. Several human exposures have been treated, but there have been no reports of rabid humans," he said. "Since the first of this year to April 5, there have been 21 cases of rabies reported in 11 counties."

Warner said no cases have been reported in Lubbock or any county bordering Lubbock.

Other high-risk animals that could be present in Lubbock are skunks, foxes, coyotes and raccoons. Most rabies cases are transmitted through saliva, Warner said.

McDonald believes people should be careful and constantly aware of their surroundings.

"There have been no cases reported this year. They are normally pretty minimal," she said. "But we want people to be careful, because you don't want to be the first one."

McDonald said in the case of exposure, victims should contact the Lubbock Animal Services at (806) 775-2057.

RABIES SCARE

All-night study sessions common for architecture students

By Kelly Gooch/
The University Daily

During the school year, most Texas Tech students stay up all night once or twice to finish a project or paper. For some architecture students, though, this is a common occurrence.

Erica Sanchez, a senior architecture major from Plano, said the majority of architecture students pull all-nighters once a week because something is due almost every day.

There always is someone on the fifth through eighth floors of the Architecture building.

One time, Sanchez said, an architecture professor bought pizza for students who were going to be working all night on their projects.

Architecture is one of the most intensive majors on campus, Sanchez said.

Although she has only had to pull a few all-nighters, Sanchez said she has brought her toiletries to the Architecture building because she did not have time to go home before attending class.

Teachers joke students are not working hard enough if they do not bring cots or other items from home when they come to the Architecture building to work on projects, Sanchez said.

Some students often bring guitars when they will be up all night working on a project.

"We try to make it as comfortable as possible," Sanchez said.

Architecture is a more of a social major than other majors, she said, and students must get to know each other as they

learn the most about design from other students.

Pam Smith, dean's assistant in the College of Architecture, said architecture students have been encouraged not to sleep on the benches in the Architecture building and instead to stay in a studio.

"We've always been security conscious," she said.

Kevin Keith, a freshman architecture and business major from Plano, said architecture students who enter the building after 10 p.m. are required to show a student identification card to a security guard and sign in to indicate they were in the building after hours.

Architecture students also have to have a code to get into the main entrance after 10 p.m., he said.

These new security measures have been

taken to prevent theft and vandalism.

Keith said he knows of three laptop computers that have been stolen from the building.

Some students bring stereo systems to the sixth and fourth floors of the Architecture building, he said, and each student in the advanced studio has a 10-by-10 space they will at times cover with a tent.

Candace Colman, a freshman interior design major from Fort Worth, said some architecture students come to the Architecture building about midnight and stay until their first class starts in the morning.

She said she knows of an architecture student who had a portfolio stolen while it was sitting in the Architecture building.

"I don't know why anyone would steal

it," Colman said.

Tables get broken and things get painted on, she said, but there has not been a huge problem with theft and vandalism until this semester.

"It can't be as open as it used to be," Colman said.

However, the Architecture building security guard patrols all night, and architecture students get what they need to do, she said.

John White, a professor in the College of Architecture, said most architecture students spend nine to 12 hours in the studio every week.

"They do good at getting their work done during studio times," he said.

One hundred and seventy-three hours are required for a master's degree in architecture, White said.

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Judge's ruling renews ephedra debate

By Lindsay Wharton/The University Daily

Since ephedra was banned from the market, diet pill producers have been lobbying for the ban to be removed. A federal judge ruled in favor of Neutra-ceutical International Corp. by saying ephedra should be termed as an herbal supplement rather than a drug.

Charles Seifert, professor of pharmacy practice and regional dean for Lubbock programs at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, said under the Herbal Products Act set by the Food and Drug Administration, herbal products are marketed as food unless the product is proven dangerous.

"There is a rampant overuse of (herbal) products; some are good and some are not," he said.

Since the FDA does not regulate these products, some can be harmful and others have no effect, Seifert said. People continue to use these products because of the placebo effect, when people feel like a product is working, and believe they feel better after taking it.

"There was an act a few years ago that tried to get these things tighter regulated," he said.

However, the regulation did not pass, and herbal supplements remained untested by the FDA before sold in the market, Seifert said.

European markets have much tighter regulations on herbal supplements than the United States, Seifert said. The United States would have a much safer herbal market if herbal supplements were put under the same restrictions as the drug market.

Kristi Hatter, manager of Well Body Natural Foods, said herbal products, like regular medicine, should be used properly.

"A lot of people think that natural products can't hurt them, but it's not true," she said.

People who abuse herbal products could hurt themselves, Hatter said.

Ephedra was banned because people were abusing

the product by not following the directions, Hatter said. Ephedra can be safe if used responsibly.

There was a case in Lubbock where a woman had a heart condition and was taking ephedra, and suffered complications, Hatter said.

According to the ephedra label, the drug is unsafe to use if the consumer has any type of heart problem, Hatter said.

The herbal diet supplement ephedra became popular because it causes a high-energy feeling that curbs the appetite and gives users energy to exercise, Seifert said.

The harmful side effects far outweigh the benefits if the drug is frequently abused and has dangerous effects on the body, he said.

"A lot of people with weak conditions take it without knowing," Seifert said.

Ephedra increases blood pressure to a dangerous level, Seifert said.

"If you take too much of it you could end up with a heart attack or a stroke," he said.

Ephedra does have a positive use in clinical settings, Seifert said.

"They use it in intensive care units to raise blood pressure," he said.

However, there are more negative uses than positive and the ban only prevents the diet pill form from being used, Seifert said.

"If it truly was safe it would be available by prescription," he said.

Beth Clark, a freshman early childhood development major from Dallas, said she does not believe it is a good idea to remove the ban on ephedra, but consumers should be told how to properly use the drug.

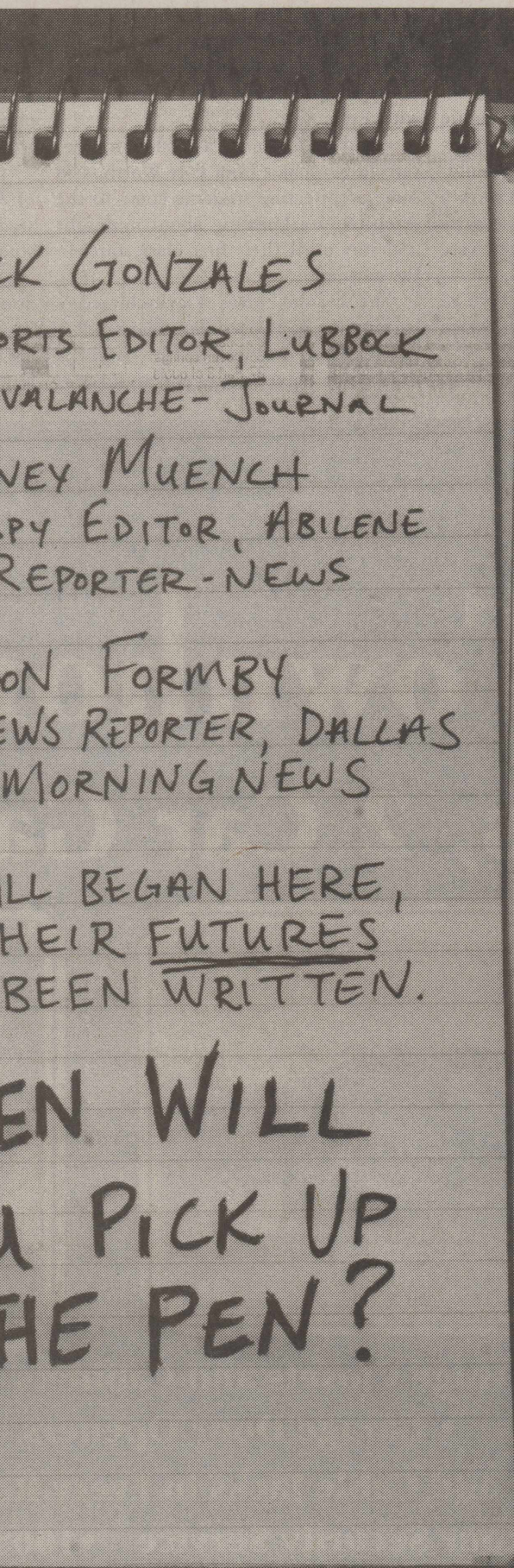
Clark said she would not consider using ephedra.

"I don't think diet pills are the way to lose weight," she said.

Exercising and eating properly are the healthiest ways to lose weight, Clark said.

"A lot of people think that natural products can't hurt them, but it's not true."

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New meth ordinance could make purchasing medicine more difficult

By Lindsay Wharton/
The University Daily

Tech students may find it more time-consuming and difficult to purchase common medicines because of a new city ordinance. Lubbock officials approved the ordinance to prevent methamphetamine manufacturers from purchasing medicines with ingredients vital to the production of methamphetamines.

According to the ordinance, precursor drugs will be sold only in a display case or behind the counter and the amount that can be purchased, also will be regulated.

People purchasing these products must fill out an information sheet and show a valid form of identification, according to the ordinance. No one under the age of 18 can purchase any of these drugs.

Charles Seifert, professor of pharmacy practice and regional dean for Lubbock programs at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, said the ordinance is important to the welfare of Lubbock.

"It's trying to not hurt people that really need Sudafed for colds and stuff, but limit people's access," he said.

Before the ordinance, consumers had access to large quantities of medications to make methamphetamines, Seifert said. Now, it is much more difficult to obtain enough of these products to make the drug.

The ordinance is being considered by the federal government to be implemented nationwide, Seifert said. Meth is a problem across the United States, and Tech students should be concerned with the welfare of Lubbock.

Chris Rogers, management assistant for the city of Lubbock Health Department, said meth is

a bigger problem than most people believe.

"Last year, the Lubbock authorities uncovered at least 20 meth labs in the city," he said.

The labs were found in many different neighborhoods. Rogers said meth labs affect everyone. Labs are dangerous because the materials used to make meth are volatile.

Rogers said it is not uncommon for meth labs to cause explosions and fires. The ordinance will help this problem because products that contain pseudoephedrine cannot be bought in bulk in Lubbock.

Pseudoephedrine is a drug that is vital to the production of methamphetamines, said Rogers. Without producing the product, meth is impossible.

According to www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus, pseudoephedrine is commonly used as a nasal decongestant to treat colds, allergies and hay fever.

Rogers said there are benefits to pseudoephedrine when it is used for its stated purpose; however, methamphetamines are harmful.

George Comiskey, associate director for the Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery, said methamphetamines are devastating to the body.

Meth harms the body by increasing the heart rate and blood pressure. It can damage the small blood vessels in the brain, causing stroke.

Meth also can cause chronic inflammation of the heart lining, Comiskey said.

Comas can occur when people overdose. Hypothermia, elevated

body temperatures and convulsions also are common with meth abuse.

Meth affects people's behaviors, as well, Comiskey said. Users often are violent and suffer from paranoia. They usually have a significant amount of anxiety and are constantly in a state of confusion.

"The reason it's really increased in visibility is it's cheap to make, and the profit is really high," he said.

Most people who manufacture meth are not chemists, which makes the drug more dangerous to use, Comiskey said.

The drug is not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration, and may contain unknown ingredients that could harm a user.

According to WebMD, methamphetamine can be smoked, snorted, injected or taken by mouth. Nicknames include meth, chalk, speed, ice, glass and crystal.

Meth can cause damage to a person's motor coordination and short-term memory if used regularly, according to the Web site.

The drug releases abnormally high levels of dopamine, which boosts a person's mood and body movement. However, it has a damaging effect to the brain, according to the

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Drivers can help prevent motorcycle accidents

Experts: Both motorcyclists and people behind the wheel of cars, trucks and SUVs are responsible for looking out for each other

By Clara Cobb/
The University Daily

Dave Gholson always has been exposed to the elements and the road.

Gholson, a junior business major from Chicago — got his first car two months ago. He has been riding motorcycles, rain, snow or shine for seven years.

Many riders like Gholson pay close attention to other drivers on the road because any distraction could mean life or death. Drivers of larger motor vehicles like cars and trucks can help prevent motorcycle accidents.

Visibility is the largest problem for motorcyclists. Gholson said it is important for the driver of a car to not only check the rear-view and side-view mirrors, but also turn around and look at the road before changing lanes or turning.

"One problem a lot of cars have is that because motorcycles are so much smaller than cars, often the motorcycle is in the car's blind spot," Gholson said. "Most of the time, motorcyclists are aware of where the blind spot is."

He also said drivers tailgating riders is a major problem for motorcyclists.

"If they turn around and accidentally rear-end a motorcyclist, that can be a fatal accident," Gholson said.

Brady Robertson, owner of Stovall's Yamaha, encounters riders every day and has been

riding motorcycles for more than 20 years. His advice to drivers was simple.

"Look. And when I say look, I mean look," Robertson said. "The biggest problem we have as motorcycle drivers is that people aren't programmed to see the bikes."

He said not all of the responsibility for paying attention on the road is on drivers, and riders also have to be aware and anticipate the movements of larger motor vehicles.

“Always take a second look and watch out for riders.”

— CLIFTON BURDETTE
Coordinator of the Texas
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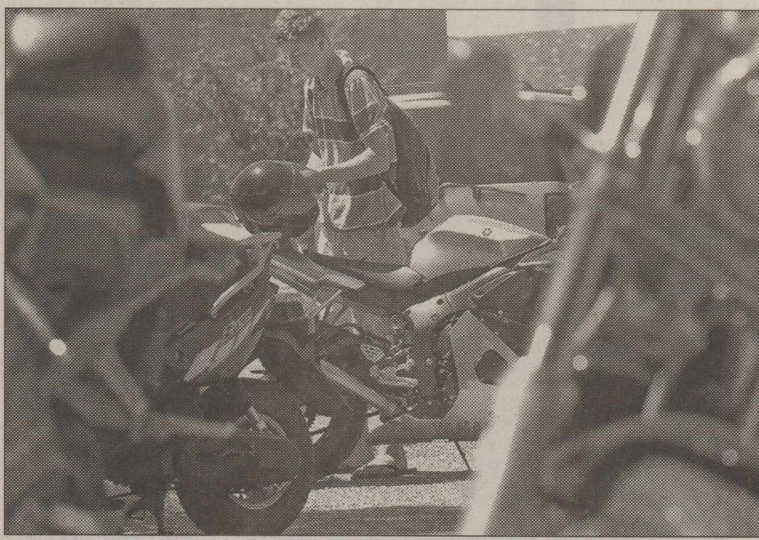
"We have to watch too," he said. "After you've ridden a long time, there's certain situations you avoid getting into."

He said motorcyclists are able to avoid accidents and help drivers of cars and trucks to see them by wearing protective clothing. Most protective clothing available has reflective taping or striping.

Also, most motorcycles have headlights that cannot be turned off once they are turned on. Helmets are the most important piece of protective clothing.

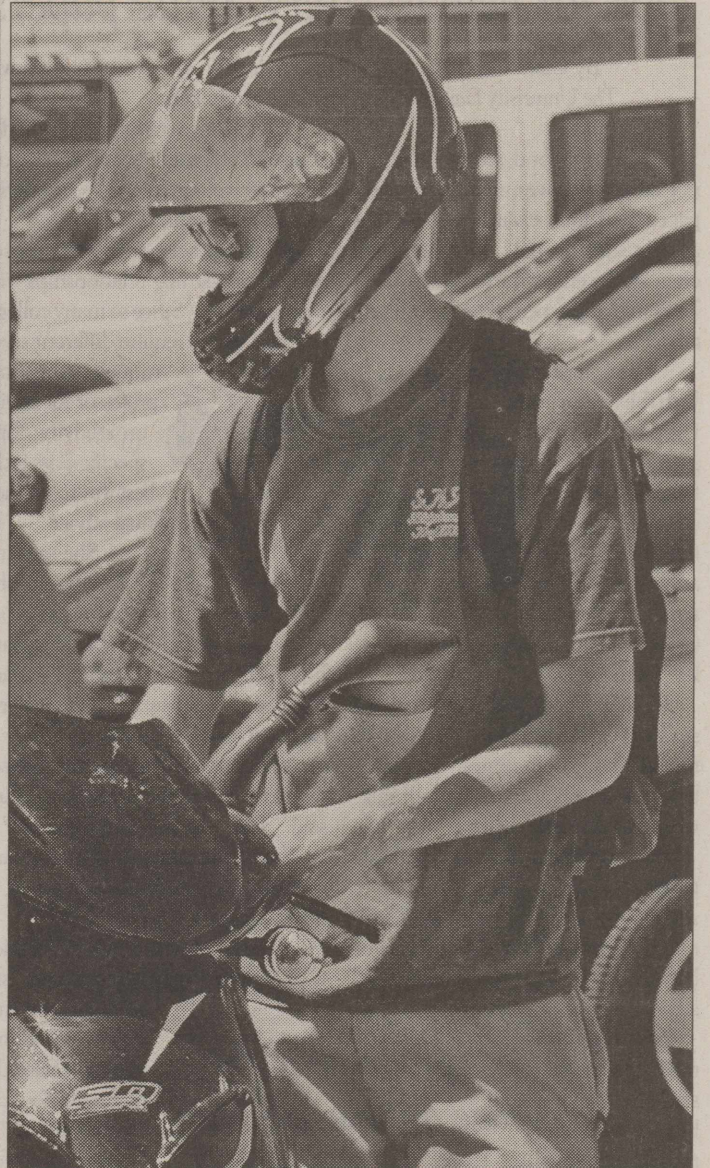
According to the Texas Penal Code, motorcyclists over the age of 21 with at least \$10,000 in medical benefits are not required to wear a helmet. Current legislation in Texas is attempting to relax the helmet law.

"It's a very difficult thing for police to enforce," Robertson said. "I always wear a helmet. I never get into my pickup without a seat-belt, but I don't think legislating safety in general is right."



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RIGHT: TYLER HARRINGTON, a junior chemistry major from Houston, parks his Aprilia racing scooter in the parking lot between the Mathematics and Chemistry buildings Wednesday afternoon. LEFT: Eric Richardson, a junior finance major from San Antonio, attaches his helmet to his motorcycle as he heads to class Wednesday afternoon near the Biology building.



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

Clifton Burdette, coordinator of the Texas Department of Public Safety Motorcycle Safety Unit, said since the last time the helmet law was relaxed, the department has seen an increase in fatalities. Several states do not require riders to wear helmets.

"If a person's going to ride a motorcycle, they need to be as good at it as they can be," Burdette said. "Get trained; wear protective gear. Essentially, that's all that's between you and the road."

Burdette said the majority of accidents involved motorcycles were due to larger motor vehicles.

"Miss 'em, don't hit 'em," Burdette jokingly said. "Motorcycles can be hard to see."

In a serious tone, Burdette said

motorcycle approach speed is hard to judge because motorcycles have one headlight. Two headlights on larger motor vehicles allow the light beams' distance from one another to give a driver a gauge on the distance of the other motor vehicle.

"In your subconscious, you believe the motorcycle is further away than they are," Burdette said. "Always take a second look and watch for riders. There's a wide variety of motorcycle drivers out there today. More and more people are riding motorcycles. You never know who could be out riding."

Gholson said whenever he rides, he is careful to be responsible for his actions.

"It's on the motorcyclist to be a safe driver too," he said.

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BALANCING BETWEEN STUDY TIME AND FUN TIME

As final exams near, Tech students look for help to study, write papers

By Clara Cobb/
The University Daily

Although good study skills are not developed overnight, many term papers and final exam study sessions are. As students pull all-nighters and cram for the end of the semester, Texas Tech studying experts offer last-minute advice.

"This time of year, with the weather turning warm and with so many activities going on, students are torn between having fun and finishing the semester," Kathryn Quilliam said. "Hang on a few more weeks."

Quilliam, Tech ombudsman, said if students can stay focused, the reward for being focused comes. She often talks to students about using "self-talk" to stay motivated.

"Get up in the morning and talk to yourself about what you want to accomplish and do," she said. "Self-motivation will be the difference between making a good decision and a bad one."

She said this is most effective if a student looks at himself in the mirror and says, "I will go to class. I will take notes. I will spend two hours studying." Making a bad decision, such as not attending class, hurts the student.

Brenda Winn, coordinator of the XL program, said time management is vital to making good grades at the end of the semester.

"People want to go outside and want to play," Winn said. "You have to start early, so every day you can have that time."

She said balancing fun and work

by having fun after you work is a way to stay motivated.

"Develop a reward system for yourself," she said. "If you reach your goal, then you can reward yourself with something you like."

Winn said a majority of students do not develop strong relationships with their professors. Since so many colleges and disciplines require different study techniques, going to a professor for advice on studying for a specific class is the best way to get individual advice.

She said students are capable of changing bad study habits for a few days, however, permanent change for any bad habit requires 21 days or three weeks of positive behavior.

"Students at this age are blessed with lots of energy and stamina," Winn said. "They can fit a lot into a day."

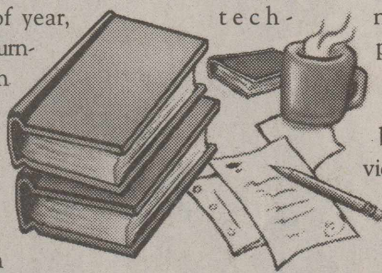
She also suggests using study groups or teaching information learned to other students.

"The best way to learn information is to be able to teach it yourself," she said. "If you find classes boring, find ways to relate the material. You can create interest."

For more information about the PASS center, or the XL program, contact the center at (806) 742-3664 or the program at (806) 742-3928. The center offers free tutoring and the program has a 10-week class that

helps students develop good study habits. Quilliam said students have a few days left that require staying focused and motivated.

"The reward will come," she said. "The good grades, and then have a good time."



Students at this age are blessed with lots of energy and stamina. They can fit a lot into a day.

— BRENDA WINN
XL Program Coordinator at Texas Tech



A LONE GOLFER hits balls toward a pin on The Rawls Golf Course Wednesday morning.

Nice weather gives students excuses to skip classes

By Travis Cram/
The University Daily

With summer weather finally returning to the South Plains, students are finding more time to enjoy the weather and other excuses to miss class.

Jatynn Land, a pro shop assistant at the Texas Tech Rawls Golf Course, said the hot weather has brought more customers to the golf course.

"We've seen a lot more of everyone lately," she said.

The Rawls Course offers an early bird fee in the morning that includes the green fee and cart fee all in one and saves people money on what it would cost for them to play later in the day, Land said.

"Normally we won't see students come out until the late afternoon," she said.

Travis Aubry, a sophomore public relations major from Dallas, said he has had his share of good excuses to miss class in the past.

"I think the best one I've ever had was when I told a teacher that I had a cancerous growth in my testicles and I was going to have surgery that day," he said. "I really was having a short surgery that day but I did not want to still go to class afterwards so I brought a doctor's note to her and it even said Cancer Center at the top of it."

Aubry and his friends said they try to find time to do stuff together,

but sometimes it is necessary to miss class to hang out.

"Besides playing golf, we might go and race go carts or something like that," he said. "Either that or just lay around in my hammock all day."

Lying around is San Antonio native Shane Johnson's favorite alternative to attending class.

"Sit by the pool and sip on some cold ones," he said. "Sleep, drink or maybe, ... No that's it."

Johnson recalled one of his favorite excuses to miss class so he could miss that day and still make it up.

"I told my professor I left my dome light on in my truck and my truck died, and I didn't have any transportation to get to class."

David Willis, a sophomore international business major from San Antonio, said he has used the relative-has-died excuse before, but there are better excuses than that.

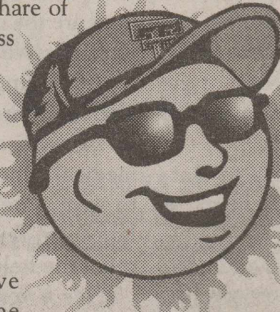
"I said my electricity went out that night and my alarm clock didn't go off the next morning," he said. "I usually like to go out and go fishing when it's nice outside."

Besides sleeping and sitting by the pool, hitting the golf course is a favorite among students and according to the Rawls Course, and the numbers prove it, Land said.

"Normally we have around 60 to 80 people on the course in the morning but lately it has been around 110 to 150," she said.

"I think the best one I've ever had was when I told a teacher that I had a cancerous growth in my testicles, and I was going to have surgery that day."

— TRAVIS AUBRY
Sophomore Public Relations Major from Dallas



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Nonsensical MIT prank paper accepted for publication

BOSTON (AP) — Three MIT graduate students set out to show what kind of gobbledygook can pass muster at an academic conference these days, writing a computer program that generates fake, nonsensical papers. And sure enough, a Florida conference took the bait.

The program, developed by students Jeremy Stribling, Max Krohn and Dan Aguayo, generated a paper with the dumbfounding title: "Rooter: A Methodology for the Typical Unification of Access Points and Redundancy." Its introduction begins: "Many scholars would agree that, had it not been for active networks, the simulation of Lamport clocks might never have occurred."

The program works like the old "Mad Libs" books, generating sentences taken from real papers but leaving many words blank. It fills the blanks with random academic buzzwords. And it adds to the verisimilitude with meaningless charts and graphs.

Earlier this month, the students received word that the Ninth World Multi-Conference on Systemics, Cybernetics and Informatics, scheduled to take place in July in Orlando, Fla., had accepted the four-page "Rooter" paper. A second bogus submission — "The Influence of Probabilistic Methodologies on Networking" — was

rejected.

The offer accepting a paper and inviting the students to present it in person in Orlando was rescinded after word of the hoax got out, and the students were refunded the \$390 fee to attend the conference and have the paper published in its proceedings.

But they still hope to go, using the more than \$2,000 raised in contributions to their prank, much of it from admirers who tested the program on the students' Web site.

"We wanted to go down there and give a randomly generated talk," Stribling said.

E-mails to a conference address and to organizer Nagib Callaos were not immediately returned Wednesday, and there was no answer at the Orlando telephone number listed under Callaos' name.

According to e-mails sent to the students and information posted by Callaos on the conference Web site, reviewers detected several bogus submissions. But the

reviewers provided no "formal feedback" on the second paper, so it was accepted as a "non-reviewed paper." Callaos said it would have been unfair to reject a paper because there had been no feedback.

Stribling doubts the paper fooled anyone who actually read it, which keeps the hoax a notch below a famous 1996 prank in which physicist Alan Sokal persuaded a Duke University journal called *Social Text* to publish a bogus article titled "Transgressing the Boundaries: Towards a Transformative Hermeneutics of Quantum Gravity."

But in addition to mocking academic jargon, the pranks sheds light on what Stribling sees as a problem: conferences with low standards that pander to academics looking to pad

their resumes, but which harm the reputations of more reputable gatherings.

"We certainly exposed this conference as being willing to publish any paper regardless of whether it's been

peer-reviewed, which is kind of a dangerous precedent to set," Stribling said. "It's kind of dangerous to be able to pass anything off as scientifically valid."

According to its Web site, the conference featured more than 2,900 papers last year, and a preliminary program for this year's event lists presentations by researchers from numerous universities, including highly respected ones like Northwestern and the University of Texas, as well as companies such as Intel Corp.

But the conference has apparently been targeted by pranksters before.

An Australian computer scientist, Justin Zobel, describes on his Web site three papers that were accepted without comment for the 2002 conference.

One submission was purposefully nonsensical, another submission juxtaposed lines from two different papers, and the third tried unsuccessfully to sabotage itself by claiming, for instance, that the method proposed "does not work at all."

On the Net:
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"We wanted to go down there and give a randomly generated talk."

— JEREMY STRIBLING
 MIT Student

Housing employee makes Tech students feel at home

By Laura Jane Hyde/
 Contributing Writer

Shirley Gilmore is all about her family. After Gilmore told a maintenance man in the Hulén/Clement residence complex about the faulty door by her office, she updated him on her daughter's recent thyroid surgery.

Gilmore said the maintenance man and her daughter grew up together and used to throw darts together.

Gilmore, 63, who lives in Wolforth, is the senior office assistant in the Hulén/Clement complex.

Gilmore was born at her country home in a town called Halfway. She was the oldest of six children.

Gilmore said she grew up in a small farming community north of Lubbock where she met her husband while in high school.

"I was 17 and he was 19 when we married," Gilmore said. "I had my first child when I was 18 and my last when I was 20."

Gilmore said she lives in the country with her husband, oldest granddaughter and two great-grandchildren. More people live with her now than when her children were living at home.

Gilmore said her grandchildren call her "Ninny."

"I was supposed to be granny," Gilmore said. "My oldest grandchild couldn't say it."

Gilmore said she worked for General Electric Co. in Lubbock for 20 years before it closed.

"I was 48 years old and on the job market," Gilmore said.

"It scared my shoes off of me."

Gilmore said she searched for a job for 18 months before being employed by Texas Tech. She has been employed by Tech for 14 years and has spent all of that time working in the housing department.

Holly Snow, the Coleman residence hall secretary, said Gilmore is very helpful.

"I love that I can call her and say, 'Help,'" Snow said. "She's like a grandma around here."

Snow said Gilmore is dedicated to her family and loves her grandchildren.

"Some people are family people, and some aren't. She definitely is," Snow said. "She really loves her family."

Snow said Gilmore made her feel comfortable when she started working at Tech, and Gilmore tries to get the secretaries together for lunch about once a month.

"She treated me like I belonged from the time I got here," Snow said.

Gilmore said she never pictured herself helping raise her great-grandchildren, but discovered helping raise her great-grandchildren has been one of the most rewarding experiences she has had.

Gilmore said her greatest achievement is her family. She and her husband will be married 47 years in October.

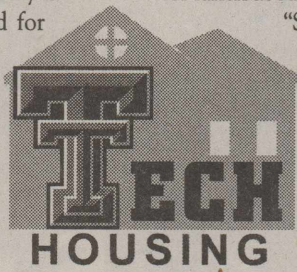
"We have two precious children," Gilmore said. "I am very big on family life."

Amelia Duffy, a sophomore from Dallas, lives in the Hulén residence hall. Duffy said Gilmore is one of the nicest people she knows. She said Gilmore goes out of her way to make students feel at home.

"She makes it a point to know your name," Duffy said.

Duffy said if she has a problem with her room, Gilmore will make sure it gets taken care of.

Gilmore said one year ago she and her husband started raising goats on their two-acre farm. She said they started with 33 goats and now have 96 goats. She said they have been selling the males and keeping the females.



Expatriates changing definition of 'American'

(AP) — More Americans than ever before have decided America is no longer their home.

They have put down roots abroad, from Cuba (an estimated 2,000 Americans, the latest figures show) to the United Kingdom (224,000). They are in Germany (210,880), in the Philippines (105,000), in Israel (184,195).

If they were a U.S. state — call it Expatria — its population, some 4 million Americans, would place it right in the middle, along with Kentucky and South Carolina.

Expatriates, citizens of this floating, far-flung state, are changing the very definition of "American."

"What does nationality really mean in these days, in these times of great mobility, at a time when there is an opportunity to make one's way in a society without really any serious impediments?" asks Tom Rose, a 68-year-old retired businessman who has spent all but a few years abroad since 1961, most of them in Paris.

Rose and others have forsaken America for many reasons. They fall in love with a foreigner, or with an exotic place or culture. They are looking for an adventure, or for a cheaper place to live. They go because their job is there, or because their heart is no longer here.

Or, like Glen Rubenstein, they have given up on the American political system.

"It seemed too hopeless a future to me," battling for a liberal agenda in a country that has become so conservative, he says. And so

last year, he, his wife and their two children gave up their lives in Brooklyn and moved to Montreal.

The Rubenstein family arrived in Canada last June, before some opponents of the Bush administration, embittered by the Republican victory in November, declared that they were going North. Canada already was home to the second largest American community abroad — 687,700 (the largest is Mexico, with 1.04 million).

Moving to Canada is not as simple as crossing a border. Like so many others, the Rubensteins are exploring what it means to be both American and not American.

"We're going to be Americans living in Canada in some sense — that will never change, no matter what. We're Americans in our upbringing and experience ... but we want to be part of Canada," says Rubenstein, a 44-year-old community organizer.

Rubenstein is following a trail blazed in the 1960s and '70s by draft resisters who fled to Canada; the number is estimated between 50,000 and 100,000, and about 25,000 remain there today, men in their 50s and 60s who have built new lives.

Bob Guggenheimer studied medicine in Paris. In 1948, a love affair ended badly; Paris was too cold and miserable. So he moved to Madrid, where he paid 50 cents to rent an apartment, went to work for International News Service and told the local youngsters that, no, not all Americans carried six-shooters, as they did in the movies.

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Fashion

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One of the models wore a cowboy hat.

Event director Mara Vaughn said the show ended with a tribute to the United States, because much of American culture comes from a combination of all of the cultures represented in the show.

"All of these countries make the United States what it is," she said. "It's how all of these things come together."

Tech's student population actually is more diverse than people seem to realize, Vaughn, a Portuguese and Spanish instructor said. Events like the fashion show, she said, help put focus on the variety of students.

"It encourages diversity because it

makes the community see that we do accept people from different countries here at Texas Tech," she said.

Many of the show's models, such as Fatima Najjati, represented their native countries. Najjati, a French teacher from Morocco, wore a djellab, a hooded, loose-fitting dress. The garment is traditional, she said, but many people in Morocco still wear it because of its practicality.

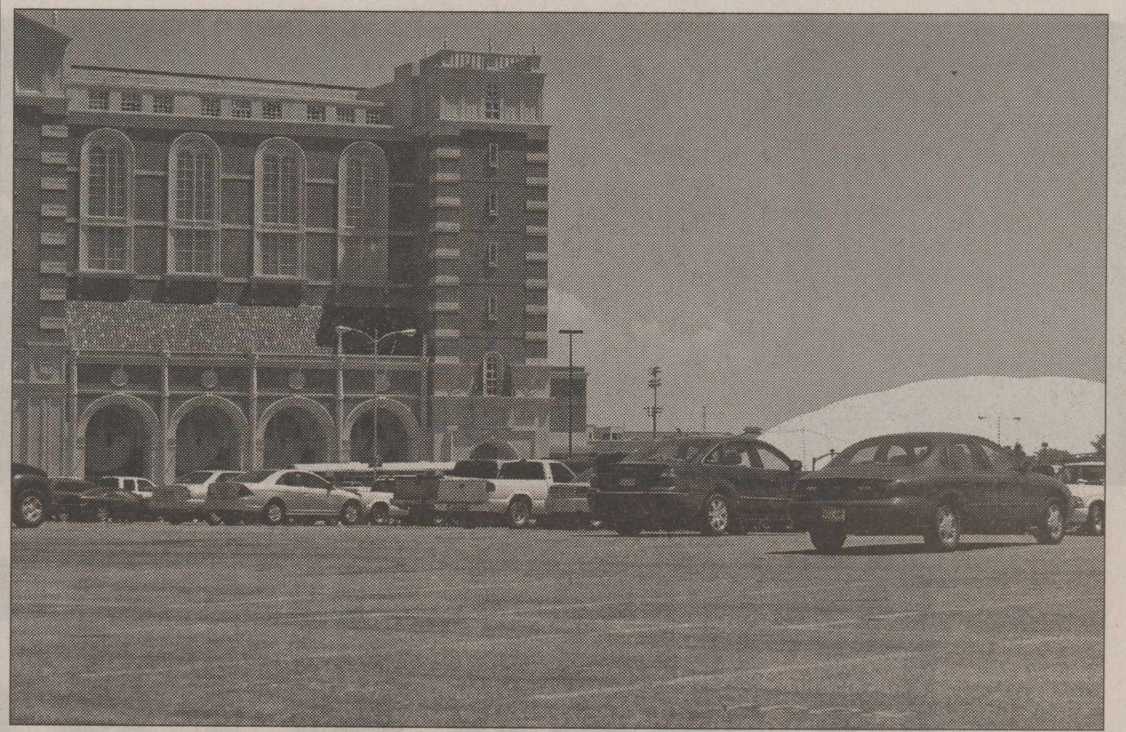
"It's very comfortable," she said, and pulled the hood up over her head. "When it's hot and sunny out, you can do this." She pulled the sleeves out over her hands. "If it's cold you can do this."

People in Morocco wear modern clothing as well, she said. But unlike in America, where fashion constantly is changing, her native country always will have a place for traditional clothing such as the djellab.

"I wear this one day, then I wear jeans the next," she said. "The U.S. chooses to erase the past for the new things, but I don't want to let go of three or four thousand years of tradition just because someone invented jeans."

Other models, such as Michelle Mossman, volunteered to represent nationalities other than their own. Mossman is a graduate student working towards master's degrees in music performance and music history. She came to Tech from Florida, but modeled garments from Spain and Turkey in the fashion show.

"I just have a love of different cultures," she said. "By modeling the clothing of different countries, we're representing their cultures. Fashion — the different colors and the cut of the cloth — gives you a lot of insight into another country."



LINC ARMES/The University Daily

THE C-1 COMMUTER parking lot next to Jones SBC Stadium Wednesday afternoon.

Grants

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"It's a great program for high-needs kids who are trying to complete their degree," he said. "It's been a tremendous help to our students."

TEXAS Grants are awarded to Texas residents with financial need who graduated from accredited Texas high schools and attend a Texas college or university within 16 months of graduation, according to www.fina.ttu.edu.

Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Students Aid to be considered for a TEXAS Grant. Although the grant is sponsored by the state of Texas, the financial aid offices at each college or university make the awards.

The Texas Senate and House of Representatives began joint meetings this week to determine the state budget. There are discrepancies between the proposed budgets of the two bodies. Blake said the university would not know if students at Tech who are receiving TEXAS grants would experience any changes in their grants until the legislature determines the budget.

"We're just kind of in a holding pattern right now," he said.

TEXAS Grants can be renewed until a student reaches 150 hours or six years of college, depending on which comes first. According to the College for Texans Web

site, priority in funding is given to recipients already enrolled in the program who are in college and making progress toward their degree.

"Priority is always given to renewal students," Blake said.

Many new students who met eligibility requirements did not receive the grants this year because of limited funding. If funding for the grants is reduced by the legislature, students currently receiving TEXAS Grants could continue to receive grants, but it is possible that no new students would be entered into the program.

Lawrence Harrison, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Amarillo, said he understands the importance of grants.

"The only reason I'm able to survive down here is off of grants and loans," he said. "It's definitely helpful."

Harrison said college is expensive and the state should do more to allow all students the opportunity to attend college.

"It's expensive to go to school, especially since they raised tuition," he said. "That's terrible that they're reducing the amount of money students are getting; they should give them more."

Harrison said he struggles to afford college even though he has received financial aid.

"I've applied for every grant I know of and it's still not enough," he said. "I still have to get loans to cover the rest."

Helmets

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always should wear a helmet when riding.

"You hate to see anybody get killed in an accident, especially young people," he said. "In my opinion, I think it's much safer to wear them. I think your chances of survival are a lot greater, but it's a choice people make and a choice they are allowed to make."

According to the transportation code section of the Texas Penal Code, drivers and passengers of motorcycles are required by law to wear a helmet. Exceptions to the rule include people who are more than 21 years old and have successfully completed the motorcycle safety and training course.

Brumley said there is no rule requiring bicyclists to wear a helmet, but said it is always advised.

"A lot of people don't wear helmets. We see more and more people not wearing them," he said. "The law has changed several times in my police career. You used to have to wear a helmet."

Parking

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zone. The north zone will include the lots near Jones SBC Stadium and the west zone will include lots near the United Spirit Arena. The satellite zone will include the lot at the International Cultural Center and a new park-and-ride lot. This new 1500-space lot will be located southwest of University Medical Center.

There is ample space available in commuter parking lots, according to the Traffic and Parking Web site. Knox said the problem is that commuters attempt to park in the stadium lots and then do not have time to travel to lots on the west side of campus when the stadium lots are full.

Marcel Kroschk, a junior undeclared major from Beeville, said he believes parking on campus is a problem.

"It's been kind of crazy with commuter parking because there isn't enough available," he said. "Right now, I think there's more stickers out than there are parking spaces."

Kroschk said he does not have a commuter permit this year because it is more economical and convenient for him to park at the First Christian

Church. He said he is considering purchasing a commuter or satellite permit for next year because he will be working at University Medical Center.

The new satellite lot will be convenient for people who work at University Medical Center, but not for most other students, he said.

"For people who work at UMC, it's going to be a lot more efficient," Kroschk said.

According to the Web site, permit sales in each zone will be capped and effectively managed to ensure students are able to find spaces in their designated zones.

"This will give a student stability in his life," Knox said. "If we sell you a permit, you can count on having a place to park."

Parking permit prices for next year have not been set. The Board of Regents will approve a price at their meeting in May, Knox said. Within the next few weeks, students should be able to reserve permits online and charge them to tuition.

Permits for the north and west commuter zones will be the same price. The cost of a satellite permit will be significantly less than the other two zones, Knox said. The satellite lots are not meant to make money for the

university.

"I'll never charge more than a break-even amount for the satellite lots," he said.

A new residence hall zone will be added to accommodate students at Carpenter-Wells and Grover Murray Hall. The new Z-6 zone will encompass the current Gaston Hall lot and the C-5 lot across from Thompson Hall.

Knox said some commuter parking might be preserved in that area, but that the students living in the residence halls would need to be accommodated first.

Lindsey Patin, a junior petroleum engineering major from Houston, said she does not having problems finding parking spaces because she arrives at 8 a.m. each day. She said some students might not like the commuter zones if they have classes in different areas of campus on different days.

"It won't affect me because all of my classes are in one area," she said. "But for people who have classes all over campus, it might affect them."

Knox said he hopes the new parking measures will benefit students who choose to park on campus.

"College is already hard," he said. "Parking shouldn't have to be."

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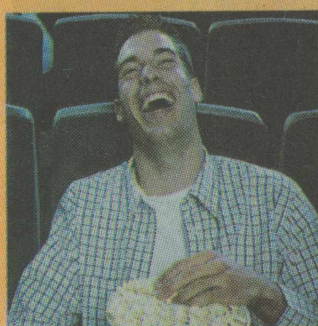
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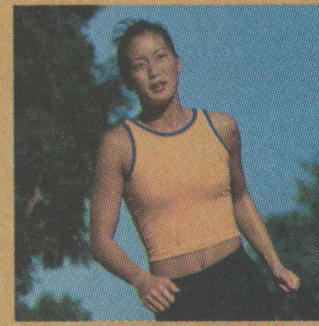
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WORKING WOMEN: Tech organization brings awareness to Pay Equity Day

By Clara Cobb/The University Daily

Payday candy bars were handed out outside the Student Union building Wednesday to satisfy more than a sweet tooth; the candy was a reminder of pay inequity. "Men don't pay more tuition than women, so why, when we are finished with college, do they get paid more when we hold the same degree?" Stephanie Shepperd, a senior English major from Wichita Falls and president of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, said. "Equal Pay Day is observed in April to indicate how far into each year a woman must work to earn as much as men earned in the previous year."

The alliance handed out the candy to students who could correctly answer questions about pay equity. Pay Equity Day was observed nationally Tuesday, and the alliance chose to observe the day Wednesday.

According to the 2004 United States Census, women make 76 cents per \$1 men earn for working the same job.

Elisabeth Gehl, director of public policy for Business and Professional Women, said it would take 50 years for there to be pay equity in the United States at the rate the wage gap is decreasing. Since the Equal Pay Act of 1963, the wage gap has closed less than half a cent per year.

"I think the first step is telling people, especially college students, that the wage gap does still exist," Gehl said. "If women join together and care about this issue and try to make change within the corporate culture, that's our best bet. But it's going to be a while."

Gehl said for pay equity to become a reality, women need to develop more communication skills, businesses need to take responsibility for the business's pay scale and policy and legislation needs change.

"The best thing for women to do is to be mindful of what men earn in equal positions and develop better negotiation skills," Gehl said. "Women in college don't really experience the wage gap until their mid-20s or early 30s. Then they start hitting the glass ceiling."

In conjunction with the day, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clin-

2003 Median Annual Earning		
White Men	\$41,211	100%
Black Men	\$32,241	78.2%
White Women	\$31,169	75.6%
Black Women	\$26,965	65.4%
Hispanic Men	\$22,363	54.3%
Hispanic Women	\$22,363	54.3%
All Men	\$40,668	
All Women	\$30,724	
Wage gap 75.5%		

Source: Feminist Majority Foundation Choices Campaign

ton and Rep. Rosa DeLauro introduced legislation into both houses of Congress to close loopholes in the 1963 legislation, which made it illegal for employers to pay unequal wages to men and women who hold the same job.

"The Paycheck Fairness Act would stop the Bush administration's rollbacks and make sure that, once again, our federal government sets a standard of excellence for making sure women and men are paid the same as men," Clinton said in a press release. "Equality works for all of us. Now is the time to make sure we work for equality."

The act allows for more education for women on how to negotiate pay, creates strong incentives for employers to obey the laws that are currently in place regarding pay equity and strengthens federal outreach and enforcement efforts.

"Women in this country have a stake in the political process, and equal pay is an issue central to women's economic freedom," DeLauro said in a press release. "Closing the wage gap is a matter of fairness, opportunity and values for all women."

Shannon Posern, a senior political science major from Pasadena, said she hopes new legislation and awareness will bring change in future.

"Women lose \$1.2 million for whatever a man makes after they graduate college because of the wage gap," Posern said. "Demand equality."

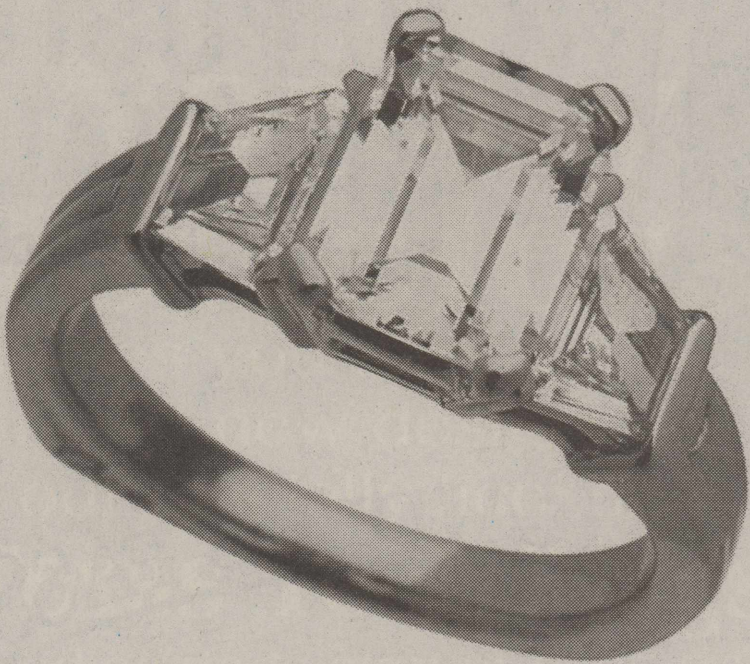
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STEPHANIE SHEPPERD, A senior English major from Wichita Falls (foreground), and Shannon Posern, a senior political science major from Pasadena (background), hand out leaflets and talk to students about Pay Equity Day Wednesday morning in the free speech area.



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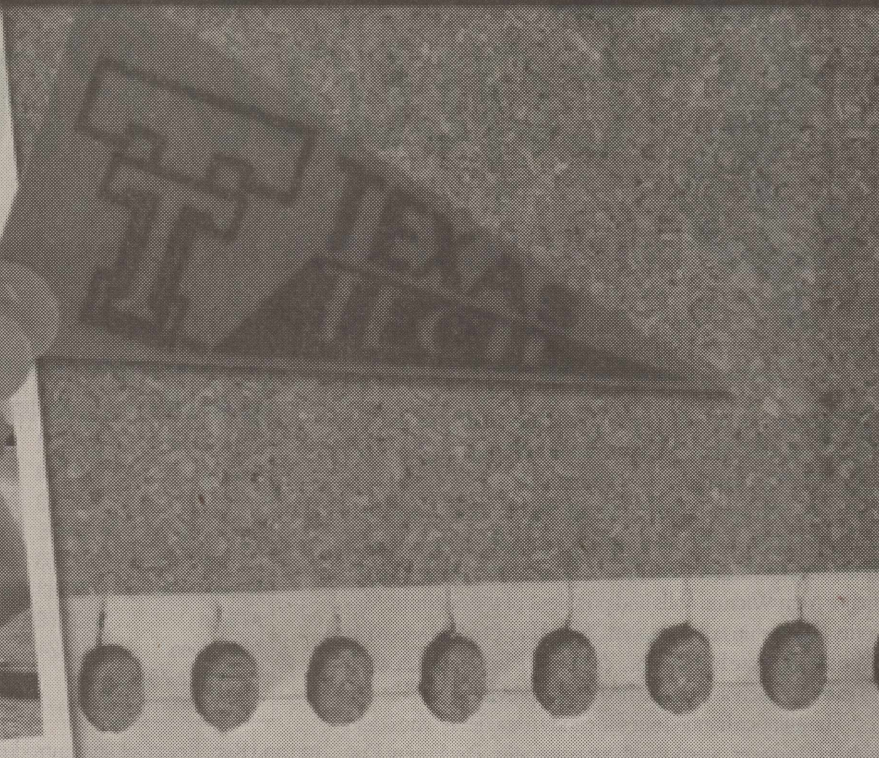
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THE CLOCK IS TICKING

HOPING AND HUNTING: Tech seniors talk about their post-graduation plans; experts share advice on how to have a successful job hunt.



By Jeremy Martin/
The University Daily

After Stefanie Sadka graduates in May, she will be moving back in with her parents for a while and will wait to find a job.

"I'm going to go home and do nothing for about two months," Sadka, a senior finance major from Houston, said. "I've worked for too long. I need to take a break."

A summer vacation probably sounds good to many graduates, but some students, such as Michael Czapski, will not have the option.

"My parents are cutting me off when I graduate," he said. "So I have to go get a job."

Czapski, from Katy, also is a senior finance major. He wants to work in real estate, and he said the job market in that field began opening up sometime last week. Until then, he had a hard time even finding jobs to apply for. The problem would be much worse, he said, if he wanted to stay

in town.

"There aren't a lot of jobs in Lubbock right now," he said. "They're all in Houston, San Antonio and Dallas."

Katie Becknal-Danheim, said her job search is more complicated because her husband's job is in Lubbock. Finding job openings within the city has not been easy.

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Senior Finance Major from Katy

"There's really not a lot in Lubbock," she said. "On the list of all the companies coming to do interviews on the Career Center's Web site, maybe three out of 50 are from Lubbock."

Stephanie Wenmeier, assistant director of the Texas Tech Career Center, said the job market is smaller in Lubbock than in Dallas or Houston, so students should begin looking as soon as possible.

"Starting early is key," she said. "Start about six months out. Make sure your résumé is perfect, develop a general cover letter for it and start preparing for interviews."

A strong résumé is important for a successful job hunt, Wen-

meier said. The Career Center provides a résumé critiquing service.

"It's important to have a couple of people look over it for you," she said. "You want to make sure your résumé is free of mistakes and it reflects the things you have done."

Wenmeier said students often neglect an important part of the résumé — the cover letter. A good cover letter is a well-researched explanation of why the applicant is the best person for the job. Wenmeier said students often can find valuable information about companies on their Web sites.

Andrew Greenleaf, a senior biochemistry major from Midland, said the Internet was helpful in his job search.

Job openings in the scientific fields are not as easy to find, Greenleaf said, so he started searching in November when he found out he was not accepted into dental school. After a discouraging search for jobs, Greenleaf went to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's Web site and got the contact information for several

professors.

"I e-mailed about 10 doctors and told them I was graduating in May looking for a job," he said.

The strategy paid off — Greenleaf got an offer to work as an unpaid intern this semester. The internship will turn into a paying job when he graduates. He said an unpaid internship can often lead to a paycheck, and recommends the career path to other students.

"The job's in a field I didn't have any experience in before I started as an intern," he said. "People always want to hire someone with experience. You have to have skills and training in the field to get a job."

Justin Jenkins, from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, also is a senior biochemistry major. He plans on going to medical school before searching for a job. Now is not the best time to look for a job in the science field, he said.

"There was an article last year in professional chemistry magazine that

"In a way, you're interviewing them too. You have to ask yourself, do you really want to work there?"

— STEPHANIE WENMEIER
Assistant Director of Texas Tech Career Center

said the job market in chemistry was at an all-time low, and I don't think it's gotten any better," he said.

Despite some grim reports about the job market, Wenmeier said, it actually has been improving.

"It's been picking up," she said. "It's better than it has been the last couple of years."

For May graduates who have concentrated on class work instead of job hunting, Wenmeier said the situation is not as desperate as they might think.

"It's never hopeless," she said. "I know it's hard making time while you're going to school, but try to take an hour each day and

focus on your job search."

One thing job seekers should remember, she said, is to look for a satisfying career not just a place that will hire them.

"In a way, you're interviewing them too," she said. "You have to ask yourself, do you really want to work there?"

In addition to résumé critiques, the Career Center offers free career assessment tests, career fairs, and a Web site posting job opportunities. Call (806) 742-2210 for more information. The center's Web site is located at www.careercenter@ttu.edu.

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New DVD releases offer variety, not much quality

Eppler takes a look into Hollywood's laughs, action and most of all, content



Who says there's a lack of variety in Hollywood? Films released on DVD this week include cussing babies, Chinese warriors, time travel and 10-year-old husbands. Yet variety does not always give birth to good quality.

"Meet the Fockers"

Yes, we get it — "Focker" almost sounds like a dirty word. Sure, it was funny when we learned Ben Stiller's character in "Meet the Parents" had a nearly naughty last name, but the joke gets old. Yet the makers of "Meet the Fockers" are banking on the hope you still think it and other rehashed jokes are funny.

Now that Gaylord (Greg Focker (Stiller) has made nice with his fiancée's parents (Robert DeNiro and Blythe Danner), it's time for them to meet his parents. Bernie and Roz Focker (Dustin Hoffman and Barbara Streisand) are aging hipsters who are so strange, we wonder how Greg turned out normal.

Yet Hoffman and Streisand's characters are reduced to freak shows, and surprisingly unfunny ones at that. DeNiro keeps giving Stiller a hard time, and there are elaborate set-ups for Stiller to be humiliated time and again.

Most of the gags misfire, none more so than the "Manary Gland" DeNiro wears to feed a baby. But the biggest laughs in the whole film come from the child actor.

"Fockers" is just another example of the actors having more fun making a film than the audience does watching it.

DVD features include an extended version of the film, along with the original theatrical version, 65 bloopers and a feature on the Manary Gland.

RATING:



"House of Flying Daggers"

Yes, director Zhang Yimou is on

James Eppler



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a hot streak. After the visually poetic "Hero," Yimou follows up with "House of Flying Daggers," another feast for the eyes with dazzling effects and a killer love story.

Two Tang Dynasty officers are looking to infiltrate a group of insurgents, The House of Flying Daggers, and the best way may be to get a blind dancer (the amazing Ziyi Zhang) to lead them to their secret fortress.

But when one of the officers falls in love with the dancer on their journey through the forest, daggers fly indeed.

Yimou's film is both lyrical and aggressive, and assaults both the eyes and emotions. It puts a heavy emphasis on the latter half of the phrase "martial arts."

"Daggers" is an action film with an emotional core and a sharp edge.

DVD extras include a special effects feature, a making-of short, commentary by Yimou and Zhang, and an English language track for you whiners that don't read subtitles.

audience. That's both a good and a bad thing.

Made for about \$7,000, which came out of his own pocket, first-time filmmaker Shane Carruth has written an intelligent, often perplexing science fiction film about two friends who invent a time machine.

Carruth aggressively tackles the moral ramifications of time travel, while weaving an intricate mystery.

However, coming from an engineering background, Carruth fills his film with technical jargon that will be a turn-off for some audiences.

The film, as a whole, is a strong first effort for Carruth, who demonstrates great potential in his knowledge of film. Carruth spent three years making "Primer," and his care and attention to detail shines through the vagueness.

The director's commentary on the DVD also will help shed a little light.

RATING:



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"Birth"

No, it's not kiddie porn. When 10-year-old Cameron Bright strips down and gets into a bathtub with Nicole Kidman, it's because she be-

"Primer"

No, this Sundance Grand Jury Prize-winner never talks down to its

Eppler is *The UD's* movie critic. E-mail comments and questions to James. D.Eppler@ttu.edu.

Marilyn Monroe's estate property to be sold in June auction

NEW YORK (AP) — More than 200 personal and professional items from the estate of Marilyn Monroe will be put up for auction in June.

Stored for 43 years, the items include her Joe DiMaggio divorce papers, her personal phone directory and an original watercolor painting Monroe made and inscribed to President Kennedy for his birthday.

The actress died in August 1962 before giving the painting of a rose to Kennedy.

The auction will be conducted by Julien's Auctions of Los Angeles/New York at Barclay Butera in Los Angeles on June 4. The items will be on display May 31-June 3. Items in the auction also include her 1956 application

to a New York City court to change her name from Norma Jean Mortenson to Marilyn Monroe and a pearl gray silk dress she wore in the 1960 film "Let's Make Love."

"This is the first time that most of these items will be seen by the public, including a dizzying array of clothing from all the designers she cherished," Darren Julien, president and CEO of Julien's Auctions, said in a recent statement.

"Her personal telephone directory contains hundreds of names and numbers of top Hollywood celebrities including Frank Sinatra, Henry Fonda, Jane Russell and even former husbands Joe DiMaggio and Arthur Miller," Julien said.

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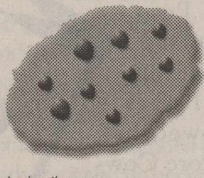
Perfecting the art of delicious dishes and delectable desserts

Need an unhealthy but delicious way to deal with the stress of finals, papers and getting a job? Kick back in the kitchen with one of these tried and true chocolatey favorites.

Classic Nestle Toll House Chocolate Chip Cookie

2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
1 cup butter or margarine, softened
3/4 cup granulated sugar
3/4 cup brown sugar
1 tsp. vanilla extract
2 large eggs
2 cups (12 ounces) semisweet chocolate chips
1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans (optional)

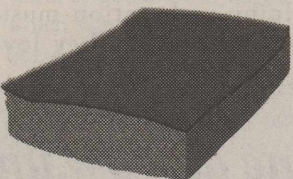
1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
2. Combine flour, baking soda and salt in a small bowl. Beat butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar and vanilla in a large bowl until creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in chocolate chips and nuts. Shape by rounded tablespoonfuls onto ungreased baking sheets.
3. Bake for 9 to 11 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on baking sheets for 2 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.



Hershey's Deep Dish Brownies

3/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
3 eggs
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup Hershey's cocoa (or any other brand)
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt

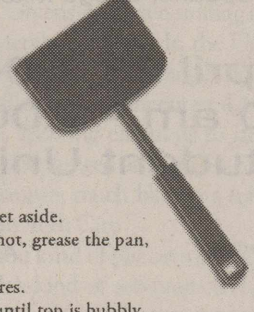
1. Preheat oven to 350. Grease 8-inch square baking pan.
2. Combine butter, sugar and vanilla in a bowl. Add eggs; beat well with spoon. Combine flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt; gradually add to egg mixture, beating until well blended. Spread batter evenly into pan. (I recommend adding chocolate chips here.)
3. Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until brownies begin to pull away from the sides of the pan. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars.



Chocolate Chip Pancakes

1 cup flour
1 tbs. baking powder
A pinch salt
1 tbs. sugar
1 cup milk
1 egg
2 tbs. vegetable oil
Chocolate chips as desired

Mix flour, baking powder, sugar and salt in bowl; set aside. Mix milk, egg and oil. When frying pan is almost hot, grease the pan, then mix the wet and dry ingredients. Add however many chocolate chips your heart desires. Pour batter onto griddle; let cook for 1-2 minutes until top is bubbly. Flip; cook for another 45 minutes or so and enjoy.



TOP: From the Nestlé Toll House cookbook, also found on the chocolate chip bag. Best when eaten as dough or consumed straight from the oven. MIDDLE: From www.hersheys.com. Make sure these are cooked all the way through before taking them out of the oven, but don't overcook them, especially if you like chewy brownies. ABOVE: From the kitchen of the writer's chocoholic father. Good at breakfast or any other time of day. Do not let these burn!

Part of my religion is the importance of food storage — having a year's supply of milk, flour, veggies and other staples in case of an emergency.

I support this policy; so much, in fact, that I have a year's supply of the most necessary food — chocolate.

That's right; I have five pounds of chocolate chips canned in my freezer, in anticipation of that crisis that's just waiting to cut me off from my favorite vegetable.

Part of this column are the recipes, which you will find to be pretty easy, inexpensive and so, so good. Each recipe fulfills a different chocolate craving, and each is sinfully delicious.

But first, a word of caution. Chocolate is not an item to be callously used and tossed aside. Before cooking with this ingredient, knowing its background, purpose and fun little factoids is important, as this increases the entire chocolate experience, which incidentally goes far beyond taste.

Chocolate has a rich history; according to "Chocolate: the Consuming Passion" by Sandra Boynton, the Mayans and Aztecs introduced chocolate as a drink many centuries ago. Spanish conquistadors brought the drink, made from the beans of a cacao tree, to Europe. It grows best in hot, humid environments near the equator.

Chocolate lovers fall into three categories: knowing what category you are in can help you to focus your chocolate activities. The first, according to Boynton, is the gourmet, who goes straight for the most pure chocolate experience possible — bittersweet. The second, the gourmand, will eat chocolate with anything — caramels, cherries, salmon, celery, bricks — you get the idea. The third, the gourmoo, is a simplistic chocolate lover who wants the ease of milk chocolate.

The next thing to know is that each person on the planet also has a chocolate profile. I am a "genteel theobromian." I have a binge relationship



Heidi Toth

with chocolate and my choice of the brown stuff is sweet or semisweet — also known as dark chocolate.

Determine which profile you fit before attempting too much experimentation with chocolate, or you may never fulfill your deepest chocolate desires.

A few more hints before diving in.

First, understand you have a relationship with chocolate, and this is not something to be taken lightly. Do not take your chocolate for granted.

Second, not everyone is enlightened enough to understand your deep and meaningful relationship with chocolate. There will be naysayers, there will be those who claim chocolate is a drug or an aphrodisiac (which actually is correct). My advice: Ignore them.

Finally, the good stuff — recipes. Now that you are an expert in chocolate, you are qualified to dive in and start cooking up large quantities of chocolate-filled or -coated, chippy, chewy, yummy chocolatey desserts.

First, classic chocolate chip cookies. If you're looking for something familiar

that reminds you of home or a simpler time, this is the way to go. They're always good, especially if you're a little down.

Second, deep dish brownies. These are what you want if you're looking for a chocolate-induced coma. They're rich, chewy and delicious, and I highly recommend them.

Finally, for breakfast, chocolate chip pancakes. Or for lunch, dinner, a midnight snack, an afternoon snack, brunch or anything else. They're the perfect start to any day.

Toth is the editor of The UD and a self-proclaimed chocoholic. E-mail your favorite recipe to her at UD@ttu.edu.

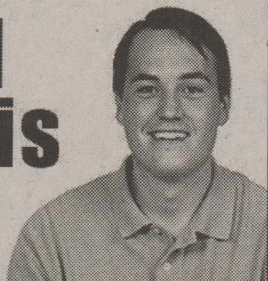
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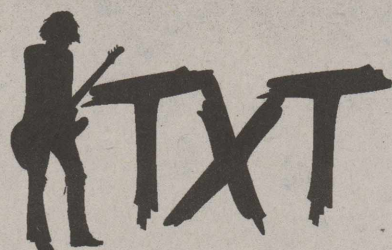


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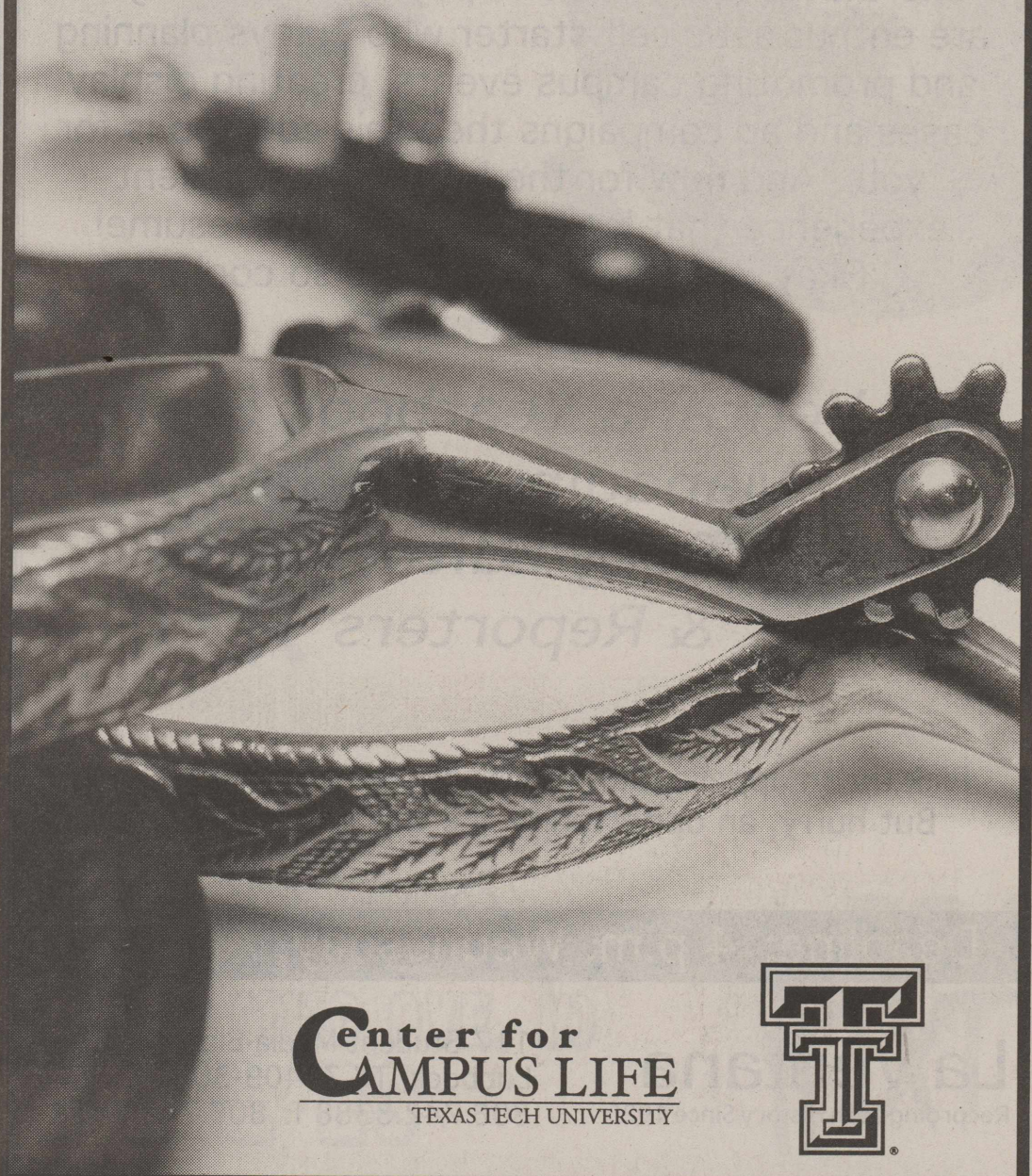


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Lubbock community events in brief

Free HIV testing offered today

Volunteers from the South Plains AIDS Resource Center will be conducting free HIV tests on campus today. The testing will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Playa Room on the second floor of the Student Union building.

The AIDS resource center has joined with Sigma Pi, Zeta Phi Beta and Delta Lambda Phi in order to provide the tests on campus.

Members from the student organizations will not be doing the testing, but will be handing out promotional materials and directing students to the testing site.

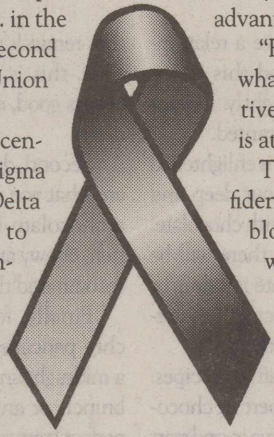
Ricardo Fourzán, sergeant-at-arms for Sigma Pi, said HIV testing

is important for students on a college campus — not something to fear. He said he hopes anyone who has not recently been tested will take

advantage of the free testing. "Everyone asks me, 'Well, what if it comes back positive?' he said. "My answer is at least they know."

The AIDS test is confidential, and it requires a blood sample. Students will receive the results of the tests at a later time.

For more information on the HIV testing process, or to set up an appointment for testing at the center's offices on another day, call (806) 765-0969 or (806) 765-0444. The center's offices are at 202 37th St.



Raider Comm sponsoring walk or run

Texas Tech's Raider Comm is "springing to a cause" Saturday.

Raider Comm, a student-run public relations firm, is sponsoring a 5 kilometer fun walk or run to benefit the Pilot's club, a non-profit organization.

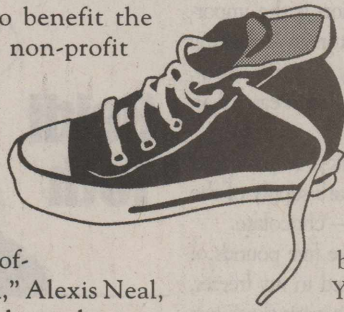
"All proceeds will benefit the Pilot's Club, which is a national, non-profit organization," Alexis Neal, a senior public relations major from Carlsbad, N.M., said. "The organization helps people with brain and spinal cord injuries. A lot of those people are our age."

The run begins at 9 a.m. Saturday and starts at the

Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. Pre-registration for the run is 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday at the center. Registration is \$10, and all participants receive a T-shirt. Prizes are available for participation in the run.

"It's going to be a lot of fun. You can walk it, you can run it, you can donate a couple dollars," Neal said. "It's a feel-good thing for spring, and it supports a good cause."

For more information on the run, visit the center during pre-registration.



Troubled Hubble to play Lubbock Saturday

KTXT-FM, 88.1 Texas Tech's on-campus radio station, is hosting Troubled Hubble at Space 1110 Saturday.

Doors will open at 8 p.m. and the first band, Rodney Parker and 50 Peso Reward, take the stage at 9 p.m. Parker is followed by Thriftstore Cowboys, before Hubble, the headline band.

"Of all of the shows we put on, this is the most fun," Josh Justice, a senior electronic media and communications major from Alpine and station music director, said. "They love

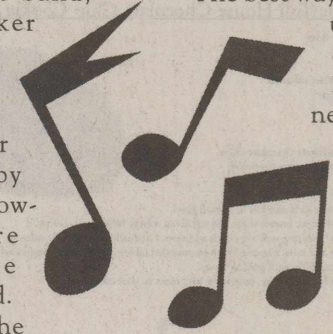
Lubbock." Hubble called Lubbock "the most rocking town in America."

Space 1110 is at 1110 Ave. K. It has a back-alley entrance. The best way to locate the venue is to travel north on Avenue K from 19th Street, park near 11th Street and walk to the back alley entrance.

"It is going to be awesome," Justice said.

The show is \$8 at the door, and the venue is BYOB.

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Miscommunication or missed communication?

How the body explains what the brain is not saying

By Heidi Toth/
The University Daily

Amanda Agnew called it the bar language.

Eric Ward uses it to figure out when restaurant patrons are ready to order.

Mark Ford studies it to ensure he doesn't get taken in by his poker buddies.

It's nonverbal communication — the act of communicating one's feelings, emotion, desires and irritants without words.

"Spoken language isn't really a medium for letting our emotions out there to people," said David Givens, director of the Center for Nonverbal Studies, a private, non-profit organization based in Spokane, Wash.

Most nonverbal communication is communicated through sensory channels. Two types exist, he said; there are universal signals and action that all humans recognize, and cultural actions that differ across country lines, such as the "Hook 'Em Horns" sign President George Bush flashed at his inauguration in January.

"When George Bush did that overseas, Europeans thought he was making the sign of the devil," Givens said.

Gestures

Making a fist is a universal signal of anger, Givens said, adding even infants make this sign when they are upset or frustrated. Another is lip compression, when the lips are pressed together and rolled inward, and all the onlooker sees is a thin line. While this has many meanings, the most common interpretation is deception.

Givens said a prime example is Bill Clinton, who would compress his lips when discussing Monika Lewinsky before he admitted to having an affair with her.

Lip compression also could signify the speaker is feeling strong emotion

about a particular topic.

"In business or politics, it's a probing point to find out what's going on that's not being told about," he said.

Two universal hand gestures are understood worldwide. In the palm up gesture the hand is rotating and extended to the listener with the palm up and open.

"You can make friends anywhere on Earth, even if you don't speak the language, if while speaking you do that hand rotation with the palm up," he said.

The palm down gesture is characterized by a flat palm facing downward, symbolic of a judge's gavel, which signifies surety, aggressiveness or emphasis.

"When you get really worked up and you're sure that you're right, you start to do the hand down thing," he said. "This is a typical gesture of George Bush when talking about Social Security or Iraq."

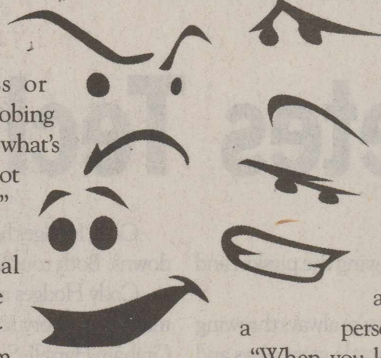
Facial expressions

"I think you can read a lot by a person's face, see if they have a lot of cards," said Ford, a senior finance major from Fort Worth.

Facial expressions can be cultural, Givens said; even smiling is not completely universal. In the United States, smiling at a stranger signifies friendliness and is encouraged, but in Japan, showing emotions to strangers is discouraged as part of a coping mechanism, much like on a subway in New York City.

"You kind of put on a stone face . . . It's kind of self-protective," he said. "You don't want people to come up and approach you."

Agnew, a senior art history major from Allen, said this interpretation



is common in the dating scene. Eye contact or a smile in a bar is generally considered an invitation to approach. Eye contact is significant when attempting to read a person, Givens said.

"When you look into someone else's eyes, the heart rate, blood pressure, breathing rate and everything else all go up," he said, adding this psychological arousal is what lie detectors machines use to determine truthfulness.

Humans avoid prolonged eye contact to avoid making another person feel uncomfortable or threatened, while at the same time actively seeking that connection made through eye contact.

"Because eye contact is stressful, people have a characteristic pattern, where they look into the eyes and then avert their eyes elsewhere," Givens said.

Elaine Garcia, a junior human development and family studies major from Lubbock, said she believes facial expressions are the easiest path to a person's emotions.

"They tell a lot, like if somebody's grossed out or annoyed, without having to say anything," she said.

Eye contact also is significant for Garcia's job as a server; that is often how patrons get her attention.

"Usually they'll stare at you or throw up their arm gesture," she said.

Posture

Givens said his favorite stance to observe is the pigeon toe, when a person is standing upright with the toes pointed in. Typically the submissive person in a conversation will stand with his toes in, while the dominant person stands with toes out.

Ward, a junior international business major from Abilene, said posture was the biggest nonverbal indicator of emotion because it is less easily controlled.

"People tend to not notice what they're doing with their bodies," he said.

Watching people's body language has helped him significantly as a server at Chili's; he said he often can tell if people want attention or if they want to be left alone.

Another point to look for is the shoulder shrug, which signifies uncertainty or submissiveness. The typical business suit disguises this movement, Givens said, which is why the suit is so popular in decision-making situations.

Personal space

"Almost all animals have an innate aversion to being touched," Givens said.

This biological urge drives humans

to create a psychological bubble around themselves to keep others at a distance, although a person's culture does affect how much space he needs.

Givens said in Arab cultures, people get significantly closer than do Americans or western Europeans.

The light level also affects how big a bubble a person needs; when lights are dim, as in a bar, the bubble is reduced.

Whether two people are facing also shows emotion. If a person is standing face to face with someone he does not like, he will angle his body away from the other person instead of just

distances," he said.

What to look for

Often if a person is uncomfortable, he will either angle his body away from the speaker or start touching his neck or lips, tugging on earlobes or other self-touching, Givens said. Ford added if a person was hesitant, he was lying.

Givens recommended focusing on three body parts: lips, shoulders and hands when reading body language. Lips are the most emotional part of the body because they are controlled by visceral nerves, which are unconscious. Shoulders are controlled by the same type of nerves.

"They do what they want to do," he said. "The shoulders will speak what they feel because they're controlled by special visceral nerves."

The hands are the most expressive body part, because they can depict ideas, make shapes, initiate touch and so on.

"If they just watch those three body parts, they can begin to learn how the body expresses itself," Givens said. "Those three things will really keep you busy."

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FOOTBALL

Brotherly connection completes Tech's air attack

By David Wiechmann/The University Daily

If Cody Hodges wins the starting quarterback job for next season, it will bring back a combination that has not been in action since 2000. The fifth-year senior would be throwing passes to his twin brother Slade Hodges, and the brother-to-brother connection could help lead Tech to repeat as the No. 1 passing offense in the nation for a fourth consecutive year.

"It was different," Slade Hodges said of being on the receiving end of Cody's passes again in spring. "This is the first spring that we've been in there together, and at the same time, we were making plays. I hope there's a lot more of that to come next year."

Slade Hodges pulled in three catches in the Red-Black Game for 28 yards while his brother completed 20-of-26 pass attempts for 237 yards.

Cody Hodges made it clear earlier in spring practices he wanted to earn the starting job and had something to prove as a fifth-year senior. Now he could find himself throwing to his brother, who moved up the depth chart in spring practices, and the two could relive their days in Hereford where they became a scoring threat.

In 2000, Cody Hodges threw for 2,458 yards and 28 scores. Throughout his career he accounted for 70 touchdowns for The Herd and more than 6,500 yards through the air.

Slade Hodges was a three-time all-district selection and had 75 catches for

1,100 yards his senior season.

But the backyard was where the brothers first began throwing the pigskin and making that connection.

"This is fun, because we grew up together for so long, and we're always throwing the ball," Cody Hodges said. "Especially in high school, he made great plays and catches, and he made me look good when I threw bad balls. For him to be out here and have the opportunity to continue playing, it's neat, and I look forward to it everyday."

As boys, the Hodges would pretend to be Joe Montana and Jerry Rice, which may come as a surprise to many since West Texas usually is full of Dallas Cowboy fans. It does not matter who they cheered for or pretended to be as children because they are in West Texas, where the Red Raiders still are the talk of the town after beating No. 4 California in the Pacific Life Holiday Bowl.

Cody Hodges is hoping he will get the starting job and keep Tech at the top of football's watch list, and Slade Hodges wants him and his brother to be on the field together for the first time since high school.

"I don't know if we look at it like (unfinished business)," he said. "If the opportunity comes, we want to be in there together to make plays, and it will be real exciting."

Slade Hodges enters his senior season with 15 yards on two catches in nine games, but after his performance in the Red-Black Game that could increase in 2005.

Cody Hodges has thrown for 70 career yards on 7-of-12 passing for two touchdowns. Both touchdowns came last season in cleanup duty as the backup QB.

Cody Hodges appears to be the favorite for the starting job after solid performances in every scrimmage this spring and with an injury to redshirt freshman Graham Harrell. Sophomore Phillip Daugherty's numbers in the Red-Black Game were less than impressive as well.

The brothers may not wear No. 16 or No. 80 like their favorite players of old, but if things work out for the twins, perhaps Raider fans could see the No. 10 to No. 83 connection in Jones SBC Stadium.

"(Slade) made great plays and catches, and he made me look good when I threw bad balls."

— CODY HODGES
Texas Tech Fifth-Year Senior Quarterback

TECH'S ONE-TWO PUNCH

CODY HODGES
Senior Quarterback

SLADE HODGES
Senior Receiver

FAMILY RESEMBLANCE: Cody and Slade Hodges, twins, played football together at Hereford High School. If Cody Hodges earns the starting quarterback position, Slade Hodges will be one of his many targets on the field for the Red Raiders in 2005.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Women's tennis adds match for second chance closer at home

By Anne Gepford/
The University Daily

women's tennis team is taking that last opportunity.

Second chances roll around only once a year, and the Texas Tech team wanted to end its season.

Team captain Tara Browning said the team, while focused on the upcoming Big 12 tournament, is excited for the match as a chance to improve before that tournament.

"We're just taking it as it's going to be a practice match," she said. "If we get the win from it, it's only going to help our record. It's nice to finish at home as well."

Browning and teammate Lakann Wagley are ranked 39th in doubles with the best record in the Big 12 at 8-3.

The Red Raiders added this match because of a lost opportunity in Florida, coach Cari Groce said.

Tech (8-12, 5-6) traveled to Miami in the middle of March to take on Southern Mississippi, Florida Atlantic and Florida International. Weather in Miami forced the cancellation of the match against Florida Atlantic March 17.

Groce said she e-mailed teams that would not face a huge travel challenge in an attempt to make up for the rainout. The coach for Prairie View A&M called her back Monday after their tournament, she said.

Tech enters the match off a 5-2 road win against Oklahoma.

Prairie View A&M, a member of the Southwestern Athletic Conference, travels to Lubbock with a record of 4-14 and 3-6 in conference play. The Panthers last played April 2, when they lost to Alcorn State.

Browning, a junior, said she looks forward to the match after her disappointment in Florida with the cancellation.

"We wanted to get an extra match," she said.

Groce said while the situation is unique, she is happy because the team will be competing before the Big 12 tournament.

"We were just able to play a competitive dual this week instead of nothing," she said. "It'll make us that much sharper before competition. It kind of keeps our competitive juices flowing."

The original schedule for Tech had a break between the match against Oklahoma April 16 and the Big 12 tournament, which begins April 28.

The match this weekend gives Tech one final dual match before the team travels to Austin to compete for the title.

Janet Durham said the match is important because it allows the Raiders to keep their competitive edge for the tournament.

"I think it's going to be good for us," she said. "It will make us even more focused going into the Big 12."

Durham said that the addition has her focused on finishing strong and continuing to play aggressively.

Browning said the match will not distract the team from the upcoming tournament.

"It's not throwing us off at all," she said. "That's still in the back of our minds. It's still all based on Big 12s right now."

Durham, a freshman, said she is excited for her first conference tournament.

"I'm really looking forward to Big 12," she said. "The atmosphere's going to be really fun."

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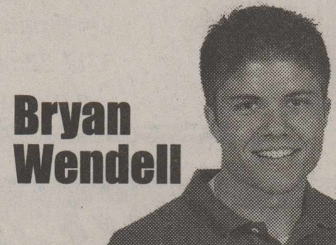
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SPORTS OPINION

Lone Star state teams strike perfect chord for NBA playoff runs

If you're gonna play in Texas, you've gotta have a fiddle in the band, and all three Texas NBA teams have struck the right chord against opponents this season to be among the five best teams in the Western Conference.

When the NBA playoffs begin Saturday, the Spurs, Mavericks and



Bryan Wendell

Three players as big as the state itself, San Antonio's Tim Duncan, Dallas'

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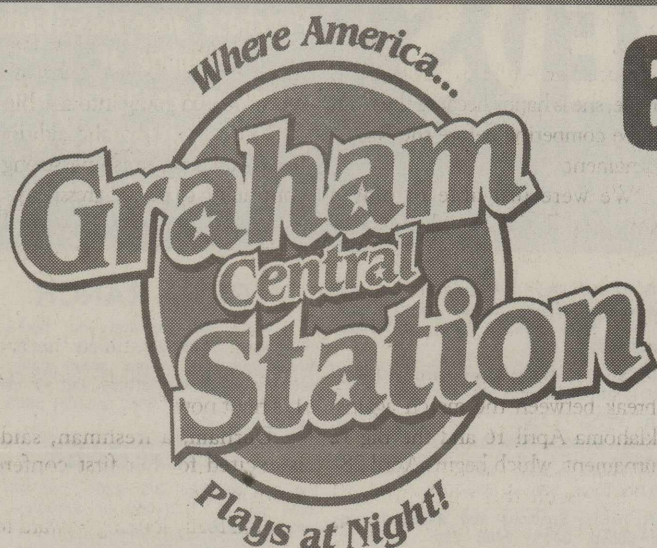
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Dirk Nowitzki and Houston's Yao Ming will look to guide their teams in a playoff run that will present tough matchups from the opening tip of the first round.

The Spurs hold the No. 2 seed in the conference and will host the Denver Nuggets, one of the league's hottest teams. Denver lost just twice in April and twice in March; three of those four losses came against the West's No. 1 seed, the Phoenix Suns.



melo Anthony, they will have no trouble getting out of the first round. Anthony has been stellar in his sophomore season, especially during the last two months in which he was the leading scorer for Denver in all but nine games during those two months.

The regular season series was split between the two teams, with each winning once at home and once on the road.

The Spurs don't come in to the series as hot as the Nuggets, but are the popular pick by many NBA analysts to come out of the West. Recently acquired Glenn Robinson had 23 points in a loss to Memphis

Monday, and he could provide some depth for the team.

Unlike the Nuggets, who rely on Anthony to score, San Antonio has been led in scoring by five different players in its last 10 games. Balanced scoring and staunch defense will be too much for a Denver team that lacks depth and solid playoff experience. The Timberwolves — a lottery team this year — took Denver down in five games last year, and I see this San Antonio team doing likewise.

San Antonio in five. Glance down the bracket and you'll find a matchup about which sports writers are salivating — "The Interstate 45 Series," "The Tussle in Texas" or whatever you want to call it, this will be a series to remember. The Dallas Mavericks versus the

Houston Rockets probably is the best first-round matchup in some time. The Mavs and Rockets split the regular-season series with Dallas winning the first two and the Rockets evening the series in the final two.

In the most recent meeting, the Rockets embarrassed Dallas in a 90-69 victory against a Mavericks team without Nowitzki or second-leading scorer Michael Finley.

Home court advantage, for those who believe in it, is on the side of the No. 4 seed Mavericks, who have a better record than No. 5 Houston.

Dallas comes in on a torrid pace, winning eight consecutive games going into the regular season finale Wednesday night. The Mavs, however, are very reliant on Nowitzki as their leading scorer, leading rebounder and leading shot blocker.

The only player Houston has (or had) to effectively shut down the German superstar is (or was) Juwan Howard.

Howard, however, will be out for the remainder of the season and the playoffs because of a viral infection in his heart.

Let me show you just how important Howard's defense was: In the first two games between the teams this season, Howard averaged 21 minutes per game and Nowitzki averaged 37.5 points.

In the third game, a Rockets win, Howard played 37 minutes and held Nowitzki to "just" 28 points, including an 18-minute scoreless drought.

Think someone else can step in for Howard? Think again.

The Rockets will be a handful for Dallas, however, as the Mavs will

need to find an answer for 7-foot-6-inch Yao and 25-year-old sensation Tracy McGrady.

Put Josh Howard, Dallas' best defender, on McGrady and I think he can be limited to less than his average of 25.7 points per game.

Yao, however, has a height advantage over 6-foot-11 Erick Dampier and a common sense advantage over goofy Shawn Bradley.

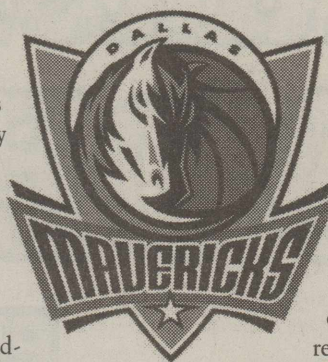
When it all comes down to it, the Mavericks have players on the bench (Jerry Stackhouse and Keith Van Horn) who can outplay some of Houston's starters.

Oh, and the laughable defense of Dallas teams of the past is history; if that doesn't work, Dallas is scoring 102.4 points per game (good for third best in the league).

Overall, the Rockets will put up a valiant fight, but ultimately will not be able to run with the more athletic and more talented Mavericks...

Dallas in six.

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TRACK & FIELD

Unsatisfied, Red Raiders aim to continue success at TCU

By Anne Gepford/The University Daily

While most students are focused on wrapping up the semester and beginning their summer vacation, the Texas Tech track and field team is more focused on their upcoming meets.

At the midpoint of its season, the team travels to Texas Christian Saturday for an invitational meet.

Licretia Sibley said while she considers this a smaller meet than the regional or conference championships, she is ready to run her best this weekend.

"It just makes us compete harder," she said. "You have to push yourself even more to run the time that you want to run."

Sibley, a sprinter, said the team's mindset is geared more toward the conference meet in May because of the amount of competition it brings.

"We've done all the other small meets early, and we're on our way to conference," she said. "We have a chance to do really well at conference."

Sibley said this meet will provide another chance to make small adjustments and changes to prepare for later meets.

"We're trying to get all the kinks out," she said.

Practices are a good way to tell where the team stands as a whole, Sibley said.

"All of us are on the same page this year," she said. "All year, we've had the mindset that if we work hard in practice that we're going to do good at the meets."

Sibley said the mindset has created a change in how the athletes compete against others.

"We have no choice but to run good at the meets,"

she said.

The team's attitude toward practice this year has been different, Sibley said, as it is more positive. She said the team is focused on doing well for the remaining part of the season.

"It's a little bit different," she said. "The team we have this year, more people want to do better this year. Everybody's doing well and doing their part."

With a men's squad ranked 25th on the Trackwire Top 25, Bobby Evers said the desire to do better is not a new one.

"The thing on my mind is the championship. That's the main thing on everybody's mind," he said. "That's been our goal since last year."

Evers, a jumper for the team, said his mindset has changed since the beginning of the season because of his teammates.

"I think it's brought the whole team closer," he said. "Now, I'm getting support from the older guys. They believe in me, so I can do it."

Evers said the reason the team has pulled together and become a family to him is because of the athletes' dependence on one another.

"We need every single person out there to contribute to the meet," he said. "I feel that everybody's stepping up. The new people are beginning to get comfortable."

Evers said the important thing for the invitational this weekend is to compete well against the level of competition offered.

"The competition's going to be up there," he said. "It'll make us work even harder to win. I don't like to lose."

"We're trying to get all the kinks out."

LICRETIA SIBLEY
Texas Tech Sprinter

Texas Tech Track



Tech signs champion hurdler

By Anne Gepford/
The University Daily

While a loaded gun may start a race, a loaded hurdles squad could be the beginning of a new era for the Texas Tech track and field team.

Nathan Lowry, a Grapevine High School senior, signed to compete for the Red Raiders in fall 2005.

Coach Wes Kitley said the addition of another hurdler will improve the Raiders' squad.

"We're probably just going to concentrate with him just running the 110," he said.

In high school, Lowry ran the 110-meter hurdles and 300-meter

hurdles, with personal best times of 13.92 seconds and 39.88 seconds, respectively.

He also is the district champion in the 110 hurdles and the district runner-up in the 300 hurdles.

Kitley said Tech already has several competitive 400-meter hurdlers.

"We're really kind of loaded there," he said. "We need some more bodies in the 110. We are building a really great hurdles group."

Kitley said a bonus of adding another hurdler to the squad could create potential for a hurdle relay at such meets as the Texas Relays or Penn Relays.

He said the important thing about

Lowry, however, is that he is not coming to Tech simply to be an athlete.

"He's very smart," Kitley said. "That's the kid we know we can invest in. He's coming to get an education first."

Kitley said the Red Raiders have been recruiting Lowry since about August, when school started.

"It really was special to me, because he really wants to be here," Kitley said. "I think he just kind of learned to love the Red Raiders."

As the second athlete Kitley has signed since the start of this signing period, Kitley said the high-ranked Texas athlete is a good recruit.

"He got a scholarship," Kitley said. "I think he was thrilled."

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Rangers player becomes third suspended in steroids program

NEW YORK (AP) — Texas Rangers minor league pitcher Agustín Montero was suspended for 10 days Wednesday, becoming the third player to test positive under major league baseball's new steroids policy.

Agustín, who has never appeared in a major league game, failed the drug test while he was on the Rangers' 40-man roster during spring training.

He was designated for assignment on April 2, when opening-day rosters were set, then sent outright to Frisco of the Double-A Texas League. He is 0-1 with a 5.63 ERA in eight innings over five relief appearances.

A 27-year-old right-hander, Montero spent four years in the Oakland organization and five in the Los Angeles Dodgers system before signing with Texas last Nov. 19. He began this season with a 28-22 record and 4.38 ERA in 28 starts and 234 relief appearances in the minors, then went 0-1 with a 7.15 ERA in

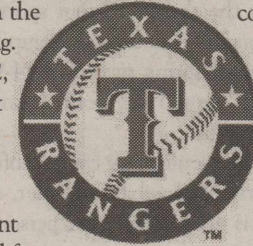
11 1-3 innings over 11 games during spring training with the Rangers.

His contract calls for him to be paid at a yearly rate of \$90,000 while in the minors and the minimum \$316,000 in the majors. The suspension is without pay and will cost him \$4,918.

If Montero had tested positive while on the minor league roster, he would have been suspended for 15 games.

Tampa Bay outfielder Alex Sanchez was the first player suspended under the new major league program, starting his 10-day ban April 3. Colorado outfielder Jorge Piedra was suspended for 10 days starting April 11.

This is the first season in which players are penalized for first offenses. In 2004, players testing positive for the first time were sent for counseling and their names were not revealed.



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MEN'S TENNIS

Turkish-born player journeys to collegiate tennis eminence

By Trey Shipman/
The University Daily

When Esat Tanik came to America, most his peers simply were trying to deal with the awkwardness that new teenagers tend to encounter. Pimples, the disappearance of "cooties" and junior high were the least of Tanik's worries, however.

The senior on the Texas Tech men's tennis team arrived in North America for the first time at the ripe age of 13.

Unable to speak English and unaware of many American customs, Tanik left his family in Izmir, Turkey, in an attempt to further his tennis career.

It was after he won a tournament for 12-year olds as a 9-year-old that it became apparent he was destined for bigger and better things.

"After I won that tournament, I began to get recognized around the nation," Tanik said. "People started saying, 'This kid has a lot of talent and we should try to send him out of the country to pursue it.'"

With his family staying behind in Turkey, Tanik attended Tom Howard Academy in Florida while residing with an American family. After the first five years, he moved out and lived on his own for his junior and senior years of high school.

"It was very difficult; I was only 13

years old, and there were very hard times the first few years," he said. "But it was a really good opportunity to improve my tennis, and for me to get an education, so I just dealt with it."

Tanik has risen above the challenges of coming to a new country to become one of the focal points of the No. 10 Red Raider tennis team.

Tech coach Tim Siegel said Tanik is not only the kind of player a coach wants to have on a team, but also the kind of person

people like.

"Esat is just a lot of fun to be around; he's one of those guys that's always in a good mood," Siegel said. "He is and has always been our emotional leader. He gets the team fired up, he gets himself fired up and that's something that every good team has to have."

Tanik has played in predominantly the three and four spots for the Raiders this season, compiling an overall spring record of 14-9 as well as being a key contributor in doubles play.

Fellow senior and captain of the Raiders, Michael Innerebner, said Tanik is unlike any other person he has met.

"He's crazy, but at the same time, he's so much fun to be around and an unbelievably nice person," he said. "On the court, he's the guy that kind of scares the opponent with his

tattoos and his energy."

After receiving his degree in political science, Tanik plans to go back to Turkey and pursue a career in politics. Before entering the professional business world, he has aspirations of competing on the pro tennis circuit as well as the Davis Cup for Turkey.

Since living in the United States, Tanik said he has developed a great appreciation for the style of living the country enjoys.

"Basically, American people live in this dream because people really don't struggle that much," he said. "Back in Turkey, people struggle a lot with all kinds of things; I really respect what the American government has done for the American people."

Though finding free time outside of his studies and tennis sometimes is hard, Tanik said he enjoys reading, watching movies and simply hanging out with friends.

Fishing is another hobby Tanik enjoys, but said while in Lubbock, his time restraints have prevented him from dropping a line.

"I really enjoy fishing a lot; in Turkey me and some of my friends would go a couple miles out on the Mediterranean Sea," he said.

But as far as hauling in a big catch, he seems to be in the position similar to that of many other fans of the sport.

"I've never caught anything big," he said. "I've never really had the luck."



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ESAT TANIK LUNGES for the ball during Texas Tech's match against Baylor Saturday at the McLeod Tennis Center. Tech competes in the Big 12 Tournament beginning April 28 in Austin.

American cycling hoping flock replaces Armstrong, Hamilton

(AP) — Lance Armstrong is clearly the most recognizable figure American cycling has known, a rider who managed to make people in the United States take notice of a sport that previously registered little, if any, interest in this country.

And Tyler Hamilton was the one who was supposed to replace him on cycling's mountaintop.

Within a few hours earlier this week, Armstrong and Hamilton

— albeit in vastly different ways, for vastly different reasons — essentially began pedaling their way out of the spotlight. And now USA Cycling is left wondering where its future star power will come from.

"There's some big shoes to fill," Olympic bronze medalist Bobby Julich said.

On Monday, Armstrong announced this year's Tour de France will be his last ride before retirement.

Shortly after, Hamilton began serving a two-year doping-related suspension.

There will be appeals in both cases. Armstrong, the six-time defending Tour de France champion, will hear pleas for his return. Hamilton, the 2004 Olympic road time trial gold medalist, will lobby the Court of Arbitration for Sport to overturn what he calls an erroneous test and allow him to race again.

Yet it's seemingly certain that soon, USA Cycling will be without its two biggest drawing cards.

"I don't want to see Lance go, but he's given us an extraordinary career," said Gerard Bisceglia, CEO of USA Cycling. "He's put cycling on page one of sports sections. He's given a lot of other riders the opportunity to show their wares in Europe. But he's left the stage much brighter than when he stepped onto it."

Bisceglia says that for cycling to keep progressing in this country, a single American star doesn't necessarily need to emerge.

Instead, for perhaps the first time, the U.S. has strength in numbers — or in cycling-speak, a peleton.

"Of course Lance is the brightest star," Bisceglia said. "But all you have to do is look at the results in Europe last year and this year. ... What you're going to see happening is not one American replacing Lance, but the Americans as a whole will become a fixture of cycling."

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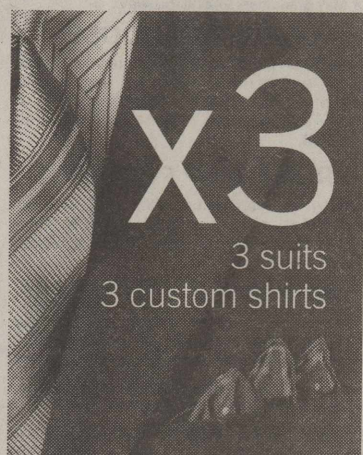
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