

# **Bill could** lower blood alcohol limit

#### By Apu Naik Staff Writer

If a proposed bill is passed by the state's legislature this session, the legal blood alcohol limit to be charged for driving while intoxicated in Texas will be lowered from .10 to .08

House Bill 210, which relates to the concentration level of alcohol used by the state to determine "intoxication," has been brought before the legislature four previous times, only to be blocked each of those times.

But the bill's authors, Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, and Rep. Roberto Gutierrez, D-McAllen, have said a new piece of federal legislation will help the bill get passed during this 76th legislative session.

This year, Texas legislators are facing the decision to either pass DWI legislation or else stand to lose nearly \$80 million in federal transportation funds, Hochberg said.

Under the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century passed last year by the U.S. Congress, a percentage of federal funding dollars that a state receives annually for transportation can be diverted to education and safety

With that legislation passed, Hochberg said he is more confident about the possibility of getting the bill passed through the Texas House, after failing on four previous tries.

"In the past, various groups such as the Texas Restaurant Association have helped to block the bill," Hochberg said. "But this year, we stand to lose a substantial amount of federal transportation funds if we do not succeed in strengthening our DWI laws, which is something we cannot afford to do."

In addition, Hochberg said Gov. George W. Bush has thrown support behind House Bill 210, as well as other members of the House who did not support the legislation in the past.

# **Pieces of the Whole**



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### Campus Caregivers rolling along

By Ginger Pope taff Writer

Even with the celebration and dedication of Park Place Monday, the Texas Tech Campus Caregivers Committee still has some selling to do for future campus designs.

The Campus Caregivers, a committee of 16 volunteers, including students, faculty and alumni, was formed two years ago with Debbie Montford as chairwoman.

Park Place is the first completed project of the Campus Caregivers. Other initiatives for Campus Caregivers includes a new Broadway entrance, a fountain at Memorial Circle, a fountain at the engineering key and 10,000 trees to be planted throughout the campus.

The idea to construct a fountain at Memorial Circle has been a concern for fear it will interrupt students walking to class or would take away the flags' presence. Other concerns revolve around the issue of planting so many trees, some of them Red Oaks.

In 1997, Hochberg and Gutierrez's bill passed successfully in the Texas House but was blocked by Senators such as Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr., D-Brownsville, who said Texas' DWI laws should not set out to punish all drinkers.

(Sen. Lucio) is not opposed to lowering the legal limit to .08. He just wants it to be placed on repeat offenders," Doris Sanchez, press secretary for Lucio said. "During the last session, Sen. Lucio did not necessarily want to terminate the bill. He just wanted more time to review it."

Sanchez said the representative is mostly concerned that lowering the DWI intoxication limit may result in the prosecution of casual drinkers, when the emphasis should be placed on repeat drinking and driving offenders.

In 1997, alcohol-related deaths in Texas accounted for 1,784 lives, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

In addition, Lubbock county had 350 total DWI-involved accidents in 1997, claiming a total of 430 DWIrelated deaths and injuries.

## **HSC Senate** talking new facilities

By Greg Okuhara Staff Writer

Dr. David Smith, president of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, and Richard Butler, vice president of operations, addressed the HSC Student Senate about possible changes in the School of Medicine's future.

Smith said the priority in the president's office is building a new auditorium and classrooms for medical students.

"We want to build a huge auditorium classroom with an atrium in there," Butler said. "The idea was to create a little more of a campus feel, rather than just extend this monolithic building.

Smith hopes to start this project so current students will be able to enjoy the new building before they graduate.

"We would like to get going on the classroom auditorium, get it to the Board of Regents in May, get a coordinating board this summer and break ground in the fall," Smith said.

The estimated cost of the complex is \$50-\$60 million. It will include an auditorium and be surrounded by smaller classrooms. A food court, work-out area and showers may be included in the final plans, Smith said.

"My priority right now is getting this classroom auditorium funded," Smith said.

The auditorium is part of the HSC Master Plan, which will involve rearranging the HSC to make the building easier to work and learn in.

The new complex, which will not be connected to the main HSC building, is needed to accommodate medical students.

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## Artwork symbolizes artist's life inspirations

By Melody Ragland Staff Write

> college professor told her she was stupid, dumb, ignorant and she did not know three dimensional. After that she did not sculpt for 10 years, but now Glenna Goodacre is known worldwide for

her interactive sculptures.

Several of Goodacre's pieces are displayed on the Texas Tech campus, and on Monday, her Park Place work was dedicated. Park Broadway in front of the human sciences accountant's son and his girlfriend. building,

Goodacre said the pieces represent a different part of the life span, which is what the College of Human Sciences is all about.

"Absolutely fantastic," said Donald Haragan, president of Texas Tech, regarding the sculptures. "It's a beautiful addition to our campus.

Goodacre said each sculpture has a meaning.

"Every piece is personal to me, but in the long run I hope everyone will identify the pieces to someone they know," she said.

Each piece was modeled or inspired by someone she knows, even the dog. The jogger was inspired by her husband whom is a jogger himself. A 94-year-old man was the model for the man and his dog. The man, ine. Goodacre said, is the second oldest pilot. The dog belongs to her assistant.

She said she wanted a professional to be among the pieces. The man reading the newspaper is that piece.

"I wanted a professional we could all identify with." she said.

In the mother and child piece, the mother Place was installed at Talkington Plaza on the is her cleaning lady and the child was a friend. southeast corner of Akron Avenue and The lovers are modeled after Goodacre's

Even though most of Monday was filled with talk about Park Place, Goodacre is known for much more.

Her designs were chosen for the new Sacagawea Dollar coin for the year 2000. Twenty-three artists were invited to submit drawings Goodacre said. Her work was chosen from 121 entries.

On March 19, Goodacre will join first lady Hillary Clinton at the White House for the unveiling of the coin.

She said the coin will be golden in color so it can be distinguished from quarters.

One of the newest projects Goodacre will be starting soon is about the Irish famine.

"I'll be able to work impressionistic," she said. "It tells the whole story of the Irish fam-

It will be 22 feet long, 12 feet tall and 12 feet wide.

"I love my work," Goodacre said. "I get real emotional about it. To be considered a professional is a big deal to me.'

ABOVE: Glenna Goodacre speaks at the dedication ceremony of her new sculpture on Monday. The sculpture is located in Park Plaza, outside the human sciences building.





Too many Red Oaks in a concentrated area can cause an outbreak in a fungal pathogen, known as Oak Wilt, said Carol Moorehead, Tech greenhouse manager for plant and soil sciences.

Charles Werth, associate professor of biological sciences, said he would like to see a variety of plants, especially native plants, considered by the Campus Caregivers because this would give instructors a wider variety of examples to teach from.

Part of the committee's agenda is to plant things that are native to this area, she said. Because there is not a lot of water here, this will make irrigation necessary.

"Our duty now is to take our message out not only to the Tech community but also to the Lubbock community," she said.

An event is scheduled for Arbor Day, April 30, and the committee still is counting the number of trees to be planted

Campus Caregivers is a nonprofit organization, and each project will be funded by donations with some projects likely to qualify for support from tuition revenue and Higher Education Academic Funds money, said Doug Mann, vice chancellor for Tech facilities, planning and construction.

## West Hall renovations planned for May

#### **By Jonathan Biles** Staff Writer

A visitor's center, a data processing center and a face lift are a few of the renovations beginning on West Hall in May with a project cost of \$6 million.

The renovation of West Hall should have come sooner, said Michael Heintze, vice president for enrollment management.

"We're all excited about the renovations," Heintze said. "The renovations are long overdue.

The first of the three-stage project will begin on May 17 with asbestos abatement, said Paulo Peres, facilities planning and construction manager.

The abatement will end Sept. 15, and the

and removal and more asbestos abatement will begin, Peres said.

"That building is full of asbestos, and it will take a while to remove it all," Peres said.

The second stage of the project will begin with a posted notice of asbestos removal June 28 and is expected to be completed Nov. 15, 2000, Peres said.

Renovations of the physical building will begin Sept. 16, during the window replacement and asbestos abatement, Peres said.

The 18-month renovations include an addition to the south of West Hall for a visitor's center, a parking lot for visitors between West and Sneed Halls and

building for a data processing center, restrooms and repairing the existing roof. Peres said.

Because the renovations will be during the school year. Heintze said there will be steps taken to help visiting students and parents find their way around. He said proposed ideas for temporary locations are portable buildings located in the parking lot north of West Hall.

The locations will be reasonably close. Ideally, a location easily accessible by visiting students and parents,' Heintze said.

Other renovations of the building will include renovating room 100 for better student servicing, supplying hot water for the existing building, renovating the

second stage of window replacement an addition on the north side of the current elevator, remodeling existing

The total projected budget for the renovations is \$6 million, of which, \$2.7 million of the funding will be provided by the Higher Education Assistance Funds, and the remaining \$3.3 million will be provided by tuition revenues, Peres said.

From the Board of Regents meeting in February, the Regents approved the increase budget of the project from \$3 million to \$6 million.

All dates for the project are tentative, and Peres said the schedule is tight but worth a try.

The schedule for the project is ambitious, but we sure will give it a try," Peres

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### HSC raises more than \$50,000 in phone-a-thon

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"We need it for some accreditation issues, as far as size of the classroom, technology of the classroom and we want some student common areas," Smith said. "We are committed here at Texas Tech to research. We will try to push forward to a Carnegie Level 1, which is \$40 million of aggregate federal support for research," Smith said.

Student Senate representatives also said their phone-a-thon was a success. Last week, volunteers were able to raise more than \$50,000 for an endowed scholar. ship.

Brooks Heise, vice president of the HSC Student Senate, said the phone-a-thon has raised more than \$700,000 in the nine years of its existence.

"We raised more money this

year than we have before," Heise said. "It also provides a large number of scholarships that are available to all the students."

The fundraiser also helps the medical students keep in touch with alumni.

'It's more like building rapport than it is telemarketing, and it also keeps our alumni addresses updated," Heise said.

Smith and Butler also announced plans to expand the School of Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health.

"We're looking for some growth in a couple of areas," Smith said. "We would like to see an increase in students in Allied Health and Nursing.

The new degrees include a master's degree in occupational therapy and doctorate's degrees in physical therapy and rehabilitation science.

# Group trained to advise students

#### By Lisa Marie Lachmann Staff Writer

Students facing possible disciplinary action will soon be able to seek counsel from fellow students in the Dean of Students office.

The Texas Tech Student Judicial Advisers are in training and will begin this fall to help students who have violated the Student Affairs Code of Conduct.

SJA's planned goals for the fall include providing information and support about the codes of conduct for students and organizations. All students are allowed to contact a SJA member to ask questions or relieve anxiety with confidential contacts.

The program was designed by Teresa Johnson, assistant dean of students.

"SJA was looking for students who cared for other students," Johnson said.

When the trainees are better familiarized with the resident and student affair's codes, SJA then will advise those who need help to better understand the sys-

> This is a brand new student group with a very positive perspective." Sean Duggan

> > coordinator RHA

and quality of personality.

understand the Student Affairs Code

An advisory board, made of staff member from the dean of students office and the housing and dinning department, trains the students and

will serve as assistants to cases when needed. The five members of the advisory board include assistant

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campus. SJA will help students to take responsibility for their actions, Johnson said.

"The SJA has no jurisdiction to enforce or compensate for the law," Johnson said. "They are just providers of information to help students."

In the fall of 1998, there were 201 student counts of violations with the "Student Affairs Handbook." There were 142 alcohol-related student violations, and 21 cases involved drugs or narcotics. Thirty-eight students had a combination of violations. Out of the students in violation with the handbook, 117 were freshmen, 37 were sophomores, 21 were juniors and 21 were seniors.

A student social organization, Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, had a hearing for violations of the code of conduct.

SIA is currently working on a web

Duggan said. Duggan will assist SJA to undersite to provide more information to of Conduct and all residence hall policies," Johnson said. stand the policies required of living on students.

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### Machines help college knit to the top

#### **By Melody Ragland** Staff Writer

The fashion design program in Texas Tech's College of Human Sciences is knitting its way to the top of its kind.

Recently, the academic program received new equipment to teach students how to knit material.

Denise Bean, assistant professor, said the knitting machines will enable students to enter the job market with experience students in other programs may not have.

She said Tech is the only fashion design program to have the machines.

Having the machines is expected to help the students at two upcoming competitions. In March, students will compete in the Fashion Group International of Dallas Competition.

The second competition is the Texas Food and Fiber Commission's Natural Fibers Competition which will be during April in Dallas.

Laurey Robinson, a senior fashion design major from Fort Worth, said the knitting machines give Tech students the upperhand. She said knit wear has become big in the fashion industry.

Knitting is not the only thing students are learning about. Bean said the students have recently learned surface design.

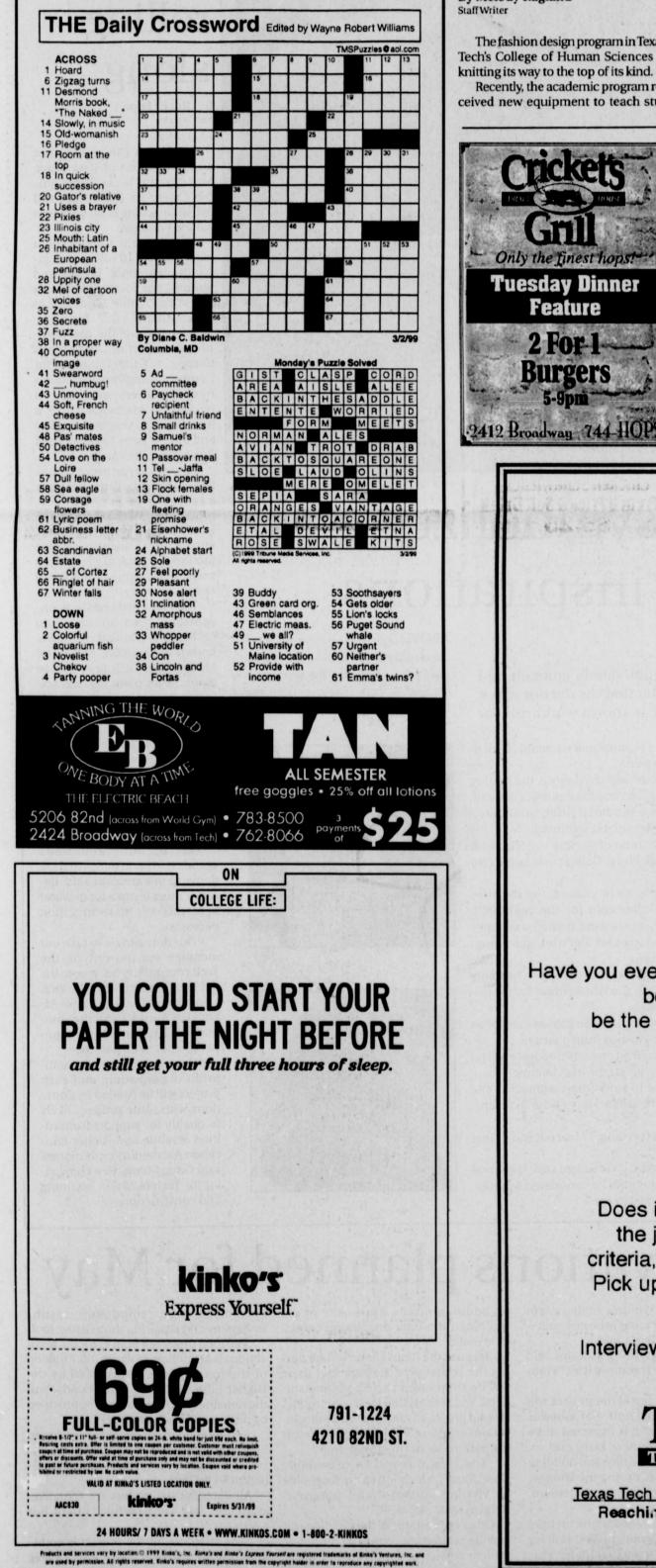
"They are learning to dye, paint and print varn and fabric," she said. "It helps them understand the dying, printing and finishing process used by manufactures.'

Bean said one of the most exciting changes to the program has been the new fine tuned curriculum.

"When the industry changes, the program's curriculum changes," she said.

There are 50 students in the program, Bean said. She said when students leave Tech they are prepared to work in the apparel, textile and retail industries.

"When students graduate from this program they will have a thorough education, knowledge and skills," she said.



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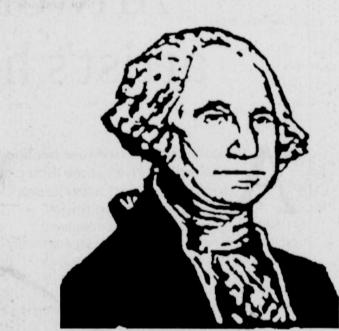
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### Women celebrate in 'extraordinary' style

**By Laura Hensley** Staff Writer

Mary Campbell was tired of letting another Women's History Month pass by with little recognition on the Texas Tech campus.

This senior general studies major from Denver, Co. wanted the Tech community to take notice of women's history and un-

derstand its importance. "I just didn't I hope it will give

want the month to pass by again, Campbell said.

Tonight, her goal to make March known as the month of the woman will be met with a spe-

cial program, which she helped create.

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"Extraordinary, Ordinary Women" was created by a team of Tech students and faculty to help begin celebrations for Women's History Month at Tech.

"Extraordinary Ordinary Women" will combine music, dance, poetry and drama to honor some of the most prominent women in history.

"The show depicts many women

across many generations in a different light," Campbell said. "We wanted to make the program fun and offer a different perspective on women's history."

The program is a group effort that has combined student involvement from various departments at Tech. Campbell said the group effort was unique and offered diversity to the program.

"It's completely a interdisciplinary effort," Campbell said.

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Other programs will include a dis-

devoted to women's history at the

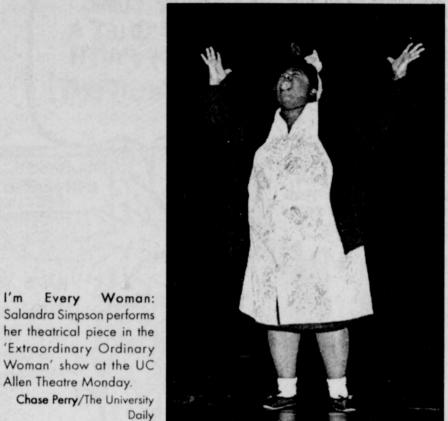
"We have a lot of great people helping put this on."

The show is **Becca** Fields performed theater arts major completely by

Tech students and faculty. Becca Fields, a senior theater arts major from Sonora, said she is happy to be a part of the program.

"It's great to see the university is trying to do something to pay recognition to all different groups," she said. "I hope it will give greater awareness to people about not only women's issues but human issues." The show will be performed at 7

p.m today in the University Center



play in the UC Courtyard on March Allen Theatre. Admission is free. "Extraordinary, Ordinary Women" 25 through 26.

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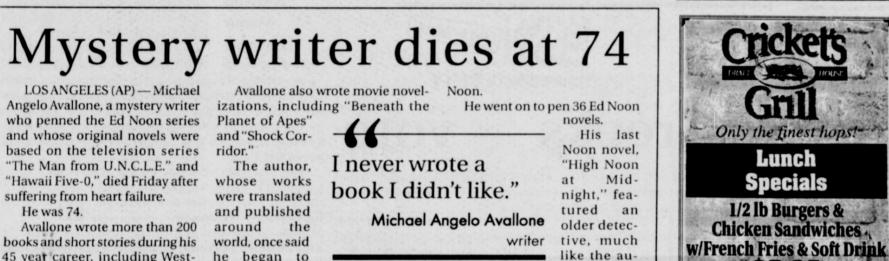
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erns, horror stories and children's books.

He was best known as the author of the Ed Noon series of detective novels published between 1953 and 1988.

write "when he discovered pencils" and said: "I never

wrote a book I didn't like." His first novel, "The Tall Dolores," was published in 1953 and featured his detective character Ed

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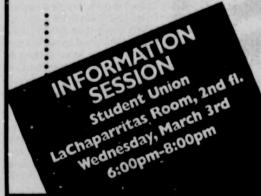
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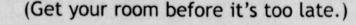
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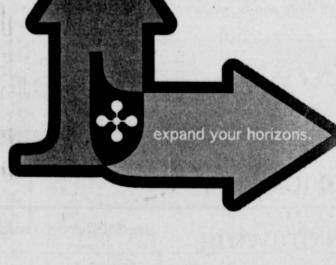
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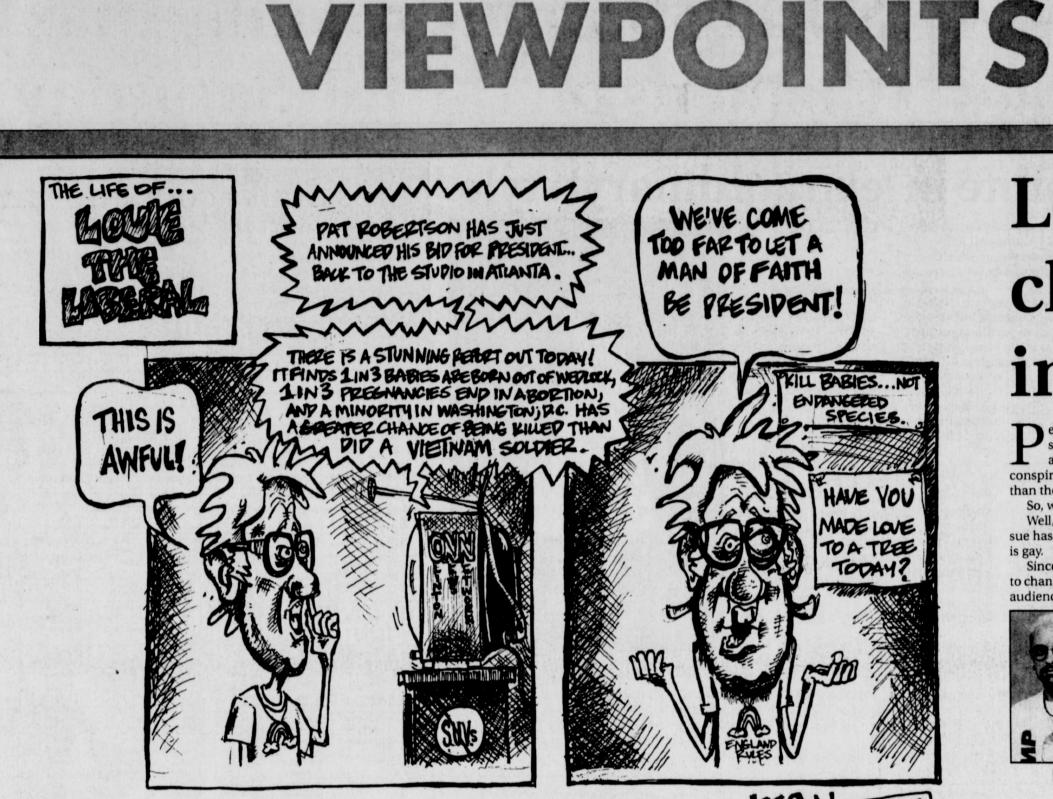
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## Everyone should be like Greeks - vote



us and the Oscars forth coming, Tech has its own balloting, voting and deciding to do Wednesday. Once again, it is election day on campus.

Tith the Grammys behind enough to run don't win. Many people complain that the entire student government system is rigged so Greeks are the only people who can hold office. Since they are a minority of students on campus, it does seem odd that they hold an overwhelming

with the whole fraternity thing, I can't blame them. If the Greeks are able to make a plan, stick to it, organize resources, complete it and succeed while all the non-Greeks sit around and complain, who's really to blame

express their views and present their platforms to everyone. All you had to do was listen.

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Besides that, though, the Greeks do the one thing that it actually takes to get your chosen candidate to win. it's called voting. So, if you actually

# Look of child's toy innocent

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eople make all sorts of unfounded and biased statements about a myriad of topics and personalities. These people's opinions, apparently, and conspiracy theories seem to them to hold more water than the fact that the world is round.

So, what am I getting at?

Well, it seems that in the past few weeks a rumor/issue has evolved which claims that the purple Teletubby is gay.

Since this Teletubby is gay, there has been a movement to change the character or cancel the show for American audiences. The insurmountable evidence purported for this apparent attribute is three-fold:



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its color is purple (apparently a gay color), the symbol on top of his head is one that represents gay freedom and gay rights and he carries a magic bag. Therefore, these gay airwaves should not infiltrate our children's mind.

As with any credible wellfounded argument and claim I come across, I felt it necessary to uncover this broadcasting mystery from over our shores and ascertain its importance and correctness.

First, the issue of color. Purple is a color, free to be used by anyone of

any choice. It is part of our democratic color wheel. Why can't the Teletubby be purple? Its just a color, a festive color which children enjoy. That is the real reason for the Teletubby color scheme, to give the show an allure that appeals to kids. After all, TV is business, and it needs watchers.

The triangular structure on top of its head is just a geometrical shape, without any sexual connotations. At the most, it serves as an antenna to get better reception for its stomach television.

Next, to the issue of the magic bag. How would this imply that the Teletubby in question is gay? Since when has a bag or a purse been equated with something of the gay persuasion? If anything (in our sexist world), it would imply that the Teletubby had feminine qualities. Even so, though we have no idea what sex the Teletubby is, therefore, for all we know it could be female. There are other issues that pollute this cockamamie notion. The idea of a gay Teletubby somehow persuading our children to be gay. Children do not make such judgment calls unless others make it an issue for them which later scars them for life. This argument runs like the one for racism in that a child has no notion of color until their parents tell the child that they can no longer play with their black neighbor because they're darker.

Brandon Formby Columnist

You know, the day when everyone from the various schools get together in their respective buildings and decide which candidates they want to represent them and the stu-

dent body as a whole. And once again, I can tell you the Greeks are going to win by a landslide. The candidates have gone to the lodges. They have presented their platforms. And while these elections are up to the entire 25,000 student body of Texas Tech, 17 percent of which are Greeks, it will be decided by those who proudly wear their Greek letters on their date dash, random bash and help-usraise-some-cash T-shirts. And of course, there is going to

be a lot of complaining and whining when those non-Greeks brave

majority of the SGA offices. Many say it's all part of a big conspiracy to give the Greeks control of the university. Uh huh.

> It's rigged by a mass underground plot the Greeks have organized in order to take over the entire world by first starting at the college level before moving on to phase II, which is overtaking random continents before combining powers, forming one big super fraternity and finally conquering the Earth. But, there's no need to worry, all you conspiracy theorists. Mulder and Scully are right on top of it.

> In all honesty, though, the Greeks do dominate student government here. But, how is it their fault? While I totally don't understand or agree

nere Maybe people should consider

the fact that the Greeks continually win because they are better organized. They work together and actually listen to the candidates. Many argue that the candidates only focus on the Greek voters.

Even if that was true, it would only make sense because it would bring them more votes. Don't presidential candidates do the same thing by focusing on where they can get the largest amount of votes? But, there are several SGA candidates this year who really want to get everyone involved beyond just the Greeks. But if everyone sits around and does nothing, how can they complain about what's going on? In the past few weeks, the candidates have tried to

want to be part of Tech life, then go out tomorrow and vote. And if the Greeks win again, and you're not Greek - don't freak out. Do something about it. Pay off whoever is counting the ballots. Whatever. But, don't just sit there. It's your school, too. If you don't like how the Greeks run it, do your part to change that. But, don't blame them.

Oh, and if you're thinking I'm part of the "conspiracy," trying to do a little PR work, and wondering what frat I'm in, just consider me an active of Sigma Beta Brandon. It's a littleheard-of frat. But, we're real exclusive about who we let in.

> Brandon Formby is a junior journalism major from Plano.

They do not have these preconceived notions of good and evil. Our parents give them to us - thank you mom and dad.

Now the whole show has lost all its flavor, especially for the children who've been exposed to the idiotic American homophobic ideals.

In addition to this, even if the Teletubby is gay, that should make absolutely no difference as to their charac-

Gay people are not immoral subhuman plotters to destroy our world.

They are people with salient opinions who add to our culture, support our society and practice our ideals. Since when have they become victim to these Jim Crow-like standards and for what reason?

The uneducated pocket of people making this an issue is exactly the reason why America places importance on issues that should be non-existent, taking our focus away from the things that directly affect our self-preservation, our morality and our general well-being in this ever-confusing and difficult world.

Debating the sexual preference of a non-sexual, kidshow character is about as relevant and meaningful as investigating someone's bedroom or blaming squeezable pudding for America's dependency on convenience.

The problem is people cloud issues. We never get to the root of the problem.

All we do is debate the symptoms of a case, rather than the case itself, and historically, that has never worked.

> Dwayne Mamo is a senior creative writing and philosophy major from Malta.

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Write a letter to the editor.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Cartoonist's drawing offensive to Christians

To the editor: I think it is my duty to let you know that the cartoon featured in Wednesday's newspaper filled me with absolute disgust and outrage and then finally, disappointment. I took this cartoon as a deliberate attack on religion and religious people. This cult that has turned up is in no way humorous and should not be taken lightly. Once again, The UD has managed to offend and discourage a lot of people. I seriously believe that Nick Eckel and Jay Leeson, the cartoonists, owe the students of Texas Tech and all local Christians a written apology.

I also would like to voice my disappointment in the editors of The UD. It says a lot about this paper that the editors would allow something of that magnitude to be printed in this paper. The UD needs to stick to printing news and not their own ignorant beliefs. It really outrages me that my money goes to support this trash. For your sake, I seriously hope you realize the error of your ways.

May God have mercy on your souls.

David Tobin sophomore architecture

Editor's note: The University Daily receives a portion of the student service fee which allows each student to have a copy of the paper. Advertising funds the majority of The UD's revenue.

### Limiting tickets ridiculous, not positive for university

To the editor: I am a proud graduate of Texas Tech. I actively recruit fellow Red Raiders in my current career. I consider myself a supporter of Tech, so much so that I convinced my sister to transfer her education to Lubbock. As my career grows, I also want to continue increasing my contributions to this university.

I am appalled and disgusted that I may not be able to

see my best friend of 22 years participate in one of the most symbolic and important events of her life - graduation. Because of Chancellor Montford's decision to turn graduation into a political action tool, supporters of Texas Tech will suffer.

If Texas Tech's leaders can't support its students and alumni, perhaps it is time for these leaders to consider the consequences. I am very appreciative of the support I received from my professors at Texas Tech, and I consider them to be as professional and talented as any I have met in my recruiting.

However, the leadership at Texas Tech does not have the best interests of students and alumni in mind.

Events like these make me hesitant to recommend Texas Tech to my 16-year-old sister, who will attend college in two years. They also make me wonder if I should find other causes and organizations to support financially. Issuing tickets to students' entire family is the only fair option.

> Melinda Maalouf Wedding Class of '97

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### SPORTS

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# Big 12 Tourney — expect the unexpected

the Big 12 Tournament quickly turn into "The Kansas Show, Starring Roy Williams and His Jayhawk Orchestra," this year finally should be an interesting show. It's about time.

What should make the tournament this year is exactly what made the regular season fun to watch - no true favorite at any time through the schedule.

Yes, Texas is top-seeded after picking up the regular season Big 12 title, but the 'Horns' hold on the crown is weak, to say the least. With a 54-47 home loss against Missouri to closeout the regular season, Rick Barnes and company showed that they are quite vulnerable.

This is the same team that lost to Princeton and South Florida this season, so look for them to make an easy exit in the semifinals against Oklahoma.

The Sooners defeated them this season in Austin, and doing it in Kansas City should be easier. Even Chris Mihm can't save them this time

My dark horse candidate the Tigers. Beating Texas vaulted them into the second seed and the tourney, and that will get them to the finals against Oklahoma.

Instead of probably having to play a dangerous Nebraska team in the second round, the Tigers will get the winner of the firstround Kansas State-Texas A&M match. Both teams were beaten by Missouri in the regular season.

Then look for one of the best games in the tournament's short history — Missouri vs. Kansas in the second semifinal. With both teams winning on each other's home court this season. Kansas City, Mo., will be a great place for the rematch. Less than 100 miles

After two years of watching from both schools, Kemper Arena will be far from a neutral court. Kansas will lead early, but super-freshman Keyon Dooling and Albert White will pull the Tigers away in the second half.

As for the final, Missouri should have no problem with Oklahoma to earn a bid to the Big Dance for

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Lakers. If anyone in the Staff Writer Laker organization

thinks they helped themselves by signing NBA rebounding queen Dennis Rodman, think again.

Rodman will fit right in with a team full of overpaid ball hogs. And that's exactly the problem.

While picking up three NBA titles with the Bulls, he could easily be the baby on the team with players like Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen.

With the college all-star squad known as Los Angeles, he will be forced to show some kind of maturity. But guys who wear wedding dresses to marry themselves sure can't.

New coach Kurt Rambis will be a better motivator than scapegoat Del Harris, but it won't help.

Another self destruction early in the playoffs this season will make Rodman think he's back in San Antonio.

Brent Dirks is a senior journalism major from Lubbock.

# Spring training roundup has **Clemens on the hill Saturday**

(AP) - Roger Clemens' debut for yet," Torre said. "We have a lot opthe New York Yankees is all set.

The five-time Cy Young winner will make his first spring training start Saturday on the road in a spiltsquad game against the Kansas City Royals.

Manager Joe Torre picked Clemens to pitch in Haines City, Fla., about 60 miles east of the Yankees' camp in Tampa, for a reason.

"I just want to stay away from the media circus more than anything,' Torre said.

That was the purpose for not pitching him against Toronto the first couple of days and I said I might as well do the same."

Clemens, traded by Toronto to the World Series champions on Feb. 18, will work a maximum of three innings or around 45 pitches against the Royals.

Clemens threw 56 pitches during his second batting practice stint on Sunday. Torre has not decided on who will start the regular-season opener at Oakland or the Yankee Stadium opener against Detroit.

tions:" The Pittsburgh Pirates, mean-

while, are becoming concerned about right fielder Jose Guillen. The Pirates excused him from the

first few days of spring training because of his

father's death. But as of Sunday, they had We still haven't put not heard from him for several it together yet. We

And, aware have a lot of of how close options." Guillen was to his father, the Pirates were worried he wouldn't be able

to fully concen-

days.

trate on baseball once he arrives at Bradenton, Fla., from the Dominican Republic.

"We would like to get him in here so we can get him going," general manager Cam Bonifay said.

Guillen hit .267 with 14 home runs "We still haven't put it together and 84 RBIs last season. If he does not

report in the next several days, Al Martin will probably start in left field and Brian Giles might make a few starts in right field once the exhibition games begin Friday.

The Colorado Rockies have no such concerns about third baseman Vinny Castilla, es-

pecially this year.

Castilla, born in Mexico, has already circled April 4 on his calendar — that's the date the Rockies play San Diego in the major league opener at Monterrey. Joe Torre "I'm so excited Yankees manager

about this game," Castilla said at Tucson, Ariz.

"It's going to be in front of my people. They've followed me all through my career. ... People love me over there. I love them, too."

Castilla, who has hit at least 40 home runs in three straight seasons, is Mexico's biggest baseball star since Fernando Valenzuela started throwing his screwball for the Los Angeles Dodgers nearly 20 years ago.

"He's like the president out there," said Colorado Rockies outfielder Curtis Goodwin, who played with Castilla in the Mexican winter league. "He's probably bigger than the president."

The Atlanta Braves also seem to be looking ahead to the start of the regular season.

Manager Bobby Cox, who already has chosen rookie Bruce Chen as the starter for the Grapefruit League opener Friday against Houston, revealed the rest of his pitching plans.

In the process, Cox gave the likely order for his top four starters once the real season begins.

Cy Young winner Tom Glavine will pitch Saturday against Tampa Bay, meaning he probably will start the April 5 opener against Philadelphia.

Glavine will be followed by Greg Maddux, John Smoltz and Kevin Millwood (17-8), which seems the logical order for the rotation.

Chen is expected to be the fifth starter this season.

### WAC honors Sasser, Miller

DENVER (AP) - Jervl Sasser of SMU was named Mountain Division player of the year and Utah's Andre Miller took Pacific Division honors in the Western Athletic Conference's postseason awards.

Sasser, a guard and last year's freshman of the year, is averaging 19.2 points per game, 8.5 rebounds, 3.7 assists and 1.9 steals.

Miller, a senior guard, is averaging 16 points, 5.8 assists, 2.6 steals and is shooting 49.7 percent from the field for the Utes.

WAC officials announced the awards Sunday evening following voting by the conference's 16 head coaches.

Rice's Willis Wilson and Utah's Rick Majerus were chosen coaches of the year in the Pacific and Mountain divisions.

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Wilson led the Owls to one of the nation's biggest turnarounds as Rice finished the regular season 17-9, compared to 6-22 last year.

Majerus led the Runnin' Utes to the Pacific Division title with a 14-0 conference record.Utah was the second school in WAC history to post a perfect performance in conference play.

In the Pacific Division, Miller and teammates Hanno Mottola and Alex Jensen, both forwards, were named to the all-WAC first team, along with Fresno State guard Courtney Alexander and New Mexico center Kenny Thomas.

Brigham Young guard Mark Bigelow earned freshman of the year honors

for the Mountain Division were Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas.

Sasser, UNLV forward Shawn Marion, TCU forward Lee Nailon, Rice guard/ forward Robert Johnson and Colorado State guard Milt Palacio. Tulsa's Greg Harrington was named freshman of the year.

Second-team honors in the Pacific Division went to Bigelow, UTEP forward/center Sharif Fajardo, New Mexico guard Lamont Long, UTEP forward Brandon Wolfram and San Jose State guard Michael Quinney.

The Mountain Division's second team includes center Brandon Cruz and forward Michael Ruffin, both of Tulsa, along with Wyoming forward Ugo Udezue, TCU forward/center Marquise Gainous and Air Force forward Tyron Wright.

The 1999 WAC basketball tourna-Named to the All-WAC first team ment will take place this week at the

### Tennis serves up win, loss

The Texas Tech men's tennis team went 1-1 in last weekend's action.

Saturday, the men were beaten by Texas Christian 6-1 with Dustin Hawk picking up the lone point for Tech in singles.

The Horned Frogs are ranked No. 32 in the nation.

Sunday, Tech bounced back to defeat Texas-Arlington 5-2, with Tech winning all three doubles matches.

The Red Raiders are 6-2 overall and 1-1 in the Big 12.

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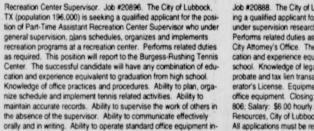
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# Athletes honored for class acts

**By Jeff Keller** Staff Writer

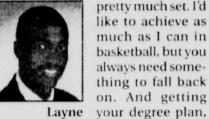
Four Texas Tech men's basketball players received recognition recently - two for their performances on the court and two for their performance in the classroom.

Junior Mario Layne made the First Team Academic All-Big 12 Team, and junior James Ware is an honorable mention to the team.

Layne had a 3.56 GPA last semester and is a double major in business management and marketing.

Layne said concentrating on his schoolwork always comes before athletics.

"I think that it is always school first," Layne said. "If you don't get passing grades you can't play. I've always been the type of guy who puts school first. I think I have my goals



that's what it is." Ware is an exercise and sports sci-

ence major with a 3.2 GPA He said being able to do well on

the court and in school requires time management. "It's important to balance both

school and basketball," Ware said. "Especially in the Big 12 because it's so competitive. You've really got to focus quite a bit of time on basketball. School is something that you've also got to work at. You sacrifice something. Coach (James) Dickey talks about academics, basketball

and then, your social life comes last. So, I guess I am pretty much lacking a social life. Dickey said he

is proud of both Ware Layne and Ware for their achievements in the classroom.

"Sometimes in the hype of a game, when you look at the season, we forget that the most important thing is that they are students first before athletes," Dickey said.

"It's important that they do get a degree. I'm always proud of our guys when they do well academically. And certainly both of these young men have done an outstanding job of applying themselves academically."

Center Andy Ellis and forward Cliff Owens were selected to Big 12



writers who cover Big 12 athletics. Ellis made the All-Freshman team and Owens made the All-Un-

specialty teams by

a panel of sports

derrated squad.

Ellis averaged nine points and five rebounds per game and started six games in his first season as a Red Raider

Owens averaged 10 points and seven rebounds per game this season, while starting 23 games for the Red Raiders.

Ellis said being voted to such a team is a good feeling.

"It's real exciting," Ellis said.

to be on that team. I give a lot of the

"Going into the season that was one of my goals, to play well enough



credit to my teammates for helping me make that team. It's just a real exciting time." Dickey said Ellis has been a produc-

Owens tive player for the Red Raiders in his first season.

"Andy has had a very good year for us." Dickey said."I said that he was going to be a good player early. But he is already a very good player, and he is going to be a great player for us. He'd be my pick for Freshman of the Year. I don't know who is going to end up with that, and certainly he's already made the All-Freshman team. But he is going to be a tremendous asset to us in the future. And I think he'll be an important cornerstone in our program over the next three years.'

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Fleury, one of the NHL's top scorers, was traded from the Calgary Flames to Colorado on Sunday in a move the Avalanche hope will bolster their offense for the playoffs.

"Theo Fleury will bring some additional scoring punch to our hockey club and much more," coach Bob Hartley said. "For many years in this league, he has been a proven leader and a great playoff performer."

Fleury, an unrestricted free agent at the end of the season, went to the Avalanche with winger Chris Dingman. The Flames received forward Rene Corbet, defenseman Wade Belak and future considerations.

Fleury, a 30-year-old wing, has spent his entire NHL career with the Flames. winning a Stanley Cup with the team as a rookie in 1989.

He has 30 goals and 39 assists this season, ranking sixth in the NHL in scoring. He has said repeatedly he wouldn't sign a new contract until testing the free-agent market this summer.

"This was an amazing opportunity that we couldn't let go by," said Colorado general manager Pierre Lacroix.

.Even Flames GM Al Coates didn't take issue with that.

"The Colorado Avalanche are a much better team today," he told The Canadian Press.

Texas atop the Big 12 with a 3-0 conference mark after the first series of the conference schedule. Today's game, however, will not be

any more difficult to get up for, even though Tech defeated New Mexico only a week ago, Weber said.

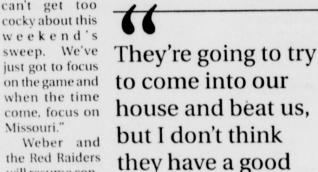
"You've just got to go out there and play hard," he said.

can't get too cocky about this weekend's sweep. We've just got to focus on the game and when the time

Missouri.' Weber and the Red Raiders chance of winning."

could play the school of the blind and we still need to come out and play hard.

"Coach Hays keeps us humble. He's always telling us not to take teams lightly or we'll get ourselves in trouble and find ourselves in the same position we were to start the California trip. We came out strong, "You can't have any let ups. You and then, we didn't play well against



Lovola (Marymount). We've had our shock, so we know what we need to do.'

Cunningham has been one of the catalysts at the top of the Red

Raider lineup this season, as he leads



By Jason Bernstein Sports Editor

In a rematch of a non-conference clash one week ago, the Texas Tech baseball team will take on New Mexico at 3 p.m. today.

The only difference this time around for Tech (13-4 overall, 3-0 Big 12) is they will battle the Lobos in the friendly confines of Dan Law Field where Tech is a perfect 8-0 on the season

Tech defeated New Mexico 12-5 on Feb. 23 at Lobo Field.

The game also marks the 1,800th game coached by Tech coach Larry Hays. Hays is 1,170-627-2 in his 28 years as a coach and is 11th on the all-time winningest NCAA Division I coaches list.

But records aside, the Red Raiders will resume conare going for their eighth consecutive ference action

Tech baseball gears up for Lobos —

win, their longest streak since April 1998

Right fielder Jon Weber, who leads the squad with six home runs and 42 RBIs, said New mexico will try to beat the Red Raiders but will find life difficult come game time.

said.

"They're going to try to come into our house and beat us, but I don't think they have a good chance of winning."

Tech enters today's contest after sweeping Kansas last weekend to open Big 12 play. The Red Raiders are tied with Texas A&M, Baylor and

with a threegame series against Missouri starting at 3 p.m. Friday in Columbia, Mo.

But before Tech focuses in on the "They're an OK ball club," Weber Tigers, the Red Raiders will turn their attention to a New Mexico squad in search of revenge.

Outfielder Marco Cunningham said Tech cannot enter today's game with the mentality of taking the Lobos lightly.

'We just try to take it game by game every time out," he said.

"It doesn't matter who we play; we

the team with 28 runs scored Jon Weber along with 14 Tech right fielder stolen bases in 17 attempts on the

year.

Cunningham said Tech's recent winning streak can be attributed to the level of comfort and confidence the players have in each other.

"We're starting to get more comfortable with where we have people at right now," he said. "If we continue to get along as well as we do and play well on the field, people know their role on the team and that's when we start to build more as a team."

#### Greg Kreller/The University Daily

Defense With a 'W': Tech shortstop Lance Woodcock will lead the Red Raider defense on the field against New Mexico at 3 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.



## Red Raider spring football workouts begin today

Texas Tech football is back in ac- March 27 at Jones Stadium. In simition as spring drills commence at 3:45 p.m. today at Jones Stadium.

Tech will conduct 15 total workouts, three in shorts, eight in pads, two scrimmages and the annual Red-Black game.

The game will be played at 10 a.m.

lar fashion to last year's spring contest, fans will be able to select the starting lineup for the Red team through online voting at www.texastech.com as well as through ballots printed in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Among the festivities included in the event are a Lettermen's Golf Tournament on March 26 and a barbecue following the Red-Black contest. The Masked Rider's public transfer of the reins also will take place along with a performance from the Goin' Band from Raiderland.

"Theo's a great player. We're going to miss him."

Fleury, who flew into Denver on Sunday night and was met by an impromptu welcoming party of media, fans and curious passengers at Denver International Airport, said he was "shocked" when he was informed of the deal.

"It was tough, really tough" to leave Calgary, he said. "But I tell you, I was thrilled it was Colorado. They've got a great team. I think this is a great opportunity and a great situation."

Asked if he expected to be a rent-a-player for the playoffs or planned to be with Colorado beyond this season, he said, "We'll see how it works out. My No. 1 focus is just hockey right now. The only reason why I'm here is to help this team win a Stanley Cup, and that's my intention. I don't think we need that distraction of me talking about my contract every day."

The Avalanche lead the NHL's Northwest Division with a 30-22-8 record but have been inconsistent this season.



