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Fire damages warehouse

By Brandi Fleming/The University Daily

The cause of a two-alarm fire that occurred at a warehouse Thursday on the east side of Lubbock between 29th Street and 30th Street on Avenue L has not yet been determined. Royce Ethridge, Lubbock Fire Department district chief, said a report of a fire was received by dispatch at 4:39 p.m., and the first unit on the scene arrived at 4:43 p.m. "The units that responded were five engines, two truck companies, two district chiefs and myself, the fire marshal rescue van and the air supply van," he said. "I am not aware of anyone being taken to the hospital."

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VANESSA VELA/The University Daily

LUBBOCK FIREMEN EXTINGUISH the remaining embers of a building on 29th Street and Avenue L that was engulfed in flames Thursday afternoon.

Gas nears \$2 a gallon in Texas

By Travis Cram/The University Daily

College students hitting the road for their spring break destinations will have to budget their money a little more carefully this year.

According to recent reports from the U.S. Department of Energy, regular grade gas prices are higher than ever this year and are expected to exceed the \$2 per gallon mark nationwide by the end of March. The report shows Texas at an average of \$1.79 per gallon on Feb. 21, up to \$1.88 per gallon as of March 7. Prices are up about \$0.29 from last year.

Texas has the lowest average price per gallon in the country, while California, at an average of \$2.23 per gallon, is the nation's highest, according to the department's statistics.

This peak has grown in the last few weeks, up 7 cents from last week. According to the Department of Energy's web site, www.doe.gov, the price of gasoline is broken down into four different parts. The largest part of the price is crude oil, which has 51 percent of the gas price. Taxes are 24 percent, while refining consists of 18 percent. The other 7 percent goes to distribution and marketing.

Andrew Russell, a junior advertising major, is considering an alternate mode of transportation to get home to Mansfield.

"I am definitely considering an investment in a Vespa," he said.

Vespas are known for their large miles-per-gallon ratio. Russell also said he believes a lot of the rising gas prices could be linked to the military involvement with the war in Iraq and President Bush's budget proposals.

Some airline Web sites are offering low rates for flights from Lubbock to other major cities in Texas when flights are booked up to two weeks in advance.

Some rates even beat the price it may cost to fill a tank of gas, like \$52 to fuel up a truck.

Nick Stanley, a junior political science major from Arlington, agreed the rise in gas prices is probably linked to America's involvement in the

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STEVE LEWIS/The University Daily

JON SCHNEIDER, A sophomore multidisciplinary studies major from Greenville, pumps gas Thursday at the Chevron on the corner of University Avenue and 19th Street.

Say what?



CATLY COLVARD/The University Daily

NATHAN CHETTY, A sophomore exercise and sport sciences major from Katy, Antonio Hardy, a freshman marketing major from Arlington, Cathryn Thompson, a graduate student from San Angelo studying acting and directing, Amanda Barnes, a freshman theater major from Rockwall, and Alan Taylor, a junior philosophy major from Rowlett, act out a "Slide Show from Holland" during the Alternative Fuels Improvisation show Wednesday night at Jake's Sports Café.

Alternative Fuels, Texas Tech's improv group, provides experience for participants, alternative entertainment for audience

By Clara Cobb/The University Daily

Alternative Fuels may sound like it is associated with natural gas, ethanol or propane, but at Texas Tech the title has nothing to do with environmental sciences.

Alternative Fuels is Tech's improvisation acting troupe. The troupe was started by a graduate student to teach improvisation techniques. Since then, the troupe, with performances similar to "Whose Line is it Anyway?" evolved. Every other Wednesday night, the troupe performs in the backroom at Jake's Sport's Bar.

"We have an open audition every semester, and generally keep 10 and 15 people. We only pick the funniest people," troupe member Alan Taylor said. "As seen from the show, and 'The Perversity Weekly' and how that's been received, there is definitely a demand for comedy in Lubbock."

Taylor, a junior philosophy and psychology major from Rowlett, said Alternative Fuels helps fill that demand. They perform in residence hall lobbies and at Bleacher's Sports Café. Participants are serious about performing.

"Most of us intend to move on to somewhere like Chicago and actually do improv," he said. "I want to be a psychologist, but there are others who want to go professional."

Cathryn Thompson, a graduate student studying performance and pedagogy, worked in the professional comedy world before returning to college and joining the troupe.

"I came from doing professional stand-up and comedy. I was worried Lubbock didn't have any venues for that," she said. "Coming from the professional world and intending to go back, I think this is an excellent troupe. Everyone works very well together."

Thompson said the troupe tries to implement and follow the rules of improvisation in their performances: don't deny, always reply and never ask why. Performing improvisation comedy is exciting.

"It is different — stand-up and improv are completely different. In stand-up, if people don't like you, you're done. In improv, there is always someone to save you," she said. "We really see this as a craft that requires talent, skill, creativity, focus and trust. We really try to expand our borders. I really missed that when I did stand-up."

Troupe member Boyd Yates, a senior theatre major from Pampa, said being in the troupe is important for his professional development.

"As far as people wanting to go out and do improv professionally, this

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Drowsy driving makes road hazardous for users

By Brittany Barrientos/The University Daily

With midterms ending this week and many Texas Tech students pulling all-nighters to prepare, local authorities remind students to avoid driving if they have not had adequate sleep.

Maj. Gordon Hoffman of the Texas Tech Police Department said students always should be careful while driving.

"I worry about all the students and drowsy driving," he said. "It happens all too often."

Hoffman said students often are in a hurry to get to their destination and have a tendency to leave when they are not well rested.

"(Students) don't need to leave when they're exhausted," he said. "They should drive when rested and switch drivers often."

According to the Drowsy Driving Web site, approximately 100,000 police-reported crashes nationwide are a direct result of driving while fatigued. It reported these accidents are the cause of more than 1,500 deaths and 71,000 injuries.

Student Government Association External Vice President Anne Hunninghake said drowsy driving has been a problem among Tech students throughout the last several years.

"It is such a big problem at Tech, because it's a five- or six-hour drive to any major city," she said. "At Tech (drowsy driving) has been really

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Apartment complexes not happy with SGA's bus funding proposal

By Meghann Lora/The University Daily

The Student Government Association clashed with local housing developers Thursday in a meeting about who would pay for off-campus bus routes in the future, but SGA officials walked away with a positive feeling about the situation.

"I think it went really well," Ryan Worley, SGA external vice president-elect, said. "There was a lot of hostility, but we'd expect that."

The three off-campus bus routes cost students \$1.9 million each year, according to the presentation.

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SGA EXTERNAL VICE President Anne Hunninghake answers questions about the Citibus issues involving Texas Tech and local apartment complexes during the SGA transportation meeting Thursday in the Red Raider Lounge.

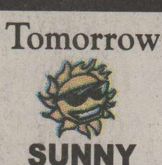
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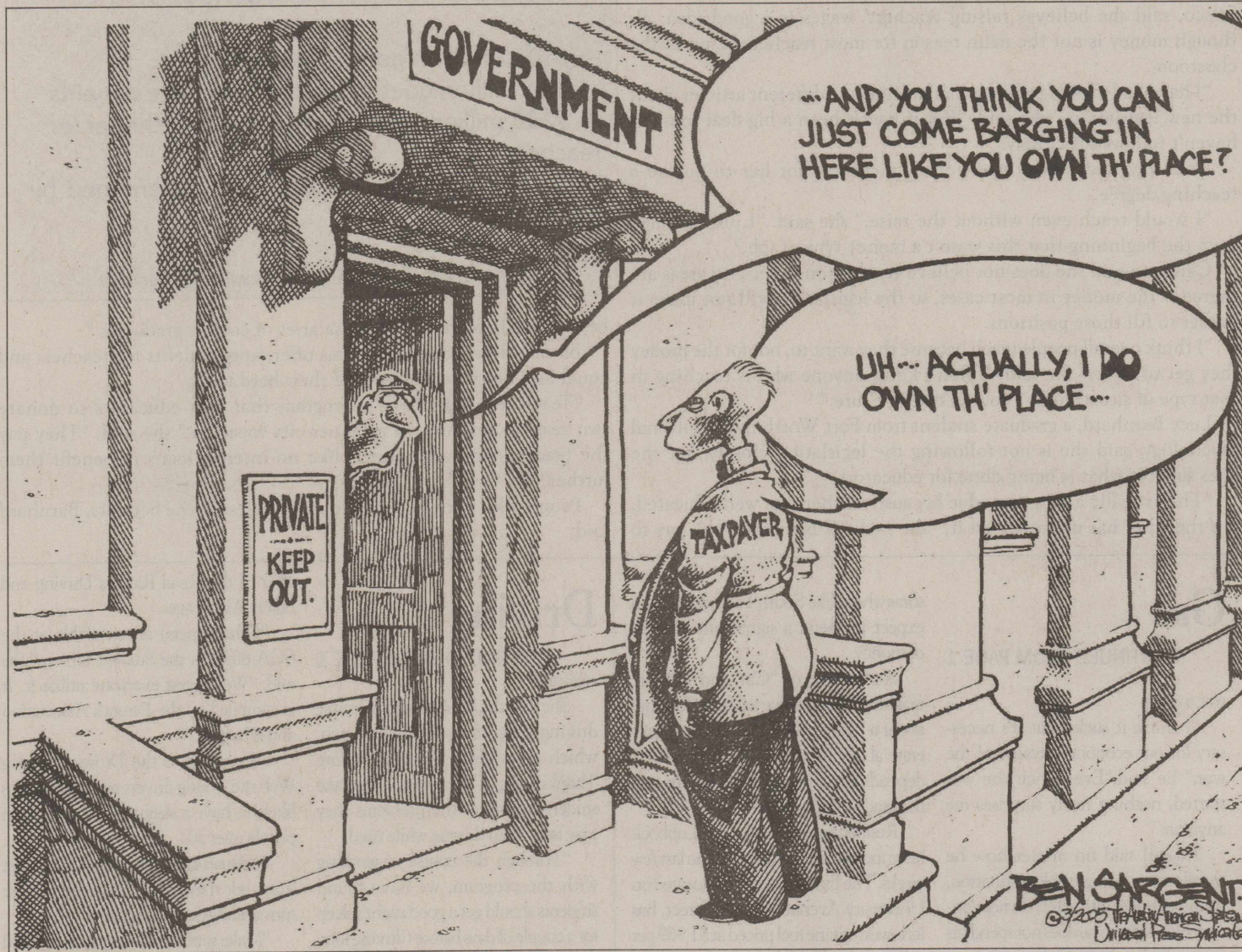
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View from another university

Society's emphasis on appearance can be deadly

This spring break, remember happiness exists beyond the perfect beach body

By Ikechukwu Enemoh/
Iowa State Daily

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — Spring break is the time when women work overtime developing their bikini body and mystic tan. Competition extends beyond who can visit the most trendy vacation spot. On every beach and every ski slope, college students try to measure up to an unrealistic and unhealthy image.

It's time to drop "Cosmo," turn off the TV, shut up about Britney Spears and Paris Hilton and take care of yourself.

That's my message to women obsessed with weight loss and looking like cover girls. Weight loss can easily become an addiction that can lead to anorexia, depression, and in the case of one 21-year-old woman — death.

During spring break week in 2001 the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* reported the death of Anna Westin of Chaska, Minn., who committed suicide. Her parents attributed her death to depression caused by anorexia. They produced notes from her journal to back up their claim.

"What the hell is wrong with me? I'm so stuck in a world of hatred and disgust within me and it's seriously affecting my personality and soul. Whatever happened to my energy and self-respect? I desperately want them back," she wrote before her death.

Westin underwent a nine-month treatment for anorexia and depression. But not even treatment was enough to pull her out of this abyss of anorexia. One evening after a night out with friends, she took a fatal dose of Tylenol and went to her bedroom to die.

Westin's case is not an isolated one. According to the National Eating Disorders Association, about 20 percent of anorexia patients die for various reasons. The number could possibly be higher because doctors sometimes file anorexia-related deaths as heart failure, liver failure and other health problems associated with the disease.

Media images of thin celebrities and commercials advertising low-fat, low-calorie foods make it difficult to have an objective view on this issue. Studies have been done that show larger girls who exercise

regularly are healthier than skinny girls who don't. It makes sense, therefore, that weight loss should be a byproduct of living a healthy lifestyle and not a goal on its own. The more weight loss is made a goal, the more the potential benefits are missed and the more it becomes an obsession — which can lead to all kinds of problems.

The result of living a healthy lifestyle won't look the same for everyone. Not everyone can or should have the stick figures of fashion models or celebrities.

The amount of pressure on people in this society to be perfect is ridiculous. Judgments are made based on outer appearances because no one wants to associate himself or herself with failure (or what society has deemed as failure).

Last year, 8.3 million people had some sort of plastic surgery, according to the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery. No one should internalize this irrational ideal; ignoring idiots who make judgments based on outer appearances is the best revenge. You do not have to live up to the standards society

places on you. In fact, it is possible you could die trying.

"We are all chameleons, our nature changing with the landscape ... masking our true faces to fit in. Our disguises we use for protection," Westin wrote in her journal.

If one's happiness and character is built on a foundation that shifts and changes with the attitudes of others, that foundation is only strong enough to hold a bungalow of a person.

"Saying goodbye to such an unfriendly place can't be as hard as believing in it every day. And essentially, my spirit has fled already," she wrote.

Westin obviously was struggling with the pressure that media images and others had put on her and was planning her suicide.

No one was meant to be defined by 30-second commercials or broomstick-thin girls.

Eat healthy, exercise reasonably and untangle yourself from the web of foolishness and misinformation that says you have to be skinny to be healthy and happy.

Full tank,
empty walletAs gas prices soar, don't
panic — be proactive

In a desolate landscape, man becomes a beast, putting aside morals and ethics to survive in a world corrupted by greed.

The only chance of survival depends on destroying or being destroyed by a common enemy. Fuel lines become battlefields. Utter calamity mocks the mere mention of order.

OK, so our gasoline prices aren't that bad, but something needs to be done soon.

I'm not going to preach about how we depend too much on oil or how we ruin the environment by producing too much carbon dioxide; I can't stand handwagons.

My frustrations grow from my wallet — I'm going to have to pay an arm and a leg for a tank of gas. So, I won't tell you about the end of the world, but we need to work on the fuel cost situation.

Ironically, I often hide my frustration similar to any citizen, but as the price increases I have reached my grumbling limit. My frustration really boiled when local pumps were at \$1.80. With a gallon teasing \$2 here and \$3 in California, we cannot let this continue. I believe we can solve our driving woes by pushing for more fuel-efficient vehicles, encouraging alternative sources of energy and simply driving less.

First, we need to focus on driving more fuel-efficient vehicles. Instead of buying into the whole feeling of power nonsense, purchase something you really need. Of course, even sport utility vehicles seem to be moving in a better direction. Driving cars that get more miles to the gallon will leave extra fuel for future use.

When I changed vehicles last semester, I went with a 4-cylinder engine to cut down on how fast my engine used fuel. Sure, it's not a Hummer or Lamborghini, but I'd rather have a car I can afford to drive than a beauty stuck in the garage. I encourage people to consider the eventual cash savings and when they buy a new car, buy a model that won't need to be filled up every week.

Additionally, to decrease our gasoline demand, we should encourage further development of alternative energy sources. Many say we can never convince our government to lower the need for oil. With that attitude the problem will remain. We control our destinies and our government, not the other way around. We already have great ideas with ethanol (corn oil), solar, electric and hydroelectric. All

Ezra
Mann

I believe we can solve our driving woes by pushing for more fuel-efficient vehicles, encouraging alternative sources of energy and simply driving less.

we need to do is apply the pressure to make the changes occur.

Finally, we can use that wonderful tool called common sense and actually drive less. Public transportation, car pooling and not driving when the situation does not call for it remain excellent avenues. I know it's great to drive your own vehicle, and I can sympathize with the feeling of freedom, but freedom won't pay at the pump.

When a group of people decide to all meet at one place, whether for work or pleasure, consider mass transit or car pooling as a serious option. Even if friends or co-workers drive two in one vehicle, that's at least a first step. The amount saved by hopping on a bus or train eventually adds up in the long run.

Dare I suggest my favorite option; use your legs to take you when the distance is short enough. When I started at Texas Tech, I bought a bicycle, and now I use less than half the fuel I used beforehand. If you are going somewhere that is a few blocks away and you don't suffer a physical disability, those shoes were made for walking and that's the thing to do.

In the end, I'm not here to make the decision for you, and I don't have time to worry about apocalypse by asphyxiation. We can, however, save a few bucks by looking for better ways of transportation. I like the idea of saving money and that's the type of fuel anyone can add to the fire.

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E-mail letters to the editor to opinions@universitydaily.net. Have a safe spring break.

Tech Talks Back

Davis' logic flawed,
column contradicts

Will Davis' March 9 column reminded me of a passage from the philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche: "Mistrust all in whom the impulse to punish is powerful ... And when they call themselves the good and the just, do not forget that they would be pharisees, if only they had power."

Davis certainly showed an affinity for the harshest conception of biblical punishment, complete with infernos and gnashing of teeth. I suspect he was motivated less by a concern for the souls of *The University Daily* readers and more by a desire to intimidate us into following his brand of morality.

Nonetheless, his argument contains a contradiction. He claims "[God's] actions are not qualified by the traits of love or justice; they are automatically and unequivocally just and loving because that is the nature of God," but later asserts, "If God had created hell, yet given no way to escape its horrors, he would cease to be just and would

therefore cease to be God."

The first statement implies justice and love have no independent reality or definition, but they simply are what God wills them to be. But the second appeals to an independent idea of justice to evaluate God's actions. In other words, are actions just and loving only because God arbitrarily wills them to be so, or is God a being who always acts in accordance with principles of justice and love that are independent of himself?

Not only does Davis lack stylistic flair, he also seems to be confused about the basic tenets of his theology. I recommend he brush up on his hermeneutics before trying to deliver another diatribe on the meaning of the Bible.

— Anthony Astwood, senior philosophy and classics major from Houston

Davis incorrect, hell
not an issue for all

I was troubled by Will Davis' column proposing that not only does hell

exist, but that it is necessary. Differing with his opinion would be enough. Everybody is entitled to his own opinion. If Davis wants to spend his time being frightened of hell, I certainly won't stop him.

But the fact is, his arguments are not logically sound, and his column is not correct to the text.

Davis emphasizes Jesus talking about hell and love. I remember many instances of Christ talking about love, but I couldn't think of one time Christ mentioned hell. I remember in Chapter 8 of John's gospel when Christ said, "I am the bread of life," and numerous times Christ said the only way to "the father" was through him. I wanted to read exactly where Christ spoke of hell, but Davis didn't cite where he read this in the "Good Book."

Also, Davis' assumptions bothered me. The most irresponsible of these was that the entire Texas Tech student body believes in heaven and that we're going there even if we don't believe in hell. Why is it reasonable to assume non-Christians believe in a Christian heaven? Maybe Davis doesn't mean

everybody, but if that's the case, he shouldn't have worded his column so indiscriminately. Maybe Davis just thinks the rest of us don't matter.

Further he said, "If God created hell, yet given no way to escape its horrors, he would cease to be just and would therefore cease to be God." As I've always understood the issue, God is unlimited. How is it, then, that he gives a stipulation for being God?

Frankly, if one believes in Christ, one should try to understand Christ as much as possible. Since the Bible doesn't really have many instances of Jesus talking about hell, what does that say about Christ's opinion of it? As a Jew, it seems unlikely he would believe in hell the way we typically conceive it. The other Jews don't. Further, the origin of the word hell comes ultimately from Hebrew through Greek. It comes from Hinnon, which is the valley where Christ may have been buried. When you think of Christ rising on the third day from Hinnon rather than focusing on hell, it gives a very different picture of the Christian faith.

When we consider the real mean-

ing of these ancient texts, we all must think earnestly about such a topic. I am not willing to take my being for granted, but with so many disregards for correctness on his part, perhaps Davis is OK with taking his soul for granted. I don't see hell as a necessity, nor do I claim to know the intentions of God.

— Steven Burham, senior classics major from Garland.

Davis has right to
express his opinion

This is in response to Doug St. Romain's tantrum in the March 10 *UD*. I was not aware that all the ideas in the opinions section had to be unanimously shared by everyone here at Tech.

Will Davis would not have written his column if he knew everyone felt the same way he did; that was not the point.

Davis' column was intended to bring readers to the realization of the consequences of their actions under the law of the Christian religion. Davis was not shoving anything

down your throat. He obviously felt compelled to express his opinion in a straightforward way on a topic he feels strongly about.

You feel Davis' column was directed to you personally, or once you realized Davis was speaking from a Christian standpoint, you automatically hated him. You said you "hate" Christians because they "push" their beliefs on you. Society pushes many of its beliefs (immoral by Christian standards) on Christians every day through TV, radio and social interaction. But that doesn't compel Christians to hate members of society.

You also informed Davis he needs to open his mind for five seconds of his life and see the choice he made might be wrong.

Your expressed theme of persuasion is "no one knows where we came from or where we go when we die." That is your belief, the same as Davis' is his.

Well, what if you're wrong? Please review Davis' column for the answer to this question.

— Ryan Schuman, a senior biology major from DeLeon

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BRIEFLY IN TEXAS TECH SPORTS...

BASEBALL

The Texas Tech baseball team will not be attending conferences or boring lectures this weekend in Los Angeles, but the team will be treating the weekend like a business trip.
The No. 21 Red Raiders will begin spring break with a trip to L.A. to compete in the Public Storage Classic.
Senior outfielder Madison Edwards said the trip is strictly business.
"We want to treat it, like coach (Larry) Hays says, as a business trip," Edwards said. "The way to make it fun is to focus and win. We're not going out there to party or anything like that. We want to win."
Tech will play No. 20 Southern California Friday, California-Irvine Saturday and Wichita State Sunday.
Because of the strong lineup of op-

MEN'S TENNIS

ponents, senior second baseman Carey Avants said the team must focus on winning.
"We're not playing bad teams; we're playing really good teams so we don't come back 0-3," he said.
Tech (14-3) will have some time to take in the sights in California, but knows after coming off a loss against Texas Christian Tuesday it will need to rebound and play strong.
"We're going out there to play baseball; when you're away from the fields you try to relax, have some fun and take in the sights," Avants said. "When you're on the field and in practice you've gotta get ready."
— Bryan Wendell

SOFTBALL

Everything seems to be going right for the 14-0 Red Raider tennis team this season as another accolade was thrown its direction this week.
Sophomore Bojan Szumanski was chosen as the Big 12 player of the week, the first award given by the conference for the 2005 season.
"This only motivates me to keep working hard in practice," Szumanski said. "I worked really, really hard in the fall, and I think that along with mental toughness has been the key."
Coach Tim Siegel said with continued hard work Szumanski's potential is limitless.
"He's really taken his game to another level," Siegel said. "As a sophomore being ranked No. 23 in the country has an incredibly bright future in front of him."
Szumanski, from Opole, Poland, is 6-0 on the season and has played as the No. 1

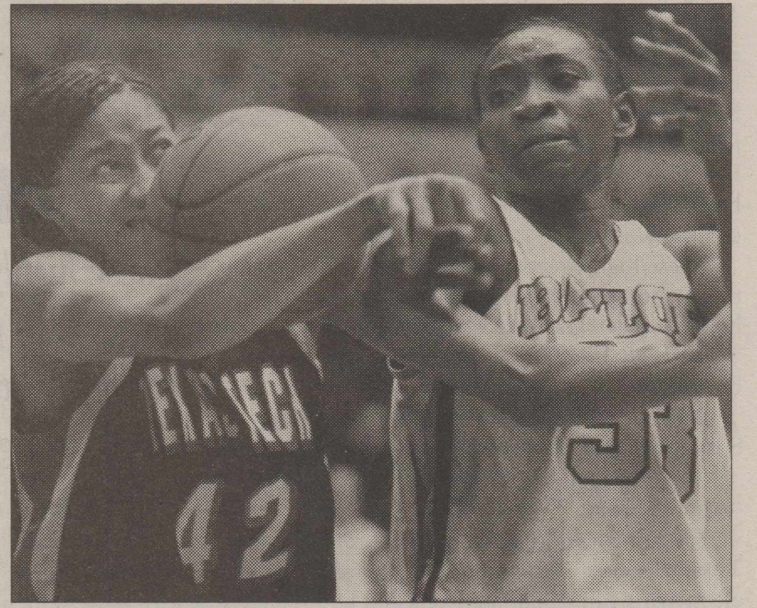
BIG XII SEMIFINALS: BAYLOR 58, TEXAS TECH 57

Missed free throw foils Tech upset

By David Wiechmann/
The University Daily

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — It took 1:20 for Texas Tech's hopes of a Big 12 Conference championship to dissipate. That is how long it took the Lady Raiders to lose their four-point lead in the conference semifinals to the No. 1 seeded Lady Bears in Municipal Auditorium Thursday night.
After a missed shot by Alesha Robertson, Cisti Greenwalt saved the ball from going out of bounds, and Robertson got the putback to go up 57-53. Then Baylor began its comeback and took what looked like a Lady Raider win away.
"I'm disappointed we didn't win, to lead it that long, and as much respect we have for their basketball team it's really disappointing not to come up with a win," coach Marsha Sharp said. "We should have made some plays at the end to win, and we have to learn to do that real quickly in the next few days to stay in it. The next time you lose you're done."
The big plays Tech missed down the stretch were open jump shots and free throws.
Freshman Darrice Griffin had 11 points, five rebounds and two blocks.
She continued her solid defense after Wednesday's win against Iowa State. But the one play Griffin missed enabled Baylor to come back with 13.8 seconds left.
On an inbounds play, Baylor

fouled Griffin before the ball was thrown in and time could expire. That put the freshman on the line for a one-and-one, where she had her first free throw miss of the night.
Baylor rebounded and called timeout with 8.1 seconds left. Tech fouled before the ball was inbounded, but the Bears did not go to the charity stripe as the Lady Raiders had a foul to give. Next, point guard Chelsea Whitaker drove to the basket on a broken play and shot a layup off the glass that went in with 2.1 seconds left.
Tech's inbounds pass was tipped at halfcourt, and Whitaker threw the ball up as time expired and Baylor got the win.
Baylor senior Steffanie Blackmon said the strategy worked as planned, and fortunately Griffin did what the Bears had hoped.
"We talked about that in the huddle. We wanted to foul before the clock started," she said. "We wanted to get the freshman on the line."
Sharp said the strategy was sound, and she commended Big 12 coach of the year Kim Mulkey-Robertson.
"It was a great move on their part to do that," Sharp said. "On my side of it the only people I had on the bench were freshmen. I knew that probably we were gonna have to shoot a (free throw) there. I didn't think I had a choice but to leave (Griffin) on the floor. It was a great coaching move by Kim



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily
LADY RAIDER FORWARD Darrice Griffin grabs a rebound from Baylor's Sophia Young during Tech's 58-57 loss against Baylor in the semifinals of the Big 12 tournament at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo., Thursday night.

said there is no time to dwell on the loss. Tech has to understand another loss of any kind will mean the end of the season for them.
"Well it's going to be hard," Davis said. "Like coach Sharp said, the good thing is we get to have another day to play basketball. We just have to realize right now, next time we lose, it's one and out. We have to be motivated for that, try to forget about this day and move on to the next game."
The NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Selection Show will be televised on ESPN2 at 4 p.m. Sunday.

The Lady Raiders were disappointed that they blew an eight-point lead with 4:47 to go, but Mulkey-Robertson thought her team may not have played well enough to deserve the win.
"As I told the team in the locker room, I'm not sure that we deserved to win the game, but we hung around long enough and we refused to lose," she said.
The loss sends Tech home to prepare for the NCAA Tournament and await who the Lady Raiders will play in Dallas March 19-21.
Junior forward LaToya Davis

Red Raiders open Big 12 tournament against surging Cyclones

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Cyclones already were going to win the game with five minutes against Baylor Thursday, and Iowa State guard Curtis Stinson kicked the ball out to the perimeter where Will Blalock had

set up.
With an open look at the basket for himself, Stinson said he passed the ball not because he thought his 10 points were enough.
"He's open; shoot the ball," Stinson said. "Don't hesitate."
The 3-pointer was no good. But it did not matter, because Stinson's team already had the game in hand, beating Baylor 77-57 in the opening round of the Big 12 Conference tournament.
"We simply won by so much that we didn't play the whole 40 minutes; we

played about 20 minutes," Stinson said.
The Cyclones began toying with the Bears from the start, going on a 21-1 run in the first eight minutes of the game. Alley-oops and highlight slam dunks followed for the remainder of the game, giving Iowa State an easy victory going into today's matchup — a possibly more difficult one.
Texas Tech (18-9, 10-6) earned a bye in the first round of the conference tournament after placing ahead of the Cyclones by one game. With Iowa State already playing a game at Kemper Arena, Stinson said the Cyclones have more of an advantage.
"We got used to the court and the

rims; they gotta come shoot around and get used to the floor."
But the turnaround in 24 hours from playing the game could hurt the Cyclones, even if Stinson said it will not.
"I think the turnaround will be good 'cause at home, we practice a lot, and we work hard," he said.
The Raiders remained in Lubbock Thursday, unable to get the chance to scout out their opponents for today's 2 p.m. game, broadcast on ESPN. Tech players were not available for comment because of their travel arrangements.
A reminder remains in Tech's mind of the Raiders' 13-point loss the last time the two teams met in Ames, Iowa, Feb. 12.
Forward Rashshon Clark said with the number of Cyclone fans in Kansas City this week, he and his teammates will have no problem playing any team — especially Tech.
"We're just gonna go out there and play like we played in the Hilton (Coliseum)," he said. "We've got a lot of fans supporting us, and we'll feed off that energy."
With Iowa State's win at home earlier this season, the neutral site in Kansas City is not quite neutral as seen from the Lady Raiders game against Iowa State Wednesday night at the Municipal Auditorium.
But either way, Stinson said he recalls the previous matchup between the two teams, which resembled Iowa State's run against Baylor Thursday, and he said the same intensity must come wherever his team plays.
"I just remember when we played them at home, they jumped out on us like by 15 points, and then we just brought it back down," he said. "We can't let them do that this time."
The outcome of the game does not just determine Iowa State's progress in the Big 12, but in the NCAA Tournament as well. The Cyclones are a bubble team with Selection Sunday approaching fast, and Cyclone Jared Homan is looking at all sides to his future.
"I hope we did enough to get into the NCAA tournament, and I think we did, but that's in the back of our minds right now," Homan said. "We're gonna try and focus on Texas Tech for this next game, and we're gonna keep trying to win games and this tournament."

"We got used to the court and the rims; they gotta come shoot around and get used to the floor."

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