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Wolfforth considers new alcohol regulations

By Brittany Barrientos/The University Daily

The discovery that Lubbock is a dry county is a disappointment to many Texas Tech students. What many students do not realize, however, is many surrounding communities do not even allow liquor-by-the-drink at restaurants.

Wolfforth is a small town about 10 miles south of Lubbock. Until a May 7 election aimed to overturn the rule, members of the community still will have to circumvent the idea of not being served alcohol at local restaurants.

Debbie Youngblood, president of the Wolfforth Chamber of Commerce, said although it has always been an inconvenience, the completely dry county had never

been much of an issue until West Texas Professional Baseball chose the town as the homefield for a new minor league baseball team.

Discussions are currently being held to decide if the Red Raider baseball team also will play in the \$100 million stadium and developmental area.

"Our town has three times as many property taxes as we do sales tax; we would like to even it up," she said. "The biggest trigger, though, was the offer by the minor league baseball team."

Youngblood said because of the relatively few businesses in Wolfforth, the total amount of sales tax collected by the city is small. If a minor league team

were to come to Wolfforth, not only would it bring in corporate property taxes, but would also contribute to sales tax.

But, she said, major league teams are unlikely to sell a Double-A or Triple-A team to a stadium that does not permit alcohol sales.

"We want to be able to compete on a level playing field to compete in recruiting businesses," she said. "The baseball team will make a huge difference in revenue for the cities."

Steve Komarek, chairman for the Responsible Citizens for Economic Organization, said the sale of alcohol in the city would be a plausible means of collecting more money for city projects, such as a new

library and multi-functional police station.

"Without raising taxes or creating a new tax, we can take advantage of the sales tax," he said. "We saw that we needed to make this change in the law."

Komarek said even with the implementation of the law, alcohol sales would not be up to par with laws in Lubbock. If the law passes, it will include only alcohol sales in restaurants with permits. Another restriction is that restaurants will have to calculate their sales and make sure food sales are at least 60 percent of total income and alcohol sales stay at 40 percent or less.

He said after the total alcohol revenue exceeds 40 percent, it is no longer considered a restaurant, but a bar,

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STARTING LINE

Greek Week begins with soapbox derby, finishing to promote literacy

By Clara Cobb/The University Daily

Mary Bernhard pushed her car to the starting line with two of her sorority sisters as she prepared to kick off Greek Week and the soapbox derby race.

Bernhard, a sophomore marketing major from Round Rock, is chairwoman of her sorority's soapbox derby committee. She said 20 women came together to work on the car, which took a long time to make.

"Hopefully, we're gonna win. If we win, it says we worked the hardest. It would mean we actually got our girls together and communicated," Bernhard said. "Our strategy is to run fast and be aggressive."

Laura Moore, a junior public relations major from Houston, said the week is about socializing and giving back to the community.

"It's more important to say we're all Greek, because it is important for all sororities to respect all other sororities and fraternities," Moore said. "We all support each other. It's a chance to meet people."

She said there are chances throughout the week for people to donate children's books.

"All Greeks get together to promote philanthropy and Greek unity," Moore said. "The theme this year is 'Road to Literacy.'"

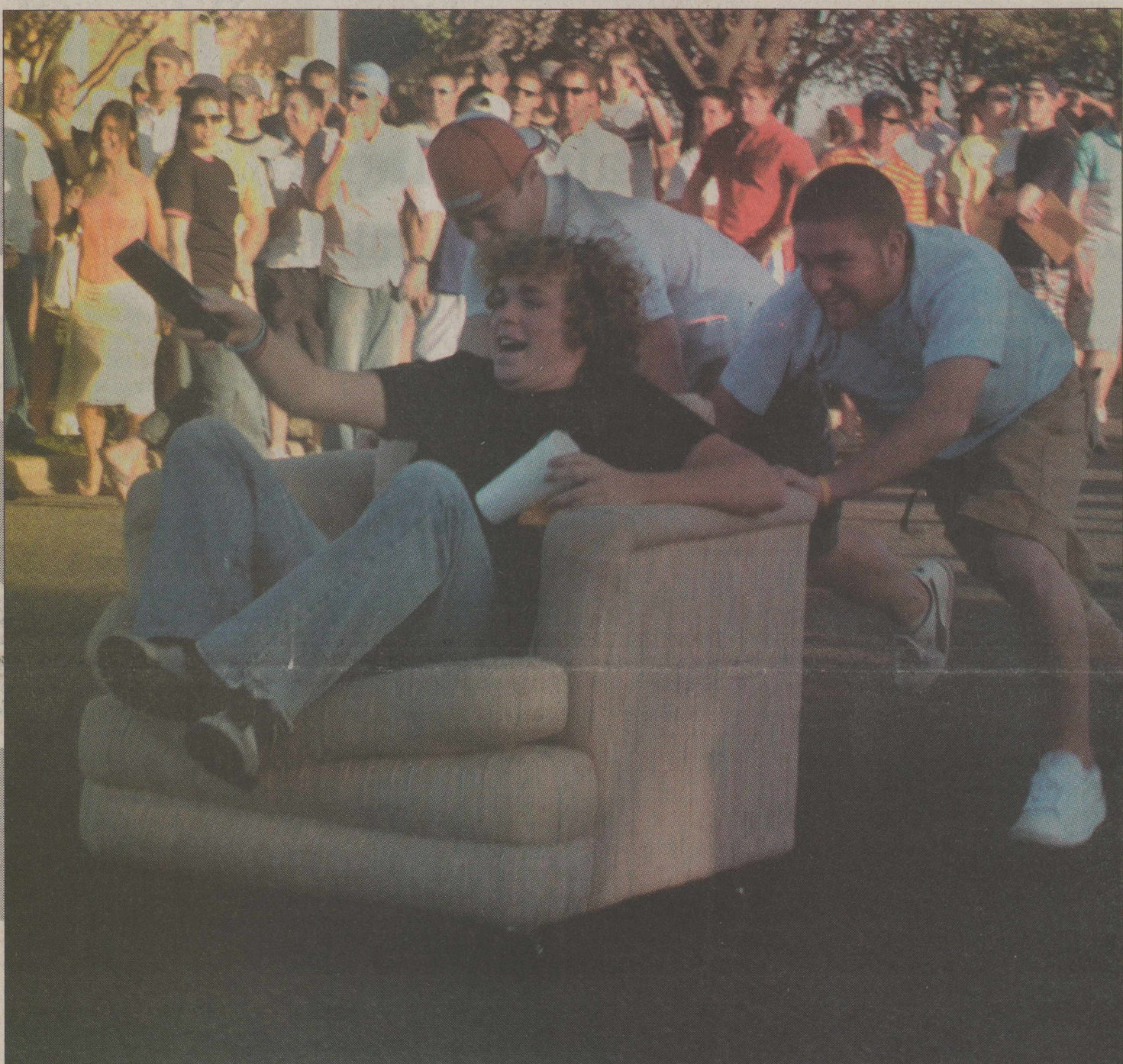
Stephen Hirst, coordinator for student organizations and fraternities, said the literacy and philanthropy component ties the week together.

"There's a few founding values all Greek share," Hirst said. "Philanthropy is one of them that all Greeks espouse."

Hirst said the weeklong block party atmosphere was a fun way for the different groups to come together as one group.

"Greek Week means different things at a lot of different campuses. At Tech, it's about promoting interfraternal spirit," he said. "We're all brothers and sisters. It's all competition but it doesn't mean anything. It's a chance to have fun and be creative."

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SCOTT WEISER, A sophomore business administration major from Victoria, and Taylor Johnson, a freshman engineering major from Arlington, push Theta Chi brother Bob Fissel, a sophomore civil engineering major from Victoria, during the Greek Soap Box derby Monday afternoon.

Phoenix firefighters begin training with Lubbock FD

By Kelly Gooch/The University Daily

The Lubbock Fire Department began training firefighters from Phoenix Monday and will continue to do so through Saturday.

Approximately 25 to 30 firefighters will be trained each day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lubbock International Airport.

Charles Hood, deputy fire chief at the Phoenix Fire Department, said the fire department chose the training facility in Lubbock because of its easy access.

Hood said firefighters from Phoenix have been to Texas A&M University and places in the Northwest, but the trainees enjoy not having to take a bus to get to the training facility in Lubbock.

"We like to go to facilities where we can fly directly in," he said. "It's important for our firefighters to try new venues."

Hood said Part 139 of the Federal Aviation Administration requires the fire department to do live fire training once a year.

In Lubbock, the firefighters will operate trucks and use hose



LINC ARMES/The University Daily

FIREFIGHTERS FROM PHOENIX undergo training at the Lubbock International Airport Monday afternoon as they spray water from a fire truck on the flames of a simulated airplane.

lines to go into the interior of an aircraft on fire and rescue victims, Hood said.

The Phoenix Fire Department has about 2,000 members, and the

firefighters coming to Lubbock got chosen to come based on seniority and testing in class, Hood said.

The firefighters must have certain grades, a certain amount

of continued education, be at mandatory meetings and have aviation firefighting training.

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Tech unveils new composite cotton

By Betsy Blaney/Associated Press

LUBBOCK (AP) — Cotton, the fabric of your life, soon could have the potential to save it.

Scientists at Texas Tech University's Institute of Environmental and Human Health on Monday unveiled a new composite cotton fabric they say will protect against biological and chemical agents.

The fabric, developed with the U.S. Department of Defense in mind, also brings a fresh market to cotton farmers in West Texas, the nation's

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Lubbock area HIV testing increases

By Lindsay Wharton/The University Daily

Since the discovery of an HIV-positive juvenile in a Lubbock County school, there has been a large turnout of teens getting tested for the disease.

In order to accommodate the need, the Lubbock Health Department has extended the hours of their special clinics for HIV testing.

"We extended the clinics because we've had a very good response," said Ricky Vaughn, HIV/AIDS Surveillance Specialist for the Lubbock Health Department.

The response has been so large that the health department ran out of supplies for oral testing, Vaughn said. Only blood testing, which checks for HIV and syphilis, is available.

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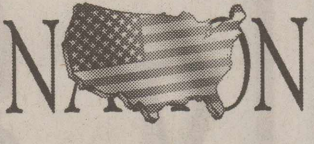
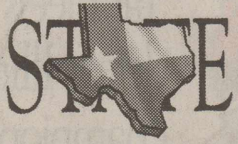
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The Rundown



High school teacher accused of assault Bush defends U.S. role in Iraq war Kyrgyzstan leader signs resignation

DALLAS (AP) — A high school teacher faces an assault charge after police say she walked into a middle-school classroom, grabbed that teacher's hair, yanked her out of her chair, and dragged her across the room while punching her in the face and kicking her.

According to the police report, Paulette Baines grabbed Mary Oliver in front of the class full of gifted students Friday. Baines was angry because Oliver told her daughter to quit loitering by lockers and go to class, Dallas school district spokesman Donald Claxton said.

Oliver said Baines was yelling at her as she entered the classroom.

"I want you to know I didn't raise a finger. I didn't raise my voice. I didn't do anything to aggravate the situation," Oliver said. "I did everything possible to defuse the situation."

Baines was charged with assault with bodily injury, according to Dallas County Jail records. Baines, 45, was released early Saturday after posting \$2,500 bail, a jail official said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Monday that seeing Iraq through reconstruction to a stable and secure democracy is a worthy cause that the United States will press regardless of whether its coalition partners remain there.

"The fundamental question is: Is it worth it? And the answer is, 'Absolutely, it's worth it for a free Iraq to emerge,'" said Bush, standing alongside visiting Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko, who is pulling his country's 1,650 troops out of the country to fulfill a campaign promise.

"I fully understand that," Bush said. "But he also said he's going to cooperate with the coalition in terms of further withdrawals. And I appreciate that."

Two years after the U.S.-led invasion toppled Saddam Hussein, the coalition has been crumbling. Dozens of countries have pulled out or begun bringing home troops.

MOSCOW (AP) — Kyrgyzstan President Askar Akayev, who fled the country last month after demonstrators stormed his offices, signed a resignation agreement Monday, a key step toward restoring stability in the Central Asian nation, Kyrgyz lawmakers said.

The ex-Soviet state has been in turmoil since an anti-Akayev demonstration on March 24 grew into a clash outside the presidential administration building. Riot police guarding the building fled and protesters rushed inside. Akayev surfaced in Russia several days later.

Akayev signed the agreement at the Kyrgyz Embassy in Moscow and made a recording, apologizing to the people, that will be read to the parliament and be broadcast on television in Kyrgyzstan, said lawmaker Tashkul Kerekisizov, who helped arrange the deal.

The resignation will be effective Tuesday, lawmakers said.

ADMIRING ART



STUDENTS IN THE experimental painting class critique other classmates' paintings outside the Art building during their Monday afternoon class.

Prince Charles postpones wedding

LONDON (AP) — Prince Charles' wedding to Camilla Parker Bowles — beset by problems since it was first announced — now has been postponed a day to avoid conflicting with the funeral of Pope John Paul II.

The wedding, which had been scheduled for Friday in Windsor, west of London, will be held Saturday, Buckingham Palace announced Monday after the Vatican set the pope's funeral for Friday.

Charles will represent Queen Elizabeth II at the funeral, the palace said.

Paddy Harverson, the official spokesman for the prince's Clarence House office, said Charles felt switching the date was "absolutely the right thing to do."

Prince Charles and Parker Bowles made the decision to move the wedding after he cut short his Swiss skiing holiday Monday. Charles returned to London where he and his fiancée attended an afternoon memorial service for the pope at Westminster Cathedral.

Parker Bowles will not accompany the prince to the pope's funeral.

The couple's major ceremonial occasion, a service of blessing, had been set for Friday. They plan to marry in a civil ceremony in the town hall at Windsor, fol-

lowed by the blessing in the chapel of Windsor Castle and a reception in the royal residence.

The postponement was the latest in a series of glitches in the prince's marriage plans.

Charles and Parker Bowles initially planned to marry at Windsor Castle. But it was not licensed for a civil wedding, so the couple chose the decidedly more downscale town hall.

Then the queen decided not to attend the civil ceremony, immediately prompting rumors of a royal snub. She does plan to attend the blessing ceremony.

Speculation later surfaced about whether the wedding would be legal. But the registrar general dismissed a series of objections and the government's chief legal adviser said there were no legal obstacles.

There followed a debate over what title Parker Bowles would have after the wedding. Charles said that if he is crowned, Camilla will become princess consort. The

British government says, however, if Charles is king, she automatically becomes queen — whether she uses the title or not.

Charles' office did not immediately announce the time of Saturday's wedding. But royal watchers speculated it would be in the morning so as not to disrupt plans of other couples scheduled to marry at the Windsor town hall on Saturday afternoon.

The change in plans caused palpitations for some business-people in Windsor, where hotels had taken Friday bookings for wedding-related parties.

"We are taking it all in our stride, we are hoping to be able to rearrange everybody's bookings, to help them out as much as possible," said Diana Lumsdaime, business development manager at The Castle Hotel.

At the Windsor Crafts and Woollens Centre, owner Kashmir Dhillon was ordering fresh supplies of royal wedding tea towels with the April 9 date.

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— DIANA LUMSDAIME
Business Development
Manager at The Castle Hotel

Lawmakers complain military, Halliburton subsidary not cooperating

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — Lawmakers are investigating claims that a Kuwaiti supplier to a Halliburton subsidiary charged too much for fuel deliveries to Iraq are complaining about the lack of support the U.S. military and the American company have provided.

Parliamentarian Ali al-Rashed, who heads the five-member investigative committee, said the lack of cooperation from the U.S. military and Halliburton subsidiary Kellogg Brown & Root "harmed the investigation."

"They (KBR) answered questions and we sent them a letter to clarify some points, but we have not received an answer for three months," al-Rashed told The Associated Press on Sunday. "We consider this lack of cooperation."

Legislators claim Kuwaiti oil supplier Altanmia Marketing Co. made \$759,567 a day in net profits from providing KBR with 1,500 tons of fuel a day. State-owned Kuwait Petroleum Corp., the seller, made \$386,910 a day from the contract, the legislators have said.

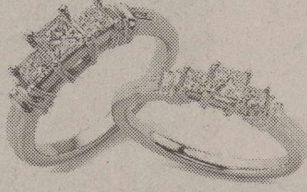
Parliament set up the probe in February 2004 following approval by the energy minister, Sheik Ahmed Fahd Al Ahmed Al Sabah, who wanted the truth about the lawmakers' allegations. However, he has said that contracts involving state-owned Kuwait Petroleum Corp. and Altanmia were proper.

Sheik Ahmed has also said the U.S. Army had asked specifically for Altanmia to provide fuel following the war in Iraq.

Al-Rashed, the lawmaker, said lawmakers believe the Kuwait Petroleum Corp. "harmed" public money by not negotiating a better contract with the U.S. military directly.

He also said the U.S. military has refused to testify before his committee as a witness and KBR would only respond to written questions. He said he hopes the situation changes before the panel delivers its final report to Parliament, scheduled for April 30.

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THE SIMPSONS

FOX 34

Addiction assumes many forms

Center helps students deal with drug, alcohol addiction and eating disorders

By Lindsay Wharton/
The University Daily

People begin personal addictions in different ways, but the results generally are the same: pain and suffering.

Addiction comes in many forms, including alcoholism, drug addiction and eating disorders. Members and faculty of the Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery at Texas Tech comment on addiction in all forms, as well as sobriety in a college setting.

"It's very awarding to be sober in a college atmosphere," said Rachel Mobley, a sophomore psychology major from Wimberley.

She is a member of the center and has battled with her own addiction. Mobley said the center has made it possible for her to stay sober in college and still enjoy herself.

Sobriety has given her an advantage over college students who use drugs and alcohol, Wimberley said, because she more often goes to class and is able to focus.

Many sober people still go to parties and clubs and do normal college activities, Wimberley said. When offered a drink, Wimberley answers no. She said being sober is not a problem because she does not feel uncomfortable with alcohol being present in her social life.

George Comiskey, associate director for the center, said college students may feel pressured to drink because they believe it will help them fit in. He said students always have the option to not drink or abuse drugs.

"Drinking is not the norm; not everyone's doing it," he said. The only way to avoid addiction is to never use drugs, alcohol or participate in addictive behaviors, Comiskey said.

It is possible for students to prevent substance abuse if they are aware of

the reasons that contribute to it. Comiskey said addiction usually occurs because of genetic and physical factors.

People with alcoholism in their family are more likely to have an addiction problem, he said.

Also, people without the ability to live life on life's terms tend to struggle with addiction more than people who can cope with daily living issues, Comiskey said. Skill building is vital in the prevention of addiction.

Educating people about addiction is another method, Comiskey said.

"(People educated about addiction) know this is not a deal about willpower," he said.

Alcoholism is not a character defect, Comiskey said, but a disease that can last a lifetime without proper treatment.

Dave Bowles, a sophomore human development family studies major from Houston, said he knows from experience addiction is a disease — not a person's lack of willpower.

"If it was just willpower, I would have stopped a long time ago," he said.

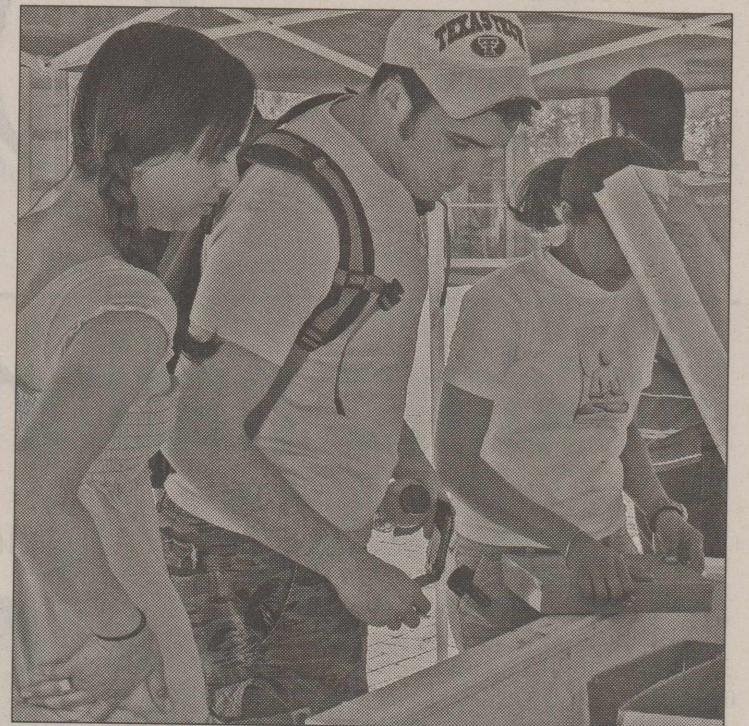
The American Medical Association defines a disease as chronic, progressive and fatal. Bowles said addiction is all of these things, and has a multitude of symptoms students should be wary of.

Physical problems include headaches and hangovers, but the effects of addiction on his life were even greater, Bowles said.

When Bowles was suffering with his addiction, he said his grades dropped, his relationships ended and he was under financial stress.

Tech students who believe they might have a problem may call the Center for the study of Addiction at (806) 742-2891.

BAHAMA BOOTH



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

NIKLA REDDY, A senior biology major from Lubbock and vice president of the South Asian Student Association, helps Stephen Lopez, a freshman business major from Houston, buy a snocone, while Sanjeet Baldwin, a freshman cell molecular biology major from Lubbock, collects the money Monday afternoon in the free speech area.

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Senior house call program offers new opportunities

By Lindsay Wharton/
The University Daily

Texas Tech students have the chance to help senior citizens through the Texas Tech University Health Science Center's Senior House Calls program. The program provides primary health care to senior citizens in their homes.

"We take care of (the seniors') medical, social and mental health needs," said Stacey Slavik, certified family nurse practitioner for the Senior House Calls program.

She said undergraduate and graduate students get real life experience through the house calls program. They have the ability to work in their field before graduation.

She said traveling to the patients' homes is an interesting experience for students because they get to see how seniors live. She said the seniors with whom they work are appreciative of the help.

Slavik said the house calls program has several nursing, medical and social work interns to help the senior citizens. This is a way for these students to do their internship with Tech.

The medical students accompany the physicians to the homes, Slavik said. Physicians are asked to help when the patients require more medical attention than cannot be administered by a nurse practitioner.

Nurse practitioners can do many of the treatments doctors can, including prescribing medication. Practitioners can also order tests for the patients, she said.

There are two nurse practitioners with Senior House Calls, she said, and they carry their equipment on location.

Slavik said the program is one of the

first in this area to offer this particular service.

The Healthy Aging Institute proposed the program and it was taken over by the School of Nursing.

The program began in June 2003 and links patients to community resources. She said they do social assessments and therapy for anxiety and adjustment disorders.

Sally Coates, the clinical social worker for the program, said older people often have a fixed income and limited travel ability. She said the program allows these people to receive the health care they need.

The seniors generally are 65 and older and cannot travel because they do not have the means or physical ability.

She said Medicare usually will cover about 80 percent of the service; then the patients need some type of insurance to cover the rest.

She said several employees are vital to the organization. They have two nurse practitioners, a clinical social worker and a coding specialist as well as the students.

Brian Cherry, a sophomore biology major from Fort Worth, said his grandparents get personal care from a nurse. He said it is a good idea to have this type of service and that it is helpful for all senior citizens.

"That's got to give peace of mind to senior citizens and gives students experience on top of that," he said.

According to the senior house calls pamphlet, they commonly treat coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, essential hypertension, diabetes, dementia and Alzheimer's disease, thyroid disorders, depression, anxiety, malnutrition and chronic mental illness.

U.S. border volunteers in Arizona report first group of illegal immigrants

TOMBSTONE, Ariz. (AP) — Volunteers who have converged on the Mexican border to watch for illegal immigrants are disrupting U.S. Border Patrol operations by unwittingly tripping sensors that alert agents to possible intruders, agency officials complained Monday.

Scores of participants in the Minuteman Project began assembling late last week and clusters of volunteers began regular patrols Monday, in an exercise some law enforcement authorities and civil rights groups fear will result in vigilante violence. Many of the volunteers were recruited over the Internet, and some planned to be armed.

Throughout the past few days, they have set off sensors, forcing agents to respond to false alarms, said Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Jose Maheda.

"Now we not only have to look out for aliens and drug smugglers, now we have to look out for these untrained civilians who are unfamiliar with the landscape," Border Patrol spokesman Andy Adame said.

Adame said apprehension numbers have gone down since the volunteers arrived, an indication fewer people might be trying to cross. But he also noted the Mexican military and police have apparently been conducting an operation south of the border town of Naco, which tends to drive down crossings.

"No one's crossing and that was the goal, to show the government that if we have people out here no one's going to cross," said Chris Simcox, Minuteman field operations director.

The volunteers had a limited presence across 23 miles of the San Pedro Valley during the weekend. They spent Monday expanding their line southeast of Naco to watch the border and report any illegal activity to federal agents.

They gathered in groups of three or four spaced out about every quarter mile. Some sat in lawn chairs, others stood scanning the desert with binoculars.

The idea, according to project organizers, is partly to draw attention to problems on the Arizona-Mexico border, considered the most porous stretch of the 2,000-mile southern border. Of the 1.1 million illegal immigrants caught by the Border Patrol last year, 51 percent crossed into the country at the Arizona border.

Jim Congiglio of Tucson, who plans to patrol with other volunteers this week, said residents in some areas of the border have complained of being "overrun routinely" by migrants. "They're feeling insecure," he said.

The Border Patrol opposes the operation. "The possibility for something going drastically wrong is very high," Maheda said.

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— JOSE MAHEDA
Supervisory Border Patrol Agent

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Holding nations to our standards

America and its administration turn a blind eye to the idea of a world government

It has recently been announced some of those responsible for the genocide in Sudan will be brought to trial in front of the International Criminal Court instead of an all-African tribunal.

You might ask, "What's the holdup?" seeing as how hundreds of thousands of women and children are sick and starving to death after their husbands, fathers and brothers were systematically slaughtered by government-supported rebels.

Aren't we the champions of democracy, charged with spreading the creator's gift of freedom to all her children?

Why is it President Bush and Co. were against bringing the war criminals to the ICC, when it would send a clear signal to the entire globe that if you violate the laws of humanity, you will be held responsible?

Because that is exactly of what he is afraid.

The administration lays out an argument against the ICC stating the establishment of a court with a global jurisdiction could be used to prosecute American citizens, perhaps unfairly. Granted, any court can become corrupt and politically biased. All we have to do is look at our own noble yet imperfect legal system.

But the difference with this case is Bush has been building his entire legacy on the idea he is a globe-changer — champion of cosmopolitan egalitarianism and universal suffrage.

While that may be jumping the gun, Bush has undeniably set himself and the country up as a tool for liberty and justice, for example, invading Iraq.

So it should make sense that the world's only superpower and rumored "greatest

Dave Ring



If we are to ensure the safety and fair treatment of our citizens during peace of war, we must hold ourselves to that same standard in regard to foreigners. We ought not to obey the rules of international law out of fear of retribution or even simply because it is the law. We should follow the rule of international law because it is the right thing to do.

country ever" ought to take the lead in establishing a legal system with the ability and legal right to prosecute perpetrators of such heinous acts as genocide or violation

of the Geneva Convention.

Then one comes to the realization if something "should make sense" in dealing with this White House, there is little chance you will actually see it happen.

If an American citizen commits or is responsible for such crimes as would be handled by the international community — be them politicians, officials, soldiers or civilian — and if we truly hold our nation to a standard we believe should be the paradigm the world over, we should be the biggest supporters of the ICC effort.

Instead, the current administration fears (and has convinced many U.S. citizens to support this fear) members of its own cause will be brought to trial by anti-American foreigners who simply want to bring this country to its knees.

Already suits have been drawn up by lawyers and groups around the globe and here in the States, accusing various administration officials, particularly Bush and Donald Rumsfeld, of international law violations.

Perhaps I'm a bit naïve and optimistic, but I fail to see the necessary conclusion that the ICC would so blatantly be abused for such an intent as to tarnish the oh-so-spotless name of the United States.

Even if an American citizen were to be brought before the court under false or convoluted charges, we have the rule of law for that exact reason.

If we put stock into trials, evidence and testimony, we should trust that system regardless of where the hearing is held. If the person did nothing wrong, the truth (or really expensive lawyers) will set them free.

As it stands now, the truth is there are

government memos, many directed by our new attorney general, stating the United States need not honor the Geneva Convention because of a semantic loophole devised for the war on terror.

I know the idea of a "world government" creeps the hell out of most people, especially here in we-were-our-own-nation Texas, but with the growing interdependence between nations, it makes sense to have institutions which monitor and dictate certain actions.

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We need to construct and support a standard of behavior, which is fair and decent to all, regardless of nationality, ethnicity or class if we as a nation hope to set an example for the rest of the world.

Until the leadership in Washington and its constituents nationwide decide to start holding themselves to the same standard we hold the rest of the world, we will continue to be accused of being arrogant bratty xenophobes who don't appreciate what we have.

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TECH TALKS BACK

When is an election not an election?

On Jan. 30, voting took place in Iraq. According to reports, some 8.5 million Iraqis went to the polls in what has been billed as the nation's first free election in 50 years.

The result was unclear; the expected solid majority for Shiite candidates did not materialize. Instead, the Shites, backed by influential cleric al-Sistani, garnered just less than a majority.

Still, enthusiastic observers have asserted much greater significance lies in the shift from armed struggle to political bargaining than in any particular distribution of the votes.

No doubt, voting in Iraq is a significant event. To be sure, voting occurred under Saddam's regime, who won 99 percent of the vote — the mark of an undemocratic electoral process. The recent election offered competing parties and the vote. Nonetheless, there are reasons to question whether the voting in Iraq meets the standards of representative democracy.

The Iraq election did not choose a permanent government. The purpose was instead to select a transitional authority to write the country's new constitution. In two years, four distinct authorities will have ruled Iraq, assuming the constitution process is successful.

This highlights voting does not guarantee stability. The contending factions have yet to form the transitional government charged with writing the nation's new constitution. The stumbling block is the votes distributed according to the cleavages in society — Shiite, Kurdish, and Sunni. Voting may have done little more than reinforce division than provide unity.

Representative government in Iraq doesn't guarantee support for American interests in the region. Yet, the United States is building permanent military bases in Iraq. Will U.S. military presence against the preferences of the Iraq people be feasible?

Democracy under occupation is dubious. The country was under martial law during the campaign period and lockdown on election day. The managers of the electoral process were largely Americans. There have been reports of fraud and use of bribes and intimidation.

The main effect of the voting seems to have been to remove the Iraq war from the front pages of American newspapers. Yet, the struggle continues.

In light of this, the Iraq Education Project will hold its third public discussion of the war on 7 p.m. today in Holden Hall Room 150.

— John Barkdull, member of the Iraq Education Project

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VIEW FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSITY

In face of the pope's death, 'liberal media' an obvious myth

By Jeff Purcell/The Cornell Daily Sun

(U-WIRE) ITHACA, N.Y. — If you believe "the media is liberal," it follows you probably believe your town's media would be "liberal." If you accept both the original premises, you might conclude that media in Ithaca would be very "liberal." Reality yields a much different picture when we can find moments of silence on MTV and newspapers declaring "the world is mourning."

Even before the pope passed, I was more than a little excited by *The Ithaca Journal's* headline Saturday that read "Pope at Heaven's Gate." It's not because I have anti-Catholic feelings or a personal beef with the pope. Last summer, I saw him in St. Peter's Square — it was electrifying to be in the middle of thousands of believers as their religious leader offered his blessings. Though the pope and I did not see eye-to-eye on most issues, I did not wish him dead, if for no other reason than his status as the only anti-war human being our president was willing to acknowledge.

What excited me was that *The Ithaca Journal* finally put to rest the myth of the liberal media. That old bugaboo of a liberal bias in journalism really must be abandoned when even the journal of a supposedly "left-wing" town is printing the scriptures as fact.

Joined in hand and heart, all the coverage Americans found — even half-time reports Saturday — was decidedly illiberal. It was orthodox in its presentation of the pope's life, accomplishments and positions; and never critical of his arguments against abortion, gay pride parades and condoms.

If the media actually were liberal, we should expect the papers to come out with the headline "Anti-Birth Control, Anti-Feminist Leader Passes" anytime now.

The media's pontification at the pontiff's death shows that they present an ultra-conservative religious leader whose allegiance to dogma is intransigent.

Big deaths that supersaturate the airwaves aren't too common, and the uber-veneration is only extended to the select few. Ronald Reagan, John Paul II and Terri Schiavo have been the huge obits in the past 12 months.

Each was mourned so openly in the pages and cameras that we can no longer indulge any hyperbole of a left-wing bias on TV. If we count the number of times the words "murder" or "kill" appeared in Schiavo commentary referring to the actions of courts, spouses or tubes, we can understand the persuasion of the media. It is telling that one could find no reference in the media to Terri's heart attack as bearing any responsibility for her death

— something that does not bode well for those who support the ideals of an objective journalism. Terri's story was told in such a narrow perspective that from CNN we might forget that brain damage had made her unresponsive instead of "activist judges" and her "abusive husband."

So when the media unanimously signals its intent to mourn the pope and Schiavo — not report their deaths — we find a very particular viewpoint furthered. Objectivity jettisoned, news becomes an open display of grief that is avowedly uncritical — even laudatory — of the pope's dogma and Catholic doctrine. When we recognize that the establishment press represented by *The New York Times* has produced an eight-minute audio slideshow for the pontiff — as it did for Schiavo, but did not for a single of the 100,000 plus deceased Iraqis — we can dismiss charges of liberal domination.

Reading *The Journal*, I was surprised to find it had accepted Christian theories of salvation and was airing the destiny of John Paul II known heretofore only to God. Whereas previously only Mary and the repentant thief next to Jesus on the cross were guaranteed passage to heaven, *The Journal* has pronounced a third.

When St. Peter at the Pearly Gates has

been usurped by a town so "liberal" that self-identified conservative Ann Coulter said she had to "leave it and go to Berkeley on the weekends to clear her head," we can relax about the media's alleged bias. It bears noting that the headline was doctrinally incorrect — Jesus rested in the cave for three days before going to heaven.

Many theologians believe humans undergo this same delayed passage as well. In addition, no one is at heaven's door while still on earth. *The Wall Street Journal*, a source few if any cite as evidence of the "liberal media," reported "the world mourned."

It may be a stretch for me to suppose that one paper's bold print signals an industry's overall shape. So, to be cautious, we can at least accept the idea that our little Ithaca should no longer be held as an archetype for "leftists," "radical liberals" and the "America-hating atheists."

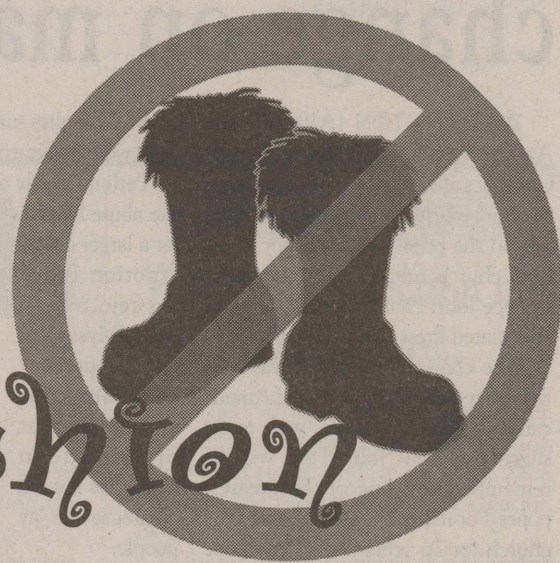
Perhaps with a better understanding of just how far left our home is (not), we can resize the shape of the bigger picture and bury the myth of the liberal media for good. Maybe we could start judging the media's persuasion by the size of its Labor section in comparison to its Business section, or look at its explicit religious affiliations before we accept its judgments of election concerns.

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The Antiquated, Beautiful and Chic of spring fashion



By Jeremy Martin/
The University Daily

Fashion, at least to Jon Easterlin, is not about following trends or keeping up with fashion magazines.

For Easterlin, a freshman public relations major from San Antonio, appearance is all that matters when it comes to getting dressed in the morning.

"I just want to look good," he said.

Fashion also is not about going clothes shopping every season, Easterlin said.

"I don't really buy new stuff," he said pulling at his short sleeve button-down shirt. "I'm wearing the same clothes I have from high school."

Though he does not follow current trends, Easterlin said he has seen several fads he wishes would go out of style.

"I hate K-Swiss shoes and people wearing high socks with shorts," he said. "Oh, and those stupid foam domes."

Foam domes are trucker-style baseball caps.

Amanda Hernandez, a freshman nursing major from Dallas, follows the trends but said fashion is a personal matter.

Just because something is trendy does not mean it will look good on everybody.

For example a bohemian look is becoming popular with female college students, Hernandez said.

However, she pointed out, not everyone looks good in flowing skirts and flip-flop sandals. Some people do not have the right look for the fad.

"Some people can pull things off and other people can't," she said. "You just have to try (the clothes) on and see."

Amy Grinnell, vice president of the Fashion Board, said a woman's body type often determines the best style of clothing for

her. Loose clothing is often not flattering on women with a lot of curves.

"For me, I know that I could not pull off the bohemian look because I have kind of an hourglass figure," she said. "Those long, flowing skirts look better on girls with straight figures."

Skirts aside, Grinnell said, other aspects of the trend such as heavy, chunky jewelry and bejeweled moccasins will look good on almost any woman.

Megan McGraw has noticed modesty is becoming fashionable at Texas Tech. McGraw, a freshman nursing major from Dallas, said the women's clothing she has seen this season covers more skin than in past spring fashions.

"In Texas, we are about three years behind the rest of the country. But if we were to get the fashions at the same time as they do in California and New York, we'd probably be like, 'Why on earth are they wearing that?'"

For example, she said, ankle-length skirts seem to be popular this year, and she has seen fewer women showing their lower stomachs in short T-shirts.

McGraw said the change she has noticed around campus probably has something to do with the fact she is no longer high school. While skin-showing trends probably are still popular with 16-year-old girls, she said, many university students are going for more mature fashions this spring.

"It's the age we're at," she said. "Everybody dresses to look older now than they did in high school."

No matter what the current trends on campus, Grinnell said, students have to remember it has probably gone completely out of style in other places by the time it arrives in Lubbock.

For example, she said, UGGs, the furry suede Australian boots

that seemed to be so popular with women around campus a few months ago, had gone in and out of fashion on the West and East coasts more than two years ago.

Part of the reason for this delay, she said, is it takes a while for the average person to accept new trends.

A style that may seem weird at first usually becomes popular only after it is seen on celebrities and television shows.

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As for men's fashion, Grinnell said, the styles never really change. The same polo button-down shirts men wore 20 years ago are still popular today.

She said the main difference is color choice.

Men have gone beyond the traditional black, white and navy shirts and wearing pastel spring colors like lilac purple, baby blue and even pink.

Grinnell said many women approve of this trend.

"If the guys wear pink, they get women's attention," she said. "It says 'I look hot in pink and I'm not afraid to wear it,' and that's sexy."

Keeping up with the latest trends is fine, said Kevin Krueger, a senior advertising major from Austin, but the ever-changing world fashion does not affect the way many Tech students dress. For many students, getting dressed is a pretty simple matter.

"This is a very jeans and T-shirt kind of school," he said. "A lot of people just wear their fraternity or sorority shirts and jeans to class every day."



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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Of course, there was no way it was going to be easy. North Carolina did it, though, and now it is time to stop asking Roy Williams that doggone question.

Sean May had 26 points and the Tar Heels did not allow a basket over the final, excruciating 2 1/2 minutes Monday night to defeat Illinois 75-70, a win that finally gave Williams, the 17-year coaching veteran, the national championship that was missing from his otherwise stellar resume.

Freshman Marvin Williams had a tip-in with 1:26 left, Raymond Felton made three free throws down the stretch and the Tar Heels (33-4) won their first title since 1993, back when Dean Smith was coaching and Williams was at Kansas, in the middle of his Final Four futility.

Led by May's 10-for-11 shooting, Carolina took a 65-55 lead with 8:51 left and it looked like Williams would cruise to the championship. But Illinois

(37-2) never quits.

Forward Jack Ingram hit a pair of outside jumpers and Dee Brown scored six points as part of a 10-0 run that tied the game at 65 with 5 1/2 minutes left to set up a fantastic finish.

When it was over — after Felton had made his last two free throws, after May had cradled his 10th and final rebound — Williams took off his glasses and started looking for people to hug.

A few moments later, he was crying, much like he has at the end of every season — though no ending has been as sweet as this one.

Luther Head led Illinois with 21 points. He had a wide-open look at a 3-pointer that would have tied the game with 17 seconds left, but it bounced off and coach Bruce Weber's magical ride with the Illini wound up one win short of the real fairytale ending he hoped for.

After May made a short shot with 11:22 left in the first half for an 18-17 lead, Carolina never trailed again — but

this game never really got comfortable.

May was unstoppable for the first 12 minutes of the second half, scoring 16 points during that stretch and dishing out two assists to help North Carolina push its lead to as many as 15 and fight off a number of Illinois rallies.

James Augustine, charged with stopping the 6-foot-9 center, was in foul trouble through most of it.

That Illinois could hang in there was no surprise. This was the team that rallied from 15 down with 4 minutes left against Arizona in the regional to make it to its first Final Four since 1989.

But the Illini could never take a lead. And after Head hit a 3-pointer with 2:40 left, Deron Williams missed on an open look, Felton stepped in front of a bad pass by Head, then Head missed the potential game-tying shot at the end. In all, the Illini missed five 3-pointers down the stretch, part of a night in which they shot 12-for-40 from long range and just 38 percent overall.

Tennis teams revel in 'rowdie' fans

By Anne Gepford/
The University Daily

Some do it for the love of the game.
Some for the love of the players.
Some simply because they like to be loud.

Whatever the reason, these tennis fans have joined together as Rowdie Raiders in support of the Texas Tech tennis teams.

Not all are college students. Adults and children from Lubbock have chosen to join the official Tech tennis fan club.

Ann Ferris is one of the locals who support the Raiders.

She and her daughter, Kimberly Ferris, both joined.

"We just like tennis," Ann Ferris said. "We know coach (Cari) Groce. Fan support helps in any athletic event."

Ann Ferris said her daughter, a junior in high school, plays tennis. The two come out to watch the Raiders in their home matches.

It has been easy to find out the match schedule through e-mails and posters throughout town, Ann Ferris said.

"They've done such a good job advertising this year," she said. "It's a lot easier to know when the matches are so we can come out and watch."

Tech tennis player Tara Browning said the number of fans has increased exponentially since last year.

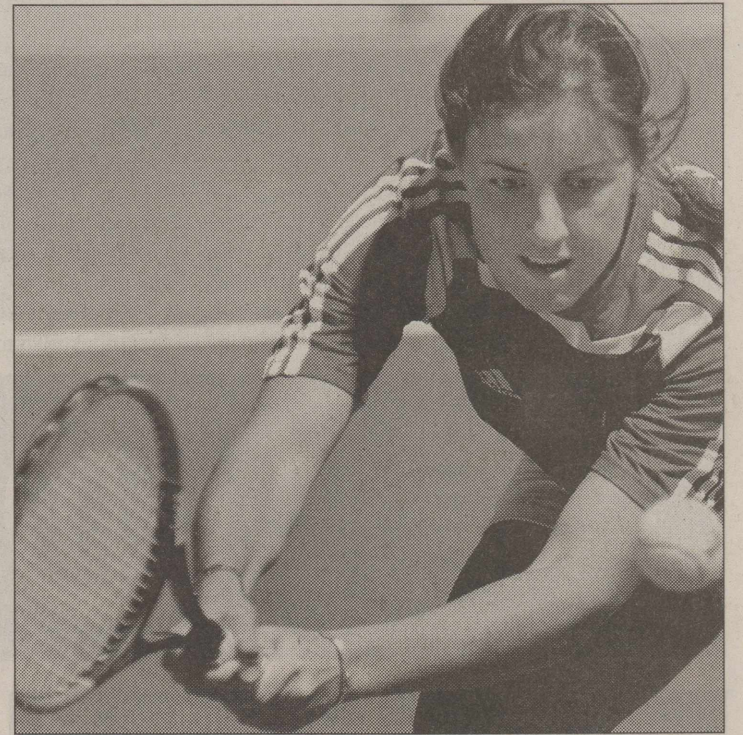
"It's only the first year," she said. "As our rankings improve and we win more matches, it's just going to get more people to support."

Both the men's and women's tennis teams are ranked, with the men at a highest-ever No. 10 and the women at No. 75.

Browning said fan support has helped during her matches.

"It's so much easier to get pumped up," she said. "We cannot say enough — a huge thank you to the Tech students."

One Tech student who has joined the Rowdie Raiders is Browning's roommate, Tori McDevitt.



TYSON JEFFREYS/The University Daily

WOMEN'S TENNIS PLAYER Cigdem Duru focuses on a swing in a 5-2 win against Colorado Saturday at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

"I'm pretty good friends with all the girls and I want to show support," she said. "I see how hard they work all year long and I'm proud of them."

McDevitt, a senior political science major from Plano, said she has attended all the home matches so far. She said she enjoys watching the matches.

"Not a lot of people know about tennis and it's really interesting to come out and watch and learn a new sport," she said. "It's good for raising the tennis team's morale with the fans out here."

Browning said the Rowdie Raiders were established for fan support of the competitive tennis teams Tech has.

The atmosphere of Tech tennis is not similar to that of Wimbledon, where fans must be stoic and silent, she said.

"You can come out, you can be obnoxious to the other team," she said. "That's the point of home advantage."

The fiercer for the Rowdies includes requirements that fans are loud, slightly obnoxious and have a strong dislike for Longhorns, Cornhuskers, Sooners,

Bears and others.
Benefits of the group include food at matches, an official T-shirt and an invitation to the banquet held at the end of the season.

The one commitment of the group is attendance at six or more matches (three for each team).

Groce said the idea of the fan club is to coordinate the fan base for both her team and the men's. She said she has been working closely with men's tennis coach Tim Siegel to generate interest for the teams.

"It's a different environment," Groce said. "It's created an exciting environment. We don't have to worry about our fans dividing their support."

The fan club gives people a chance to meet other supporters of Tech tennis, as well as some of the players, Groce said.

"You feel like you're playing a part in the success," she said. "The fans play an integral part of our success. We want to definitely grow and build on the start."

Cardinals, Astros open season with NLCS rematch

HOUSTON (AP) — Following an improbable World Series sweep by the Boston Red Sox, the St. Louis Cardinals quickly went from NL champions to historical footnote.

That feeble finish overshadowed a season in which St. Louis won a major league-best 105 games and rallied to beat the Houston Astros in a classic seven-game NL championship series.

Understandably, the Cardinals are eager to forget about their dismal ending to 2004.

"You get to choose what you

think," St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said Monday. "There's a lot of difference between walking around as National League champions with the positive vibe and being a World Series loser. Being negative and thinking you're a loser doesn't give you very much energy to go on."

Hoping to conjure some of those good memories, the Cardinals open the 2005 season at Houston Tuesday night in a rematch of last year's NLCS. St. Louis right-hander Chris Carpenter pitches the opener against Roy Oswalt, the NL's only 20-game winner

in 2004.

The two-game series ends Wednesday with St. Louis' Jason Marquis facing Andy Pettitte, who is hoping to bounce back from left elbow injuries that sent him to the DL three times.

However, much has changed for both teams since they met last October. Only St. Louis resembles its playoff club of a year ago.

A year after being trendy favorites in the NL Central and rallying to earn the wild-card berth, the Astros are rebuilding their lineup following a difficult offseason.

All-Stars Jeff Kent (Los Angeles Dodgers) and Carlos Beltran (New York Mets) chose new homes in free agency. A third All-Star, center fielder Lance Berkman, tore up a knee playing flag football at a church function, and promising but injured pitcher Wade Miller was let go.

"We lost Beltran and Kent, so some of these kids are going to have to grow up," veteran first baseman Jeff Bagwell said.

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