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## Stumbo, Mauer win SGA bids

**NEXT ROUND:** Brown, Bernal will compete for internal spot in runoff.

By April Tamplen/Staff Writer

Tuesday and Wednesday's Student Government Association elections ended with Kelli Stumbo winning her bid for president and Leigh Mauer winning her bid for external vice president.

Internal Vice President candidates Jon Mark Bernal and Jeremy Brown will take the election into next week's runoffs.

Stumbo said she was surprised the election did not go into a presidential runoff.

"I'm in, I guess, disbelief because I was pretty much thinking it was going to be a runoff because Cody ran an awesome campaign," she said. "We all worked so hard for this and put everything into it. It really paid off, but now I have some pretty big shoes to fill left by John (Steinmetz, current SGA president.)"

Stumbo said she was ready to get started working with the organizations she has already begun contacting.

"I want to start to work on the book swap and get out there and tell the students that hey, I am here to work for you," she said.

Mauer said she was relieved there was not a runoff and she was ready to make Texas Tech the greatest school in Texas.

"I'm so excited that I will get to work with the students and bring out the spirit this school really has," she said.

Bill Brannon, election commissioner, said he was pleased with how the election progressed.

"I think the elections went very well this year; there were no major issues with the code," he said. "I have worked with Kelli and Leigh, and I know they will do a good job. I have known Jon Mark for a while now, and I have gotten to know Jeremy through elections. I think they both have great ideals."

Runoffs will be held Tuesday and Wednesday for the posi-



JEREMY MOORE/Staff Photographer  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION President-Elect Kelli Stumbo celebrates after hearing she won the SGA presidential election.

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## Tech set to house biological agents

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

Plans to construct a bio-safety lab that would house level I to level IV biological agents at the Texas Tech Institute of Environmental and Human Health are under way.

TIEHH has been involved in a wide number of Department of Defense research projects specifically addressing homeland security and homeland defense, Lou Chiodo, assistant director for science at TIEHH, said. These projects have been funded through grants and the Department of Defense as part of the countermeasures to biological and

chemical threats research TIEHH is engaged in.

"Our job is to figure out how to protect against agents, how to, maybe, detect them and clean them up," Chiodo said. "Of course the purpose is to protect lives."

For the past two years, officials at TIEHH have been discussing the possibility of creating a complex where actual biological agents can be tested, Chiodo said. This complex would consist of multiple laboratories with stringent security, where some of the most

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## TABC to use strategic plan in prevention

Officials address drunken drivers, underage drinking

By Natalie Worthen/Staff Reporter

Officials from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission spoke during a public forum at the Godeke Library Wednesday to address strategic planning to prevent minors from consuming alcoholic beverages.

The TABC has regulated all the phases of the alcoholic beverage industry in Texas since 1935.

The commission receives money from taxes and fees and distributes money to the state's public schools, state and local governments, research, human services and other areas in which state government provides services.

The audience consisted of alcoholic retailers from all over the state including San Angelo, Austin and Odessa.

Delwin Jones, state representative, said communication in the communities with the TABC is important.

"If you have communication between the retailers, TABC and the public, then prevention will be easier with everyone working together," Jones said.



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer  
PAT FAVER, WITH Depot Discount liquor in Dalhart, voices her concerns at a forum Wednesday about a website that minors could use to buy wine.

Randy Yarbrough, assistant administrator for TABC from Austin, said the prevention of sale of alcoholic beverages to minors should be addressed in the home and at school.

"We believe the schools should be educating students about alcohol, and we will provide materials to the schools through the regional service center because sometimes it is hard to get in the schools," Yarbrough said.

Minors who try to purchase alcohol or get caught with alcohol can face penalties including fines or community service.

TABC officials informed the audience that there is a zero-tolerance policy on drunken driving.

J.S. Smelser, assistant chief of enforcement and marketing practices, said retailers who are having trouble with minors trying to purchase alcohol at their stores can use an undercover officer posing as a store clerk to assist in enforcement.

Austin Kei, Pinkies liquor storeowner in

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## GROWING UP IN THE WORLD



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

TECHNICIANS ADJUST NOZZLES on the new Pfluger Fountain located on Memorial Circle. Construction for the Pfluger Fountain is complete but is scheduled to be dedicated on Arbor Day in April.



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer  
STAGE 1 OF the Jones SBC Stadium project is complete with the exception of some minor details.

## As student population rises, so do buildings throughout Tech

By Justin Matthews/Staff Reporter

Construction zones, chain-link fences and heavy equipment have become part of the natural Texas Tech landscape for some students. Tech planners and construction crews are making progress on the 15 works in progress, totaling to nearly \$240 million, throughout campus.

Four of the 15 sites are substantially complete and already are being used by students.

Stage I of the Jones SBC Stadium project, which involved partial remodeling of the stadium as well as north end-zone seating, is complete with the exception of some minor details.

Mike Ellicott, vice chancellor of Facilities, Planning and Construction, said Stage I is, for the most part, complete.

"It's complete; there are still a couple of little things to be done; there is still some concession equipment not functioning quite right, but that basically is done," Ellicott said.

Along with the completion of Jones SBC Stadium, students have witnessed the grand opening of the expansion of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center, the tennis softball complex and the marquee at the intersection of 19th Street and Flint Avenue.

Crews encountered problems at the tennis complex when the courts began to crack. Ellicott said the problem has been identified as a design problem and is currently being corrected.

Eight projects are approaching completion.

Tech's English/Philosophy and Education building, located on Akron Street just north of the Hulien/Clement residence halls, at a cost of a more than \$46 million, offers 46 classrooms including two large lecture halls and is scheduled for completion in July. The buildings will open for class beginning in Fall 2002.

The parking facility, located south of the EPE buildings on Flint Avenue, will provide students, faculty, staff and visitors with an additional 780 spaces of paid parking and will be available by Fall 2002.

"The shortage of parking is on the south part of campus, so the next parking garage that's scheduled is going to go over by Drane and Doak hall along University," Ellicott said. "There is still discussion about constructing a parking garage

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## Car clinic offers check-ups before students leave for Spring Break

By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech students will get the opportunity to have their cars checked for mechanical problems today from 3 to 6 p.m. in the C-9 parking lot west of the Law School.

Drowsy Driving Car Clinic is a joint effort between Tech and the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center which will allow students to have their car's tires, belts, hoses and fluids checked by professional mechanics from M&M Service Center and Scott's Car Care.

Jo Henderson, health coordinator at Student Health Services, said students never have to get out of the car while mechanics check for problems.

"Students can get in the car, drive into the parking lot and everyone gets a goody bag," she said. "You never have to get out of the car, and everything is free. You can listen to your own music and talk with your own friends."

A parking sticker, a car radio, a car battery, free car washes and oil changes, and a 50-pound jack will be given away as door prizes.

Included in the goody bags, which will be filled with pencils and brochures, will be information about drowsy driving awareness.

Michael Burns, senator for the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration, said this program started in 1999 with the death of Tech student Michael Burrows.

"Michael Burrows' cause of death was related to drowsy driving," he said. "The Student Government Association decided to take actions and get involved."

Burns said placing the car clinic two weeks



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before Spring Break was a strategic plan.

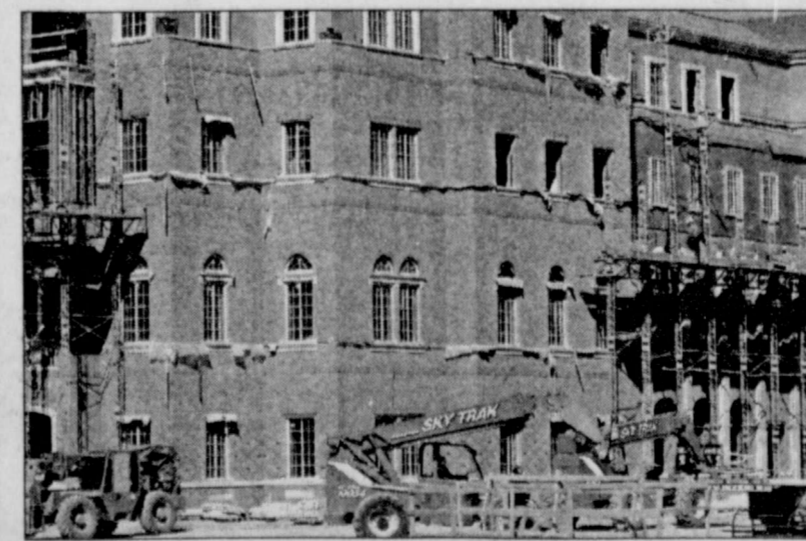
"The SGA thinks this is one of the best things we can do for the students," he said. "We want to create awareness of drowsy driving when students travel out of town to go home or on vacation."

The Tech Student Senate joined with Texas A&M and Baylor Student Senates to promote the awareness of drowsy driving fatalities.

Burns said last year there were more than 100,000 accidents due to fatigued drivers, which resulted in more than 1,500 deaths.

"Two Tech students have passed away in the past year because of drowsy driving," he said. "The

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JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Photography Editor  
TECH'S ENGLISH/PHILOSOPHY/Education complex, located on 18th Street, will open for classes beginning in Fall 2002.



# Up 2 Date

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## The Rundown



### Austin mayor upset about public records

AUSTIN (AP) — Mayor Gus Garcia, upset at reading about city audits in the newspaper before he sees them, has instructed auditors to delay access to the reports despite state law that says they are public records.

Garcia has told City Auditor Stephen Morgan he should refuse to release completed reports until they are presented to the City Council's audit and finance committee, the Austin American-Statesman reported Wednesday.

The committee met Tuesday to hear about audits concerning parks maintenance and a housing program, both of which were reported by the newspaper last weekend.

"I hadn't heard about the report, and I don't want to read about it in the paper," Garcia said at Tuesday's meeting. The auditor "reports to us," he said.

"That's why we have a committee, so we can talk about these things," Garcia said.

Council Members Jackie Goodman and Daryl Slusher also said they would like to see the reports before the media or public asks questions about them, although Slusher said the city will not violate state law.



### Man dies after crude castration procedure

BUTLER, Pa. (AP) — A transsexual was sentenced to up to 11 years in prison Wednesday for performing a crude castration that led to her husband's death.

Tammy Felbaum, 43, was sentenced to 5 1/2 to 11 years for involuntary manslaughter and aggravated assault in last year's death of her sixth husband.

"I loved my husband. I don't deserve this," Felbaum said.

She had argued that James Felbaum, 40, was found in a filthy trailer home that contained a makeshift operating room.

His wife argued that he castrated himself while she was sleeping to prove he wouldn't cheat on her.

Prosecutors said Tammy Felbaum performed the procedure, and said the man died from the pain of a castration and the effects of a painkiller. The coroner said Felbaum choked on his own vomit.

Tammy Felbaum told authorities she performed the operation on herself when she was 21 and later had a sex-change operation.

She was also found guilty of reckless endangerment and unauthorized practice of medicine but did not receive any prison time on those charges.



### Iran lobbies against U.S. foreign policy

BERLIN (AP) — Iran, denounced by President Bush as part of an "axis of evil," urged U.S. allies Wednesday to lobby the American administration against unilateral military action in the war on terrorism.

No world power should simply "declare someone as a terrorist and use its military muscle against them," Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi said before talks with his German counterpart, Joschka Fischer.

"The friends of the United States have to advise them that, instead of unilateralism, they should stick to multilateralism," Kharrazi told reporters. He spoke during a two-day visit to Berlin to discuss Afghanistan and the Middle East with German officials.

Fischer made no comment. Germany has strongly backed the United States in the war in Afghanistan, but Fischer is among a number of European officials who have cautioned the Bush administration against expecting automatic support for military action elsewhere.

## Quote of the Day

"This town doesn't even like second-hand smoke. This is a lot riskier."

— SAM SPIKES, Lubbock physician, on proposed biotech facility. Please see TECH, page 1.

## Entertainment Briefs

YORBA LINDA, Calif. (AP) — The Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace will undergo a \$10 million expansion that will be used for banquets, exhibits and storage and will feature the country's only replica of the White House East Room.

The renovation plans, which were expected to be announced Wednesday by library foundation officials, will double the size of the existing Nixon buildings. The expansion would make the Orange County attraction the fifth largest of 12 presidential libraries.

Five presidential libraries have Oval Office replicas but none feature the East Room, where John F. Kennedy's body lay in state.

"Visitors to presidential libraries are fascinated ... by what life is like in the

White House," said John Taylor, the library's executive director. "We're letting people see another dimension of the White House."

The first phase of the museum cost \$25 million. Plans for the library's completion developed 14 years ago were kept on hold until recent private donations made the expansion possible.

About 150,000 people visit the 12-year-old museum and birthplace annually. The library expects to break ground in June.

NEW YORK (AP) — Louis Gossett Jr. has left the Broadway production of "Chicago" after playing only six performances as razzle-dazzle lawyer Billy Flynn in the long-running musical revival.

The Oscar-winning actor has an asthma

condition that became aggravated after the start of rehearsals, and he has returned to his home in Los Angeles, Pete Sanders, a spokesman for the show, said Tuesday. "He left because of health reasons," Sanders added.

In its Wednesday editions, the New York Post reported Gossett couldn't remember his lines and froze on stage.

Gossett's understudy, Eric Jordan Young, has taken over the role, and a replacement will be announced shortly, Sanders said.

The 65-year-old Gossett is best known for his role in "An Officer and a Gentleman," for which he won a best-supporting actor Oscar.

He has appeared on stage in productions of "Golden Boy," "A Raisin in the Sun," "The Desk Set" and "Murderous Angels."

## Tech Notes

**Dr. Brock's Pre-Vet** society will hold its annual rabies drive from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Dr. Stephens Animal Clinic, located at 407 Dowden Road in Wolforth. Rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats will be available for \$8. For more information, call Krista McKamey at (806) 797-2434.

**Notice:** There will be a test of the warning and alert systems at 10 a.m. March 6. Sirens will be activated for a period of one minute at that time.

**The Texas Tech University Music Theatre's** production of "The Bartered Bride," originally scheduled for March 23 and 24 has been postponed until next fall. For more information, call (806) 742-2270, ext. 233.

## Results

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Results of internal vice president and senator-at-large. Both contests are between Bernal and Brown.

Brannan said whichever one does not win internal vice president will be elected senator at large.

Bernal said next week is going to be a full-force campaign.

"I'm very happy. I think everyone ran a great race," he said. "We got a break for a minute, now we have to keep going."

Brown said he was anticipating a runoff and will be working hard on campaigning.

"It's going to be rough," he said. "Jon Mark's a close friend of mine. I'm happy it's him in the runoff because I know in the long run I'll be happy."

Brannan said all election results are unofficial until the candidates submit their financial disclosure forms to prove that they stayed within campaign amounts allowed by election code. The financial disclosure forms are due today at 5 p.m.

Students also voted on SGA constitutional amendments and whether or not to raise the International Education Fee.

Brannan said the results from the election in regards to whether or not the amendments or fee passed will be announced today.

Voter turnout was lower this year than last, SGA President John Steinmetz said.

"I knew when I saw there were 2,500 voters, I knew it would be all be people from the (Student) Senate," he said.

Brannan said 2,590 students voted in this year's election. Last year 2,735 turned out to vote.

Stumbo received 1,668 votes, which was 67.4 percent of the total. Cody Nash, her closest opponent, received 631 votes, which was 25.4 percent. Brian Davis, another candidate, received 110 votes, which was 4.4 percent of the total. The fourth presidential candidate, Louie Scott, Jr., received 41 votes, which was 1.7 percent of the total.

Mauer beat her opponent Brian Vaughn by more than 1,000 votes. Mauer received 71.1 percent of the votes, with a total of 1,694. Vaughn received 28.1 percent of the votes with 670.

Bernal received 853 votes (35.1 percent) and Brown received 759 (31.3 percent).

Other internal vice president candidate votes were broken down as follows: Zeke Fortenberry received 315 votes, Darbara Daily received 297, Wesley Stephens received 118 votes and Don Diddy received 68.

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# Tech to receive student president

## TRADING PLACES:

Program gives a student a glimpse of university administration for one day.

By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

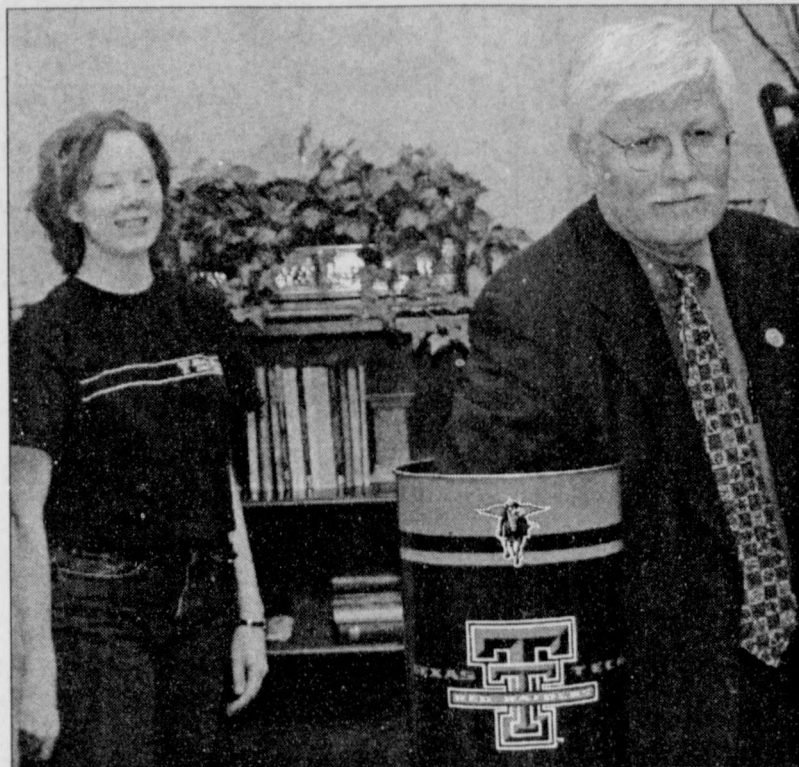
Jon Mark Bernal won the Texas Tech President for a Day drawing Wednesday. Bernal, a graduate student studying higher education from Austin, said he is excited he won and is ready to have his time in the office.

"It's pretty cool to be able to switch places with him," he said. "I think it gives the students a chance to see he is a down-to-earth guy."

Tech President David Schmidly was not able to attend the drawing so Provost John Burns drew the ticket in his place.

The President for a Day program is sponsored by the Mortar Board and gives one student a chance to switch places for one day with Schmidly.

The switch will take place Monday. When Bernal takes over Schmidly's office, he will call donors to raise money for



TECH PROVOST JOHN Burns draws the winning entry in the President for a Day contest.

the Mortar Board scholarship, said Cathy Kay, executive assistant to the president. The Mortar Board scholarships go to

students with academic excellence all over campus. Kay said Bernal will be kept busy all

day by talking to potential donors for the Mortar Board scholarship.

"We are keeping his schedule pretty open, but we plan on keeping him busy," she said. "He will just relax and make phone calls all day."

Bernal will also attend a luncheon for the College of Human Sciences, Kay said.

Kay said the Human Sciences' luncheon will give medallions for excellence in alumni and faculty.

Schmidly will park in Bernal's parking spot in the Indiana commuter lot, ride the bus and be a teaching assistant for the intro to business course.

Bernal said he has two sections of intro to business classes.

"Each section has around 450 students," he said. "It will be different to have Dr. Schmidly taking roll and posting grades for the students."

Schmidly said he is looking forward to trading places and hopes to learn something from the experience.

"Nothing is more important to Texas Tech's success than the positive experience of a student in the class room," he said. "I am really looking forward to having the opportunity next Monday to see Texas Tech from a student's point of view."

CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

# Architecture college welcomes potential dean

By Preston Files/Staff Reporter

Andrew Vernooy, an associate professor at the University of Texas at Austin and a candidate for dean in the Texas Tech College of Architecture, spoke with students Wednesday and expressed the aspects about the position that appealed to him.

Vernooy said he has been interested in Tech for a long time because he has known some good students and faculty members.

"Texas Tech has a mission I find interesting, which is the mission of practice and looking at practice in a critical way," he said.

Vernooy said many factors led to his interest in Tech but "mission of practice" was the primary factor.

Other interests in Tech, Vernooy said,

were practice, technology from a practical application point of view, preservation program and the work that is done in the college in relationship to communities.

"I see myself here in a longer term, and part of that is practicing and working with the faculty, beyond the dean role, in areas that interest me that the college does," Vernooy said.

Vernooy outlined an agenda for the college, listing goals of bringing education to practice through faculty and staff development, achieving diversity within the academy, adjusting critically to changes in technology, encouraging technical advances, fostering interdisciplinary activity, expanding the horizon of the college and contributing to the resolution of issues.

Vernooy is a registered architect, a registered interior designer, a member of

the American Institute of Architects and a member of the Masonry Society.

Vernooy's educational background includes a master's of design studies, urban form, from Harvard University, M.S. in engineering and a master's of architecture from the University of Texas at Austin, and a B.S. in engineering from Princeton University.

Vernooy said the college needs to focus on issues that need to be addressed, particularly with faculty and diversity concerns.

David Rivas, a junior architecture and business major from Leakey, attended the candidate's address to students and said one of the major issues was diversity.

"I would like to see the candidates relate more to the students," Rivas said. "One of the things that is crucial to a dean is being able to also relate well with the faculty."

He said the candidate related well to the college and was caught up in the issues concerning it.

Ryan Faulds, a freshman architecture major from Austin, also attended Vernooy's presentation.

"When considering a candidate, experience is definitely the key thing," he said. "Having seen several sites and places both geographically and university wise is important experience."

David Hasting, a sophomore architecture major from Colleyville, said diverse knowledge of architecture is a strong factor.

He said he would like to see a candidate who is looking to make the school more internationally diverse and who will bring a higher level of learning.

The college's dean search committee encouraged students to evaluate and provide feedback on the candidate.

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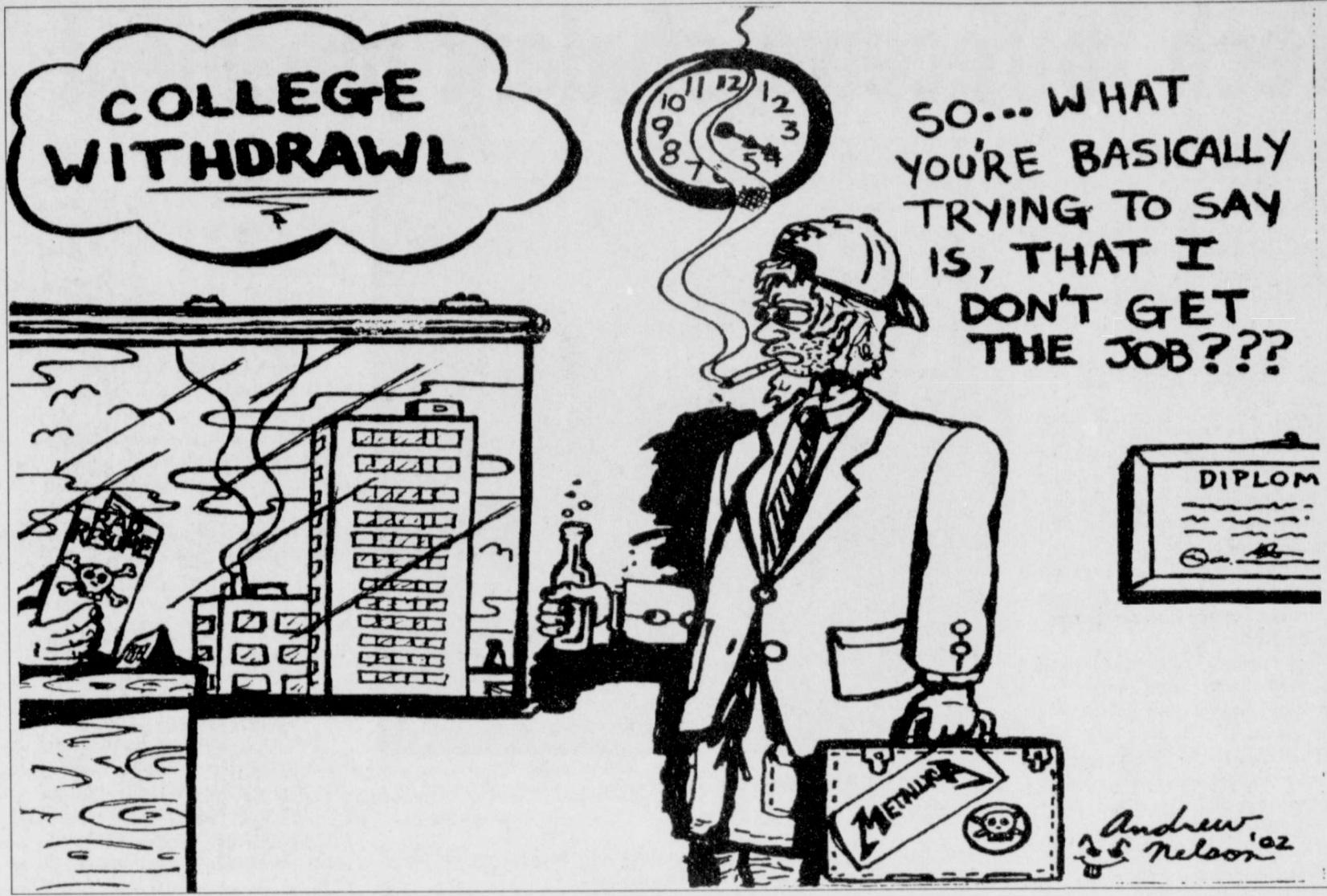
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Perspectives



# Friendliness no longer the norm

COLUMN



LOREN BELL

cheap laughs and social posturing, many students find themselves caught in the vicious cycle of belittling anything they do not understand. Granted, it is often times easier to ridicule everything and everyone than to confront personal insecurities, but is this really a rewarding way to conduct one's life?

Conceivably, they are victims. On a daily basis, we are bombarded with messages of sarcastic affronts to general decency. Modeling what we see on television, our lives become consumed with the quick jab, the one-liner or the off-handed insult that seeks only to tear someone down so we may stand taller. This is simple humor for simple minds. It is a shame to see some rather intelligent individuals allow themselves to be sucked into this intellectually stagnant race toward self-destruction. If cheap laughs are all one wants out of

life, they will soon find they have become an icon for the deprived. Unfortunately, it is all too easy to get sucked into that way of life and many a good soul has been tainted. Being a well-intentioned, basically decent human being is simply not enough armor to succeed in the battle against denigration. One must take an active and conscientious stance against this growing negativity or risk being consumed by it.

Granted, it is virtually impossible to resist taking the road less positive when you are surrounded by a chorus of cackling hyena-like peers who know no other form of communication. This is especially true for freshmen and those of a young age who are mistakenly convinced they need the validation of contemporaries to justify their existence.

Who is going to stand up against such behavior when doing so will only bring that juvenile sarcasm raining down upon their own heads? It is much easier to sit in the back of the group quietly suffering the attacks, hoping acceptance will come shortly behind the daggers that are hurled indiscriminately into anyone who has the misfortune to become the target of disapproval. Everyone would be doing well to ask themselves if they truly live a life of which they are proud. Can you really achieve happiness when your only source of entertainment is the ridicule of others? Perhaps there are times when you may even be proud of your snappy comebacks and acid retorts. But these self-congratulations will only carry you for so long across the boiling quagmire of self-loathing you must possess in order to lash out against your neighbors.

How many flames do we have to smother before we realize ours is not becoming any brighter, but rather is burning low and cold, and is on the verge of strangling itself out?

*A friendly human exchange free from derision, sarcasm or condescension, the extension of genuine concern for another's well-being, or even a pleasant smile to a stranger can accomplish great and unexpected ends in this generally negative and selfish world.*

Whether we like it or not, we have an influence on every single person we come in contact with. We are all inextricably tied to one another as we struggle to make a go at it in this crazy, mixed-up world. As we pursue our own personal goals, our success or failure will be determined by our relationship with our fellow adventurers. What we must consider is whether we want our lives to be a celebration of the positive energy in the world.

Our actions need not be grandiose or extravagant in nature to have profound impact on others. A friendly human exchange free from derision, sarcasm or condescension, the extension of genuine concern for another's well-being, or even a pleasant smile to a stranger can accomplish great and unexpected ends in this generally negative and selfish world.

I encourage you to harbor no ill will toward anyone who has taken a path of aggression toward you in the past. Instead, make a commitment to living a more positive life, free from humor, that relies on scorn and sarcasm to achieve the cheap laugh.

Victor Borge once wrote, "Humor (is) something that thrives between man's aspirations and his limitations." Achieve the former and overcome the latter.

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# 'Bubble mentality' segregating our daily lives

COLUMN



ALISON WELLS

failed attempt to "you're never gonna find me" and here we are still hiding. We get in our cars, come to school all the while debating whether or not to actually climb out of our capsules to

face the world. We sit in the parking lot, such a long way from class and "hide out."

We hide from people we don't want to talk to. Well, we would run behind trees, but since there aren't many, we find if we just hang our heads low enough they won't notice us.

We go to parties hoping the "real" us will emerge after a little "loosening," when all we're really doing is hiding from who we are scared of — ourselves.

We hide from what we don't want to face. Whether it's the professor who demands answers from your sleepy brain or that paper you were supposed to turn in today. We really have nothing to be afraid of. We don't want to return the professor with a stupid answer, and we certainly don't want to come up with yet, another excuse for a late paper. After all, your entire family

might be dead by now.

If we actually do make it to school to talk to someone we couldn't care less about, then we have overcome this level of fear and seeking of refuge.

On the contrary, the one day we do decide we have something to contribute to the world, no one is receptive. Might as well have stayed in our holes. We attempt to crawl out with the possibility of being ripped up by disapproving looks and questions of intelligence.

Are we just afraid of ourselves or afraid of others? Just like in the childhood game, we don't want to be the loser if found, and we certainly don't want anyone else to think that either.

I suppose at times we are all products of the notion that perfection is the answer. Anything less is

unacceptable. We are afraid that what we do is less than that and frowned on. If we are found, we picked a stupid hiding place, and if we emerge into the world with something contributory, we run the risk of being criticized and attracting funny looks from the "anointed."

We shouldn't pay much attention to the "seekers." Our self-esteem is not dependent on how the world views us. We are allowed to transpire and come out from our hiding places. There will always be those who find the vulnerable you and find it enjoyable to drown themselves in your imperfections.

Face the world without your shell and consider it a victory.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Athletics fee to help in the long run

To the editor: I firmly believe it is in the best interest of the student body, the administration and the Board of Regents to support the intercollegiate athletics fee.

After listening to the breakdown of the entire plan, I believe it is clear Texas Tech is headed in the right direction — forward. Interim Chancellor Dr. David Smith and Tech President

David Schmidly are exceptional leaders who care for the students.

Also, under athletics director Gerald Myers' leadership, Tech athletics have done nothing but improve. First, he hired an impartial search committee to assist him in finding a new football coach. Coach Mike Leach has already shown a commitment to winning and has brought in some of the most heralded recruits in the nation.

Mr. Myers also approved new facilities for the baseball team, making

Tech's field one of the best in the Big 12. Marsha Sharp got a much-deserved raise and once again, has her team poised to make a serious run at an NCAA title.

In addition, Mr. Myers worked tirelessly to convince the Tech community that hiring Bob Knight was a good decision. Coach Knight's contributions to the library fund in his name are nearing \$100,000, and he is only in his first year at Tech.

Countless walk-on players in every sport make serious sacrifices for the

betterment of the athletic teams. I believe it is our duty as students to support athletics. However, athletics is not the only area where fee increases are being planned. If you take a look throughout the Tech campus, one word can describe what is happening — expansion. Athletics is no different from parking, technology or health services. Money is needed to help expansion.

John Baucum  
Junior  
journalism

# Diet pills can cause health problems

READERS ASK

**QUESTION:** I had to take my girlfriend to the emergency room last weekend. She had taken over-the-counter diet pills and had a bad reaction. Please tell all these ignorant women out here that being thin as a pencil is not attractive to us guys. The doctor said she was lucky to be alive.

**ANSWER:** Ladies, I ask you, what good does it do to get "Ally McBeal" thin if you end up at your own funeral because of it? Dead is forever! If you want good information about dietary supplements and over-the-counter diet pills just log on to <http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/supplmnt.html>.

Also, as the writer says - guys like a girl with some meat on her bones. Just ask them. Are you trying to be thin to please them or some other judgmental woman whose opinions of you don't matter anyway?

**QUESTION:** I don't have anything on my body pierced yet but have been thinking about it. Before I do it, I want to know what kinds of trouble you see most at Student Health from students who are pierced.

**ANSWER:** We see infection in every place that people are getting pierced — ears that are pierced up into the cartilage, belly buttons, tongues and even the penis and testicles. We see infections in students who have taken pains to do just as instructed to keep from getting an infection. Students will come in with some swelling and redness that has turned into a pus-like discharge from their pierced area. Sometimes there is continuous oozing or bleeding, and sometimes they have heat or red streaks originating from and moving away from the piercing.

Before you decide to pierce something, think about what you want. Make your decision without pressure from friends, and check out the place that does the work to make sure it is reputable. A piercing gun should never be used except for ear lobes. The size of the jewelry inserted matters. It must be large enough to allow for swelling and to minimize infection. Only certain metals are safe. Jewelry used in piercing should be made from 316L surgical-implant-grade stainless steel, 14- or 18-karat solid gold, niobium or titanium only.

Jewelry made from anything else increases the risk of infection or allergic reaction. Finally, decide if this is really going to enhance your life in some way, or is the possibility of infection and the complications that can come from that worth it?

**QUESTION:** My ex-best friend accused me of being codependent. She was referring to my relationship with my long-time boyfriend. Define for me just what codependent is because I don't have anything to do with any problems my boyfriend has, and I am nothing but helpful to him.

**ANSWER:** You don't mention what "problems" your boyfriend might have, but codependency often refers to relationships where drinking and/or drugs are an issue. Here are some questions you should ask yourself honestly — no excuses or b.s. because this is just between you and the page of *The UD* in front of you: 1. Do you try to control his drug or alcohol consumption? 2. Do you get defensive when family and friends suggest that your boyfriend has drug or alcohol problems? 3. Have you ever lied or made excuses for him to family, friends, professors or bosses? 4. Have you limited your social activities because of the way your partner behaves at these events when he is drinking or doing drugs? 5. Do you cover up for him when he is caught in a lie about his substance use? 6. Have you offered your boyfriend a drink or toke when he was on the wagon? 7. Do you make excuses for arguments that were started when he was drunk or on drugs?

If you answered yes to two or more of these, then you may have a problem, and you need to seek help.

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## Bio-safety

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potent and lethal viruses can be tested and researched.

Such research could result in vaccines, he said.

Currently, TIEHH uses simulates, which are replicas of hazardous agents, such as anthrax. Simulates are the same in shape, size and molecular surface but are not dangerous or toxic, he said.

While using simulates instead of actual agents gives researchers an idea as to what happens when an agent like anthrax is released, it's not as effective as testing the actual agent, Chiodo said. The longer these simulates are used, the more obvious it becomes that live agents need to be used in order to counteract a biological agent outbreak effectively.

"You wouldn't want to install a smoke

detector that hadn't been tested against smoke. Well, you wouldn't want to put a biological detector out in the world that hasn't been tested against the actual agents either," Chiodo said.

The Tech Board of Regents approved planning for the complex last year, Cindy Rugeley, vice chancellor of News and Information, said.

The next step is for scientists and researchers to provide a projected cost for the project and how long it's going to take to complete it, Rugeley said.

"It's the dream of a lot of people at Texas Tech to get this specialized lab, but it's not by any stretch of the imagination a short-term project," Rugeley said.

Chiodo said this project could cost as much as \$70 million and take years to complete.

"It's a major commitment, but the return is also large," Chiodo said.

Since the Regents' approval, TIEHH has brought in a panel of scientists from

around the world to review the projected idea for validity and necessity, Chiodo said.

The scientific advisory panel consists of about 20 scientists, researchers and engineers. The panel concluded that there is substantial need for such a complex, he said.

Ron Kendall, director of TIEHH, said the construction of such a lab would have economic benefits for the Lubbock region, both educationally and research-wise.

"A high containment lab would stimulate new, innovative research that can only be achieved in a few places around the world," Kendall said.

However, Sam Spikes, a local physician and radiologist, said there are dangers to having such lethal agents as Ebola and anthrax in Lubbock.

Spikes said his concern is safety for the citizens.

Leaks and accidents do happen, despite stringent security, Spikes said.

Transporting the agents through the city also poses a threat.

"They are going to be trucking that stuff through here," Spikes said. "This stuff has the potential to kill more people than I've ever helped."

Approving such a facility in Lubbock has little benefit compared to the risk of having such dangerous substances in the area, he said.

Spikes said he believes citizens need to be aware of the potency and danger of having a bio-safety lab in Lubbock.

"This town doesn't even like second-hand smoke. This is a lot riskier," he said.

Chiodo said citizens have little to fear when it comes to the risk of the project.

Safety is a top priority in constructing the facility and providing security for it as well, Chiodo said.

"Our burden and mission is to be able to relay very openly everything we're doing," Chiodo said. "We want to answer every possible question."

## Woman gets apology for accident

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Eighty-five-year-old Tillie Tooter got an apology in court Wednesday for the hit-and-run accident that left her trapped in a mosquito-infested swamp for three days. She wished the young motorist luck and urged him to "learn to lead a better life."

Scott Campbell, 23, was sentenced to five years of probation and ordered to reimburse the woman's medical expenses from the August 2000 accident.

A judge had delayed the sentencing a day to give Tooter time to travel from Philadelphia to hear Campbell's apology, which was required under his plea bargain with prosecutors.

"I'd like to tell you from the bottom of my heart that I'm truly sorry for the ordeal you went through. I feel very remorseful," Campbell said.

Tooter responded: "I feel deeply sorry for your mother because I know you must have hurt her. I have no ill

feelings towards you. I just hope you will make a good life for yourself."

Tooter was driving her Toyota Tercel to the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood airport to pick up a relative early in the morning when Campbell's car hit her from behind, pushing her car off a bridge and into a tangle of trees that held her suspended above the water of a swamp.

Campbell, who according to his lawyer had become drowsy at the wheel, stopped on the highway and called police. But he did not tell anyone that a car had gone over the wall.

To get through the three-day ordeal, Tooter sucked on a cough drop and a peppermint and chewed a piece of gum. She absorbed rainwater with golf socks and sucked on them to avoid dehydration.

She was finally rescued when a teenager picking up trash glanced over the bridge railing and saw her looking up at him.

Campbell pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of an injury accident and making a false police report.

## Clinic

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theme this year for the car clinic is "Drive Alert, Arrive Alive."

Burns said common causes of drowsy driving are students not allowing enough time for sleep, working at night or having a sleep disorder.

The goal for the SGA is to create one strategic day for all Big 12 schools to recognize drowsy driving, he said.

Sponsors for the Drowsy Driving Car Clinic are Recreational Sports, Department of Housing, Tech Police, Tech Parents Association, SGA and TTHSC Student Government and Traffic and Parking.

Henderson said more than 700 students have participated in the free clinic over the past three years.

"This clinic is a no-lose situation for students only," she said.

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## Construction

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that's scheduled is going to go over by Drane and Doak hall along University," Ellicott said.

Phases II and III of the Red Raider bonfire site, located near the south entrance of the rec center is slated to be complete in May and includes the addition of a patio and brick wall.

Construction for the Pfleger Fountain, located in Memorial Circle, is currently complete and is scheduled to be dedicated on Arbor Day in April.

One of Tech's larger projects scheduled to open this semester is the \$12-million Garrison Center north of the Heath Sciences Center on 4th Street. The Garrison Center, in conjunction with Sears Methodist Retirement System, brings to Lubbock a teaching center designed within a nursing home. Construction for the center will be complete in March with the grand opening scheduled for April 3.

"The rooms and nursing stations are a little oversized to accommodate

students, and there are a couple of small classrooms and an office in there for them," Ellicott said.

Tech officials announced Tuesday, construction of the Marsha Sharp Center for Student Athletes will begin in the fall. The 13,600-square-foot center will honor academic achievements of student athletes and provide academic, classroom and computer laboratory space.

Completion of the building, which will be located west of the athletic training facility, will use the space currently used by athletic department administrators and staff for parking and is scheduled for completion in 2003.

Marsha Sharp, head coach for the Lady Raiders basketball team, donated a significant amount for the center.

"We wanted to stress the importance of academics for our athletes at Texas Tech," Sharp said. "We believe that if we were going to have excellent athletic facilities, we needed to have excellent academic facilities as well."

Also included in the projects scheduled for completion in 2003 is the recently renamed Texas Tech Student Union Building. The Student Union, formally the University Center, is receiving

expansions and renovation at a cost of \$38 million. Included in the construction will be the addition of a two-story Barnes & Noble bookstore, a small casual dining area, a small theater, a gathering pavilion, offices and seven new franchised vendors.

"We are a little bit ahead of schedule and are just below budget," Ellicott said. "We hope to open the new addition in Spring 2003. As soon as that is done, we are going to stop for about four months and empty out the food court and begin renovating it."

The Jerry S. Rawls Red Raider golf course is scheduled to open May 2003. Construction on the championship-level course is currently under way; crews have completed three holes: 14, 15 and 16. The public course will provide a large lake, hilly landscaping, a clubhouse and a \$2-million irrigation system.

Stages II and III of the Jones SBC Stadium project are also scheduled for completion in 2003.

"Everything is on schedule; there is a lot of pressure coming from the university and athletic programs," Ellicott said. "Everyone is ready for the construction to be done."

## TABC

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Odesa, said there is a problem with adults over 21 buying alcohol for minors.

"We're doing programs to try to prohibit minors from purchasing alcohol, but now adults are buying it for minors on prom night or on weekends," Kei said. "I want the public to be aware of the consequences of buying minors alcohol."

Hoover said TABC officers had to look harder to spot arrangements between adults over 21 and minors of money and alcohol.

"They've gotten smarter now and stopped asking random people in the parking lot. We have to watch after the purchase is made who handles the alcohol," Hoover said.

A new deterrent for minors pur-

chasing alcohol is the new Texas driver's license, which has new security features included for fraudulent activity.

"I fully support the TABC," Kei said. "I know they spread themselves in compliance with stores and minors."

John Cullers, captain of Region 1 of the enforcement division covering Lubbock, Amarillo and Wichita Falls, said he hoped college students would attend TABC public forums in the future.

"I think minors and college students can give the TABC input on how effective we are," Cullers said.

Yarbrough said the turnout was promising and hoped to hear from the public differences the TABC should make, opportunities the TABC has given, the strengths and weaknesses the TABC causes and would like to know what else they can do to improve in the future.



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## Yoga allows a more relaxing way to workout



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TWO WOMEN WORKOUT using Yoga techniques at the Student Union Building. The rec center began the series of yoga classes four years ago. The current class is full, but if interested, the next session will begin March 6. The classes meet Wednesdays at 5:35 p.m. and 6:35 p.m. and on Thursdays at 5:15 p.m.

By Liesl Klinkerman/Staff Reporter

While some college students are huffing and puffing their way to a better physique on the stair-stepping machine, others are bending and breathing down their path to better health and total relaxation.

The Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center offers yoga classes for five-week periods.

"Unfortunately, the current five week session is filled," said Betty Blanton, an associate director of rec sports. "There will be another session beginning March 6. The classes will be on Wednesday at 5:30 and 6:35 and on Thursday at 5:15 p.m."

The Rec Center began the series of yoga classes three or four years ago, Blanton said.

"A new format of exercise is mind and body," Blanton said. "We also have Tai Chi and Nia, which are mind and body formats. They help connect mind and body and use

the brain to control your body."

Blanton said students can benefit from yoga in a number of ways.

"There are many benefits to doing yoga," Blanton said. "It increases flexibility and can help stress management. It really has a calming effect. Yoga can also lower your heart rate and blood pressure. It helps you become in tune with your thoughts, body and breathing."

For Janda Ibbetson, the assistant director of rec sports for fitness and wellness, the benefits of taking yoga affected her in and out of the classroom.

"I practiced the breathing," Ibbetson said. "The instructor encourages the students to use techniques outside of class. Yoga increases your focus, and you're more aware of what's going on around you."

Besides relaxation, Blanton said the calming exercise will also contribute to a more toned body.

*The great thing about yoga is that there are different forms and positions.*

— BETTY BLANTON  
Associate Director of Rec Sports

"If you look at our yoga instructor, you'll see that he's in great shape," Blanton said. "You do strength moves that support the body. It also helps your balance and will work your abs and lower back. Yoga utilizes the body."

Ibbetson said she believes yoga and other types of exercise will help students on the road to better health.

"You will notice small results," Ibbetson said. "You won't notice differences in a week, but over the semester, there will be major improvements. Like any other type of physical exercise, you will always benefit."

Students with or without yoga experience can join and gain from the classes.

"The great thing about yoga is that there are different forms and positions," Blanton said. "People of all levels are in the same class. Everyone works in their own position and their own pace."

Beginners will find the workout enjoyable and not too difficult, says Ibbetson.

"When I first started, it wasn't too hard," Ibbetson said. "Of course it was difficult at first to get into some positions because of my lack of flexibility. It's an enjoyable workout."

Ibbetson said yoga is a great way to work out because of its lack of a competitive edge.

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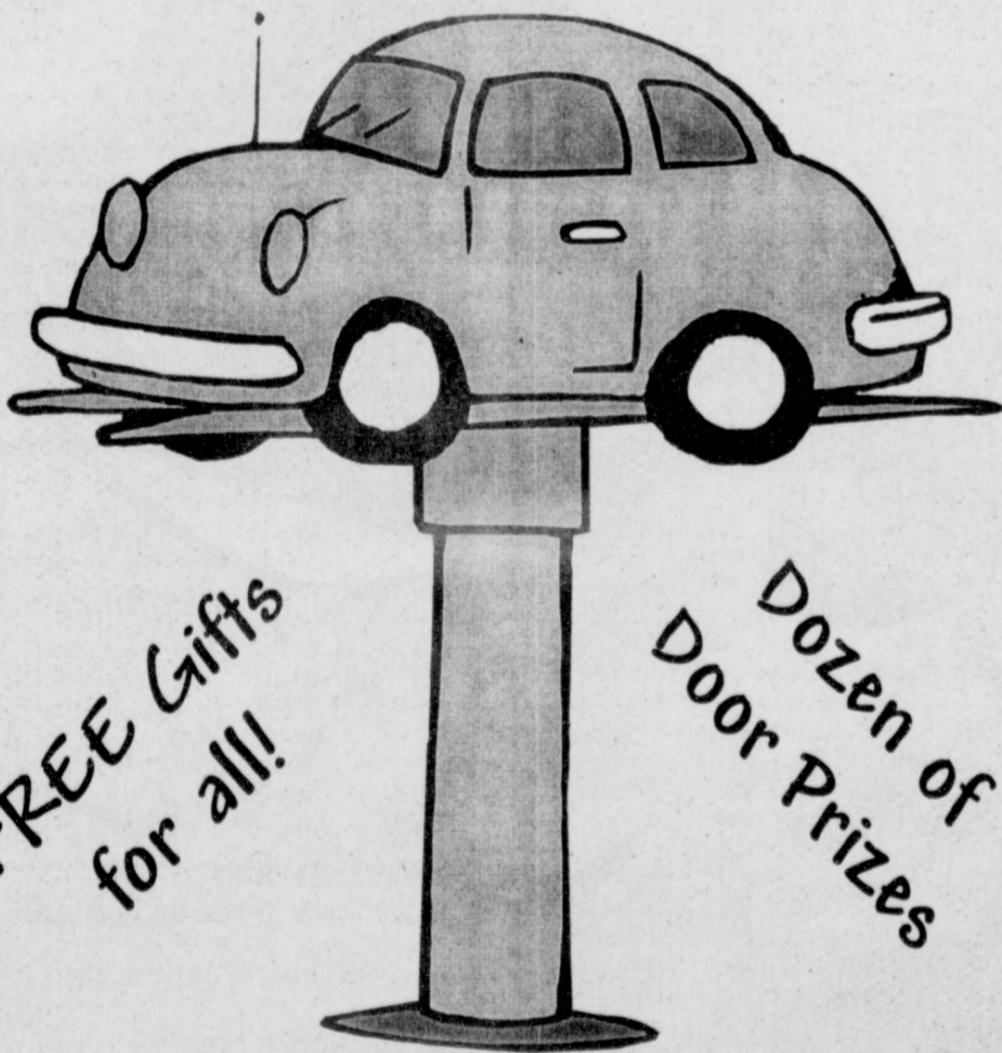
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Aspen Highlands	46"	10"	13 lifts open, P/PP
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Crested Butte	37"	4"	13 lifts open, P/PP
Keystone	37"	5"	16 lifts open, P/PP
Loveland	50"	9"	8 lifts open, P/PP
Monarch	50"	6 1/2"	5 lifts open, P/PP
Purgatory	33"	---	10 lifts open, PP
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### Tech graduate to return to Lubbock with band Tweed

By Whitney Wyatt/Staff Reporter

Mike Simmons, a 1998 graduate of Texas Tech, will return to Lubbock Thursday night as his Dallas-based band, Tweed, performs at Bleacher's Sports Café, located at 1719 Buddy Holly Ave.

Regularly playing at Bleacher's Sports Café, the Spoon and Conference Café in the mid to late 1990s, Simmons said he put himself through college playing in the Buddy Simmons Band, the band he was part of at the time, with his twin brother Matt and a couple of their friends.

"It was just for fun," he said. "But I supported my whole college career with this band."

Since he and the other band members were also members of Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Delta Tau Delta fraternities, Simmons said they played at fraternity events as well, including Chili Cook Off, Steak Fry and Crawfish.

"It was more of a social event than checking out (our) music," he said.

However, Simmons is now making his career as the drummer of Tweed, which formed in September 2001. Band members include vocals and guitar player John Gabbett and bass guitar player Rocky Garza.

Simmons describes their music as roots rock because each member brought his own style of music to the band.

"We are real rootsy," he said. "It is country with a rock-pop feel, but it's more rootsy than country."

Since Tweed is a cross between country and rock, Simmons said the band puts on an exciting performance.

"We're looking to have a good time and play music," he said. "It's fun to get to go out there and play music and have people like it."

Not only do the band members have fun playing together, but Simmons said they are dedicated to making the band the best it can be.

"For all of us as a band, we are super-passionate about playing music," he said. "Our lives are geared for playing in this band."

Tweed can be heard in Dallas at the Gypsy Tea Room, Trees, Club DaDa, the Barley House and Muddy Waters, as well as in clubs in Corpus Christi and San Angelo.

Kurt McMullan, the owner and manager of Bleacher's Sports Café, said it has been a couple of years since Simmons played at Bleacher's Sports Café.

"He's a real good musician, a good drummer," McMullan said.

Not only are the band members good musicians, but McMullan said they are good people as well.

"They're real down to earth," he said.

Tweed will start at 11:45 p.m., but Oddibe, a singer-songwriter and acoustic band, will open at 10:30 p.m.

The cover is \$3.



### Nextel underwrites CBS special about WTC terrorist attacks

NEW YORK (AP)—Nextel has agreed to underwrite next month's CBS special on the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center so it will be aired without commercials.

Neither company would reveal how much Nextel paid.

The special, "9/11," features exclusive footage shot from inside the World Trade Center by two French filmmakers on the day of the attacks. The two-hour show will air Sunday, March 10 at 9 p.m. EST.

"It was pretty obvious to everyone involved that commercials just wouldn't be appropriate," said Audrey Schaefer, spokeswoman for Nextel.

# Black History Month continues with renowned novelist

By Liesl Klinkerman/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech University will host a variety of events this week as students, faculty, staff and the Lubbock community celebrate week five of African American History Month.

Octavia Butler, renowned novelist, will address the public at a question-and-answer forum at 4 p.m. today in the Human Sciences building, Room 169.

Barnes&Noble Bookstore, located at 6707 Slide Road, will hold a book signing for Butler at 7 p.m.

Butler has earned many literary honors, including the Hugo Award, the Nebula Award and a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship.

A reception is scheduled to immediately follow the event at the Tech

museum, located on 4th Street and Indiana Avenue. Admission is free and open to the public.

"Her writing is a fantasy type," said Angela Loston, a senior intern at the Office of News and Publications. "She uses a lot of parallels of slavery to alien life forms and how the aliens deal with human contact. She's a science-fiction writer."

Bruce Clarke, a professor in the department of English, explains more about Butler's writings.

"It's a unique blend of science fiction and fantasy," he said. "Her writing largely reflects African American experience transformed by fantasy devices, such as telepathy or alien species."

Clarke said Butler's novels are part of a series that deal with issues connected to African-American history.

"Most of her works come in connected series with intertwined characters," Clarke said. "They have difficulty adapting to society, and the story follows conflicts they encounter. Kindred, which is considered mainstream, directly deals with American-racial history."

From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday in

Tech's Market Alumni Center, there will be an African American History Month Program Closing and Scholarships Awards Ceremony. The program will feature a performance by the Estacado High School Choir.

Juliet Walker, a professor at the University of Texas in Austin, will present a seminar

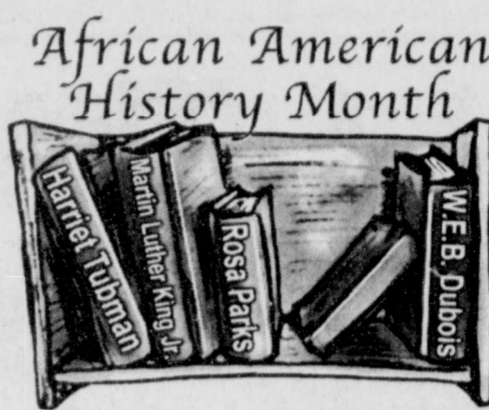
from noon to 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration building, Room 007, titled, "Seminar on African American Business and Entrepreneurship."

"Her expertise is African-American Business History and women's empowerment through entrepreneurship," Kwame Alford, an assistant professor said. "She's also opening women's history month."

Walker will speak again from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Tech Market Alumni Center on "Economic Development in the African-American Community."

Alford said he has heard and enjoyed Walker's speeches in the past.

"Her speeches are very informative, very stimulating, very enthusiastic," he said.



## THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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51 Compass dir.  
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63 Wet behind the ears  
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By Gerald R. Ferguson  
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## 'Dragonfly' is another Kevin Costner film flop

### MOVIE REVIEW



JAMES EPPLER

It's true; Kevin Costner's name is becoming synonymous with the phrase, "bad movie." One can't help but wonder how he looked at scripts for "The Postman" or "3000 Miles to Graceland" and thought, "Yes, this will be good for my career." Granted, last year's "Thirteen Days" was excellent, but Costner could have single-handedly ruined the film with his bogus accent. Luckily, that film boasted excellent writing and a strong ensemble cast to help overshadow Costner. Unfortunately, "Dragonfly" is lacking in both these categories.

hospital administrator that he needs some time off. Before long, he starts to have dreams of his wife. It seems to him that she is trying to contact him, but for what purpose?

Back at the hospital some of his wife's patients, mostly small children, are coming out of comas and talking about seeing their former doctor.

Costner becomes obsessed with talking to the different kids about their dreams and why all of these kids are drawing this image that looks like a crooked cross when they come out of their comas.

Haven't we seen something like this before? I was just waiting for one of the kids to say, "I see dead people."

Costner spends much of the film seeing things that other people can't see and trying to piece together the puzzle. Everyone thinks he's crazy. It's like that Looney Tunes cartoon where the guy has

the singing frog that only sings in front of him but no one else.

A scene in which Costner takes all of his wife's clothes out of the closet and two minutes later finds all of them hung back up in the closet is the type of device that has just been done to death in ghost

movies. It's meant to inspire chills, but instead evokes eye-rolls.

There's also this annoying parrot that the couple has as a house pet. It's not kept in a cage and is just left to flutter about the house freely. It won't ever talk to Costner, but we are told that the parrot always talked when his wife was home. Gee, do you think this might pay off?

The film's only saving grace, if there is one, is Kathy Bates as Costner's next-door neighbor. She makes him waffles, and he confides in her with all his spooky stories. Bates is always likeable,

even when working with third-rated material.

With all of the symbolism and clichéd, spooky-movie devices used here, there can't be much hope that the ending will somehow redeem the entire project.

And it doesn't. I do not believe in giving away spoilers in a review, but I will say that the ending is as implausible as it is cheesy. Costner tries his hardest to make viewers cry at the end of the film. I, for one, did get a little teary-eyed but not because of Costner's performance. It was because I had that sinking feeling that I had wasted two hours of my all-too-short life by watching this film. It's sad.

Costner has done good work in the past; he's even won an Academy Award. Maybe he's just in a bad rut. Or maybe he has a parrot for an agent.

EPPLER'S RATING: ★ 1/2

### SCORING SYSTEM

- ★★★★★ — Flawless
- ★★★★ — Excellent
- ★★★ — Good
- ★★ — Mediocre
- ★ — Awful

## Jamie Kennedy experiments on ordinary people — and his show proves fun

NEW YORK (AP) — In person, Jamie Kennedy displays the spiky haircut and informed goofiness of a teen you might confront across the counter at a video store.

But forget what he's like for real, or that this rising actor-comic is actually 31 years old. On his new WB sketch-reality show, "The Jamie Kennedy Experiment," he disappears inside one of countless alter egos who meet, and beguile, an

unsuspecting public. (Two new half-hour episodes air Sunday at 8 p.m. EST.)

"I love playing characters, and the real test of being an actor is to see if people believe them," says Kennedy, who has appeared in films including "Three Kings" and "Scream," but has now expanded to the world at large. "What better way to test this stuff than to run it on real people?"

Maybe he's an elderly, hopelessly addled TV judge who can't keep straight the facts of the case. Or a rich-boy, Malibu-born rapper. Or a roguish Hollywood tour guide who takes sightseers inside Bob Sage's house — after he busts a window to gain access.

When each situation can't get any loonier, Kennedy comes clean. But instead of "Smile — you're on 'Candid Camera,'" he turns to his befuddled "mark," breaks character and cackles, "You've been X-ed!"

A recent segment found Kennedy transformed into a dweebish driving in-

structor who subjects his student to lunatic banter, delusional advice ("hands on the wheel at 10 o'clock and 2 o'clock — but after 9 o'clock, at 11 o'clock and 3 o'clock"), and a side trip to the home of his angry ex-wife, who storms the car with a baseball bat.

If the driving-instructor gambit sounds familiar, you may have seen a similar prank last summer on NBC's "Candid Camera" from hell, "Spy TV." On that show, the point was to scare the daylight out of some guy named Shawn by trapping him in a car with a stunt driver as his "instructor," then, when he was properly traumatized, springing "gotcha!" on him.

By contrast, on "The Jamie Kennedy Experiment," the teen-age student wasn't a victim, but virtually a co-star. Radiating dread mixed with amusement, she rivaled Kennedy's performance — and she didn't even know she was performing.

"She was just as much a part of it as me," Kennedy declares. "We're in the car and at one point I say, 'Don't worry, calm down, everything's gonna be fine,' and she says, 'OK.' She commits to this bizarre world!"

"Then the driving instructor's brother gets in the car and he's a transvestite. So she gives him fashion tips."

The inspiration for what its star calls "the funnest job I've ever had" draws from the art of Eddie Murphy and Peter

Sellers, two of Kennedy's idols. It also takes a cue from documentary films, which he can't get enough of. (Two farflung favorites: "Triumph of the Will" and "Crumb.")

For Kennedy, experiment means introducing an odd element (him) into real life to see what happens. Or, put another way: seeing his marks into an alternate universe and seeing what role they claim when they get there. While documenting the whole thing.

"We are challenging people's belief systems, and I think that's pretty cool," he says. "They are thinking, 'This is weird, but I'm gonna go with it and be accepting.' And then, after we reveal what's going on, they can go, 'Whew!' Everything they believed before is right, after all. They realize nothing would have been weird if we weren't involved."

Of course, their willingness to buy into the act depends on Kennedy not blowing his cover.

"We haven't been busted yet," he says proudly. "I have a malleable face, and the makeup people are great. Except I have a big nose, so the makeup man told me I could never play an Asian."

That still leaves lots of people he can play. But what becomes of his covert comedy quest as he and the show grow increasingly familiar?

Not a problem, says the joker who claims his only worry is a backlash from the catchphrase, "You've been X-ed."

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## Robles named Big 12 player of the week

High numbers and a large hitting streak helped Texas Tech shortstop Kristi Robles be named Big 12 Conference Player of the Week. Robles batted .435 in the Troy Cox Classic at New Mexico State University this weekend.

During Tech's winning performance at the Troy Cox, Robles had nine RBI. She was 2 for 3 against No. 17 Florida State driving in the game-winning run. Robles had three multi-hit games during the span for, and extended her hitting streak to 10 games.

Robles either leads the team or is tied in six offensive categories; runs, doubles, triples, batting average, RBI and walks.

She is the first Red Raider to receive such an honor this season.

The Raiders return to action with three consecutive doubleheaders Friday through Sunday at the University of New Mexico Tournament in Albuquerque, N.M. Tech faces New Mexico State Friday, New Mexico Saturday and Colorado State on Sunday.

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# The freshman young guns

## LOCKED AND LOADED: First-year pitching staff tries to fill the shoes of ex-hurler Amanda Renfro.

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

With the departure of All-American pitcher Amanda Renfro, this year's Texas Tech softball pitching staff had to follow in large footsteps this season with three freshmen joining the ranks.

"Huge shoes," Amie Stines said. "Amanda Renfro was awesome. (The coaches) brought in three of us to fill one

person's shoes."

All three of the freshmen said they knew what Renfro accomplished and also knew it would be a difficult task to follow her.

Pitcher Kristina Blair said achieving the status of Renfro is a possibility for the staff, but it will take work ethic.

"Renfro was awesome," Blair said. "But you can always be that good. As a whole, I think our staff could be that good, if we worked really hard. It takes work because nothing is given to you."

Pitcher Jennifer Vaught said she was aware of Renfro's ability and knows it will take hard work to be successful.

"I knew how good Amanda Renfro was," Vaught said. "I couldn't fill her shoes, especially as a freshman. I know I have to rely on my defense more because I'm not a strikeout pitcher like she was."

Tech coach Bobby Reeves said the freshman staff had trouble early in the season, but have gotten in the groove of late.

"Our pitchers started slowly, and then we had that two-week spurt with 10 losses," Reeves said. "But Blair and Vaught threw well last weekend, and Stines has been too; she gave up a homerun or two, but they're getting smarter and understanding more what they can and can't do."

Knowing what they can and can't do means throwing smart pitches and making their opponents make mistakes Reeves said.

"They're learning to make the hitters make mistakes," he said. "They have to throw pitcher's pitches not hitter's pitches."

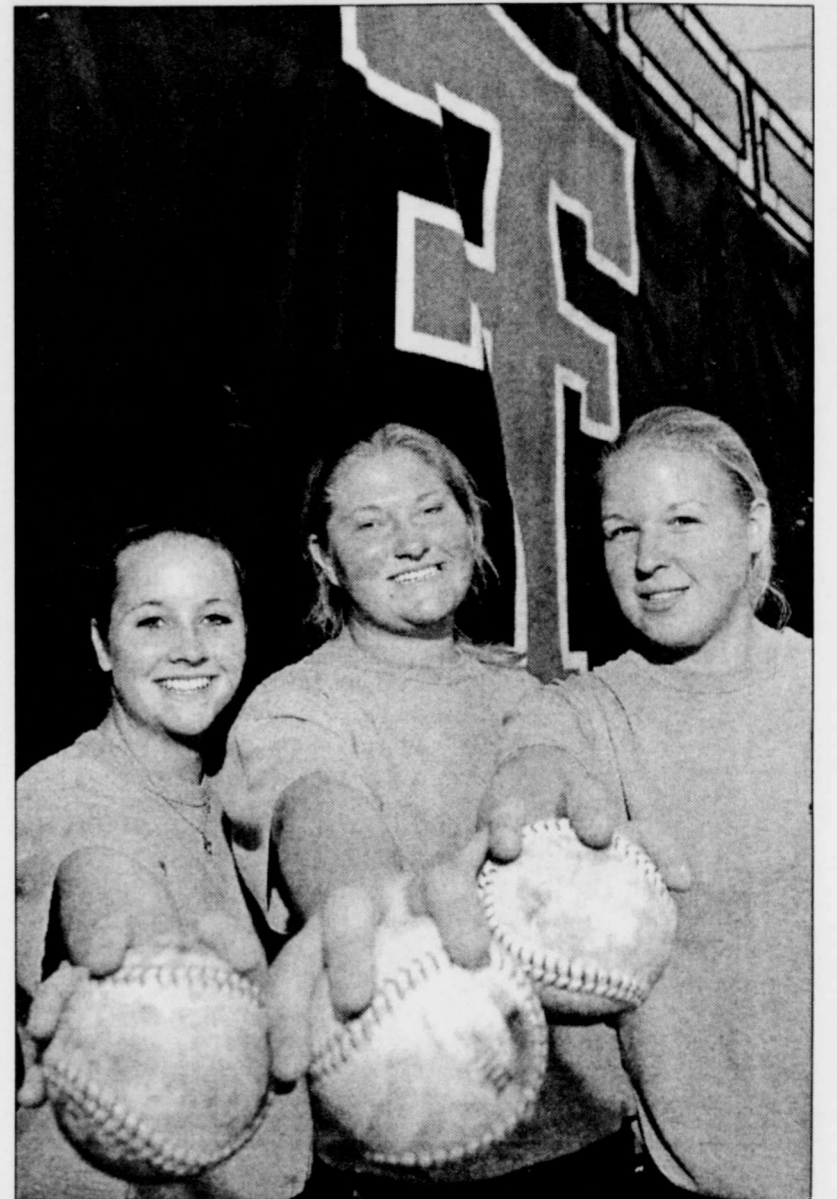
Vaught said the strong teams Tech played early in the season woke them up to the college-ball experience.

"Those first two weeks were kind of a shock because of the caliber teams we were playing," she said. "That showed us how good we have to be, and we have to step it up a notch."

Blair said she was overwhelmed at first but knew she would get over it.

"I was very intimidated at first," Blair said. "But you can't be at this level. I know these teams can hit me, but all teams are beatable."

Blair said playing the strong teams



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Photo Illustration

TEXAS TECH SOFTBALL pitchers, Jennifer Vaught, left, Kristina Blair, middle, and Amie Stines are all new to the Tech program this season.

upfront helped her get over the intimidation.

"I know I can pitch well against any team now," Blair said. "You can't go in intimidated, or you're destined to lose."

Stines said she was not nervous until she saw whom Tech was slated to play.

"I think once I saw the schedule, it was when it hit me," Stines said. "Coming from high school, you don't see those caliber teams. You just do what you can, and of course, you're going to be nervous at first. You just work through it."

Reeves said he knew the adjustment from high school ball would be a tough task for his hurlers because of the higher level of play.

"They had no idea what level they

were at," Reeves said. "High school and Division I is a tremendous jump to make. They had to learn you don't always have to strike them out."

Playing those teams helped Stines increase her confidence, though.

"Throwing against LSU helped me," Stines said. "I know I can pitch against those teams. It makes you smarter as to what you can throw. It's an eye-opener."

Playing the stronger teams showed Vaught she can not take any hitter for granted.

"I learned to respect everyone in college ball," Vaught said. "No matter what team they play for, I have to take every batter just as serious as the one before."

## Aikman not missing football as much as he thought

WACO (AP) — Troy Aikman still believes he can play in the NFL. But a year after he was cut by the Dallas Cowboys, he doesn't miss it as much as he

thought he would.

"It's been better than I expected," Aikman said. "This year was really great." Aikman wasn't ready to walk away

from the game when the Cowboys cut him last year because of salary cap and health concerns. It took another month before the quarterback who won three Super Bowls decided to retire.

He has since found contentment as a husband, father and NFL broadcaster for the Fox network.

"I've put it all in perspective. This is another part of my life," said Aikman, 35.

Aikman's wife, Rhonda, is expecting another daughter in August. The couple also have a 6-month-old daughter and is raising a 12-year-old daughter from her previous marriage.

Aikman, inducted Tuesday night into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame in Waco, said the perception that he's trying to get back into the NFL is untrue. He said he has gotten calls from teams gauging his interest in playing again and could be on a team if that's what he really wanted.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said one of the hardest decisions he's ever had to make was cutting Aikman, the first player he drafted after buying the team in 1989.

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5. TV Show \_\_\_\_\_
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8. Local Radio Morning Show \_\_\_\_\_
9. TV Station \_\_\_\_\_
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12. Movie Theater \_\_\_\_\_
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6:00	NewsHour	News Extra	CBS News	Woyager	News	Friends
6:30	Antiques Roadshow UK	Friends	Survivor: Marquesas	WWF Smackdown	Whose Line	Family Guy
7:00	Mystery!	Will/Grace	C.S.I.		Whose Line	Family Guy
7:30	Frontline	E.R. TV14	Agency	Cops	Prison Break	News
8:00	Nightly Bus.	News Tonight Show	News	Change/Heart	News	Seinfeld
8:30			David	Blind Date	Newsnight	Frasier
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It was the smartest move Tech has ever made. But now what? Does Tech stop here? Has athletics director Gerald Since done anything explosive since his buddy made him a local hero? He has done small things but nothing too major.

Changes still have to be made to this athletics department.

In honor of next week's President

for a Day event, when a Tech student will switch places with President David Schmidt, I, for the second time in my career will be Tech's athletics director for a Day.

Call me AD Muench, and don't worry Mr. Myers, I will let you borrow my calculator for College Algebra.

The last time I took this job, in *The UD's* March 8, 2000, issue I wasn't too successful. But hey, it took Myers a while too.

Myers' secretary is gone for the day, also. Nothing personal, but everyone, I would like you to meet secretary Spears. First name Britney.

The first thing I'd say to Student Government Association President John Steinmetz is, "Goodbye seats."

Nice try though. Tech students did not fill them this year, especially at Lady Raider games. So now, I will make them pay.

SGA officials may say Tech didn't market the games well enough. Well, why should you have to market? Here is a good marketing idea — Tech plays so and so tonight. Game starts at 8 p.m. Bring your friends.

So, I officially added seats given to the students this season for one year. If students come in bundles next year, I'll let Myers and the new SGA president handle that situation.

Last time I took this position, I tried to find this school a rival. As sad as it was, North Texas became the winner. But after two years, I have finally realized Tech's rival — the Tech students. I won't go into much detail. I'll just say intercollegiate athletics fee.

Call me AD Muench, and don't worry Mr. Myers, I will let you borrow my calculator for College Algebra.

How about we fire and hire someone? Mike Leach — goodbye. Terry Bowden — hello. That was easy. Myers, you can do the contract negotiations.

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No. 2: Athletes don't get in free for sporting events. If you're on scholarship, pay for the athletic sports pass yourself.

No. 3: Take the turf out of the infield at Dan Law Field.

No. 4: Give athletes some freedom by letting them walk around this campus with the harassment of giving an autograph every five seconds.

No. 5: Let Penette Pierson play again this season.

And finally, No. 6: Hire Spike Lee to direct Tech's infomercials. He can get athletes to wear the Red and Black.

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## Sooners hand Lady Raiders 75-56 loss

The No. 5-ranked Oklahoma Sooners claimed a 75-56 win against the No. 15-ranked Tech Lady Raiders Wednesday night in Norman, Okla.

The Lady Raiders jumped out to a 6-1 lead in the first half, but OU pulled ahead 7-6 with a 6-0 run. Tech battled back and led 18-13, but once again, OU went on a run to tie the game at 18.

The Sooners were able to regain the lead and extend their lead to eight points to claim a 33-25 halftime edge.

In the second half, the Lady Raiders were able to cut the OU lead to seven points at 61-54, but the Sooners closed the game on a 14-2 run to claim the victory.

Sooner guard LaNeisha Caufield led Oklahoma in scoring with 18 points, while Lady Raider guard Natalie Ritchie led Tech with 18 points.

With the win Oklahoma moved to 24-3 overall and 14-2 in Big 12 Conference action. Tech led to 17-10 overall and 8-8 in the Big 12 with the loss.

## Astros rid Enron as field's name

HOUSTON (AP) — It was worth \$2.1 million to Houston Astros owner Drayton McLane Jr. to rid the team's ballpark of the Enron name.

After aggressive negotiations with bankrupt Enron Corp.'s largest creditors, McLane announced Wednesday the team will pay \$2.1 million to buy back rights to the name of Enron Field. The ballpark will go into its third season this year as "Astros Field" until the team finds another buyer for the naming rights.

"We will be very selective," McLane said, noting that at least seven companies have approached the Astros about

replacing Enron's logos prominently displayed throughout the ballpark. "We learned a lot from this experience."

The deal still needs final approval from U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Arthur Gonzalez in New York.

"We are pleased to have resolved this issue with the Astros with a deal that is beneficial to all parties, including Enron's creditors and the city of Houston," Enron president and chief operating officer Jeff McMahon said.

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