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Tech researchers announce E. coli breakthrough

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech researchers announced a breakthrough in E. coli prevention methods in livestock at a press conference Wednesday.

Mindy Brashears, assistant professor in the animal and food science department, and Michael Galyean, a Thornton professor of animal science, found a way to prevent E. coli O157:H7, the dangerous bacteria that causes illness, through

feeding cattle with probiotics. A probiotic is a bacteria used to kill other bacteria.

E. coli is bacteria found in ground beef, which can cause only minor illness, like an upset stomach and can lead to more serious illnesses, like kidney failure. The bacteria have been known to cause death in extreme cases, Brashears said.

The harmful bacteria get into the beef humans consume because it develops in

the animal, she said. Meat processing plants abide by many regulations to test the beef to ensure it is not contaminated. It can be killed through irradiation or by cooking it.

Brashears said this research focused on detecting and reducing instances of E. coli in cattle before they are slaughtered.

"Before this research, nothing was being done on the farm. We need to take the research from the farm to the table,"

Brashears said. "We need to go all the way through the food chain to make it safe."

Brashears and her research associates took strands of a different bacteria, lactic acid bacteria, "the good kind," from cattle. Lactic acid bacteria are often used in yogurt and other dairy products, she said. These bacteria are safe for both animal and human consumption.

What Brashears said she found was certain strands of lactic acid bacteria

killed E. coli in the steers.

Galyean said they tested 180 steers, which were typical of the steers sent to feedlots, to see if the bacteria would have any effect on the E. coli in steers' systems while they were still alive. The testing was done at the Burnett Center, Tech's animal science farm facility east of New Deal.

The animals were divided into thirds. All were fed the same feed, with the exception of an additive, the lactic acid

bacteria, which was spread with water on the feed of two cattle groups, he said.

All the cattle started out on the same diet. About halfway through the 130-day feeding process, Galyean said they started adding the lactic acid bacteria. One-third of the cattle received one type of the bacteria, one-third received a different type of the bacteria and the other third weren't given any.

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A HISTORY OF TEXAS



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH PRESIDENT David Schmidly signs a copy of his new book, "Texas Natural History, A History of Change," for assistant provost Liz Hall in the Merket Alumni Center Ballroom on Wednesday.

Tech president documents, compares Texas wildlife over past century

By Preston Files/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech President David Schmidly officially announced the publication of his seventh book at a reception Wednesday.

Attendees were given the opportunity to purchase the book and have it signed by Schmidly.

The title of the book is, "Texas Natural History: A Century of Change."

Schmidly said being a native Texan combined with his love for this state and scholarship area, and his study of mammals in the state prompted him to write the book.

"That sort of got me interested in what is happening in the state in the last century because to understand what we have here today, I think you have to go

back and look historically."

Schmidly said he visited the Smithsonian Institution Archives in Washington, D.C., in the early '90s. There, he found the original survey reports, field notebooks and photographs from Vernon Bailey's 1905 publication, "Biological Survey of Texas." Bailey was chief naturalist for the U.S. Biological Survey at the time.

"I discovered this old archive and this treasure chest of information describing what Texas was like at the end of the 19th century and at the beginning of the 20th century," Schmidly said. "So I took that and used that as a background with my own work from the 1950s to sort of put into context the kinds of changes we have seen in the state."

Nearly 100 years after Bailey's origi-

nal publication, Schmidly compared Bailey's reports with the status of mammals in the state today. Bailey's 216-page survey report is included in Schmidly's book as the second chapter.

In Chapter 3, Schmidly annotates the report, and in the three following chapters he discusses changes in landscapes, land use, wildlife habitat and animal species primarily focused on mammals in the last 100 years. The closing chapter looks ahead at Schmidly's projection into the 21st century and coming challenges for wildlife conservation.

"It has been very interesting," he said. "It really has opened my eyes to a lot of things we are going to have to do differently in the future."

Schmidly said he had been working on and off on the book for about 10 years.

He said the main goal he wants to see accomplished by his book is to get people to think about how Texas has changed.

"We are losing our connection to the land, our legacy of the land," he said. "There are some things we are going to have to do differently if we are going to change that."

Joan Nickels, a Lubbock citizen, attended the reception and signing. She said she was interested in the book because of her heavy interest into West Texas land use.

She said now she is just waiting for Schmidly's next book.

Joani Burdine, secretary in the College of Education, said she purchased the book because she is a native Texan and

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A&M Board of Regents split on presidential pick

By Suzanne Gamboa/Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Phil Gramm and former CIA director Robert Gates have emerged as the top candidates for the Texas A&M president's job, with the board of regents deadlocked, three sources with ties to the Republican Party told The Associated Press.

Five regents favor Gates, while three prefer Gramm, according to the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The ninth board member, Gramm's wife, Wendy, has recused herself from the process.

The three regents who prefer Gramm are more closely tied to Republican Party

politics and favor his political connections, while Gates' appeal is his academic background, said two of the sources, a Republican elected official and a consultant.

The board wants to reach a consensus before naming its selection, one source said.

Gramm announced in August that he would finish his third term and then retire. That disclosure came soon after A&M's outgoing President Ray Bowen said he would retire this summer.

Gramm has been denying rumors since last week that he was considering stepping down early, but has left open the possibility that he would accept an attractive offer. Spokesman Larry Neal

said no such offer has come from A&M. "He has no reason to believe that he's a candidate," Neal said. "Literally all we know about the presidency at Texas A&M is what we read in the newspapers."

If Gramm were chosen, he could leave his Senate job before his term ends in January 2003. Gov. Rick Perry then would appoint someone to fill Gramm's seat — possibly GOP Senate candidate John Cornyn. The winner of the November race to replace Gramm — either Cornyn or Democrat Ron Kirk — would take the job permanently in January.

Gramm flatly denied the scenario in *The Dallas Morning News*.

"It sounds to me like it's a bunch of

Democrats who got drunk in Austin and decided how could they make Christmas come early," he told the newspaper for Wednesday's editions. "They're wrong. I'm not going anywhere."

Cornyn, too, called the suggestion "unsubstantiated rumor."

"I'm running for election and that's the way I intend to get to the United States Senate is through election," he told the AP.

Gates is a board trustee for the Forum for International Policy in Washington, D.C., a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank of nationally recognized foreign policy experts. He does not have

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March organized to 'take back the night'

SHOWING SUPPORT: Second annual event will recognize victims of violent acts tonight.

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech's Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance is hosting the second annual Take Back the Night March at 7 p.m. today.

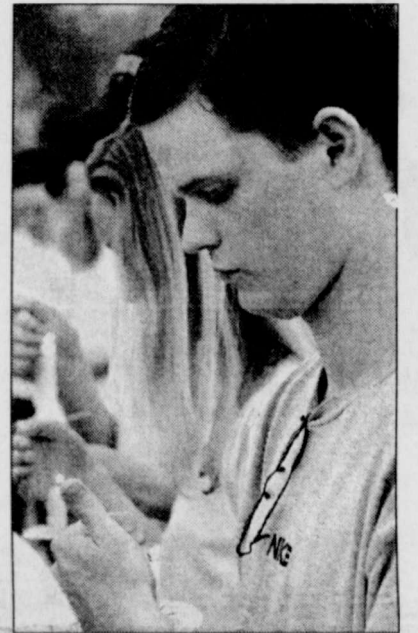
Marchers will meet at the Broadway Church of Christ and walk to the Tech campus in recognition of violent acts against women, men and children and the victims and survivors of those crimes, Jessica Patton, president of FMLA, said.

Take Back the Night is a worldwide movement, usually brought about by women who are concerned about safety issues, Patton said.

FMLA rekindled the tradition of marching at Tech last year, which focused on domestic violence. This year, the march is focused on rape, she said.

Patton, who also volunteers at the Lubbock Rape Crisis Center, said there was a 19 percent increase in sexual assaults in Lubbock since the year 2000. Take Back the Night is a protest against those crimes, as well as other crimes committed against women, children and men.

"I believe we shouldn't be afraid to walk at night," Patton said. "Violence transcends all boundaries—gender, race, denomination, whatever. It doesn't matter who you are. It affects



FILE PHOTO/The University Daily
LAST YEAR'S EVENT included a candlelight vigil to recognize victims of violent attacks.

everybody."

According to the Rape Crisis Center, more than 40 percent of attacks occur at night.

Take Back the Night is a protest for women's safety to walk at night without the fear of being raped or assaulted, Patton said. Though the march is primarily focused on women, it is important for men to be included. Men are victims as well.

"Often times, a lot of these marches exclude men. We should bring together everybody to address the violence epidemic," she said.

The Take Back the Night movement started in 1976 in Belgium. Women had gathered for the International Tribunal on Crimes Against Women and decided to have a candlelight walk to protest the ways in which violence, in many forms,

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VIOLENT ACTS

Last year in Lubbock there were 345 cases of rape:

- 71 percent of those victims knew their attacker
- 74 percent of the cases involved women under the age of 25
- 9 percent were male victims

SOURCE: Lubbock Rape Crisis Center

Arbor Day tradition to be celebrated Friday

By Natalie Knox/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech will celebrate a tradition Friday that is four years running.

This Arbor Day, 82 different student organizations will gather at Memorial Circle for a celebration and awards ceremony to honor the holiday and each other. The Center for Campus Life is coordinating the event.

Daniel Brown, coordinator of community service programs, said the program will start at 11 a.m. and should last for several hours.

Arbor Day was started in 1938 by former Tech President Bradford Knapp when students and the administration planted 20,000 trees and shrubs on campus. The tradition vanished from the campus for numerous years and was not started up again until 1999.

Campus Caregivers, led by Debbie

Montford, wife of the Chancellor Emeritus John T. Montford, decided to re-establish the Arbor Day ceremony to honor Virginia Knapp, daughter of Bradford Knapp, said Dawn Howell, senior administrative assistant to the Chancellor.

No one really knows why Tech quit the tradition, Howell said.

"I'm not sure why we quit doing it," Howell said. "I think it's because it's such a big ordeal to put it on."

Jennifer Henley, coordinator for special events, said Blue October, a "pop rock" band from San Marcos, will play a free concert at noon.

Henley said the band will play until 1 p.m.

Sandra Marquez Hall, coordinator of student organizations and leadership, said Homecoming King Kris Liptak and Homecoming Queen Summer Dean will

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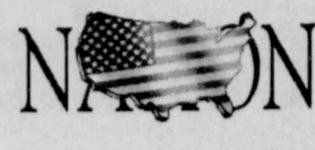
Up 2 Date

Quote of the Day

Violence transcends all boundaries — gender, race, denomination, whatever. It doesn't matter who you are."

— JESSICA PATTON, president of Feminist Majority Leadership, on Take Back the Night. Please see MARCH, page 1.

The Rundown



Bryan puts cap on unrelated roommates

BRYAN (AP) — Any more than four is definitely a crowd for city leaders in Bryan.

The city council on Tuesday approved an ordinance that allows only up to four unrelated individuals to live together in one house.

Lloyd Joyce, a former Bryan mayor, said as many as eight students who attend Texas A&M University in nearby College Station are living in some houses.

"I feel strongly (that) we're being invaded in our neighborhoods by students, and it's just damaging our property," Joyce said.

College Station has a similar ordinance.

City officials say the ordinance — part of a council plan to improve the quality of neighborhoods — will reduce noise and parking problems.

Residents in favor of the ordinance said it is needed to stop the lowering of property values, the Bryan-College Station Eagle reported Wednesday.

Doug Peterson, of Twin City Properties, said many of the concerns people who support the ordinance have about their neighborhoods are already addressed by city codes.

Tougher enforcement by police of code violations needs more time, Peterson said.

Bryan school trustee Carl Hasan, who opposed the measure, said some single-parent families share houses with friends to cut down on living expenses.

Jury convicts man of killing co-workers

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — A man who gunned down seven co-workers at a software company in what he called a divine mission to prevent the Holocaust was convicted of murder Wednesday by a jury that rejected his insanity defense.

Michael McDermott, a hulking 43-year-old with long, shaggy hair and a bushy black beard, stood impassively as the verdict was delivered in a courtroom packed with tearful relatives of the victims.

The convictions on seven counts of first-degree murder meant an automatic sentence of life in prison without parole. Massachusetts does not have a death penalty.

Prosecutors said McDermott went on his rampage because he was angry about the company's plan to comply with an IRS order to withhold a large portion of his salary to pay back taxes. They said he concocted the Holocaust story after binging up on how to fake mental illness.

During sentencing, McDermott sat at the defense table with his burly arms in front of him and read a Bible without looking up as relatives of the dead took the stand and sorrowfully recalled their loved ones. Some stole glances across the courtroom at McDermott, but he didn't meet their eyes.

"His life is insignificant. He will die in a silent hell he has created for himself," said Scott Troy, whose sister, Cheryl Troy, was killed. "He has accomplished nothing."

The defense claimed the software engineer was insane, suffering from depression and schizophrenia, and didn't know what he was doing at Edgewater Technology Inc. in suburban Wakefield on Dec. 26, 2000.

The trial featured chilling testimony from workers who hid under their desks or ran out of the building after McDermott began shooting. Some said they heard co-workers begging for their lives before McDermott blasted them with an AK-47 and a pump-action shotgun.

Cardinals, pope work on sex abuse policy

VATICAN CITY (AP) — American cardinals meeting with Pope John Paul II reached consensus on a policy that would dismiss priests involved in any future sex abuse case, Cardinal Theodore McCarrick indicated Wednesday.

The Washington archbishop said, however, that there were still some questions about whether a similar tough policy should be applied to cases that occurred in the past and have now come to light.

"I've got to pray about that and listen to the lay people," he told reporters at the edge of St. Peter's Square after lunch with the other U.S. cardinals and John Paul on the final day of a two-day summit of U.S. Catholic leaders.

The Vatican meeting was called in an effort to resolve a scandal that has rocked the American church since January, leading to the resignation of one bishop, raising calls that Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston also resign and costing the church millions of dollars in legal settlements.

The cardinals and bishops were still working over their final statement late Wednesday. The final afternoon session of cardinals was a marathon meeting extending longer than four hours.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls announced a delay of the final news conference late Wednesday. He also said the U.S. delegation would eventually issue two documents — a letter addressed to all priests in the United States, which had not been expected, and a final communique regarding their deliberations.

McCarrick, asked earlier if the cardinals were moving toward agreement on a policy that would consider one offense sufficient for dismissal, he replied, "Absolutely." Asked whether there was consensus, he said: "I think so."

McCarrick told reporters there was no doubt what the pope had intended when he opened the gathering Tuesday. The pontiff said "there is no place in the priesthood and religious life for those who would harm the young."

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- Moist
- Poe's portentous bird
- Touch on
- Brickell or McClurg
- Slur over
- Thaw
- Slip-on slipper
- Spelunker
- Great way to come back
- Creative skill
- Excitement
- Anti-knock number
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- Maj. Barbara's creator
- Scottish landowner
- Numskull
- Asian sea
- Great way to get started
- "Norma" melody
- Tuscany river
- Canine malady
- Help!
- Decree
- Functional undergarment
- Big galoot
- Fellow
- Great way to go out
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By Phillip J. Anderson
Portland, OR

Pop singer Jewel thrown from horse

NEW YORK (AP) — Pop singer Jewel was injured when she was thrown from a horse at the Texas ranch of her boyfriend, rodeo star Ty Murray, the co-president of her record label said Wednesday.

Jewel, 27, broke her collarbone, her first rib and suffered bumps and bruises, Ron Shapiro, co-president at Atlantic Records, told The Associated Press.

Shapiro said the platinum-selling singer was vacationing at her boyfriend's ranch, about 90 miles southwest of Dallas, when she was thrown from the colt Wednesday.

"They've confirmed to me that nothing was life-threatening," Shapiro said. "But she is badly hurt."

An ambulance was not called, he said. Murray drove the star to his orthopedic surgeon for treatment. She will not be hospitalized, but will need to wear a collar and a sling for at least four weeks, said Shapiro.

Because of the accident, Jewel will have to cancel her promotional tour for her latest disc, "This Way." A European tour that was to have started May 10 in Italy is in doubt, but she should be able to go on with her U.S. tour, which is due to begin June 14 in Tampa, Fla.

Shapiro said he wasn't sure what caused the accident, but said the singer, whose full name is Jewel Kilcher, was an experienced horse rider.

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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Two Palestinians shot, one killed in church

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — Two Palestinians inside the Church of the Nativity compound were shot Wednesday and one of them died as Israeli and Palestinian negotiators gathered next door for a second round of talks to end the standoff at one of Christianity's holiest sites.

In Washington, Secretary of State Colin Powell told Congress he had no evidence of an Israeli massacre of Palestinians at the Jenin refugee camp on the West Bank. Powell has sought to mend deep divisions between Israel and the United Nations over the composition of a U.N. team dispatched to investigate the actions of Israeli troops in the camp, where Palestinian claim there was a massacre.

"Clearly, innocent lives may well have been lost," Powell testified. But, he said, "I have no evidence of mass graves. I see no evidence that would support a massacre took place."

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan has ordered the team to arrive in the Middle East by Saturday. But Israel has balked, saying it wants the mission to include people with military and anti-terrorism experience. Israel has not said what it will do if they are not added to the team.

The trouble at the church, built over

a grotto where Christian tradition holds Jesus was born, began about dawn, when a Palestinian was shot and seriously wounded by an Israeli sniper. The Palestinian was standing by a window inside the church, the army and Palestinian witnesses said. He was armed, according to the Israeli army, and was evacuated to a Jerusalem hospital.

A few hours later, two Palestinians surrendered, walking out of the church with hands up and turning themselves over to Israeli soldiers. The two men were wearing civilian clothes but were Palestinian police, according to a Palestinian journalist who recognized them. The two men said they were ill.

The Palestinian who died was hit at the peace center next to the church.

Afterward, one of the Palestinians negotiators and a priest emerged from the church, carrying a badly wounded man on a stretcher. At one point, the bloodied man fell to the ground. He was taken to a Jerusalem hospital, but died a short time later, the hospital said.

After the shootout, Israeli soldiers briefly detained five journalists, including an Associated Press photographer, and confiscated their press cards.

About 200 armed Palestinians — with several dozen others — have been holed up inside the church since April

2, when they entered to escape advancing Israeli troops.

In the negotiations that opened Tuesday, Palestinians have proposed the town be escorted to the Palestinian-controlled Gaza Strip. Israel insists they surrender and be tried in Israel or deported.

In other violence, at least five Palestinians were killed — two in an Israeli military raid near the West Bank town of Hebron, and three in the Gaza Strip in what appeared to be a bomb-making accident.

And at Yasser Arafat's besieged compound in Ramallah, the Palestinian leader played host to a European Union delegation led by EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana. Arafat stressed "the importance of the immediate Israeli withdrawal from the Palestinian territories," said Arafat adviser Nabil Abu Rdeneh.

Israel has pulled its troops out of most West Bank cities and towns after a three-week incursion but remains encamped around Arafat's compound and is present in many parts of Bethlehem.

In the ongoing dispute over the recent fighting in the Jenin refugee camp, Annan rejected the Israeli demand to hold up the arrival of the fact-finding mission.

Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin

Ben-Eliezer said the commission should not travel to the region until it is expanded to include military and anti-terrorism experts. He said Israel intends to cooperate with the U.N. team, but demands that it also look into suicide bombings by Palestinian militants. He said 137 Israelis had been killed in one recent four-week period, the majority in suicide bombings.

An Israeli team planned to fly to New York to try to persuade Annan to add more members to the team. Annan has not ruled out adding advisers, but is not prepared to discuss the choice of team members, the U.N. said.

Israeli soldiers and Palestinian fighters fought a fierce weeklong house-to-house battle in the camp. Palestinians charge the Israeli massacre civilians. Israel, which lost 23 soldiers, said the Palestinian death toll was in the dozens, and most of them were gunmen. So far 48 bodies have been found, most of them young men, according to the Jenin hospital.

In renewed violence Wednesday, two Palestinians were killed and seven arrested in the Israeli military operation near Hebron, the two sides said.

E.Coli

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Before the cattle could be given the bacteria, they had to be tested for E. coli every two weeks through fecal samples, Brashears said. They found 60 percent of the steers had E. coli in their systems. That 60 percent was divided equally among the groups.

This process had a positive effect on the animals in terms of performance and reduction of E.coli. The number of incidents of E. coli was reduced 50 to 70 percent, Brashears said.

The steers were not affected at all, health wise. In fact, the steers actually gained more weight with the same amount of feed, given the lactic acid bacteria, Galyean said.

"There is very rarely a negative effect as a result of the lactic acid bacteria," Galyean said. "The steers we tested had no negative reactions at all."

Kevin Pond, chairman of the animal

and food science department, said this research has had a positive affect on the department.

"It's interesting that we can have an impact on the animal level that affects food safety," Pond said.

Part of the department's work reflects its mission to improve food safety, Pond said.

Tech already has a contract with the Nutrition Physiology Corporation for when the product is approved to go on the market, Brashears said.

Lactic acid bacteria are already used by many feedlots for nourishment purposes.

The bacteria are added to the food, but not because its affects on E. coli, she said. For that role, the bacteria are considered a drug and have to be approved by the Federal Drug Administration, which is a two- to three-year process.

Brashears said she began the research in 1998 while a professor at the University of Nebraska.

She said research will continue at Tech as well as at universities in Georgia, Iowa and Michigan, to validate the conclusions.

The research was funded by the American Meat Institute.

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PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE



JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer

TY THURMAN, A sophomore horticulture major from Amarillo, plants morning glory bushes in the Texas Tech Horticulture Gardens on Wednesday afternoon. The horticulture department is preparing for summer by replacing their winter plants with summer plants that will endure the coming season's heat.

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DID YOU GET INTO THE LEFTOVER EASTER CHOCOLATE AGAIN? I DON'T EVEN WANNA BE AROUND WHEN THAT COMES BACK UP!

Andrew Nelson '02

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Paper needs to recognize university's club sports

To the editor: I am a proud student of Texas Tech, and there is nothing more I enjoy than when I get to campus every morning and pick up some fresh newsprint and reading it between classes and even during some. However, lately I have been disturbed by the fact that rarely, if not never, does The UD cover any of the club sports who are struggling along in their existence. The more visibility we have, the better chance we have of gaining new members and becoming a better club team. For instance, I have not once seen articles on rugby, lacrosse or fencing. This last weekend the Texas Tech Open was held and Tech students finished first, second, fourth, fifth and sixth. The Double-T Fencing Club is a small group of fencers who fence every Tuesday and Thursday in the Mat Room at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. We would welcome anyone to come by and look at the program, and if interested, give it a try. We would also appreciate better coverage of what the team is doing and how they stand amongst the regional fencing scene.

Jonathan Myers
junior
electrical engineering

Students lacking spirit

To the editor: This isn't a huge issue, but I feel strongly that it's worth addressing. I couldn't help but notice while on campus the other day all the University of Texas, Texas A&M, Southern Methodist and other university's T-shirts students were wearing. OK, I realize it's just a T-shirt, but why not buy and wear one that supports the school you are enrolled at?

For students at other schools like Yale, Vanderbilt and Harvard to wear those schools' shirts is fine because they aren't in Texas, the Big 12 Conference or even in our league. But when you wear other schools' colors that are in Texas, in the Big 12, or that used to be in the Southwest Conference, it just seems disrespectful to the school where you actually pay tuition.

Event shirts from a weekend or date party at another school is fine, but if I have to sit behind another burnt orange or maroon T-shirt that says "go horns" or "whoop" while in class, I think I might be sick. It just seems that if you wanted to go to that school so bad, than you would be enrolled there, but you're not. So why not throw on some red and black? Just a thought.

Crystal Riggs
junior
pre medicine

Racism letter way off base

To the editor: This is in response to Matthew Coday's Tuesday letter, "Separation source of racial inequality." (UD, 04-23)

I have to say I completely agree with Mr. Coday's opinion. I don't know what the heck all of us minority groups are doing when we band together to have a voice! We don't need a voice because I'm sure, as Coday would agree, we are all equal!

I am 100 percent certain that all of the fraternity boys sit around every weekend drinking beer and talking about how we are going to increase the minority enrollment at this school, make reparations for slavery, the "glass ceiling" for women, etc. Surely they talk about how minorities can "relate" to the experiences encountered by our

present leaders — starting from our white male president, vice president, governor, lieutenant governor, Tech president, provost and right down to our new chancellor!

Javier Espinoza Garcia
third-year student
School of Law

To the editor: Is Matthew Coday serious? Well that "United we stand" crap did not last long because of people like him. Please inform the minority student body what is "mainstream society" and how are we segregating ourselves from it.

First, why are you angry because the Hispanic Student Society held a fajita cook-out on the steps of the Student Union? They in no way excluded any race or religion from participating. It was a fund-raiser, period. They were, if anything, trying to be friendly and segregation was not even an issue. Next, assuming that minorities would riot over the name of a beauty pageant is a big stretch. Rioting and rage are products of racial injustice in the minds of rioters and protesters. For example, the Rodney King trial and the struggles for equal rights were much more likely to have a violent outcome than naming a beauty pageant the Miss White America Pageant.

Your point, just to remind everyone was, "stop whining about inequality if you're going to separate yourselves." If minorities made an effort to become part of your "mainstream society," would we then be allowed to state our opinion about racial inequalities? Please do not assume that minorities never face the glass ceiling (limited advancement) in America's workplace. Although you may deny its existence, it is something that minorities will continue to deal with. Yes, you're right; we do want equality. Please understand the source of racial inequality is not only separation but ignorance as well. Your argument was poorly thought out and hastily put together. Hopefully, you can become more open-minded in your last year of school.

Samuel S. Todd
senior
international business and Spanish

To the editor: A recent UD letter to the editor struck a chord with me when the author implied that the Hispanic Student Society might be liable as a source of racial inequality through separation ("Separation source of inequality," UD 04-23). As a Hispanic, I fully agree with this writer's point of view that separation does breed racial inequality.

What does bother me though is how blind and ignorant the writer was to assume discrimination is still a thing of the past and the Hispanic Student Society does not make an attempt to break down those barriers. The members of HSS are not here to isolate themselves or even try to take an "us versus them" approach.

Our organization is open to any student no matter what their race, creed or national origin may be. Yes, we do promote a taste of the Hispanic culture onto the Tech student body, but we also pride ourselves in providing community service to a multitude of non-race based organizations such as the National Arbor Day Foundation, the Tech Parents Association and the Texas Special Olympics.

We are Americans and take great pride in that fact, but for many, we are also in this country as first-generation college students and pride ourselves in our past, as all European ancestors have done in their past. Should one compromise their past for racial equality?

As next year's HSS president, I encourage any

student who wishes to learn more about the Hispanic culture to join HSS, and in return, we will try to learn something about you and your roots. We are a very open organization and want to break down that discrimination barrier, but please, do not attempt to judge something without giving an honest crack at it first.

Miguel Lopez
corresponding secretary
Hispanic Student Society

To the editor: According to Matthew Coday's letter about racial equality, (UD 04-23) he would not be writing about race, inequality or discrimination if you'd experienced it as any type person. The archaic society you write about is nonexistent; it was a racist society, and evidently, you are unaware that it still exists.

Funding and scholarships have always been available to white students; the idea that we want financial aid is part of that equality. We've not had it available as you have. The awareness issue is now called the "diversity" issue. It is not an equal playing field as you call it, and disadvantages abound. We still have a long way to catch up; we don't even get a month of history awareness; and it took the fajita cook-out, not a black issue, for you to notice.

Please stay in college; it may make you aware that we are here, and if the chancellor and the president's assistants continue working on the issue of "diversity," there will be many more of us around you.

M. Rosa López-Kuhn
Tech graduate

To the editor: This is in response to Matthew Coday's letter to the editor (UD, 04-23). Who the hell is whining? I think that the only person whining is you, Mr. Coday. What about the Miss White America pageant or the United White Persons College Fund? We do have these — it's called American society.

America's longstanding romance with the white male is thoroughly documented, and up until the civil rights movement, all of the things that you wish you could have, i.e. the White Student Society and the United White Persons College Fund, were in full effect.

If you are a sane, intelligent person, then you should realize that racism and discrimination do exist. And if you do realize this, then would you do away with the United Negro College Fund, for example, knowing that for some black students, this is their only means of receiving a higher education? If so, then you are a racist. If not, then you are compassionate, and now, maybe you realize why these things exist.

Many of my misguided friends have had the same thoughts as you. I've always told them this: the reason why you don't establish a White Students Society is because there is something in you, we'll call this a conscience, that tells you that now is not the right time to whine about not having your own "club." The wounds are too fresh, the welts are still sore. This country abused and dominated people of color for far too long.

Mr. Coday, stop whining about things that you can't have. Get a life.

Better yet, get a heart. Realize that no one is separating themselves from this nation when they establish a group that celebrates their heritage.

Joshua Nelson
graduate student
mathematics

'Liberal' comes clean about two years' worth of columns

COLUMN



LOREN BELL

My plan has worked. On the eve of my departure from the public limelight, I can now expose my motives for subjecting you all to this liberal drivel I have written for the past two years. Re-reading the stuff I have published makes me want to vomit, but I had no choice; it had to be done. Really, I am just like you.

I have been and always will be a champion of conformity. Change scares me worse than the fact that even longhaired leftist liberals with wild ideas have the same right to life and vote as I do. What pa told me growing up is exactly what I believe because let's face it, thinking about things is a lot more dangerous than simply accepting what is the truth because you know it to be true.

So, why the two years of leftist lingo and provocative prose?

Simply put, the more you know about the enemy, the more quickly you can hunt them down and destroy them. By pretending to care about the bigger picture and presenting the ideas of the enlightened conscience, I have provided you with a list of topics that should set off red flags in your brain if you ever hear them expressed again.

I have given you an object to vilify, something toward which to direct your hatred and would further seat your conservative indoctrination into your brain. The liberals are out there, and you must be able to recognize them.

My project started Spring 2000. I was driving my SUV around in circles listening to the latest craze on Mix 100. I was pulling down about six miles per gallon because I had the Ford Behemoth in four-wheeled glory since there was a 20 percent chance of rain the next week, and I wanted to be sure that I was safe.

I could not let you know my intentions for fear of losing the desired inflammation.

Besides, my girlfriend at the time liked the way the deep engine vibrations caused her Bud Light to jiggle in her plastic cup. She would giggle, flip her bleached-blond, chemically-straightened, highlighted hair from out in front of her glowing orange fake-baked face, and look up at me with those neon-blue contacts, batting her eyelashes. I did not know her name yet but figured if she was good enough to be invited to a Tapa Kega Brew frat party, she was good enough for me. I was about to say something when she let out a little squeak and pointed out the windshield.

I looked up just in time to see some scrawny, bearded, longhaired, pot-smoking hippie pedaling his bicycle right in the middle of my road. I slammed on the brakes, swerved to the side, leaned on my air-horn, gunned the engine and yelled some profanity.

I thought the remaining weirdoes like that kept to themselves in a shack in the mountains. Hadn't they been bred out by the Yuppies in the early '90s and sufficiently e-battered into submission by the dot-com revolution?

To make a long story short, I realized that like roaches, if you see one liberal out in the open there are a hundred hiding in the woodworks. Lest this infestation grow out of control and the freethinkers seek to destabilize everything puritan and permanent in West Texas, I decided I had to act.

Realizing their nest was probably located in the College of Arts and Sciences and afraid they might already be infiltrating such bastions of sanity as the College of Business Administration, I knew I had to get the word out universitywide. Therefore, between re-runs on television, I began writing columns for The University Daily in hopes to increase awareness of the growing problem of open-mindedness that is plaguing this campus.

By making my fellow protectors of the parochial aware of how to spot a subversive, I hoped they would help to quickly and quietly eradicate the bastards before their ideas infected others. I could not let you know my intentions for fear of losing the desired inflammation. Besides, I learned a lot from the progressives who wrote me, thinking I was one of them.

However, my time here is finished, and I must move on to fight the good fight elsewhere. I hope that I have given you enough tools to recognize a liberal so that you can put the kibosh on this movement before it gets out of hand. Remember, anyone with ideas different from yours is a dangerous instigator that you must silence. With a little effort and strong perseverance, nothing can cause us to falter in our celebration of God, country and status quo!

■ Loren Bell thanks his allies and adversaries alike for two years of readership. Now is the last time to get it off your chest by writing lbell@ttu.edu. Peace be with you.

Officials name six Taliban leaders as threat to U.S.

By John J. Lumpkin/Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite their fall from power, a half-dozen key Taliban leaders pose a threat to U.S. interests in Afghanistan and elsewhere and remain high on America's target list.

Mullah Mohammed Omar, the Taliban supreme leader, heads the list. He vanished from Kandahar as U.S.-backed forces rolled in.

In February, he was believed to be in the mountains of central Afghanistan, near the town of Bagram. He is not thought to be with Osama bin Laden, the al-Qaida leader whose location remains a mystery. A top Omar aide, Tayeb Agha, is also wanted by U.S. forces.

Another key figure who has survived is Jalaluddin Haqqani, a former U.S. ally and the Taliban's former minister of frontier affairs. Since the war in Afghanistan, he has been supporting efforts by al-Qaida and Taliban fighters intent on regrouping, U.S. officials say.

The officials believe Haqqani was working closely with al-Qaida field commander Abu Zubaydah, who was said to have been driving the terrorist network's efforts to reconstitute itself from Pakistan, with an eye toward conducting new international terrorist attacks. Abu Zubaydah was captured March 28, but Haqqani was not found.

Afghan and U.S. authorities say Haqqani, too, was directing from afar the

regrouping of al-Qaida and Taliban forces in Paktia province in Afghanistan that led to the Americans' late-winter offensive, Operation Anaconda. The Taliban ground commander in the region, Saif Rahman Mansour, also escaped.

Before the war, Haqqani ruled much of Paktia province and consented to bin Laden's construction of training camps there.

Haqqani was a U.S. ally during the Afghan war against the Soviet Union in the 1980s, receiving money and weapons from the CIA through Pakistani intermediaries, according to former U.S. officials with experience in the region. He tormented the Soviets in the region, becoming one of the most successful Afghan mujahedeen commanders. He

remained a regional power, then sided with the Taliban when that group rose to prominence in the mid-1990s.

An ethnic Pashtun, he has family in Pakistan and visited that country during the U.S. war in Afghanistan, but it's unclear where he is now.

Military officials said capturing Taliban leaders remains a priority since they command enough followers to threaten American interests.

"Our mission there still remains to capture al-Qaida and Taliban members, and that would especially include any of the leadership of those organizations," said Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Charles Portman, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command.

Officials also name three of Omar's generals, all of whom commanded large bodies of troops, as top targets.

Mullah Baradar Akhund, Akhter Mohammed Osmani and Mullah Dadullah all are potential guerrilla commanders seen as threats to the U.S.-backed government of Hamid Karzai.

Military officials are concerned that fighters in Afghanistan may renew their efforts with the spring thaw. Baradar has been described as the Taliban's deputy defense minister. Osmani commanded the Taliban's II Corps, and Dadullah commanded many of the Taliban's forces in northern Afghanistan, officials said.

A force of British Royal Marines, Canadian light infantry and units of the U.S.

101st Airborne Division are leading the hunt for surviving Taliban and al-Qaida leaders and fighters in Afghanistan.

Much of the search has focused on Paktia province and the Khost area. The coalition has also sought Pakistani help in capturing Taliban and al-Qaida fighters at the Afghan-Pakistan border.

Several other Taliban leaders are in custody of the United States or its Afghan allies, including Mullah Fazel Mazloom, army chief of staff; Mullah Abdul Wakil Muttawakil, minister of foreign affairs, and Mullah Abdul Salam Zaeef, ambassador to Pakistan.

The Taliban's intelligence chief, Qari Ahmadullah, was killed by U.S. bombing Dec. 27.

Case dropped against Algerian pilot suspected of training Sept. 11 terrorists

By Ed Johnson/Associated Press

LONDON — The extradition case against an Algerian pilot once described by U.S. authorities as a trainer for the Sept. 11 hijackers fell apart Wednesday when a British judge ruled the United States had not provided sufficient evidence the man was involved in terrorism — or had committed any crime.

It was the first Sept. 11 related case

outside of the United States to crumble since the attacks. The defendant, Lotfi Raissi, had been free on bail since February.

Judge Timothy Workman turned down a U.S. request seeking Raissi's extradition on lesser charges of lying to the Federal Aviation Authority when he filled out a form seeking to extend his pilot's license in April 2001.

Workman also said during the daylong hearing at Bow Street

Magistrate's Court in London that U.S. authorities had provided no evidence Raissi was linked to terrorism.

"He has appeared before me on several occasions where allegations of involvement with terrorism were made," Workman told the court. "I would like to make it clear that I have received and the court has received no evidence to support such a contention."

U.S. Justice Department spokesman Bryan Sierra declined to say whether the

United States would continue to seek Raissi's extradition.

"The court has ruled, and our investigation into the events of Sept. 11 continues," he told The Associated Press in Washington.

Raissi's family cheered the decision. Standing on the steps of the courthouse with his lawyer, Richard Egan, Raissi said: "I'm very relieved it is all over and want to thank Mr. Egan and my family for standing by me. I want to thank

the British public for believing in my innocence," he said.

Egan said Raissi's legal team was contemplating legal action against the U.S. government or British police. "After exhaustive inquiries by the FBI and our own police, nothing has been substantiated," Egan said.

Raissi was arrested 10 days after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. At the time, prosecutors said he was one of their most

important terrorism suspects in custody.

But they began backing away from those allegations early this year, and he was released on bail in February — nearly five months after his arrest — when the United States conceded it couldn't link him to terrorism.

Raissi, 27, allegedly hid a 1993 theft conviction and failed to mention that he'd had a knee operation when he filled out the FAA application.

Prosecutors had said that American investigators believe Raissi trained at an Arizona aviation school with Hani Hanjour, one of five hijackers identified on American Airlines Flight 77 that crashed into the Pentagon.

But when the extradition request was made on Nov. 27, prosecutors said that U.S. investigators were still seeking flight school records to support the claims.

Former instructors at a flight school now known as the Arizona Aviation Academy told The Associated Press they remembered seeing Raissi at the Mesa, Ariz., school. One said he had worked there as a free-lance instructor.

Former employees of the Sawyer School of Aviation in Phoenix also recall Raissi using a flight simulator there to instruct others as recently as 1999.

Among those they said they saw with Raissi was Ziad Jarrah, who has been identified as one of the hijackers of United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania.

March

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was permeating the lives of women worldwide, said Esther Lichti, coordinator of women's studies at Tech.

The first march in the United States took place in 1978 in San Francisco.

It was a protest to attain public attention about the fears and dangers for women as they walked the streets at night, Lichti said. It inspired fear in women — fear of rape and fear of being hurt.

"The movement is being resurrected," Lichti said. "Violent acts against women is obviously a problem society hasn't solved. We still live with the dangers of violence."

Lichti said it is every person's right to walk a public thoroughfare, whether it is a walk in the park, a walk home or a walk across campus, without fear.

"The march is a reminder that the public needs to do more. Rape still happens. Sexual assaults on women, children and men still happen," she said.

Last year, about 100 people participated in the event. This year, FMLA hopes to have more, Patton said.

The event will feature two speakers, the assistant director from the Rape Crisis Center and a survivor of an attack, Patton said. After the speakers, a candlelight vigil will take place in support and remembrance of the victims and survivors.

Becky Cannon, executive director for the Rape Crisis Center, said the march offers people an idea of what the victims of a violent act go through.

"A lot of people just don't understand what those people go through," Cannon said.

The march may also clarify some misconceptions about rape and women's fear about going out at night.

Arbor Day

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host the event.

Liptak said he has been to Arbor Day before and really enjoyed it.

"It's really helpful with getting everyone involved," Liptak said.

Hall said Liptak and Dean will introduce everyone and Interim Chancellor Dr. David Smith will speak for a few minutes.

Brown said Michael Shonrock, vice president of Student Affairs, and Kelli Stumbo, Student Government Association president, will hand out awards to student organizations.

There is an award available for student organization of the year in every category, Hall said.

These categories include aca-

ademic/professional, honorary, religious, international, residence hall, multicultural, service, special interest, recreational, spirit, graduate, social fraternities and social sororities.

There will also be an award for adviser of the year, outstanding newcomer of the year and most improved organization, said Hall.

"There is an award available to every category of organization, but not every category applies," Hall said. "I wish we could hand out more."

There will also be a special tree dedicated to the family of Michelle Kopp, a Tech student who died in a car accident over the Winter break, Brown said.

Kopp died December 28 when the car she and three others were in crashed on the West Loop 289 access road.

Tech's Gunfire Kickline and Alpha Phi Omega are responsible for donat-

ing the tree, said Brian Carruthers, Alpha Phi Omega's former president.

At the conclusion of the fourth annual Arbor Day program, Brown said each of the 82 student organizations will be sent to designated spots throughout campus to plant a tree.

One of the student organizations, Mariachi Rojos, a mariachi band, will conclude the program with their performance, Hall said.

They used to hand out the student organization awards at a banquet but decided it was better this way, Hall said.

"It's a great time," she said. "Everyone's outside; it's a great way to bring all the organizations together. We're excited about it and plan to continue to do the awards at this time," she said.

Book

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just naturally interested in Texas.

Schmidly has a background as a mammalogist and naturalist. He said he considered this book to be the most comprehensive he has written primarily because his other books focused mainly on mammals.

Some of Schmidly's previous books include: "The Mammals of Trans-Pecos Texas," "Texas Mammals East of the Balcones Fault Zone," "The Bats of Texas" and he is co-author of "Marine Mammals of the Gulf of Mexico and The Mammals of Texas."

President

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an office there and could not be reached at another telephone number provided by the forum.

Regents Chairman Erle Nye said board members have pledged not to discuss the board's deliberations.

"Between the candidates, there is a diversity of opinion on the board," Nye said.

Regents Phil Adams and Steve Stevens declined to comment. The rest, Dr. Susan Rudd Wynn, Anne Armstrong, Dionel Aviles and Lowry Mays, did not return phone messages. Regent Lionel Sosa was on vacation.

In March, the Texas A&M System announced three candidates had been invited for on-campus interviews: Gates; Richard Herman, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and Jon Whitmore, provost at the University of Iowa. A few days later, Nye said two unnamed candidates also were being considered.

Gates served in former President Bush's administration. He served as interim dean of Texas A&M's George Bush School of Government and Public Service from August 1999 to June 2001. He has published several academic papers and his supporters believe he may help raise Texas A&M's academic ranking.

Gramm was elected to the House in 1978 as a Democrat. He resigned his House seat, but won it back as a Republican in a 1983 special election. He won his Senate seat in 1984 and is in his third six-year term. He failed in a 1996 bid for the U.S. presidency. He was a tenured professor at Texas A&M, where he taught for 16 years.

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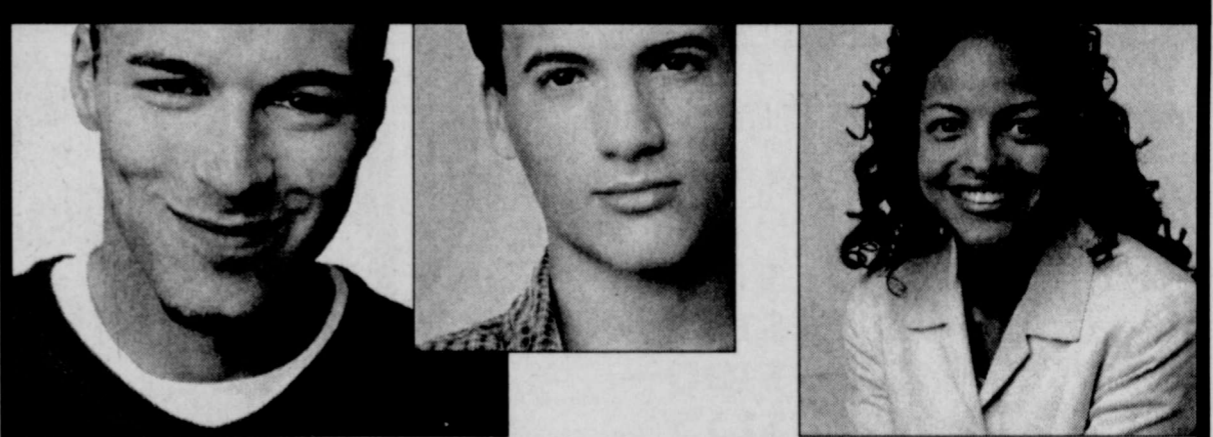
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'Les Miserables' dazzles with songs, acting

MUSICAL REVIEW

The touring production of "Les Miserables" wraps up the 2001-2002 "Give Your Regards to Broadway Season" in Lubbock. It opened Tuesday night and will run through Sunday afternoon. Audience members were dazzled Tuesday with a wonderful presentation

including beautiful songs, wonderful acting and magnificent set design.

The musical, based on Victor Hugo's novel of the same name, tells the story of a convict named Jean Valjean (Randal Keith) who is released on parole after 19 years of captivity in the chain gang. He is taken in by a bishop but then robs him in the middle of the night. The police return Valjean to the Bishop, who for-



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gives Valjean and gives him even more than he stole from him. It is because of this undeserved forgiveness that Valjean decides to start life anew. Years later, Valjean has broken his parole and is now a successful factory owner and mayor. The evil Inspector Javert (Joseph Mahowald) soon discovers his true identity and Valjean is forced to flee. One of his workers, Fantine (Jayne Paterson), has an illegitimate child. When Fantine is on her deathbed, Valjean vows to take the young Cosette into his care. On his journey to flee from Javert, Valjean finds

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Sony pictures prepares for summer movie season

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sony Pictures is spinning a commanding box-office web this summer, with a lineup anchored by that blockbuster-in-the-making, "Spider-Man," and sequels to "Men in Black" and "Stuart Little."

Beyond those three franchise films, the movie studio has Adam Sandler in "Mr. Deeds," a remake of the Frank Capra classic "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town"; the Dana Carvey comedy, "The Master of Disguise"; the Jennifer Lopez thriller, "Enough"; and the extreme-sports spy caper, "XXX," reuniting star Vin Diesel, director Rob Cohen and producer Neil Moritz, the team behind last year's surprise smash "The Fast and the Furious."

"I've never seen such a strong slate from any one studio in any given summer," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., which tracks the movie box office. "Everything came together for them this summer."

It even surpasses Sony's 1997 summer schedule, when "Men in Black," "Air Force One" and "My Best Friend's Wedding" propelled the studio to a record industry haul of \$1.26 billion domestically for the entire year.

Since then, Sony has been a middle-of-the-pack studio at best, lagging well behind recent box-office leaders such as Warner Bros., Disney and Universal. Sony has had a scattering of hits, including the original "Stuart Little" and Sandler's "Big Daddy," but plenty of duds, among them, "Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within," "Ali," "Jakob the Liar" and "The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc."

Even some of Sony's hits were qualified successes. Sony's "The Patriot," starring Mel Gibson, was expected to debut as the No. 1 movie two years ago but was trounced by George Clooney's "The Perfect Storm," which went on to gross \$182

million compared with \$113 million for "The Patriot."

"You always try, and we've certainly had some hits," said Jeff Blake, Sony's head of distribution and marketing. "With 'Patriot,' our only crime was losing the weekend to 'The Perfect Storm.'"

Sony is virtually assured of a blockbuster with "Spider-Man," one of the most anticipated comic-book adaptations ever. The studio already is moving ahead with a sequel, following the same pattern as "Men in Black II" and "Stuart Little 2" by putting the next film in the hands of the same director, Sam Raimi.

"Episode two is under way," Raimi said. Opening next week, "Spider-Man" stars Tobey Maguire as the web-slinging superhero, with Kirsten Dunst as the romantic lead and Willem Dafoe as the villainous Green Goblin.

The sequel is expected to begin shooting next year, with Maguire and

Dunst signed to reprise their roles.

Once viewed as quick-cash knockoffs, sequels often are treated more tenderly today, with studios hoping reunions of the original creative teams can produce new installments that match or exceed the revenues of the originals.

Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones return for "Men in Black II," opening July 3, with Barry Sonnenfeld again directing. On "Stuart Little 2," debuting July 19, Michael J. Fox is back as the voice of the rodent along with the rest of the original cast and director Rob Minkoff. Additions to the voice cast are Melanie Griffith and James Woods.

Sony also hopes its second-tier slate will produce some hits. Lopez, who has demonstrated good screen presence in so-so movies, could achieve a breakout success with "Enough," directed by Michael Apted ("The World Is Not Enough").

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Muench awards: Who's the best and the worst?

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Best feat: Some say Bob Knight should get the award because he turned a poor basketball team around quicker than an SGA executive will be your friend.

However, Texas Tech baseball player Gera Alvarez gets the Muench for his current 28-game hitting streak, one game from tying the school record set in 1997. Even more awarding for Alvarez is he is the first to break The UD curse, which dates back to last year. The curse is when most sports

feature stories are written in the paper, that athlete usually goes into a slump. Alvarez has a chance to break the record at The Law this weekend.

Best quote: Bob Knight. If nominations were mentioned, Knight would have about four or five good ones. The best one shut up a reporter at a press conference when she said, "Is this year's team exceeding your expectations?" Knight was quick to respond when he said, "No they are exceeding yours." He was right.

Worst quote: Baylor women's basketball coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson told reporters after beating the Lady Raiders in the Big 12 Conference that her team can compete with anyone in the country and make the Final Four. She spoke too soon. The Bears lost in the second round of the NCAAAs at home.

Misfortune Award: Ricky Williams was not selected in this year's draft. Why? Mike Leach took him out of his

offense by not letting him run the ball like he did so well under Spike Dykes' tenure. Williams, who signed a free-agent contract with the Saints, should have read Keyshawn Johnson's book, "Give me the damn ball."

Most lucky: Andy Ellis. He spent three years with few knowing about him. Now, after Knight worked with him and got his name nationally recognized, Ellis will be sporting an NBA jersey next season.

Worst idea: So Tech is spending about \$50,000 on Cliff Kingsbury's Heisman Trophy campaign. Sure it's nice for promotion of this university. But, why not let Kingsbury and the football team promote themselves? David Carr and Fresno State did it last year — and they are in the WAC, not the Big 12. Kingsbury's first opportunity — opening day at Ohio State. No pressure.

Game of the year: The men's basketball team's triumph of Final Four bound team Oklahoma at the United

I bet more people on this campus know my middle name more than they know what a Texas Tech High Rider is.

Big 12

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after the loss Saturday, the Raiders believe their chances of winning are improved.

"I think that because we played them so late, it's beneficial for us," Ramey said. "It's more to our advantage than to theirs. If they're thinking they're going to have it easy, they've got another thing coming."

Richard Crabtree said the Raiders should be able to turn things to favor them this time.

"I think we have a very good chance, and we know what to expect," Crabtree said. "I think we can turn it around. Because we're play-

Revenge

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"I think it becomes a big psychological thing," Brown said. "Because you know if you win doubles, you only need three singles to get the win."

One thing Brown said she was excited about was the players' researching of their opponents. "Now they are more statistically

ing them again, it helps us believe we can win."

Siegel said his team has played well all season and expects the same in the Big 12 Tournament, especially against OSU.

"If we win, we have a good chance to make the NCAAAs," Siegel said. "This team has competed hard all year, so I feel good about this match. I think it's going to be a battle just like last week. I truly believe it will come down to the last match again and be 4-3 again. It will definitely be a good match up."

Siegel said the team has improved throughout the season as well and hopes the improvement continues in the tournament.

"This team is playing better than it was in the beginning," Siegel said. "And they've been fighting all year. If they can keep that up and keep fighting, I think we'll do well."

involved," Brown said. "They want to know who they are playing, what their record is. If they had done this all year, we might have done a lot better. Their involvement makes a difference because you've got to know what you're doing if you want to do well at it."

Brooks said the team's motivation is high, and the players usually play better when they are all fired up together like they are for the tournament.

"We seem to play better when we are all in good spirits," Brooks said. "So that's important for us to be excited."

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BIG 12 CONFERENCE TENNIS TOURNAMENT PREVIEW

Women face Colorado in round one, eye revenge

TEXAS TECH NETTER Kendall Brooks hits a forehand during competition last week at the McLeod Tennis Center. The Red Raiders play Colorado in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament today. JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Photography Editor



By David Wiechmann/Staff Writer
The Texas Tech women's tennis team may have picked the right time to play its best tennis.
The Big 12 Conference Tournament opens today at Texas A&M, and the Red Raiders have the No. 9 seed in the bracket and will face eighth seed Colorado at 10 a.m. in College Station.
After cracking the national rankings last week at No. 57, the Red Raiders backed it up with back-to-back Big 12 Players of the week. Beverly Dawson received the honor last week and Kendall Brooks this week.
"We have a great group of girls here,"

Tech coach Virginia Brown said. "The team is being rewarded for what they've done. We've done some great things this year. We got two players of the week, and we've never had one before. To have two in a row is awesome."
Tech lost to Colorado in its first conference match of the season, but Brooks said the Buffaloes will see a different Red Raider team. "We've improved a lot since the last time we played them," Brooks said. "I think we should go in there and expect to win."
The Raiders think they have a chance to win in the first round and advance to play No. 1 seeded Texas on Friday.
"It's now or never," Brooks said. "I

think we have a good chance to come up with a win. I think the last time we played them the score didn't show how close it was. There were a lot of tight matches that could have gone our way."
Noel Ruiz said the team recognizes it is crunch time, and it needs to win to have a better shot at reaching the NCAA tournament.
Ruiz said the Raiders have to have more desire than the other teams in the tournament and pointed out her T-shirt with a team motto on it.
That motto is, "It's not how good you are. It's how bad you want it."
That motto may come into play because Brown said the team has exceeded some people's expectations and anything more would be extra.
"I think we're coming in with no pressure," Brown said. "We're going to go in and play the best we can because we obviously have nothing to lose."
The doubles point is always important, but Brown said never more than now.
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"We seem to play better when we are all in good spirits. So that's important for us to be excited."
— KENDALL BROOKS
Texas Tech Netter

Men get another crack at OSU, hope to advance to play Longhorns or Aggies

By David Wiechmann/Staff Writer
The Texas Tech men's tennis team is looking for revenge at the Big 12 Tournament this week.
The Red Raiders lost to Oklahoma State last week and will now face the Cowboys in the first round of the tournament Friday. The 4-3 loss was disappointing, but the Raiders believe they rebounded well with a win against Oklahoma the next day.
"The Oklahoma win was very important for us," Tech coach Tim Siegel said.

"OU hasn't won a conference match all year, but following the heartbreaking loss like that was big. I feel we're stepping up at the right time, and we're going in with a lot of confidence."
The Raiders are the fifth seed of the tournament, and a win would give them the possibility of facing No. 1 seed Baylor. Tech lost to Baylor earlier in the season.
Richard Crabtree said the rematch with OSU is important, and the team's season is on its shoulders.
"I think we're very ready. This is a huge match for us," Crabtree said.

"There's a lot riding on the line, and we're heavily focused on this match. We're going to give it everything we've got."
Royce Ramey said the team wants to go to the tourney and turn heads.
"A win over Baylor in the second round would be huge because we're not looking for one win. We want to do more damage than that," Ramey said. "I think we've shown with this team that we can play with the top programs, and I would love to have another shot at A&M or Texas."
The Raiders may want to "make a statement," but Siegel said first things come first.
"To be honest, I'm only thinking about Oklahoma State right now," Siegel said.
Because the rematch comes so soon



TEXAS TECH NETTER John Walker eyes the backhand return. The Raiders open Big 12 Tournament play Friday against OSU in College Station. JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Photography Editor

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