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## Perry appoints three new regents for Tech

**ALL ON BOARD:** Gov. Perry appoints Sitton of Lubbock, Dueser of Abilene and Stafford of Amarillo.

By Sally Gunter/The University Daily

The board is full. Texas Gov. Rick Perry appointed members Monday to fill the last vacant seats on the Texas Tech Board of Regents.

Perry appointed Windy Sitton of Lubbock, F. Scott Dueser of Abilene and Dr. Bob Stafford of Amarillo as regents Monday afternoon.

"I'm honored and really appreciate Gov. Perry's confidence in my ability to serve on the Board of Regents," Sitton said.

Sitton served as Lubbock mayor from 1997 until 2002 when she chose not to run for re-election.

Her three terms as mayor provided Sitton

with the realization of the importance of Tech on the Lubbock economy, she said.

Following her position as mayor, Perry appointed Sitton to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Because her term on the board does not expire until 2007 Sitton will resign her position to serve as a regent.

"Serving on the coordinating board will give me a broader perspective," she said. "The goal should be to set policies to ensure Tech's future and growth."

President George W. Bush appointed her as the federal commissioner of the Canadian River Compact Commission in 2002. She serves as a member of the Tech Chancellor's

Council, the Red Raider Club and the executive committee of the Marsha Sharp Leadership Circle.

"I believe in academic excellence and a higher graduation rate," Sitton said. "Tech is already a premiere institution, and I serve it with great pride and honor."

Sitton graduated from the University of North Texas in 1966 with a bachelor's of science degree in education. She earned a master's degree in counseling from Texas Woman's University in 1971. Her term expires Feb. 1, 2009. Sitton replaces Nancy Jones, whose term expired Jan. 31, 2003.

Dueser replaces Mike Weiss, whose term

expired Jan. 31, 2003. Dueser's term will expire Feb. 1, 2009.

"I was surprised," he said. "It's a very sought after position, and I didn't think I would receive it."

Dueser is president and CEO of First Financial Bankshares Inc. in Abilene. He formerly served as chairman of the Texas Bankers Association. Dueser is a member of the Tech Chancellor's Council and the Abilene Higher Education Authority. He serves on the board of the Hendrick Medical Center Foundation. Dueser will resign his seat on the Texas Tech Foundation to serve on the Board of Regents.

"I'm real excited," he said. "I think being

on the foundation and council allowed me to get to know a lot of the new people at Tech."

The experience on the various councils helped Dueser understand how the foundation works and how similarly it functions to the Board of Regents, he said.

Dueser graduated from Tech in 1975 with bachelor of business administration in finance and accounting. He later earned his master's degree at Southern Methodist University's Southwestern Graduate School of Banking.

"I think anytime in a new position, you have a little apprehension," he said. "But working with the administration, I have a lot of confidence in the people at Tech and what's going on."

Stafford of Amarillo is a retired orthopedic surgeon and a partner in Stafford Cattle Company of Matador.

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## SELLOUT CROWD



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/The University Daily

RED RAIDER FANS cheer on the men's basketball team at Monday's game against Texas in the United Spirit Arena. Tech lost 62-61 in overtime. A sellout crowd of 15,250 people were in attendance.

### 15,250 fans filled the Spirit Arena setting a new record

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

Loud cheers and sighs of disappointment seeped out the walls of the United Spirit Arena Monday night and could have been heard all throughout the Texas Tech campus. There was only one reasonable suggestion for this occurrence — a sellout crowd.

In fact, the 15,250 people in attendance for the 62-61 overtime loss against Big 12 opponent Texas set a new record for the arena.

Prior to the 6 p.m. tip-off, the record was already in the making. From the front steps of the arena to the 18th Street and Flint Avenue intersection, about 4,000 students lined the sidewalk waiting, some patiently and others restlessly, for the biggest game of the year.

That is what the students considered the game to be.

Eric Hall, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Pearland, said he was in attendance for last week's game against Oklahoma, but has been anticipating this matchup for a while.

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"If it's anything like OU, it will be 10 times better," he said. "I've been waiting all week."

At 12:30 p.m. Monday, Hall said a friend joined the line that was already started at the door and along with several other friends, they began a rotation. "I didn't get here 'til about 2:30 p.m.," he said. "We all switched out that way we didn't have to skip any of our classes."

Earlier in the morning, fans thought they might have an uncomfortable situation at their feet with a well-below freezing wind chill and a 20-minute snowstorm. Although the snow did not last long or get in his way, Hall said the temperature later in the afternoon did not provide much of a relief, but fans continued to tough out the breeze and wait on the game.

"We're ready. The crowd didn't stop 'cause it was cold," he said. "Even the snow didn't hold anybody back."

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### Financial News

## Endowment growth beats national average

■ Tech one of two universities in Big 12 to outperform average growth of endowments.

By Michael Castellon/The University Daily

Texas Tech is one of only two universities in the Big 12 that outperformed the average growth of university endowments for the fiscal year 2003, according to a survey released last week.

According to a survey released by the National Association of College and University Business Officers, Tech's endowments grew 3.4 percent from 2002 to 2003, outperforming the national average of 3 percent.

Tech's endowments grew to \$344 million in 2003 from \$333 million in 2002, according to the survey, ranking the university 125 of the 717 endowment-wealthiest schools in the nation that participated in the survey.

Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith said growth in the university's endowments reflects increased efforts to increase private funding and underscored the need for the university to remain diligent in generating endowment funds.

"We're proud to have actually outperformed the national average," he said. "We've done well in our investments and have continued to raise funds over the last two years. In scholarships alone, we've raised about \$17 million over two years."

Nationwide, universities experienced an average 3 percent gain in their endowments for fiscal year 2003, the first overall positive turn since 2000, according to the survey.

The only other school in the Big 12 outperforming the national average was the University of Missouri system, which experienced a 15.9 percent increase in endowments growth in 2003.

News of Tech's financial gains comes at a good time for university officials, who have been scrambling to compensate for a reduction in state funding as the result of a nearly \$10 billion state deficit.

Early last year, Gov. Rick Perry asked state institutions to implement a 7 percent self-imposed voluntary budget cut as a result of the deficit. Following Perry's request, Tech officials expressed concern for the university's long-term financial well-being, and vowed to step up fundraising efforts.

Smith said Tech's growth represents the university's commitment to that promise.

"This growth is absolutely consistent with that," he said. "And we have another major (fund-raising) push coming in February or March that will address the faculty and student needs."

Overall, wealthier schools fared better in 2003, according to the survey. Harvard, the nation's wealthiest university, witnessed a growth of 9.8 percent to nearly \$19 billion.

Typically, schools with the most assets experienced more growth. Schools with assets greater than \$1 billion experienced an average growth of 4.1 percent, while institutes with endowments between \$51 million and \$1 billion earned between 2 percent and 3 percent.

### Public Affairs

## U.S. Rep. Stenholm campaigns at law school

By Sally Gunter/The University Daily

U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm, D-Abilene, spoke Monday to the Texas Tech Law School Democrats.

The Texas Legislature passed a redistricting map that forced Stenholm and Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, to run against each other in a November election to represent District 19. Stenholm said he is ready for the challenge.

"I am in the position to get things done," he said. "That's something I didn't want to walk away from."

The redistricting map did not appeal to Stenholm.

"I have yet to meet the first person who thinks redistricting was a good idea," he said. "But the referees made the call, and now I'm here."

Elected in 1978, Stenholm served 26 years in Congress and has won re-election

13 times. He served with five U.S. Presidents.

Stenholm ranks 29 in the House and if re-elected will be bumped to 27. He is the ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee.

"There are a lot of bills introduced that the members seek me out," Stenholm said. "To get things done you've got to have more than one vote."

Stenholm is no stranger to Tech. He graduated from Tech in 1961 with a master's degree in agricultural education. His wife, Cindy, also graduated from Tech. Stenholm taught agriculture and farmed for three years prior to running for a seat in Congress.

"Texas Tech is very important to West Texas," he said. "Over the years I've worked with Tech on agriculture, health care and rural development."

In 2002, Stenholm helped pass the Farm Bill providing aid to rural family farms.

The United States will borrow an additional \$700 billion in the next fiscal year from programs such as the Social Security trust fund to support the war in Iraq. This spending is unjust to the future generations of Americans, as they will suffer from the debt it will cause, Stenholm said.

"I've been in the minority," he said. "It is no longer the big Democratic spenders. It is the borrow and spend Republicans."

Stenholm said while he respects the office of the U.S. president, he did not agree with the president's economic plan that increased spending.

"I would rather be a tax and spender and not get elected than a borrow and spender and get elected," Stenholm said.

To counteract some of the drainage on the Social Security fund, Stenholm helped create a Social Security plan that allows for

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CANDIDATE AND TEXAS Tech graduate Charlie Stenholm, D-Abilene, campaigns at the Law School on Monday morning. The Texas Legislature passed a redistricting map that forces Stenholm and Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, to run against each other in a November election to represent District 19. HEATHER DOUGHERTY/The University Daily

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The Rundown



**Hearing postponed in Midland's oil suit**

MIDLAND (AP) — A pre-trial hearing has been postponed in a lawsuit filed by Midland County against several major oil companies alleging fraud and conspiracy in underreporting the market value of oil, reducing its taxable value and causing the county to lose tax revenue.

The hearing — originally scheduled for Thursday — is now set for Feb. 11 at the Midland County Courthouse, according to an order signed by Judge Weldon Kirk of Sweetwater.

Last month some of the defendants made a request to move the lawsuit outside of Midland County. If the court does not grant the venue change request, the defendants' abatement plea seeks to stop proceedings, the Midland Reporter-Telegram reports.

Midland County commissioners voted Aug. 29 to sue several major oil companies. The lawsuit alleges between 1987 and 1998, in hundreds of thousands of transactions, the defendants, subsidiaries and affiliates knowingly under-reported to the comptroller the market value of oil.

**Polygamy next battle in sex legislation**

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — When the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Texas' law against sodomy last year, at least one justice foresaw the likes of Brian Barnard.

Justice Antonin Scalia warned the ruling would unleash a wave of challenges to state laws against "bigamy, same-sex marriage, adult incest, prostitution, masturbation, adultery, fornication, bestiality, and obscenity."

Sure enough, Barnard, a civil rights attorney, has brought a lawsuit challenging Utah's ban on polygamy. And some legal experts say the case could have a fighting chance because of the Supreme Court's gay-sex ruling.

The federal lawsuit, filed Jan. 12, involves a married couple, identified only as G. Lee Cook and D. Cook, and a woman, J. Bronson, who wanted to enter into a plural marriage but were denied a marriage license by Salt Lake County clerks.

Citing the high court's decision last June in Lawrence v. Texas, the lawsuit claims the county violated the plaintiffs' right to privacy with regard to intimate matters and trampled on their First Amendment right to religious freedom.

Barnard has not disclosed his clients' faith except to say that polygamy is a "sincere and deeply held religious major tenet." Utah's constitution bans polygamy, and a 113-year-old Supreme Court ruling holds that the First Amendment does not protect the practice.

**New peace plan in works for Middle East**

JERUSALEM (AP) — Mideast diplomacy picked up Monday after a long stalemate, with Egypt planning to send its foreign minister to the Palestinian areas to try to broker a cease-fire.

Two senior U.S. officials were scheduled to visit the region this week hoping to revive the "road map" peace plan.

The moves come with peace efforts between Israel and the Palestinians at a standstill. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has threatened to impose a boundary on the Palestinians if there is no progress in the next few months.

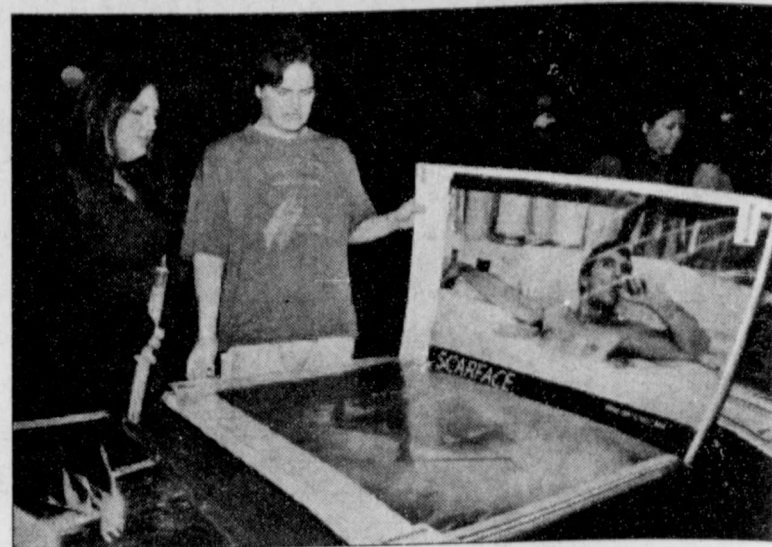
"We hope these visits will give some impetus to the dialogue between us and the Palestinians ... obviously something that would ease the situation for both sides," Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom said Monday.

Egypt has tried in vain in recent months to win a promise from Palestinians to halt attacks on Israelis. In turn, it wants Israel to stop targeted killings of terror suspects.

The visit Tuesday by Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher comes a month after he was attacked but not hurt by a Palestinian crowd while trying to pray at Jerusalem's Al Aqsa Mosque. Palestinian extremists at the mosque objected to Maher's meetings with Israeli leaders.

Jibril Rajoub, a Palestinian security adviser, said Maher would be accompanied by Egyptian intelligence chief Omar Suleiman, who has been the key mediator in the internal Palestinian cease-fire talks.

FRIENDLY FACES



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CHRISTINE MAHAFFEY, A senior vocal performance major from Houston, looks at posters with Chris Lund, a sophomore music education major from Harrogate, England, in the Student Union on Monday afternoon.

**Legislator Corte working to make changes in abortion law**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio lawmaker wants to change what he sees as a loophole in a law that sets a 24-hour waiting period for women seeking abortions in Texas, an aide to Rep. Frank Corte said.

The legislation — sponsored by Corte — requires abortion providers to offer women a state-written brochure detailing the medical risks of the procedure. But a last-minute amendment on how to implement the law provides that the controversial pamphlet must only be given if the woman chooses to view it.

"That means that an abortion facility may choose to tell a woman that the information provided by the state is inaccurate, inflammatory or ridiculous," Kathi Seay, Corte's aide, said at an anti-abortion rally Sunday. "They can say anything they would like about the information and then ask the woman, 'Now, would you like a copy?'"

Seay said Corte decided to stiffen the law after hearing that at least one abortion provider has not been handing out the pamphlet.

"He'll propose legislation to plug any holes that have allowed abortion providers to abdicate their responsibility," she said.

Her comments drew rounds of applause from a group of about 200 supporters and anti-abortion advocates, the San Antonio Express-News reports in its Monday editions.

Abortion rights advocates said Corte's plans to strengthen the law show that his intent was not to inform women, but to dissuade them from having abortions.

Those groups contend that the brochure is intended to scare women away from the procedure.

"It's more about telling women that abortion is wrong, rather than making sure women have access to information," said Sarah Wheat, public affairs director for the Texas Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League.

The pamphlet has stirred heated conflict because the Texas Department of Health inserted information not required by the law into the brochure "A Woman's Right to Know."

For example, the booklet states that doctors must maintain the life of a child born alive. It also lists the possible emotional effects of having an abortion and shows vivid images of the growing fetus at two-week intervals.

The rally in San Antonio was sponsored by the San Antonio Right to Life Foundation.

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# Contractor faulted for letting workers tape together explosives

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amarillo, Texas, area workers dismantling an aging nuclear weapon improperly secured broken pieces of a highly explosive component by taping them together, federal investigators found. An explosion could have occurred, they said.

The incident was among several recent safety lapses at the Energy Department's Pantex plant near Amarillo, noted by the independent Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. Last fall, workers taking apart another old warhead accidentally drilled into the warhead's radioactive core, forcing evacuation of the facility.

This month's unorthodox handling of the unstable explosive increased the risk that the technicians would drop it and set off a "violent reaction," the safety board said Tuesday in a letter to Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham.

Such a reaction could have "potentially unacceptable consequences," board chairman John T. Conway said in the letter, which raised disquieting questions about safety at the Pantex plant.

About 250,000 people live within 50 miles of the Pantex plant, where the motto on its Web site is "Maintaining the safety, security and reliability of America's nuclear weapons stockpile."

Nothing exploded, and no one was hurt.

The National Nuclear Security Administration, which oversees the Energy Department's nuclear weapons

programs, is investigating, spokesman Bryan Wilkes said Friday.

"Safety remains a priority for us," Wilkes said. "We are working to address the issues in the letter."

Safety board chairman Conway's letter did not make clear whether the explosive had been separated at the time from the softball-sized chunk of plutonium that forms the pit, or trigger, of a thermonuclear warhead. To prevent a thermonuclear blast, the pit would have to have been separated from the larger warhead.

If the explosive were still connected to the trigger, an explosion could have injured or killed workers and could have spread plutonium or other radioactive materials around the facility.

The taping and removal of the explosive did not go as planned, and only quick thinking by the technicians prevented them from dropping the explosive, Conway wrote.

Conway said taping the explosives together was one of several mistakes made by Pantex officials that risked an explosion. Pantex officials also played down the risk, Conway said, calling the cracks in the explosive and the fact that workers taped it together a trivial change in procedures.

Jud Simmons, a spokesman for Pantex plant operator BWX Technologies Inc., did not return telephone messages on Friday.

The pit's plutonium is surrounded by an explosive shell. When the explosives detonate, the plutonium is com-

pressed and causes a nuclear explosion. In a thermonuclear weapon, that explosion sets off an even stronger nuclear blast.

Workers dismantling the pit in question found the explosive was cracked, which made it more unstable and easier to detonate, Conway wrote. Their solution was to tape together the cracked explosives and move them to another location.

In his letter, Conway said other problems included:

- Failing to consult the explosives' manufacturer to determine how unstable the cracked explosives might be;
- Performing an incomplete and inadequate safety review before going ahead;
- Allowing workers to perform the taping and removal without practicing on a mock-up;
- Failing to have experts who had developed the procedure watch the taping and removal to try to spot any problems.

Conway's letter does not elaborate on what might have happened had the explosive detonated.

The Nuclear Facilities Safety Board has an inspector stationed at the Pantex plant and at the nation's other nuclear weapons sites. Weekly reports by the Pantex inspector, William White, show several problems with safety at the plant, including flaws in the software designed to control the movement of nuclear and explosive materials around the site.

## Regents

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He is a board member of the National Tech Red Raider Club and chairs the Amarillo Area Texas Tech Horizon Campaign.

Stafford is a member of both the Tech Chancellor's Council and the Double T Association.

He is a Tech football letterman who graduated from Tech in 1959 and received his medical degree and postgraduate training in orthopedic surgery from the Univer-

sity of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

Stafford replaces David Lopez, who resigned in August after moving to Oklahoma. Stafford's term expires Feb. 1, 2007.

The *University Daily* could not reach Stafford for comment. Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith was not available for comment.

The new regents will immediately be sworn into office and will be present at the next board meeting in February.

Perry appointed J. Frank Miller III and L.F. "Rick" Francis to the Board in November to replace two

vacant seats. The terms of four regents will expire in 2005.

There is momentum at Tech caused by the growth and prosperity of the university, Dueser said, and he looks forward to being back in the Tech atmosphere.

"What I see from a Tech standpoint is a lot more opportunity than issues," he said. "I think it is positive what the administration is doing."

Sitton agreed. "We have just a fabulous, extremely well qualified administration and faculty," she said. "Not to mention the fabulous 28,000 students."

## Campaign

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3 percent of the first \$15,000 a person donates to be funneled into individual accounts.

"I think individual accounts make perfect sense," he said. "There is no way for a low income person to lose under our plan."

Austin Jackson, a third-year law student from Lindale, said Stenholm relates to the farming industry prominent in District 19.

"He built his career on representing people in rural communities in Texas like Lubbock,"

Jackson said. "I think he has a very good chance of winning."

A second-year law student, Matt Schaefer from Cisco, disagreed with Jackson.

"People who want to support President Bush can not vote for Charlie Stenholm," Schaefer said. "He opposed the president on his economic package."

Despite the seniority of Stenholm in the House Agricultural Committee, Schaefer said his Democratic views and voting record will hurt Stenholm's chance of reelection.

"I think his political career as a congressman is over," he said. "Randy Neugebauer will win this

race."

Stenholm said he is confident in his qualifications and record even in a Republican dominated district like District 19.

"I've won in Republican districts and had tough races the last eight years," he said. "I look forward to debating issues, believing we've got some of the better answers."

Stenholm said he is excited to return to the Lubbock area and the Tech campus.

"The 19th district, that's my new home, and we're glad to be here," he said. "We are result oriented. We work hard for the things important to Tech, Lubbock, West Texas and the state of Texas."

## Crowd

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The line was just the proof of that statement. Hall's friend, Michael Pudlo said the amount of people waiting to watch the game amazed him.

"I'm halfway back in line and I got here about 3 p.m.," the sophomore nursing major from Pearland said. "I skipped class to come and see the game."

Even before the game started, Pudlo said the crowd had to break this season's, if not the overall, attendance record.

"I'm here to witness rivalry at its best," he said. "This has to be this year's biggest turnout, and I know it's worth the wait, if they win."

The Red Raiders did not win, but Pudlo still said he was still satisfied after the fact.

"The student section is so big, and there are so many fans here," he said.

"It was the most intense basketball game I've ever watched and the loss hurt, but it was a good game."

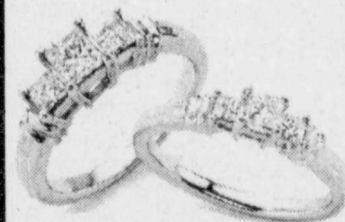
Season ticket holder and Lubbock resident, David Strange, 56, said it was a great sight to see so many students at the game.

"I went to Tech in the '60s, and the games were always full," he said. "There were good teams then and now it's an exciting atmosphere."

Strange said the game last year against Texas also proved the loyalty of Tech fans.

"There were people camping out before the game," he said. "It just shows how much support there is for the program."

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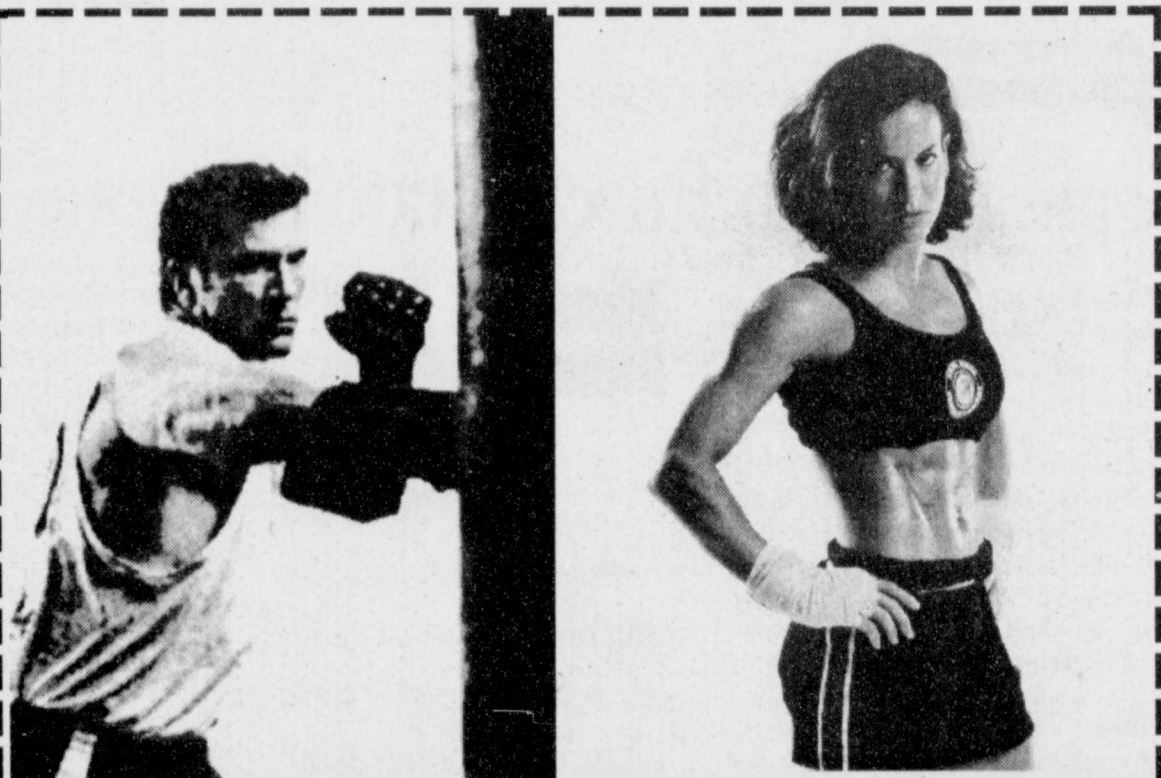
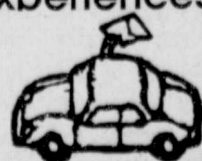
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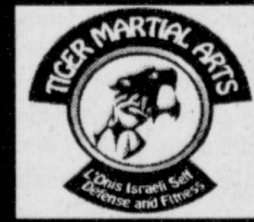
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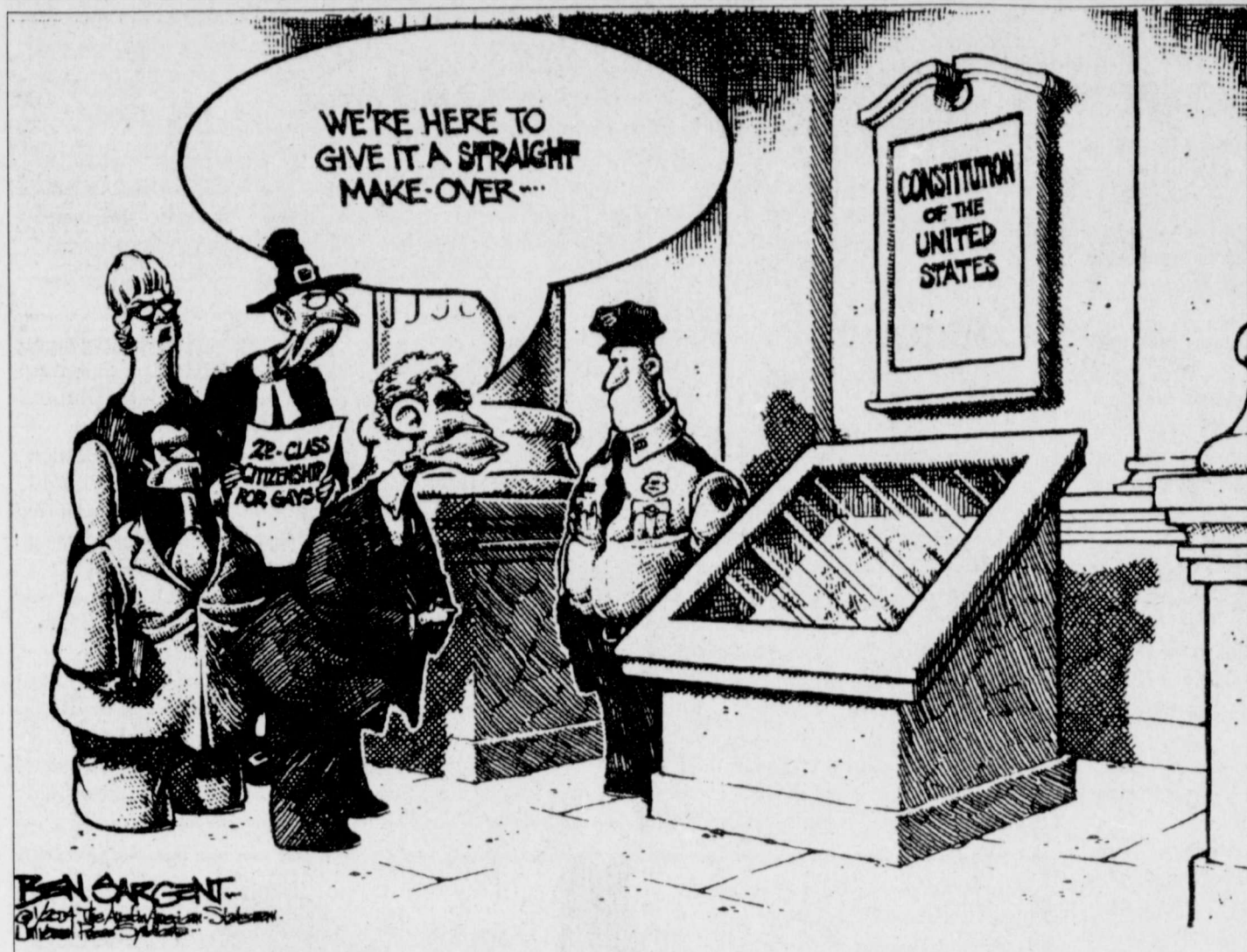
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## Separation of church, state has gone too far

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The separation of church and state is in the Constitution, right? Well, not really, not in the form it has taken today.

The actual statement in the first amendment is, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

America's founders lived in a time where religion was a more significant part of society and they were not trying to alter that. This amendment was put in the Constitution to protect people's religious freedom from government interference, not to protect the government from religion, yet somehow that is what it has turned into.

Many of the early settlers came to the United States to practice religious freedom. They were coming from a country where those that believed differently from the established religion were at best ostracized and at worst imprisoned for practicing their beliefs.

The Bill of Rights, of which the first amendment is a part of, was designed to protect American citizens' individual freedoms, including the freedom to practice the religion they chose without fear of retaliation, provided that religion did not infringe upon other people's rights. Even with this freedom guaranteed, it was not always protected, but for the most part it has worked.

However, in recent years that amendment is being interpreted differently. The idea has come about that government needs to be protected from God instead of the other way around. Slowly, through individual court cases and state laws, everything with a slightly religious connotation is being taken out of public view.

The National Park Service was challenged for having a cross as a memorial to

**Jennifer McIntyre**



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World War I veterans, because it reflected the Christian religion. The organization that filed the lawsuit argued that all religions should be represented and this was not an "anti-veteran" lawsuit, because not all veterans are Christian. OK, that's right. Some of them probably weren't, but they obviously were not concerned about it enough to request a change. And what purpose does it really accomplish? Is it really a more accurate memorial if all religions have symbols? The purpose of the memorial is to celebrate their sacrifice, not their diversity. There are other memorials to celebrate American diversity.

If we follow this idea to its extreme, that all crosses should be removed from the city where I did my undergraduate work, Las Cruces, N.M., will have to change its name. Las Cruces means literally "the crosses," and it was named after three crosses the Spanish put up, and yes they were Christian symbols. There are three crosses on one of the main streets in the city, based on the original three crosses, and three crosses on all the municipal buildings, representing the name of the city, but they are also a Chris-

tian symbol. I guess the city will have to change its name, and its symbol to something less offensive, like maybe Cactusville, that's nice and inoffensive.

My point with this ridiculous suggestion is that the attempts to completely separate religion entirely from society are going a little too far. It's not even based on common sense any more.

Should the president really have to sign an executive order to allow the federal government to give money to a religiously-based organization that is going to take that money and try to improve society in the United States by helping those in poverty and turmoil?

Now, maybe Congress should stipulate that preaching cannot come along with the charity, but I don't think most religions will object to that. Serve, often speaks for itself anyway. And if students want to have a student-led prayer at a school function, as long as it is not preaching hatred or violence, and the school is not dictating to its students one particular religion, what harm is it really going to do?

Those who do not want to participate because they don't subscribe to that particular religion or creed or just don't want to pray, don't have to. They shouldn't be forced to, but nor should they have the ability to stop others who want to. They won't be condemned or punished for choosing not to participate. Maybe we should stop imagining slights to us and our beliefs at every turn. Maybe we should allow everyone in the United States, even those with strong religious beliefs, to practice the freedoms the Constitution allows.

And for those of you more philosophically minded, and you skeptics, I propose a question: what does it really hurt? If we pray for our country and invoke the name of God in its protection and he does not exist, then will that prayer really matter anyway? But if he really does exist, and I believe he does, then it will make a difference in the protection and safeguarding of this great nation we live in.

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## Judging the book by its crazy cover

Being in the midst of the first full week of classes, we can now foretell what the semester holds for us. For me, this spring marks the beginning of the last stand of the core classes.

Although I'll be taking French until I start hating America, I don't consider it a core educational requirement, simply because I really want to speak it. Core classes are the ones that I despise, well, to the core actually, and have no desire to study. But I'm sure they will serve me well in my career as a "Jeopardy!" contestant.

Accordingly, this semester is more unique than the previous three in that I will enjoy studying for all of my classes — all save that one.

You all know what I'm talking about: that one, loathe class of misery you are subjected to — irrelevant to your major and thus irrelevant to life in general. I looked upon that blot on my blissful schedule with dread in early January, and now that its time has come it will reign in terror over me for 15 more weeks.

Now, like most evil-to-the-core classes, this one has a required text, most likely something extra-thick and equally boring, and upon visiting the bookstore I found that it easily matched the first criterion. And when I picked up the book, I didn't just see the title of the subject gracing the cover, but rather the beast itself, rearing back its ugly, three-branched head in laughter at the bi-cameral confusion it would cause this semester. And after seeing this vision, I knew I had to do something to prevent my imminent suffering. So did I drop the class? No, I just didn't buy the book.

Henry David Thoreau said that we should "read the best books first, or [we] may not have a chance to read them all." So, it wouldn't be worthwhile to waste my time with writings that I don't think are necessary, because I want to make time for others that are more important. Also, if I pull a "B" it will be because of my own intelligence, but if I fail I'll blame Thoreau.

On occasion, such as the one I just described, it is all right to stick to one's intuitive judgment about something, or, to use the familiar expression, "judge a book by its cover."

This is not always the case, and is actually hardly ever the correct form of reasoning, for if it was, no books would be read and too many decisions would be based on first impressions.

This reasoning is found most in our assumptions about people in the spotlight. For instance, take Ashton Kutcher, whom I, along with the majority of the population, assumed was just another typecast teen-movie actor, but dumber.

**Spencer Ingram**



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It turns out, though, that he studied biochemistry at the University of Iowa and desires to delve into more serious acting roles. Does that mean almost, if not all of his past movies aren't actually stupid and pointless? Of course not, but it means they could just represent a stupid chapter in the life of a perhaps more serious individual.

Likewise, we should heed Euripides' warning that our "second thoughts are wisest." But on the rare occasion our impressions are based upon past experience, much knowledge and qualified intuition, these initial assumptions can be valid. You can immediately tell some things are not worth your time, thoughts or money.

A good example is the forthcoming film "You Got Served," which will lure audiences to the box office with its mysterious title, making them curious as to what and how they will be served. Anyways, it's about some street-dance competition, and judging by the previews and catch-phrase ("You sucka's got served!") you can easily tell that it's not worth the three things mentioned above. Now if only most people would trust this assumption and not go see it, they might stop making movies like this.

Good or bad we all make small assumptions at first glance. Judging by my picture, you may wonder if my writing is good enough to be published, and if that is the case I hope I have done well in altering your impression.

If not, then stick with Euripides and wait until next Tuesday.

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View from another university

## Setting the record straight about the myth of the conservative Supreme Court

By Michele Dubert/Daily Pennsylvania

(U-WIRE) PHILADELPHIA — I often hear clamor from the Democrats about the right's stronghold on the federal government; they assert Washington houses a conservative Congress, a conservative chief executive and a conservative Supreme Court, equipped with its lifetime members. But I disagree. While the right does in fact occupy two branches, the left gets the remaining one.

Despair not, Bleeding Hearts! Though the Supreme Court used to dependably sway to the right, the most important decisions from the past year show the contrary.

The first Bush administration brought the initial squabble, when George H.W. Bush appointed David Souter and Clarence Thomas. Souter, of course, now boasts one of the most liberal track records on today's bench.

2000's Bush v. Gore 5-4 decision appears to be a classic illustration of a "conservative court." The Republicans — Chief Justice William Rehnquist, Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia, Anthony Kennedy and Thomas — ruled for George W. Bush, while the Democrats — John Paul Stevens, Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg

and Stephen Breyer — favored Al Gore. Frequently forgotten, however, is the Court's 7-2 ruling just days later that discontinued further recounts in Florida, citing them unconstitutional (only Ginsburg and Stevens dissented).

But since last June, the Supreme Court had four prime opportunities to exercise its conservatism and blew each one. The outliers in these cases were Justices O'Connor and Kennedy, ironically both appointees of President Reagan. One should wonder how conservative they really are when they rule contrary to their mainstream on such crucial issues. Perhaps they're not as right-leaning as commonly portrayed.

For example, in June of 2003, Grutter v. Bollinger presented the Court with an archetypal example of affirmative action, giving them the optimal juncture to reverse the policy. The Court ruled 5-4, holding that the University of Michigan Law School's considerable weighting of race as a determinant in admissions was constitutional. Conservatives largely oppose any program providing preferential treatment contingent upon race; inside the Court, however, that concept evidently doesn't resonate.

The five alleged conservatives could have easily touted the right-wing agenda and

taken a step toward equalizing admissions. Instead, they ruled in favor of the University of Michigan's existing method. Justices Rehnquist, Scalia and Thomas, the three reliable conservatives, voted against the school's policy, alongside Kennedy. Justice O'Connor ruled with the liberals to give them the majority. She also wrote the Court's opinion for the case.

Liberal columnist David Broder of The Washington Post concluded in his Dec. 28 column, after bashing the Bush White House and Republican Congress, "But, hey, Sandra Day O'Connor prevailed on the Michigan affirmative action case and Antonin Scalia lost. So things could be a lot worse." What an optimist! But if Broder praises Justice O'Connor, one can only speculate on her ideology.

The Supreme Court's next schism arrived three days after Grutter, in Lawrence v. Texas. The Court ruled 6-3 to provide constitutional protection for sodomy. The case focused not specifically on the act of sodomy, but the constitutionality (under the 14th Amendment's Due Process clause) of a Texas statute that prohibited certain sexual conduct by individuals of the same sex.

Granted, the content of the law is controversial, and it is a touchy issue politics on both sides frequently attempt to avoid. But regardless of one's opinion on sodomy, homosexuality, privacy or Christianity, the Court issued an activist ruling. Justices Kennedy and O'Connor voted with the four staunch liberals. Kennedy gave the Court's opinion, citing the European Court of Human Rights as his reasoning.

Last time I checked, the United States doesn't share a constitution with any European nation. Every social studies, history and political-science course I've taken has reinforced the idea that America retains its own code of law, which thereby dictates impending legislation.

Yet the most egregiously botched opportunity probably arrived on Dec. 10, 2003, in McConnell v. Federal Election Commission, regarding the McCain-Feingold Campaign Finance Bill. In a 5-4 ruling, the Court favored a ban on soft money raising and spending, and the airing of soft-money-funded television ads near an election. In yet another activist decision, Justice O'Connor again supplied the fifth vote, this time by flouting the First Amendment and its guarantee of free speech.

Having trouble measuring this verdict's liberalness on the political scale? When in doubt, conduct the Antonin Scalia litmus test.

Scalia wrote in response to the ruling, "This is a sad day for the freedom of speech," and marveled at how the Court "would smile with favor upon a law that cuts to the heart of what the First Amendment is meant to protect: The right to criticize the government." He then added, "We have witnessed merely the second scene of Act I of what promises to be a lengthy tragedy." That means it's pretty liberal.

Just this Wednesday the Supreme Court issued another 5-4 ruling in State of Alaska v. United States Environmental Protection Agency, upholding the EPA's right to overturn Alaska's antipollution policies. The decision severely damages states' authority over their environmental regulations. O'Connor was once a loyal advocate of states' rights. Now she's providing the fifth vote to create liberal majorities in influential cases.

Maybe the left needs to clarify their definition of "conservative." Over the past few months, liberals hauled in some major victories from a bench allegedly packed with right-wingers.

# Students without health insurance at high risk

By Beth Aaron/  
The University Daily

There is a difference between a Band-Aid and a cast, but the difference may not be as obvious as one may think. While one costs a couple of dollars, the other could cost a fortune — especially without medical coverage.

Lynne Franke, nurse manager for Student Health Services at Texas Tech, said students without health insurance run the risk of not being able to be treated, or having to pay off medical bills for a long time.

"Students need to realize that they do need insurance. We see people in bad situations that don't," she said. "Not having insurance is a gamble. You're gambling that nothing bad is going to happen to you."

Students can find insurance opportunities by inquiring about benefits when applying for employment, Franke said. Taking a job that pays minimum wage but offers a benefit

package may be worth more in the long run than one paying \$9 an hour.

"A job with a benefit package, even if it doesn't pay as much, it's a lot of money," she said. "It's an added bonus that a lot of people don't think about."

Ryan Wright, a junior construction engineering technology major from Sulphur Springs, said he used to work for a company with a benefits package. Fees were deducted from his paycheck. He said when he graduates, he will look for something similar.

"I'm always looking for benefits," he said.

There are basically two levels of health insurance: basic coverage and in-depth coverage. Franke said students needing to see a specialist for any reason will need insurance to do so affordably.

Students who must provide their own health insurance should be careful in making decisions, Franke said.

"Health cost has gone up," she said. "Health insurance seems to go

up every year. It's always a delicate balance; the more coverage (you get), the more expensive (it is)."

Franke suggested students shopping around for medical insurance consider the company's policies on pre-existing conditions, such as asthma or depression, and how much the company will reimburse its customers for treatment of chronic ailments.

"One of the problems we have that I see is a frequent medical coverage cap on how much they'll reimburse," she said. "Five-hundred dollars per illness — that's OK if all you need is antibiotics, but for asthmatics \$500 only covers you for a little bit."

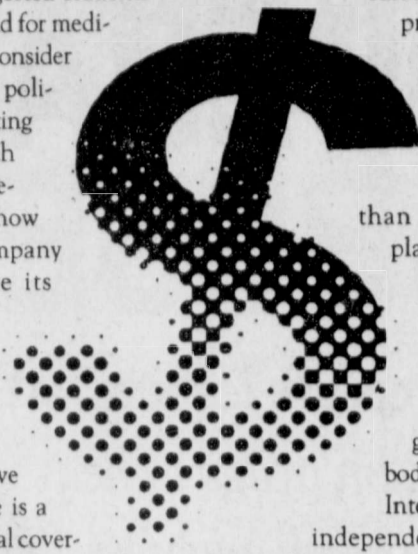
Katherine Quilliam, Tech's ombudsman, is the liaison between the university and Megalife, a medical insurance company that provides about 800

Tech students with health insurance.

Though Megalife plans are less expensive than other insurance plans, Quilliam said, health care costs and medical insurance rates are on the rise.

"Insurance is going up for everybody, really," she said.

International students, independents and students who are over the age of 23 typically look to Megalife for medical insurance, Quilliam said. "It's a huge, huge problem not to have insurance. I do not recommend that students leave themselves vulnerable."



# SGA honors Tech meat judging team for winning its sixth national championship

By Andrew Bell/  
The University Daily

The Student Government Association will honor a team from Texas Tech for winning a national championship in 2003.

It is not the basketball or football team, but the meat judging team. Last year, the team won its sixth national championship since the team began 75 years ago. In honor of the team's achievement, the SGA approved a resolution Thursday to honor the team and their continued excellence.

Since all of the members of the team contributed in winning the national championship, the Senate resolved to honor the team sometime during this semester, according to the resolution.

Bryan King, meat lab manager and coach of the championship team, said he is thankful and excited the SGA would consider doing something to honor the meat judging team.

"When people think of competition, people think of sports," he said. "This has been exciting because we have received feedback from other departments around campus congratulating us."

The team previously won national championships in 1989, 1991, 1996, 1997 and 1999. Unlike other competitions, the national championship has a rotating cup. King said a rotating cup means when a university wins three championships before any other school, the university gets to retire the award and keep it on its campus.

The last time a Tech team retired a rotating cup was when the team

won the national championship in 1989, 1991 and 1996, King said. Although the team won the championship in 1997, 1999 and 2003, another university won three consecutive years before Tech could get the chance.

Despite not being able to retire the championship this year, King said he is proud of the team for what the members accomplished.

"I am very proud. We haven't won since 1999. We have gotten second two years and third one year," he said. "We have always been right there and we finally made it. Everyone involved realized how big of an accomplishment this was."

At the beginning of the fall semester, King said the theory for the team was to come back and begin to buckle down. This is when the team made a goal to win the national championship.

To win a national championship,

the team began practicing in August 2002. Deidrea Harris, an animal sciences graduate student from Pearland, said the practices began by teaching the members the fundamentals to prepare for competitions.

Harris, one of two people from Tech named to the 2003 First Team All-American Meat Judging Team along with Lauren Grimes, said joining the team took quite a bit of dedication since weekend practices were held at 4 a.m.

During a school week, members of the team would find themselves on campus from early in the morning to late at night working with the team and attending school, Harris said.

When competitions would be held, members of the team had to miss portions of the school year while on the road.

Throughout the fall semester, the team missed a total of five weeks of school while on the road. However,

Harris said, the coaches of the team emphasized to each member that academics were more important than anything else.

"You have to put your life on hold and be dedicated," she said. "I was e-mailing teachers my work on the road and writing papers during van rides."

Despite the constant effort she and the other members of the team had to endure to reach their goal, Harris said she learned many valuable lessons in the past year and a half as a member of the team.

Her first response to what she learned during the experience was teamwork. In each event, Harris said each team member had to give his or her best individual performance because each individual score helped the team as a whole.

She said she also learned a great deal about confidence, because, without it, she would not have been able to go to competitions and do well.

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— DEIDREA HARRIS  
Member of Tech's meat judging team

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## ADDERALL ABUSE

Students are leaning on  
prescription drugs to help  
tackle those all-nighters

By Megan LaVoie/The University Daily

A cup of coffee or a large soft drink used to be enough to fuel a student's all-night study session, but a new phenomenon has emerged, and students are now turning to prescription drugs Adderall and Ritalin to get their academic fixes.

Dr. Valerie Robinson, an assistant professor with the department of neuropsychiatry and a child psychiatrist with the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, said she believes the abuse of Adderall and Ritalin is a national problem, not a problem localized to Tech.

"Students are using the amphetamines as a stimulant to maintain alertness and energy," she said.

Adderall and Ritalin when used properly combat the effects of attention deficit disorder and attention deficit hyperactive disorder.

Physicians are quickly becoming aware of the new trend of students abusing Adderall and Ritalin as stimulants to stay awake and study.

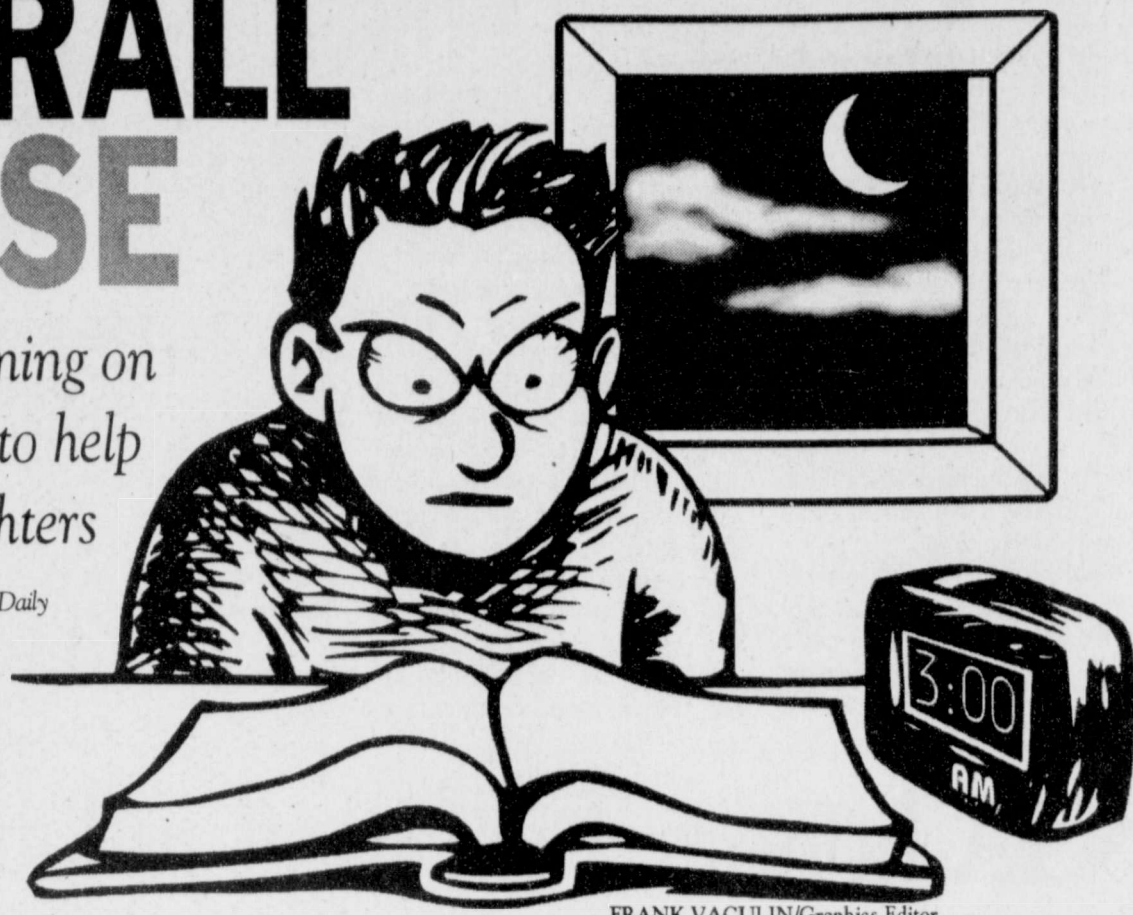
Sara Pierce, a sophomore business major from Dallas, said many of her friends have taken Adderall.

"They always usually take it around finals time 'cause it makes you study and focus for hours," she said. "You can pretty much get it from anywhere — I have seen a lot of people take it like it's candy."

Caffeinated beverages and popular caffeine pills like No-Doz used to be students' allies when it came to long study sessions, but Adderall is rapidly becoming the new drug of choice, because not only does it keep users awake for long periods of time, but it allows them to stay focused without the jittery effects caffeine products sometimes cause.

Robinson said students sometimes have the misconception that Adderall affects people who legitimately need it differently than people who abuse it.

"Adderall is going to react the same way with every person whether an individual needs it or not. It makes students stay awake and study because they take it at night — if you are prescribed to Adderall, you are supposed to take it in the morning — so ultimately Adderall is supposed to last a patient all day, but when students abuse it and take it at night, it makes them have the effects it would have had if they took it in the morning," she said.



FRANK VACULIN/Graphics Editor

Students who abuse Adderall will build up a tolerance to the drug and eventually have to increase their dosage to reap the same effects, Robinson said.

Mandy Baker, the coordinator of external relations for the Center for the Study of Addiction, said physicians monitoring the prescriptions of Adderall and Ritalin is important.

"People with prescriptions are selling their pills to people who don't need them, so it is definitely important that doctors know how much and how often patients are asking for new prescriptions to Adderall and Ritalin," she said.

Maj. Gordon Hoffman with the Texas Tech Police Department said there is a hefty fine for possession of Adderall or Ritalin without a prescription.

According to the Texas Criminal and Traffic Penal Code, possession of an amphetamine without a prescription is a second degree, third degree or state jail felony.

The degree of felony is decided by how much of the drug is in possession with a second-degree felony being the harshest punishment of not more than 20 years or fewer than two years of imprisonment.

Robinson said people who legitimately need Adderall or Ritalin usually don't abuse it.

"If someone truly needs Adderall or Ritalin they can't function without it — so they are unlikely to sell their pills to other people cause they truly need it. Physicians try to use a high index of suspicion when prescribing Ritalin and Adderall," she said.

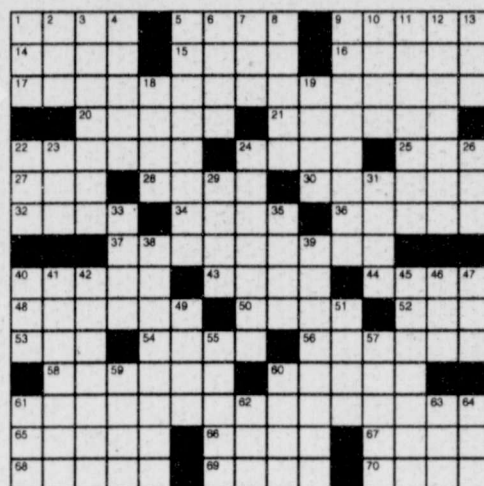
Pierce said she doesn't think students taking Adderall or Ritalin is a major problem.

"It's not like they are taking it (Adderall) to get high — they are taking it to study and make good grades, so the benefits of Adderall are in their favor," she said.

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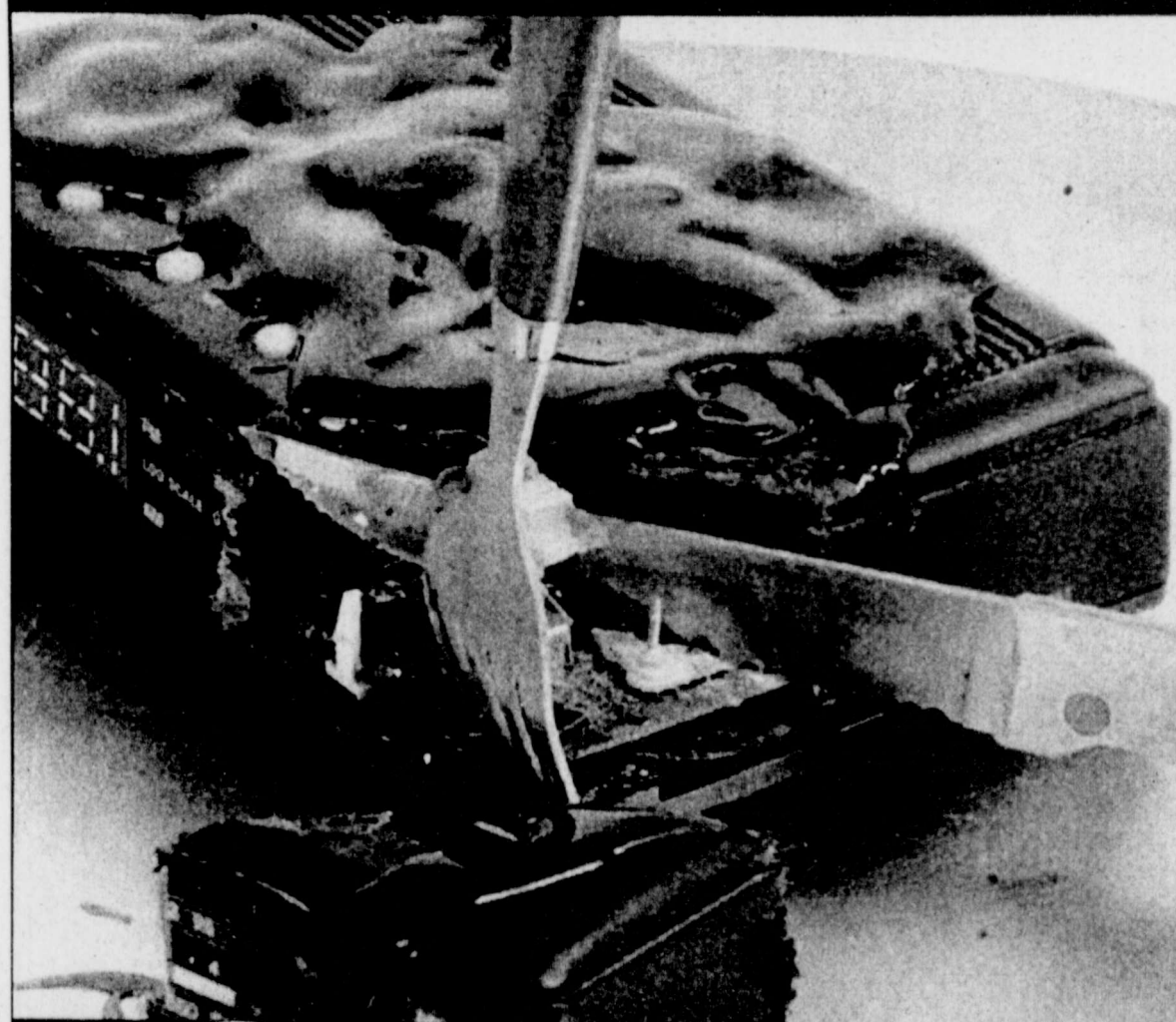
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# MEDICINE HEAD

Jared Roach said he takes four pills a day when he is healthy, and he has taken them for about five years.

He takes creatine and protein supplements for two months at a time, and discontinues for a month. He adds it to his daily vitamins to try to gain weight and muscle. He said he believes it works.

"You put on weight fast and a lot of strength with the protein too," the junior general business major from Lubbock said. "I train a lot for martial arts. I hate taking things hard on your body, but it's the only way to get bigger."

More and more, Juli Benson said she sees students popping more pills.

It is a growing trend, said Benson, a student health educator, and it has her concerned.

"People are just looking for a quick fix," she said. "It's easier to pop a pill than it is to get on a treadmill."

A survey by Rueters Health magazine stated nearly half of the students surveyed indicated taking a dietary supplement in the past year, excluding herbs and vitamins.

Much of the increase is largely because of the herbal market and other supplements. Many students take medicines to boost their energy, prevent other diseases or lose weight, along with other prescription medications.

The problem with taking these kinds of pills, Benson said, is the Food and Drug Administration does not regulate them. The ingredients listings do not have to be completely accurate, and newly released herbs may not have been studied for long-term use.

Bonnie Bourland, director of the Raider Assistance program, agreed with Benson.

"People think because they aren't regulated by the FDA, people can take any number of pills and any combination of pills and be safe," she said. "They are still a combination of chemicals. Just because they are herbal, they still can not be healthy."

The reason for the rise, she and Benson believe, is the advertising campaigns the pharmaceutical companies run.

The hype and friends' recommendations are why John Webster said he started taking creatine. But only a year after he started taking it, he quit.

"I thought it was in my best interest to stay natural," said the junior petroleum engineering major from Houston. "(Creatine) hasn't been around long enough to see what happens 30 years down the road."

While he took the drug, Webster said he got good results. He gained about 20 pounds in three months, most of which was muscle mass. But the results may come at too high of a price.



*Students are popping more pills than ever for a quick fix toward a healthier life style.*

"It's hyped up by the pharmaceutical companies," he said. "Now I just try to eat as much as I can, work out and drink enough water."

Pharmaceuticals are a growing industry as well. A U.S. Census Bureau showed Americans spent \$100 billion on prescription drugs in 1999. That number is up \$15 billion from the previous year, and the numbers are still rising.

The herbal market has grown from \$1.6 billion in 1996 to \$3.9 billion in 1998, according to an article by Journal of Community Health.

Prescription drugs and herbal medicines can interact and have damaging results, according to the "Physicians' Desk Reference for Herbal Medicines. A common herb is St. John's Wort, which is usually used to elevate people's moods. However, this drug can cause sensitivity to light, according to the text. Other herbs and supplements can have different effects with medicines.

"The side effects of some medication and different drug interactions and the degrees of the side effects will vary," Bourland said. "It may affect one person one way, and another person another."

The problem is not as widespread with vitamins, she said, but too many can also lead to problems. Fat soluble vitamins, such as A, D, E and K, can cause problems if taken in dosages that are too high or if taken as a supplement and then meeting the recommended amount through food. When this happens, other nutrients from foods are not absorbed into the body, Benson said. This is usually a problem for children but can occur in adults. Extreme overdoses can also lead to illness, and in some cases, death.

The best thing, Bourland and Benson agreed, was to consult a physician before taking any kind of drug, herbal or prescription.

"If you start taking a pill on a daily basis, no matter what it is, talk to your physician," Benson said. "That way you won't waste money on something that's not effective, and you avoid (potential) side effects."

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— JULI BENSON  
Student Health Educator

## Affleck, Lopez lead Razzie worst-movie nominations

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez's real-life romance crashed and burned. Now, the two are front-runners for worst on-screen love affair.

Affleck and Lopez's mob-comedy bomb "Gigli" had a leading nine nominations — among them worst picture and worst screen couple — for the Razzies, an annual spoof of the Academy Awards that mocks the year's most awful movies.

Mike Myers' storybook adaptation "Dr. Seuss' the Cat in the Hat" and "From Justin to Kelly," featuring "American Idol" stars Kelly Clarkson and Justin Guarini, came in second with eight nominations each, including worst picture.

The other worst-picture nominees announced Monday were the crime romp "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" and the reality-TV adaptation "The Real Cancun."

"Gigli" also was in the running for worst actor and actress, supporting actor (Al Pacino and Christopher Walken), and worst director and screenplay (Martin Brest). Affleck's worst-actor nomination also cited his performances in "Daredevil" and "Paycheck," while Walken's nomination also was for his role in "Kangaroo Jack."

A spokesman for Lopez said last week that she and Affleck had broken up after a year and a half of tabloid gossip about their wedding plans, which they abruptly called off last September. The roughly 500 Razzies voters probably were swayed by rumors about Affleck and Lopez's relationship.

"Obviously, we're talking about their on-screen performances, but I'm sure all the endless twaddle about their personal lives played into their being nominated," said Razzies founder John Wilson. "But it is an embarrassingly bad movie, and unfortunately, it's not a fun bad movie."

Nominations for the 24th annual Razzies, organized by the Golden Raspberry Award Foundation, were announced a day before the Oscar nominations. Razzie "winners" will be announced Feb. 28, a day before the Oscar ceremony.

Myers and Guarini joined Affleck in the worst-actor lineup, along with Cuba Gooding Jr. ("Boat Trip"), "The Fighting Temptations" and "Radio" and Ashton Kutcher ("Cheaper by the Dozen," "Just Married" and "My Boss's Daughter").

Besides Lopez, the worst-actress category included Clarkson, Angelina Jolie ("Beyond Borders" and "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider — The Cradle of Life") and "Charlie's Angels" costars Drew Barrymore and Cameron Diaz. Barrymore's nomination also cited her role in "Duplex."

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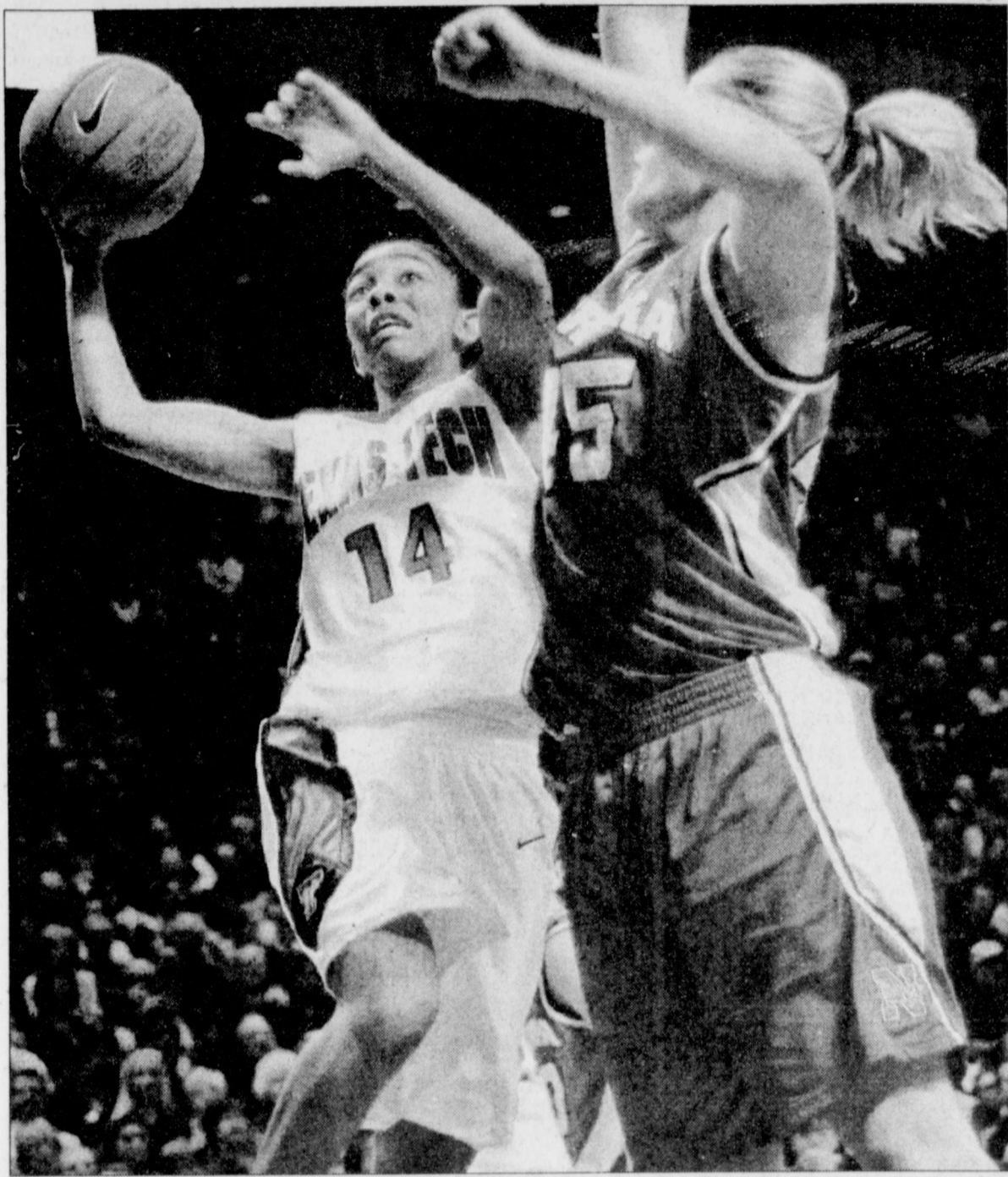
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# Lady Raiders try to overcome road struggles



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TEXAS TECH POINT guard Erin Grant drives to the basket past a Nebraska player during the Lady Raiders' 68-55 victory against the Cornhuskers Wednesday. The Lady Raiders have won all three of the team's non-conference games, but have lost in both the team's Big 12 road games (Iowa State and Oklahoma State). Tech will play Texas A&M at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena and will return to the road when the squad faces the Texas Longhorns at 3 p.m. Sunday in Austin. That game will be televised on FOX Sports Net. The team has six conference road games remaining on its schedule before the Big 12 Tournament begins in Dallas. Tech will play Kansas State, Oklahoma, Missouri, Texas A&M, Baylor and Texas on the road. Tech also has five Big 12 home games remaining on its schedule.

By David Wiechmann/  
The University Daily

If the Big 12 Conference was a reality show, the Lady Raiders might be on the verge of getting voted off the island.

Lady Raider head coach Marsha Sharp has said it takes a survivor mentality to win on the road in the Big 12 Conference.

Her team has not been able to find that mentality, losing both its road games in conference play this season.

Being 0-2 on the road is something Sharp said she is not happy about and would like to see it turned around with Texas Tech's next adventure outside of the United Spirit Arena.

"We've got to figure this out," she said. "I don't think there's any way that we can do the things we want to and not win some on the road."

The team entered the season with its usual goal of winning a Big 12 Championship, but accomplishing that goal is hard to do. It requires winning on the road, and Sharp's squad is trying to turn things around while struggling with the challenge of conference play.

"For us it's a continual process, and I'm really disappointed in both losses because we had an opportunity to win both of them if we make free throws," Sharp said. "From a coaching perspective that always makes it difficult in your mind because you're thinking about what should've been and what could've been."

The players are not too excited to know they have yet to win a game on the road in conference play, but there is optimism among them. They

know how close the losses have been.

"We've only lost two games by a total of two points," guard Natalie Ritchie said. "Road games are gonna be hard no matter what. We wish we could have won, but we only lost by one point to each team. So that is hard to know you've given it your all and you lose by one point."

The road has been a tough place for teams in the Big 12 to play this season. No. 9 Kansas State lost at unranked Nebraska the same day No. 3 Tech fell to unranked Oklahoma State.

Road jitters have hit other ranked teams across the nation. No. 6 Stanford lost the final game of a three-game road stint to unranked USC in Pac 10 Conference play.

Teams that can win on the road are often the ones that have potential to separate themselves in conference standings and in national attention.

"The people that have been able to go and win on the road are the big timers," Sharp said.

The teams that have been able to do that, she said, are Duke (at UConn), Texas (at Tennessee) and Tennessee (at Duke). They have taken the spotlight of women's basketball, and her team wants to make the push to get over the hump and win on the road.

Forward Casey Jackson said the team has to learn from its mistakes on the road and apply it in the future to steal a few wins and move back up the conference standings.

"I think the biggest thing I learned last game is you've gotta come out strong," she said. "Also you can't ever take who you play for granted. No one's gonna let us win, and we gotta realize that. Everyone's out to get us."

Learning from mistakes and getting the survivor mentality to win on the road is on the Lady Raiders' minds, but Ritchie said the most important thing is to have the next opponent on the mind.

"Right now we can't focus on anything but A&M and getting over this loss and understanding that this is Big 12, and everyone throughout Big 12 is losing and winning," she said. "I don't like to lose, but we don't have time to pout; we've gotta go focus on A&M."



## TECH - HOME VERSUS ROAD

■ The Lady Raiders' results against Big 12 competition at home and on the road. Tech has experienced trouble on the road, losing both of the teams' two conference road games (Iowa State and Oklahoma State)

	Home	Road
W/L	3-0	0-2
Points Scored	238	150
-per game	79.3	75
Points Allowed	161	152
-per game	53.7	76
Most points scored	106	87
Most points allowed	63	88
Fewest points scored	64	64
Fewest points allowed	43	64

## Raiders choose Turner as new head coach

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Norv Turner was hired as the Oakland Raiders' coach Monday, taking over a team that went from the Super Bowl to 4-12 in just a year.

Turner, who grew up in nearby Martinez, Calif., as an avid Raiders

fan, replaces Bill Callahan, fired last Dec. 31 after two tumultuous seasons. "I belong here," said Turner, the Miami Dolphins' offensive coordinator the past two seasons. "When I got off the plane the other night, I felt like I was coming home. I feel like I'm home now."

Turner spent nearly seven seasons as the Washington Redskins' coach, leading them to a 49-59-1 record and just one playoff berth from 1994-00 before being fired with three games left in his final campaign.

He is the 14th head coach in a

franchise lineage that includes John Madden, two-time Super Bowl winner Tom Flores and owner Al Davis, who coached the team from 1963-65.

"I just thought it was the right fit," said Davis, who wore a black suit and shirt with a shiny silver tie to the news conference announcing Turner's hiring. "Everything that we need at this particular time, we will rely on Norv to help us with."

Davis also praised Turner's "pride, poise and class. He has represented that his entire career."

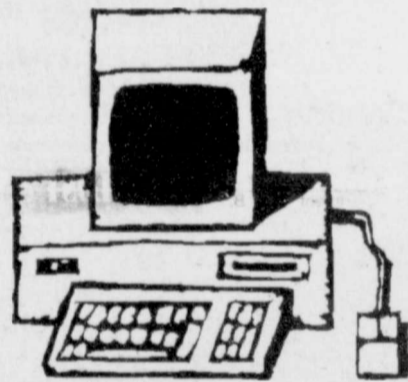
Oakland is the last of seven NFL teams to fill its head coaching vacancy, leaving New England assistants Romeo Crennel and Charlie Weis without a chance to get a head job while the Patriots prepare for the Super Bowl.

The Raiders interviewed at least six coaching candidates during the past few weeks. They apparently came close to hiring Dallas assistant Sean Payton last week, but he stayed with the Cowboys.

Turner didn't get an interview until talks with Payton ended, and Davis hinted last week he might want to interview Crennel or Weis. But Turner apparently impressed Davis enough last Friday to persuade the 74-year-old owner to depart from his usual preference for hiring first-time head coaches.

Of the Raiders' previous eight coaches dating to Madden's first season in 1969, only one - Joe Bugel, who lasted just one season in 1997 - had previous head coaching experience.

Turner inherits a messy situation in Oakland: The Raiders' defense of their AFC championship was a disaster almost from the first exhibition game, with injuries to more than a dozen key players and a near-mutiny against Callahan. Cornerback Charles Woodson openly criticized the coach, and MVP quarterback Rich Gannon later said a major housecleaning was necessary.



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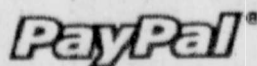
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# Louisiana town proud of native son, Delhomme

BREAUX BRIDGE, La. (AP) — At the edge of a park where Jake Delhomme played pee-wee football, there's a cypress sculpture of a crawfish about the size of a refrigerator.

There's no monument to the Carolina Panthers' starting quarterback, but that could change soon.

Already, a local bar in this Cajun town of 7,500 has named a hamburger steak special for him. A musician is working on a song in his honor. A bank is putting up a Delhomme billboard. The marquee outside a restaurant reads: "Congratulations Jake."

And the conversation in Breaux Bridge, where drivers tap their car horns whenever they spot friends, has a familiar theme lately: the hometown kid's astonishing ride to the Super Bowl.

Delhomme (pronounced deh-LOME) went all the way to NFL Europe before landing a spot with the New Orleans Saints. The Saints even cut him twice before making him a backup to Aaron Brooks in 2001. Delhomme won his only start of 2002, then signed as a free agent with Carolina.

On opening day this season, Delhomme came off the bench to rally the Panthers to a victory. Carolina continued to win, and the excitement in Breaux Bridge reached a crescendo when the Panthers defeated the Philadelphia Eagles for the NFC title.

Next up is next Sunday's Super Bowl in Houston against the New England Patriots.

Delhomme, who had an avid following in college at Louisiana-Lafayette, was the talk of his town when he made the Saints' practice squad six years ago. Now that he's the starter of a Super Bowl team, Breaux (pronounced BRO) Bridge is in a state of Delhomme delirium.

All of Carolina's games this season were broadcast by a local radio station in what is normally Saints country.

"Everybody's talking about the Pan-

thers," Ronald Latiolais, who works for the mayor, says with a strong Cajun French accent. "People that wasn't concerned about football at all—they're now glued to that TV waiting to see Jake."

Latiolais wore a Panthers hat as he walked into the office of his boss and longtime friend, Mayor Jack Dale Delhomme. The mayor is the quarterback's first cousin once removed, and he jokes about how sharing the same name is like being part of a budding Cajun Camelot.

"It's like the Kennedys, baby," he says.

Much of the Delhomme family, including Jake, his brother Jeff and father Jerry, still live in Breaux Bridge, although Jake is rarely home during the season. All three homes are within sight of each other, along a highway that passes by cattle ranches, sugar

cane fields and the occasional oil rig.

Jake lives in a modest one-story cottage that belonged to his grandfather, who trained and raced quarter horses. Jake, a horse trainer himself, moved the home onto his father's ranch, where the family now prepares thoroughbreds for races at nearby Evangeline Downs.

"We have no one in our family that has gone far away," says Jerry Delhomme, who was born in a house Jake restored. "When he's no longer playing ball, he'll be right back here."

The town was named for the Breaux family that built a bridge over the Bayou Teche—essentially a slow-moving river—about 145 years ago. The downtown, situated at the edge of a bridge, is just a couple blocks of two-story brick buildings and balcony-shaded sidewalks.

Gary Breaux, a descendant of the founding family, points out that the Pan-

thers' QB is not the only town celebrity. Miss USA 1996 Ali Landry and Houston Texans running back Dominick Davis come from Breaux Bridge, as do three players on LSU's 2003 college football national championship team.

About 125 miles west of New Orleans, the town is known for its crawfish festival. Restaurants serve grilled catfish filet topped with shrimp etouffee (a stew) or crawfish au gratin. A waiter might check on restaurant patrons with a quick, "C'est bon?"

The Corner Bar is housed in a 110-year-old, handsome cypress building of high ceilings. It was a general store and later a dance hall. A message board says, "Wow, Jake!" and "We told U Haslett," a shot at Saints coach Jim Haslett.

"We knew what he could do because we had seen what he had since high school," bar owner Earl "Boogi" Hebert

said, patting the area over his heart.

Now just about everyone who visits Mayor Delhomme wants to share in the hoopla. Many drop off memorabilia in hopes the mayor can get Jake to sign it.

"I pinch myself," Jerry Delhomme said. "When he was with the Saints, when we saw a jersey with Jake's number, we went bananas—and nine times out of 10, it was a cousin."

With the Super Bowl only four hours west on Interstate 10, a Cajun contingent is expected at the stadium. It doesn't matter if there are no tickets.

"We'll put up a sign that says, 'Breaux Bridge, La., hometown of Jake Delhomme,' have some crawfish and barbecue or something, and afterward go to a motel room to watch it on TV," says Randy "Crip" Cormier, the town's parks director. "You never know, we might get in."

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# Texas ends Raiders' win streak in overtime

By Adam Boedeker/  
The University Daily

No. 16 Texas never looked back after guard Brandon Mouton hit a game tying three-pointer as time expired to send Monday's game into overtime on a play that Tech coach Bob Knight took full responsibility for.

"I take full responsibility for our giving up the basket at the end," Knight said. "I mean they made a great play, going to mid-court and calling a timeout and then getting the shot and making it. I'm at fault for not calling a timeout as soon as we saw their lineup. I think I cost us the game in that regard."

The 62-61 loss came just hours after Tech climbed the AP poll to No. 13; it marked the seventh consecutive victory for the Longhorns in Lubbock.

Guard Ronald Ross pressured Texas guard Brandon Mouton on the running 3-pointer as time expired, but to no avail, tying the game at 55 at the end of regulation.

The raucous Tech crowd of 15,250, an all-time United Spirit Arena record, did its best, but could not phase Mouton.

"It was a great feeling knowing I could make a difference like that," Mouton said. "Not only in the game, but also with the fans. I think this has become a great rivalry. Their program has changed, and it's a great atmosphere to play college basketball with great fans."

The play was not officially meant to go to Mouton, said guard Royal Ivey, who inbounded the ball.

"I was originally looking for (guard) Kenny (Taylor)," Ivey said. "I saw Brandon wide open and gave it to him because Kenny was coming

off the screen kinda slow. I got (Mouton) the ball, and he put it on the money."

Texas coach Rick Barnes said Mouton did not surprise him but shocked him.

"It was an unbelievable shot," he said. "I mean the percentages of that shot are tough. Royal made a great pass too."

After a sloppy first half by both teams that saw seven Texas turnovers and a 26-13 advantage to Texas on the boards ended with a 22-22 tie, Tech came out firing to start the second half as they jumped out to a 10-point lead three minutes in. It was the largest lead by either team in the game.

But Texas would come back and perform in the clutch, a recent trend for the Longhorns and something Barnes wishes would happen less.

"I prefer not to be that way very often," he said. "When we were down 10, they didn't flinch. They came in prepared for a tough game with a lot of respect for Texas Tech. In this league every night will be like that."

The sequence Knight questioned himself on began when Tech held a 53-51 lead with 4.1 seconds left in regulation. Texas forward Brian Boddicker was fouled by forward Devonne Giles, putting Boddicker on the line in a one and one situation.

Boddicker missed his second attempt and the rebound was grabbed

by Tech guard Ronald Ross. Ross was fouled by center Jason Klotz with 3.2 seconds left and Ross made both free throws, putting Tech in the lead 55-52.

Tech called a timeout to set up a defense for Texas' inbound play from the baseline by Boddicker.

Boddicker hurled the ball from the baseline to Ivey who caught the ball past halfcourt and called a timeout.

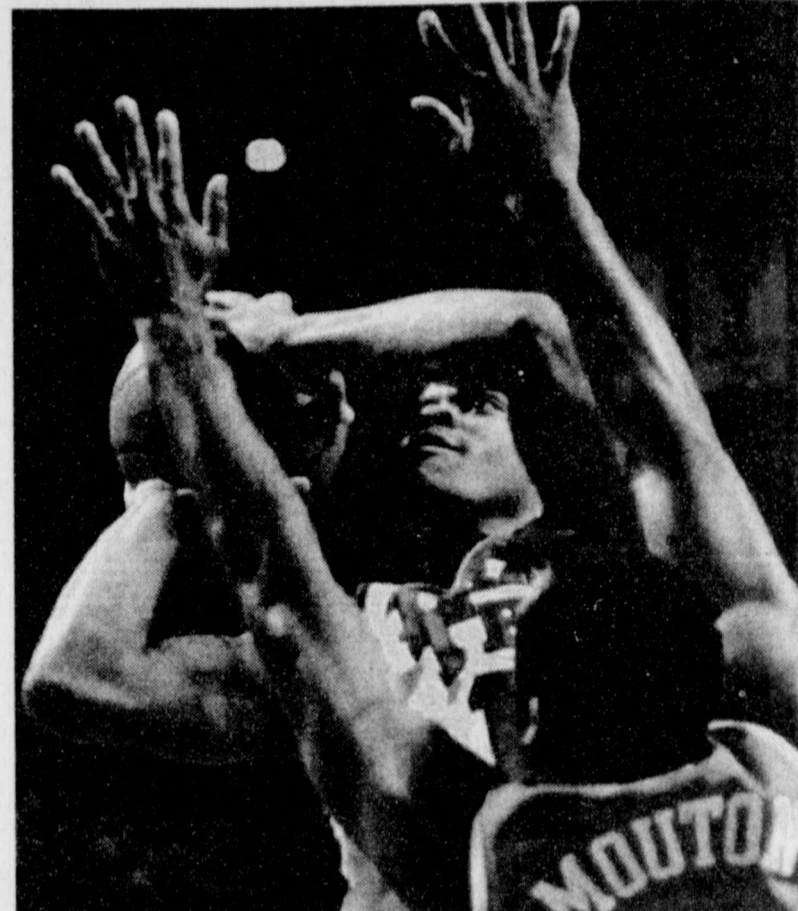
"We had a centerfielder on that first pass, which was one that shouldn't have been completed, we kind of screwed that up," Knight said. "But that was a great play that they made."

Knight said his mind wavered back and forth, saying he should have called a second timeout before the halfcourt inbound.

He also questioned his decision to put a defender on Texas guard Royal Ivey, who inbounded the ball to Mouton from half-court with 2.6 seconds left.

"On the second timeout I debated on whether to put a kid on the inbound pass," Knight said. "I rarely do that, and I think if I would've called another timeout I would've brought him off. I put our biggest kid (Giles) on the inbound passer and I'm not a big believer in that."

Tech never led in the overtime period, in which Texas was led by



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

TEXAS TECH FORWARD Andre Emmett pulls up for a shot over the outstretched arms of Texas forward Brandon Mouton during the Longhorns' 62-61 overtime win on Monday. Emmett is averaging 22.1 points per game, but finished with only nine against Texas. Mouton, meanwhile, hit a buzzer beating 3-point shot to send the game into overtime.

Boddicker, who hit a three-pointer with three minutes left to put Texas up 60-56 and Ivey, who made two key free throws with 17 seconds remaining to put the Longhorns up by three.

Boddicker then fouled Ross with 4.8 seconds left. Ross made both free throws to put the Raiders down 62-61 and Tech guard LucQuente White fouled guard Taylor on the line with 3.9 seconds left.

He missed his first half of the one and one and Andre Emmett got the rebound and advanced the ball to halfcourt before calling a timeout

with 1.9 seconds left to set up a shot to win the game for Tech.

The ball was inbounded to guard Jarrius Jackson whose 24-footer as time expired clanked off the rim to give Texas the victory. Jackson finished the game as Tech's leading scorer with 17 points.

When asked if Jackson's shot was the one he would have liked to see in that situation, Knight gave a short reply.

"What can you get with 1.9 seconds left with the ball 75 feet away?" Knight said.

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