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Consulting firm to review Tech spending

By Michael Castellon/*The University Daily*

Texas Tech officials have hired an external consulting firm to review the university's operations and identify areas of wasteful spending.

The initiative is in response to Gov. Rick Perry's requests for state institutions to implement higher measures of accountability in regard to university finances.

Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith said representatives from Accenture, a global management and consulting firm, will meet with a committee comprised of financial experts and university administrators.

The group will find ways the university can minimize spending by examining business operations at the univer-

sity, including human resources and payroll, information technology and student services.

Smith said the review is necessary to find ways to shift costs under the perils of tuition deregulation and to compensate for the demands of the university's growing student body.

Funds recovered from the review will be used in part to help offset the cost of higher education to students and their families.

The review also will send a message of compliance to the Texas Legislature, which meets next year to determine funding for the next biennium.

Smith said he expects Accenture representatives to

meet with the university's committee in the next two weeks. The group is expected to present preliminary findings by December.

"What we're trying to do here is look at ways we can further reduce costs," he said. "We're going to take a look at our operations and see if there are ways we can save dollars and be more efficient across the board."

The Board of Regents approved the plan last fall, which allows for university administrators to hire an external accounting firm that would conduct a review of university finances and identify wasteful spending.

Smith said Accenture was selected through a bid process. The company's services will cost Tech about \$50,000.

"The Committee felt Accenture had relative experience in Texas," he said. "Another benefit was that (Accenture) has worked in the private sector as well as the public sector."

During the past two years, university officials have taken similar measures in an effort to cut spending, including trimming about \$2 million from the university's \$1 billion budget and eliminating three vice president positions.

The university's new efforts to restructure also will include a review of the university's academics, to determine how improvements can be made student retention, graduation rates and research funding.



National News

Former Tech athlete charged with murder

HELD WITHOUT BOND: 1993 Red Raider basketball player Holly arrested in Atlanta.

By Sally Gunter/*The University Daily*

Police officials in Georgia arrested former Texas Tech basketball player Jerome "Lenny" Holly on Tuesday morning for murder.

Holly, 29, is charged with the first-degree murder of Kenneth Douglas in Alamogordo, N.M., on Sept. 15. He also faces charges of the attempted murder of Jason Carrell, said Renee Holmes, spokeswoman for the Alamogordo district attorney's office.

Charges of tampering with evidence and racketeering also are being brought against Holly. He is being held without bond in Georgia, Holmes said.

The shooting occurred outside of the Atrium nightclub in Alamogordo, which has since closed. Carrell called emergency officials advising them he had been shot.

Officials later found Douglas' body in the trunk of a rental car. Douglas died of a single shot to the back of the head, Holmes said.

Holly is scheduled to face a judge Thursday to waive or fight extradition to New Mexico.

If Holly fights the extradition, the district attorney's office will petition to the New Mexico governor's office for a warrant to extradite him, Holmes said.

Former Tech men's basketball coach James Dickey said while it had been more than a decade since he had spoken to Holly, he remembered him as a talented player.

"He was very good as a freshman," Dickey said. "He ended up starting for us by the end of the year."

The Red Raiders ended the 1993 basketball season 18-12. The team was the 1993 Southwest Conference Champions and played in the NCAA tournament. Holly scored 30 points during Tech's 105-103 victory over the University of Texas.

Holly was an outstanding player that qualified for the all-freshman team, Dickey said.

Holly played one year at Tech before transferring to New Mexico Junior College and Arizona State.

Holly's arrest came as a shock to his former coach.

"I think anyone is surprised to hear that type of news about anyone," Dickey said.

MEAT MONITOR



ANDREW WEATHERL/*The University Daily*

KIM KUPER, A graduate student from Lubbock studying food sciences, uses a colorimeter to determine if the chicken breasts have retained their correct color after being exposed to various marinades at the Meat Sciences building Thursday. Kuper was participating with other graduate students in a study of meat marinades and preservatives.

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Tech ROTC program honors anniversary of shuttle's crash

By Andrew Bell/*The University Daily*

Near the first anniversary of the Columbia space shuttle tragedy, the Air Force ROTC at Texas Tech had a memorial for Col. Rick Husband, commander of the shuttle, and the rest of the crew at Thursday in Holden Hall.

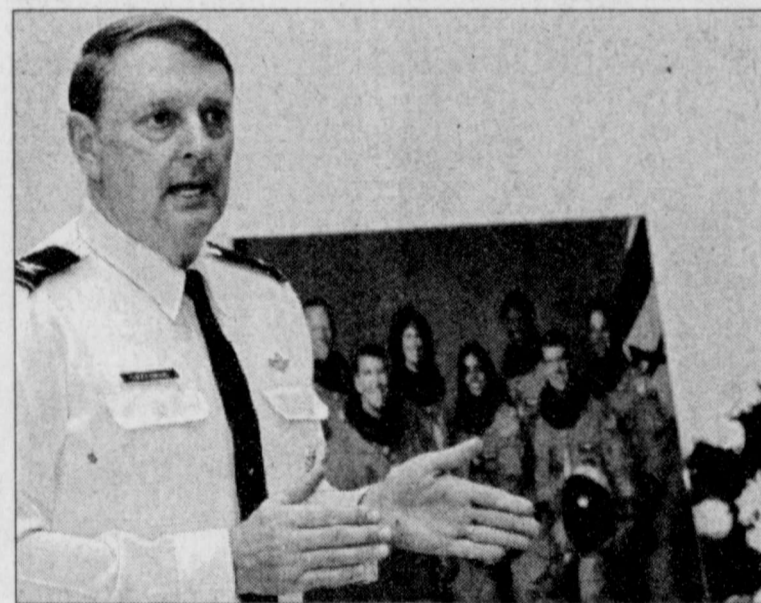
In February 2002 the shuttle exploded during re-entry, killing all aboard. The memorial was an opportunity to remember the sacrifice Husband, a Tech graduate, made for his country and to honor a member of the Tech family.

Reed Bond, cadet colonel and senior industrial engineering major from Arlington, said Husband graduated from Tech in 1980 with a mechanical engineering degree. As a second lieutenant in the Air Force, Husband logged more than 3,800 hours in various aircrafts.

In 1994, Husband joined NASA, which had been his dream since he had seen the Mercury missions as a child, Bond said. During his 16-day mission on the Columbia shuttle, Husband and his crew conducted 80 scientific and research experiments.

The memorial included a flag-folding ceremony by the Sabre Flight Drill Team and a presentation of pictures of the Columbia mission. Maj. Lee Curoe, an assistant professor of aerospace studies, said the memorial would be two-fold. The Air Force ROTC would honor Husband and the entire crew of the space shuttle.

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TOP: TYLER WALTERS, a junior communications major from Livingston, folds a flag during the memorial for the shuttle Columbia members. Flag holders from the Sabre flight drill team cadets from left to right are Michael Renfro, a sophomore industrial engineering major from Dumas; Aaron Borszich, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Grapevine; Jason Moscovitz, a sophomore business major from Arlington and Joseph Shanny, a freshman biology major from El Paso. **ABOVE:** ROTC Commander Col. David Lefforge speaks to the Air Force ROTC about the people who died in the Columbia shuttle crash.

Student Affairs

Administration, SGA make plans for campus bike lanes

By Andrew Bell/*The University Daily*

Members of the Texas Tech administration and the Student Government Association plan to begin a proposal to send contractors to campus to incorporate bike lanes on the Tech campus.

The idea began when Cameron Buckner, a facilities, planning and construction committee member of the SGA, said he was assigned to write a proposal for a technical writing course.

Since Buckner had been riding his bike on campus since his fresh-

man year, he said the natural idea would be to write a proposal to build bike lanes throughout campus.

After writing the proposal, Buckner took the document to Colton Batchelor, SGA external vice president. Once Batchelor began a committee to look into the subject, Buckner said he gathered some of his friends, and they began research on the topic during the fall semester.

Since the topic has been brought to the administration, Tech President Jon Whitmore has been interested in pursuing the proposal process, Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Shonrock said.

In the event that the bike lanes are created on campus, Vice President for Operations Max Hinojosa said the plan would be to separate the people and vehicles on campus to avoid any problems.

"When you bring people, cars and bikes all together, it is not good for a lot of obvious reasons," he said.

An idea would be to create a joint-use trail so people and bikes would be separated to eliminate conflicts, said Art Glick, executive associate of operations site development.

A joint-use trail would have separate areas for pedestrians and bicyclists to move on campus to avoid

any accidents.

A future development for the campus would be the construction of a west to east mall that would begin on the east side of the Carpenter/Wells complex and stretch to the Engineering Key, Shonrock said.

This mall would tie in everything in the campus interior, with the addition of a north to south mall that would be built, Hinojosa said. The new residence hall, that would be built in the area near Carpenter/Wells, would face the west to east mall area and create a section of campus

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The Rundown



Austin PD improving relations with blacks

AUSTIN (AP)—The Austin police chief says he will resign if he doesn't meet a self-imposed deadline to improve relations between police and the black community.

Police Chief Stan Knee told the *Austin American-Statesman* Wednesday that he'll give himself until September or "certainly by the end of the year" to see signs of improvement.

Knee said he will work to restore relations to where they were before June 2002, when police shot and killed 23-year-old Sophia King, a mentally ill black woman who police said was threatening her landlord with a butcher knife.

"If I can't regain the trust of the entire community, people won't have to ask me to resign," Knee said after an afternoon news conference at the police department.

Earlier Wednesday, 17 Baptist ministers demanded the resignations of Knee, City Manager Toby Futrell and Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle at a news conference at Greater Calvary Baptist Church.

Futrell said she hadn't heard the request directly.

"It shows me there's a great deal of anger and frustration in the community," said Futrell, who has the power to fire the police chief. "We are going to be able to build trust, or we're not." Earle did not attend the

Military sends home captured teen boys

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. military on Thursday released three teenage boys—believed to be between the ages of 13 and 15—who had been accused of supporting the Taliban and had been held at the prison for terror suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the Pentagon announced.

The boys were sent back to their home country, the Pentagon said, saying it was determined that they no longer posed a threat to the United States. They have no further value as interrogation subjects and are not going to be tried by the U.S. government for any crimes, the military said.

They were the youngest prisoners at the Guantanamo base, which has held hundreds of suspected al-Qaida and Taliban fighters since the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan that followed the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The boys' identities were not released. In a statement, the Pentagon said their identities were being kept secret for fear of reprisals against them. The three came from the same country, but the Pentagon would not identify what that country was.

Two of the boys were captured during U.S. and allied raids on Taliban camps in Afghanistan; the third was captured trying to obtain weapons for the Taliban, the Pentagon said. Two had been at the Guantanamo prison since January 2002; the third arrived later.

Blair not responsible for expert's suicide

LONDON (AP)—A judge cleared Prime Minister Tony Blair's administration Wednesday of any direct involvement in the suicide of a government expert on Iraqi weapons, but criticized the BBC for its reporting of the scandal that shook the British leadership.

The government did not act in a "dishonorable, underhand or duplicitous" way in revealing the identity of weapons expert David Kelly, said senior appeals judge Lord Hutton, who was appointed by Blair to investigate the death.

Hutton said he was satisfied nobody involved could have foreseen that Kelly would take his own life. He killed himself after being identified as the anonymous source of the British Broadcasting Corp. report accusing the government of exaggerating claims about Iraqi weapons to bolster support for war.

Blair welcomed Hutton's "extraordinary, thorough, detailed and clear" report and demanded the BBC withdraw its allegation that he misled the country over Iraqi weapons.

"The allegation that I or anyone else lied to this House or deliberately misled the country by falsifying intelligence on WMD is itself the real lie," Blair said in the House of Commons. "And I simply ask that those that made it and those who have repeated it over all these months now withdraw it, fully, openly and clearly."

MAKING MUSIC



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/The University Daily

STEPHANIE GRIFFITH, A junior music education major from Midland, works on her percussion skills with the marimba in the practice area of the Music building Thursday morning.

Fraternities' abuse of animals leaves animal lovers in a fury

ATHENS, Ga. (AP)—Fraternity brothers have dropped a puppy off a Mississippi River bridge, beaten a goose to death with a golf club and abandoned an unconscious, intoxicated pig in a park.

In December, Phi Kappa Psi members killed, skinned, burned and ate a raccoon at the University of Georgia.

These and other acts on campuses across the country have drawn the fury of animal lovers who say such abuse has grown into a dangerous trend because it is too often treated as innocent college hijinks.

"Animal cruelty is a crime and certainly can't be accepted. Years ago it had to be made clear that rape is a crime," said Ann Chynoweth, The Humane Society of the United States' counsel to investigative services.

She recently wrote to the

North-American Interfraternity Conference, asking it to educate its 350,000 undergraduate members about animal cruelty and its connection to human violence.

But Pete Smithhisler, spokesman for the Indianapolis-based conference, dismissed the idea that animals are in any more danger at fraternity houses than anywhere else.

"No, we don't believe it's a trend," he said. "I'm sure it came to light because it was a fraternity. Do we think that incidents like these happen everywhere? Yeah."

The Humane Society said the puppy's death at Quincy University in Illinois, the goose beating at Davidson College in North Carolina, and incidents involving pigs at both Wake Forest University in North Carolina and Clarkson University in Massachusetts back up its claims.

Experts on the Greek culture ac-

knowledge that meanness toward animals could be a byproduct of the wild behavior and drinking that have been part of fraternity life for years, despite efforts to change the "Animal House" stereotype.

"With alcohol, they lose all sense of propriety; they just don't think about what they're doing. You see some ugly things when that happens," said Dr. Thomas "Sparky" Reardon, dean of students at the University of Mississippi, which has banned animals at parties to try to avoid instances of cruelty.

Stephen Sweet, a sociology professor at Ithaca College, said the intense loyalty fraternities require of pledges and members often warps the line between right and wrong.

"It seems absolutely insane but if everybody says, 'This is what you've got to go through,' then it becomes something where they'll submit," said Sweet, author of a book on the fraternity culture.

The Humane Society has asked the North-American Interfraternity Conference to add to its expectations for fraternity members some recognition that the humane treatment of animals is part of living with respect for others. Academic integrity, drug and alcohol use, and abuse of human beings and property are already addressed.



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Medical records not disclosed to professors

By Beth Aaron/
The University Daily

Disclosing medical information without patient consent is a felony. Doctors who divulge such information run the risk of losing their license and the right to practice.

Dr. Kelly Bennett, chief of staff for Texas Tech Student Health Services, said students should know they, just like physicians, cannot be coerced into giving out confidential information to anyone against their will.

"Everything is done with the patient's permission," she said. "I'd like the faculty to know — Don't ask; I'd like the students to know — protect your rights; we're trying to."

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act was enacted last year, making medical records safer than they have been in the past, Bennett said. It is meant to protect the privacy of medical records.

Evelyn McPherson, director of Student Health Services, said the issue of patient-doctor confidentiality has become a concern because professors have been checking on students handing in red notes, expecting excused absences.

Bennett said red notes given out by Student Health Services are not excuses for missing class but an explanation to professors as to why a student was absent.

"The professors have a misunderstanding that we're telling them they have to excuse someone. They can do anything they want. They can be considerate or they can choose to not be considerate," she said. "I think the students have the misunderstanding that we can excuse them from class."

Greg Elkins, managing director for

the Center for Campus Life, said notes are sometimes issued by Student Health Services, but it is up to the professor whether to accept excuses.

"That's left up to an individual faculty member," he said.

The most Center for Campus Life can do if a student has missed class four or more times consecutively with a reasonable explanation, Elkins said, is to contact the professor for the student to help them catch up on assignments instead of relying on a red note.

"My suggestion to students would be — if you miss class, you should probably contact the faculty member and let them know," he said. "Touch base with the faculty member."

Elkins said he was not aware professors were looking for detailed information about students' medical con-

ditions if an excuse was turned in. He said such information is kept private.

"The most that they would confirm is whether or not the student had an appointment," he said. "The reason for the visit or their assessment would not necessarily be shared."

According to Tech's faculty handbook, a student's medical information is confidential and cannot be released to anyone, including parents or guardians, without the student's written permission, unless otherwise authorized by law.

However, some professors do not

understand confidentiality.

"The providers here have often had some heated exchanges over the phone and over e-mail because they don't understand the confidentiality policy," Bennett said. "Rest assured your private, confidential information will not be released to anyone without your permission."

Chris Stansell, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Kingwood, said he is not concerned about the safety of his medical information.

"I know that they're not allowed to give out my information, so I'm re-

ally not worried," he said.

Professors who do not trust students is a concern, Stansell said.

"It really says something about the level of trust between students and teachers," he said, "if they don't believe we've been there and try to get confidential information about us."

Bennett said confidentiality is a cornerstone of the medical profession and is important in keeping the lines between patient and doctor open.

Bennett said though an issue like this will not damage a student's life, questions of rights will not cease to be called into question.

"We're given rights for a reason; students need to understand what their rights are," she said. "If they feel like they're being coerced, they should talk to the dean of their school or the ombudsman."

For more information about HIPAA, visit <http://www.hhs.gov/news/facts/privacy.html>.

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— KELLY BENNETT
Chief of Staff, Student Health Services

Deadline to enter SGA officer election is today

By Andrew Bell/
The University Daily

Today at 5 p.m. is the last opportunity for Texas Tech to file a statement of intent with the Student Government Association to run for a position as an executive officer or senator in the next school year.

Although there are 77 statements of intent already filed, SGA President Jeremy Brown said he would like as many choices as possible.

The positions are open to all students, and he encourages any students who think they have what it takes to join.

"This is the students' university, and the students should be actively involved on campus," he said. "The avenue to do that is through the SGA."

Being a member of the SGA as an officer or senator is an interactive process with many colleges and departments on the Tech campus.

The opportunity is a learning experience because members would have the chance to speak with members of the administration and deans of the colleges.

However, if a student joins the SGA just to pad the resume, don't bother filling out the application.

"We want to make sure we have

quality students who are willing to work hard for the university and their constituents," Brown said.

Dedicated and serious students who are interested in joining could learn many valuable lessons from applying and becoming part of the SGA, Brown said.

Along with learning the legislative procedure and working with a large group of people, Brown said the SGA could teach students how to become leaders.

Internal Vice President Jacque Steinmetz said the experience she has had with the SGA has changed her for the better. She encouraged anyone who believes they have the heart for the position to go for it.

"It is the most rewarding thing you can do because your work is affecting people," she said. "You get to do something you believe in and have the opportunity to stand up against what you don't believe in."

Students who would like to join the SGA can find statements of intent in the SGA office on the third floor of the newly reconstructed section of the Student Union Building, Steinmetz said.

If any students would like to join but are adamant about the situation, they could contact the SGA office before 5 p.m. Friday. Steinmetz said any student in limbo could contact the SGA office at 742-3631.

Tech professors create program to encourage LISD students to be excited about engineering

By Katie Hepburn/
The University Daily

Table tennis balls traveling to space are replacing paper-mache volcanoes and other traditional science experiments.

Lubbock Independent School District students are conducting such experiments at the prompting of Dean Fontenot, director of Engineering Outreach and Literacy, and John Chandler, director of the Center for Partnership in Science and Technology, who try to spark an early engineering interest in students.

Fontenot said students slice the table tennis balls in half and fill them with such items as seeds, silly putty and gumdrops. The balls are then carried 100,000 feet into space — out of Earth's atmosphere — and brought back down.

Students form hypothesis of what they think will happen to their ping-pong balls while in space, and once the balls return, students get to observe if their hypothesis proved accurate.

Fontenot said the goal of programs such as this is to keep students interested in science in hopes they will someday pursue engineering degrees.

According to a Center for Part-

nerships in Science and Technology document, the program's goal is to significantly increase the number of under-represented students not only entering four-year universities, but also majoring in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields.

"We want to make sure [students are] academically prepared; we want to make sure they're culturally prepared," Fontenot said of the sometimes difficult transition from high school to college.

Chandler said there is a shortage of practicing scientists and engineers, and although Tech's university enrollment is increasing, he said the College of Engineering's enrollment is somewhat stagnant.

He said engineering courses at Tech are difficult, and once one is a senior in high school it is too late to begin targeting that student to become an engineer. Therefore, the Center for Partnerships in Science and Technology cater to students from kindergarten to high school.

One of the center's area of focus, Chandler said, is in giving teachers proper training to spur students' interest in engineering.

He said there are few teachers in public schools with the qualifications to teach engineering, and while teachers can identify students with aptitudes

for science and math, most cannot further advise students toward engineering career paths.

Thus, the center conducts workshops that show teachers fun methods of teaching engineering.

"I think the success has been with teachers, getting them involved," Chandler said. "Ultimately, the thing that's going to impact scientific education is the teachers. Now we're really looking at teacher training as a way to impact public education across the state."

Fontenot said once teachers are trained, they get constant support.

"We give support to the teachers," she said. "We're not just training them and saying, 'Go do this.'"

She said the ongoing support teachers receive sets the center apart from other similar programs.

"We provide expertise and math and science content to offer a wide range of learning opportunities for teachers and professors across the region," Fontenot said.

Chandler said the outreach program started by teaching low-income families to build and use computers. He said today's society is divided into those who are able to use technology versus those

who cannot, and the Building Computers, Families and Community program seeks to alleviate this disparity.

The initial program, which started with 100 families, was popular throughout LISD and the city, Chandler said. Now the center has expanded significantly.

It has conducted programs such as the Imagineering Funhouse, which was held at the Science Spectrum and attracted people across the region, and programs in which students build robots out of Legos.

Chandler said the Legos program attracted many Tech students to work with these students. This is important, Chandler said, because students who live in Northeast Lubbock do not get a lot of opportunities to interact with university students.

Chandler sites one experience with under-represented students that is especially important to him — two Hispanic female students recently won the Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering poster and essay contest. He said one of the girls who won said she was going onto Tech to become an engineer. Chandler said she is a girl whom no one thought could succeed in engineering.

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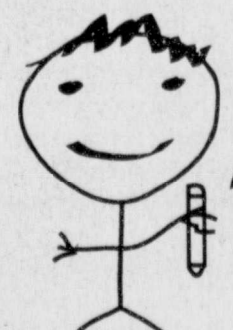


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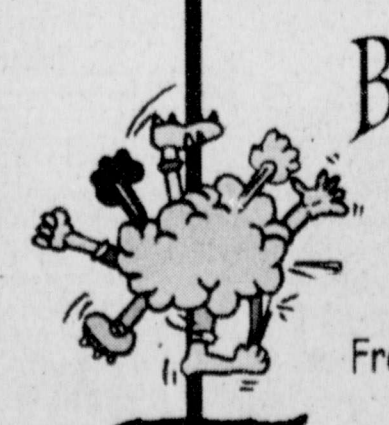
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Drivers from hell drive me crazy

I used to be a nice person. I used to like people. And then the state of Texas deemed me worthy of operating a heavy piece of machinery that can kill people.

Yes, at the ripe age of 16, I got my driver's license and became a misanthrope who disliked drivers nearly as much as the devil dreads good deeds.

It was then I realized extremely old people should not be given access to vehicles when they can't even see the steering wheel in front of them. They should stick to their rocking chairs and telling stories of what the world was like before television.

I also discovered the many different choice words you can call women who do not know how they drive, yet constantly display their ability to apply makeup with one hand on the steering wheel. Men who were not blessed with the ability to drive suddenly became, "stupid jerks." And I ruled the world.

Since then nothing much has changed. I still see people who make me cringe when I see them behind the wheel. And I still know the intricacies of the "F" word.

But I recently found the person who angers me the most on the road. I call him, "Mr. I Don't Let People in During Traffic Jams."

Mr. I Don't Let People in During Traffic Jams gave me the snub, initiated by his wife just this week.

With traffic backed up down 19th Street because of the men's basketball game Monday night, it was apparent I was not going to get where I needed to go in any type of speed going east on 19th. So, I chose to attempt to turn west off an avenue.

Common logic and courtesousness would say someone would let me in and not block the intersection so other commuters could come in and out of the neighborhood with ease.

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times as much as your car so I own the road.

Instead, the person in the right lane was nice enough to stop so I could get out. So was the driver in the far lane, but not Yukonman.

His wife saw my intentions, with my lawnmower strapped in my trunk. I forgot to mention I was on my way to do yard work at the house I had just moved out of. Yes, trunk open, lawnmower in it, and Mrs. Yukon looks me directly in the eye, nods her head and mouths, "No. No? No?"

I'm sorry missy, but you're not moving anywhere because you're No. 10,000 in line just to get to the stoplight.

I think you could let me through and move along my merry little way. Instead of waving me through, she taps her

husband on the shoulder who proceeds to do the same thing as his selfless wife, but with an evil smirk on his pathetic face. He then moves forward and blocks me into my neighborhood.

Now normally this would not anger me quite so much, but I had things to do. What makes his ticket to the ballgame so important that he gives him a license to prevent other people to get where they're going?

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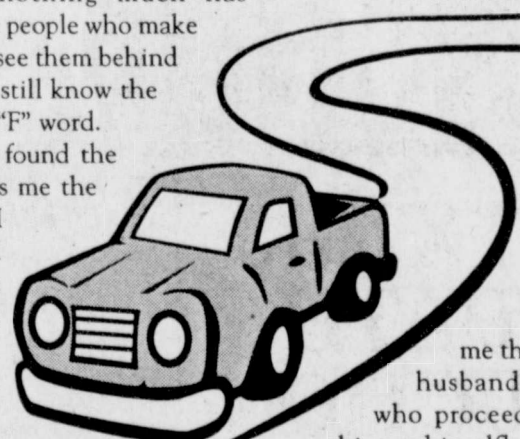
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And the best part — they will all be driving Yugos. Yes, the pride of the Slavics. The ultimate piece of junk from the '70s and '80s will be the car of choice for the new 10th Circle of Hell. No Caddies. No Beemers. No Bentleys. And for sure no Yukons.

So, if you see me on the road be sure and let me into traffic because I've learned the use of my middle finger since turning 16 as well.

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5 tips to actually change your life



This is last in a three-week series on change. Good luck during the rest of the New Year.

Kristen
Gilbreth



Once you make a commitment and believe in yourself, you can turn any situation around.

You've been working on those New Year's resolutions for almost a month now. So, how is it going?

If you're like most people you probably started 2004 off with high hopes of changing your life. Yet, with only 30 days into the year, you've already started to give up and go back to your old ways.

Don't be too hard on yourself if you're failing, just cut your losses and start over again in February.

In our instant gratification society we expect our photos developed in one hour, the love of our life to be found in rapid reality-show style dating, and our lives to be transformed with the speed of an extreme makeover.

But as Helen Keller once said, "Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired and success achieved."

We can't just snap our fingers or wiggle our nose and create change. Through struggling with shifting the direction of my own life, I've learned what works and what doesn't, although I often forget and do what doesn't. Here are the top five things I've learned work when trying to change your life. **Believe you can change**

First, believe in the power of change.

For me the most beautiful stories in the world are about people who turned their life around: the alcoholic who sobered up after years of drowning their lives in the bottle, the underachiever deep in debt who found motivation and moved mountains to dig themselves out of a hole, and the bitter cynic who found spirituality and learned to love life. These are the stories that show me change is possible.

Once you make a commitment and believe in yourself, you can turn any situation around. Each of us must find the positive voice within ourselves that literally says (as cheesy as it sounds), "I think I can." People in our lives will label us and remind us of whom we used to be, but we have to hold on to a vision of what we can be.

One step at a time

The biggest mistake I've made when it comes to change is wanting to do it all at once. Trying to juggle change leads to an overwhelmed state. Pick one thing that needs priority in your life and set goals and deadlines. Be specific and be realistic.

If you want to start exercising, then start small: walk a mile once a week. Reward yourself and then keep making progress. Slowly you will see real change in your life if you take it one step at a time.

Do differently

Theologian Kent Nerburn put it most suc-

cinctly when he said, "No amount of security is worth the suffering of a life lived chained to a routine that has killed your dreams."

Getting caught in a destructive routine robbing you of a fruitful future is what keeps us stuck in our habits. It really is true that if you keep doing what you've always done, you'll keep getting what you've always got. Experts who coach people on change say the biggest mistake made is telling yourself to stop doing something and not having a substitution.

For example, if you want to stop going to bed at 3 a.m., then make a goal to start getting up earlier. Think positive; our minds react rebelliously when we try to revolutionize our life by simply quitting any habit. Have a replacement and make it fun or it will fail. **Ask for help**

Sometimes we can't change on our own, and this does not mean we are weak. We all need support. Ask friends to keep you on track with your goals. Also, it is important to remember that some things cannot be changed by mere will power. Addictions are an example of this.

If you are suffering from any addiction or feeling (such as depression) that seems to stay the same no matter what methods you have tried on your own, you should contact a professional. This is the strong, not weak, thing to do in any circumstance. The student counseling center is free to all students. Call them at (806) 742-3674 to set up an appointment.

Be patient

Nothing worthwhile happens overnight. Don't give up because you don't see results overnight. Perseverance will prevail if you are patient with yourself and the process. Give yourself credit for each step you take and you will succeed. In the mean time, remember the serenity prayer and ask for the serenity to accept the thing you cannot change, courage to change the things you can, and wisdom to know the difference.

Put your past behind you and know that what writer George Eliot said is true: "It is never too late to be what you might have been."

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View from another university

Internet changes face of politics, culture

By Samantha Crane
Swarthmore Phoenix

(U-WIRE) SWARTHMORE, Pa. — The Internet is a great place for contagion of all sorts. Viruses, ridiculous quizzes, inspirational chain e-mails and urban myths have always spread on the Internet at an alarming pace. Recently, however, the Internet has come into the public eye as a breeding ground for a certain contagious form of political activism.

In the past few months, Salam Pax, the famous Iraqi blogger, published his own book. Dean achieved temporary "front-runner" status in the Democratic primaries through a successful Internet grassroots campaign, and Amazon.com even set up a special page through which shoppers can make presidential campaign donations online to anyone who signed up to be on that page, including Lyndon LaRouche and various "independent" candidates.

When the conservative American Family Association put a gay marriage poll on its Web site, people on the Internet who were in favor of gay marriage circulated messages via mass e-mails, message boards and weblogs, exhorting like-minded readers to vote on the AFA's poll. In only days, such Internet activists managed to flood the poll, which soon had registered twice as many respondents in favor of gay marriage than against it. The AFA, unsurprisingly, cancelled the poll's results within a couple of weeks.

This is the power of the Internet: People with similar opinions are able to communicate instantaneously with each other, thus spreading ideas and calls to action at an impressive rate. Through

reading the "blogs" of people who have similar viewpoints to their own, Internet denizens can find news articles that are relevant to their pet issues without having to dig through the back pages of more mainstream, corporate news sources. Advertisements that were deemed "too controversial" to air on broadcast television can still reach a large audience on the Internet, and pundits who haven't broken into the mainstream media may still find a substantial Internet readership.

However, when people are able to settle into niches, they develop increasingly different subcultures. Although The Washington Times and The New York Times will give a reader very different takes on current events, such gaps pale when compared to the differences in leanings among independent Internet news sources, which are better equipped to cater to niche demographics. Viewpoints among Americans are increasingly polarized, and tensions among different demographics have become more pronounced, causing people with a variety of political viewpoints to declare that a "culture war" in America is either ongoing or imminent.

The Internet has clearly played a large part in setting the stage for such a culture war and in providing a kind of virtual battleground. Even better, while one has to pay for a subscription to those obsolete, bulky "newspapers" and must watch television at specific times of the day in order to catch broadcast news shows, the Internet is free for us college students, and most Web sites are available 24-7.

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Chancellor's Council announces award recipients

By Katie Hepburn/
The University Daily

Seven Texas Tech faculty members are the most recent recipients of the Chancellor's Council Distinguished Teaching and Research Awards.

Todd Anderson, associate professor in the department of environmental toxicology and Patricia Pelley, associate professor in the department of history, shared the university's research award, while the Health Sciences Center research award was given to Sandor Gyorke, professor of physiology, and Beverly Chilton, professor of cell biology and biochemistry.

The teaching award was given to Debra Laverie, associate professor of marketing, and the HSC recipients were Phillip Sizer, associate professor of physical therapy, and Sharon Decker, professor and director of clinical simulation.

Marcie Johnston, executive direc-

tor for Chancellor's Council and Executive Events, said the Chancellor's Council distributes funds for student scholarships, faculty recruitment and support and academic excellence.

Johnston said each winner receives \$10,000. However, if there are co-recipients, that sum is split between the two. Separate winners for teaching and research are selected from both Tech's academic campus and the HSC.

"We think that by providing incentives for faculty, we retain the best faculty," she said.

Johnston said many professors apply for the award, and the competition is stiff.

Chancellor Dr. David Smith was not available for comment.

Anderson laughed when asked why he was selected for the award.

"I was very lucky," he said.

He said he is conducting several research projects, and the award was not for one specific area of research.

"Most of the work I do is related

to exposure of environmental contaminants related to wildlife," Anderson said.

He examines how pollutants get into wildlife and uses techniques to characterize that exposure.

"I would like to think I've had a pretty good career so far related to research," Anderson said about why he received the award.

He said his time at Tech has allowed him to work with great people, and were he working alone, neither the research nor the award would have been possible.

"It's always nice to get recognized by peers," Anderson said, "and when that does happen, you feel a lot better about the hard work you have to do."

Sizer also was excited to receive the award.

"It's an honor," he said. "I mean, it's just incredible."

Sizer said the award reflected the administration's trust in his ability to serve the university, and he hopes he

can continue doing a good job.

Sizer, a physical therapist, said he developed the orthopedic education track in the physical therapy program.

"I pioneered a doctorate of science program for physical therapy in orthopedic physical therapy, and that program now has 50 students from across the nation," said Sizer.

The program began in 2002.

In addition, Sizer said 23 of his articles have been published in journals and textbooks, he has taught at Tech for 14 years, he has won the Student Senate teaching award seven times, and in 2000 he won the HSC Presidential Excellence in Teaching Award.

Currently, he teaches all doctoral-level physical therapy courses.

Decker said she has worked at the HSC since 1984, and this award ranks very high on her list of honors.

"It is probably one of the two most prestigious awards that I've gotten, so when you're looking at what it means to me, it's an extremely high honor,"

she said.

Decker said her nursing expertise is in the area of critical care and the emergency room, and she teaches anything related to that. As the director of clinical simulation, she looks at how health simulation can be used to enhance student learning and promote critical thinking skills, an area she calls her passion.

"I love nursing. I love teaching," Decker said. "My students are extremely, extremely important to me, and I think some of those feelings are manifest in my teaching."

She said she tries to challenge students in nonintimidating ways to help them gain necessary skills for success.

Decker received the Leader of Leaders award from the National Student Nursing Association last year.

She also wants people to realize those who receive awards do not get there by themselves. She said excellent mentors, some in the school of nursing faculty and administration, have aided her throughout her career.

Gyorke said his research has important scientific and medial implications, which may be why he received the award. He studies the function of hearts and their underlying beating and tries to understand irregular heartbeats and chronic heart failure.

In Gyorke's 10 years with the university, he said his most important findings have been related to cardiac death syndrome because of cardiac arrest. He said he and his fellow researchers have discovered that intracellular calcium in the heart muscles are behind the disease.

"Yeah, it's a big honor," Gyorke said.

Like others, Gyorke is quick to draw attention to those who have helped him. He said his post-doctoral research associates, Dmitry Derentyez and Serge Vitchenko-Karpinski, have been valuable in his research.

Chilton, Laverie and Pelley were unavailable for comment.

Bike

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where pedestrians and bicyclists could move freely, Shonrock said.

"It provides a way to make things flow properly," Hinojosa said.

One problem will be finding funding for the project. Hinojosa said the student transportation fee could be a possible resource for the funds, but he and Shonrock will discuss the matter with Mike Wilson, interim vice president for fiscal affairs, before deciding on the matter.

The next step in the plan is developing a proposal for the project. Hinojosa said once the proposal is written, the proper steps can be taken.

"We will be trying to estimate the requirements and all this kind of good stuff. Then, we can hand it off and say — make it happen," he said.

Hinojosa said it will take himself and Glick about three weeks to develop the proposal. Then the

operations office would wait 21 days for different companies to look at the proposal and send in a response.

Sometime after spring break, companies will send their proposals for incorporating bike lanes onto campus.

Then the operations office and the committee will look at the various proposals to find the right one for Tech, Hinojosa said.

When a company is selected to carry out the job, Hinojosa said the company would come to Tech to negotiate a price.

The administration anticipated a price of \$75,000 to develop the

plan. This price range would ensure quality of the project, while the bike lane plan could overlay the master plan to the university, Shonrock said.

With a price range set, Hinojosa said the price could be used as a consideration item, but not a mandatory item of how the project would work.

Buckner said it would be satisfying to see something develop, because the project would be something tangible to help the campus.

"At least my five years of narrowly avoiding cars won't go unnoticed," he said.

Memorial

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country who have fallen before them, Erik Nelson, cadet and senior geography major from Colleyville, said.

The third fold of the flag is folded with honor and remembrance of a veteran who gave his or her life for the country, Nelson said. Curoe said the remembrance is one of the most important things ROTC does.

"This is something that we, in the military, do. We don't forget people," he said. "Most importantly, we stop to remember."

As a guest speaker at the event

Commander of Air Force ROTC Detachment 820 Col. David Lefforge said remember Husband and the crew of the Columbia is important because they did their part for their country and for NASA.

"As commander, people look to me for answers. I have never been able to answer — Why a tragedy? I have never had it in me, and I don't think I ever will," he said. "But we stop and remember."

The memorial ceremony will be an annual event to honor the crew of the shuttle.

Curoe said the Air Force ROTC would do more in future events, but it would be up to the cadets to add

more significant things to the memorial.

"This year's ceremony is just a start. We hope to add things in the future," he said. "We think it is important that we will stop to make sure we honor Col. Husband's accomplishments."

The ninth and tenth folds in the flag represent a tribute to womanhood and to the father, Nelson said. Bond said Husband left behind a wife and two children.

The final fold in the flag was a reminder of all soldiers who worked to preserve the rights, privileges and freedoms that many Americans enjoy to this day, Nelson said.

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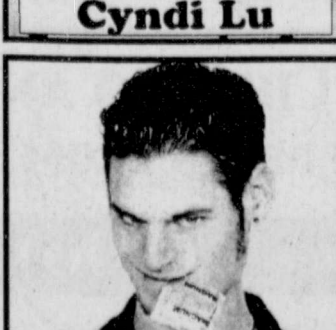

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Schwarzenegger faces first plea for clemency from death amid difficulties

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Still on his political honeymoon, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is facing his first plea for clemency, from a condemned inmate set to die by injection Feb. 10 for hacking four people to death.

Few expect the Republican to show mercy toward Kevin Cooper. The crime was extraordinarily grisly, and granting clemency on the first request to hit his desk could hurt Schwarzenegger politically just when he needs all the help he can get to solve the state's fiscal crisis.

No California governor has granted clemency to a condemned murderer since Ronald Reagan in 1967 spared the life of a severely brain-damaged killer.

Defense attorneys and legal scholars are optimistic the new governor just might exercise his authority to grant clemency at some point during his term.

"Arnold Schwarzenegger seems to have a real open mind," said Maria Stratton, the federal public defender in Los Angeles, who represented the last inmate to be executed in California, Stephen Anderson. Anderson had pleaded with Schwarzenegger's predecessor, Gray Davis, to commute his sentence to life without parole. Anderson went to

his death in 2002.

Schwarzenegger, Stratton noted, has already granted parole to at least six murderers and settled a long-running lawsuit, filed by inmates during the Davis administration, by affirming parole violators' rights to contest their charges.

Davis and his predecessor, Republican Pete Wilson, rejected every clemency petition that came before them, allowing 10 inmates to go to their death since the U.S. Supreme Court allowed capital punishment to resume in 1976.

Davis, who lost a recall election to Schwarzenegger in October, also burnished his tough-on-crime credentials by overturning nearly all recommendations by the state parole board to release convicted murderers.

"Somewhere down the road, clemency petitions will stop being decided an automatic pilot," said Frank Zimring, a University of California legal scholar. "All through the Wilson and Davis regimes, there was no such thing as executive clemency in California."

Schwarzenegger, a social liberal and fiscal conservative, is on record as supporting the death penalty. But capital punishment did not come up during the

recall campaign, and he has said next to nothing about how he will enforce it as governor of the state with the nation's biggest death row, with 640 inmates.

Schwarzenegger may have more room to maneuver than Davis, a liberal Democrat who was careful never to give Republicans ammunition against him when it came to crime.

"Someone who is a Republican and who is playing cops in the movies can show a little more flexibility on issues such as the death penalty," said John Pitney, a political science professor at Claremont McKenna College. "Nobody doubts Arnold Schwarzenegger's toughness."

Possibly Schwarzenegger's wife, Maria Kennedy Shriver, might encourage him to show mercy. But the Kennedy connection cuts both ways, Pitney said.

"The Kennedys are liberal, but if two of your uncles were murdered, that might temper your sympathy for convicted killers," Pitney said, referring to the assassinations of John and Robert F. Kennedy.

Schwarzenegger spokesman Ashley Snee declined to speculate on how he will respond to Cooper's petition.

"The governor's office is in the process of reviewing the materials," she said.

"Each case is reviewed on the facts of the case."

The nation's most startling gubernatorial display of mercy came last year, when Illinois Gov. George Ryan commuted the sentences of 167 killers and emptied out the state's death row. The Republican governor said the criminal justice system was so flawed that an innocent man might otherwise be sent to his death.

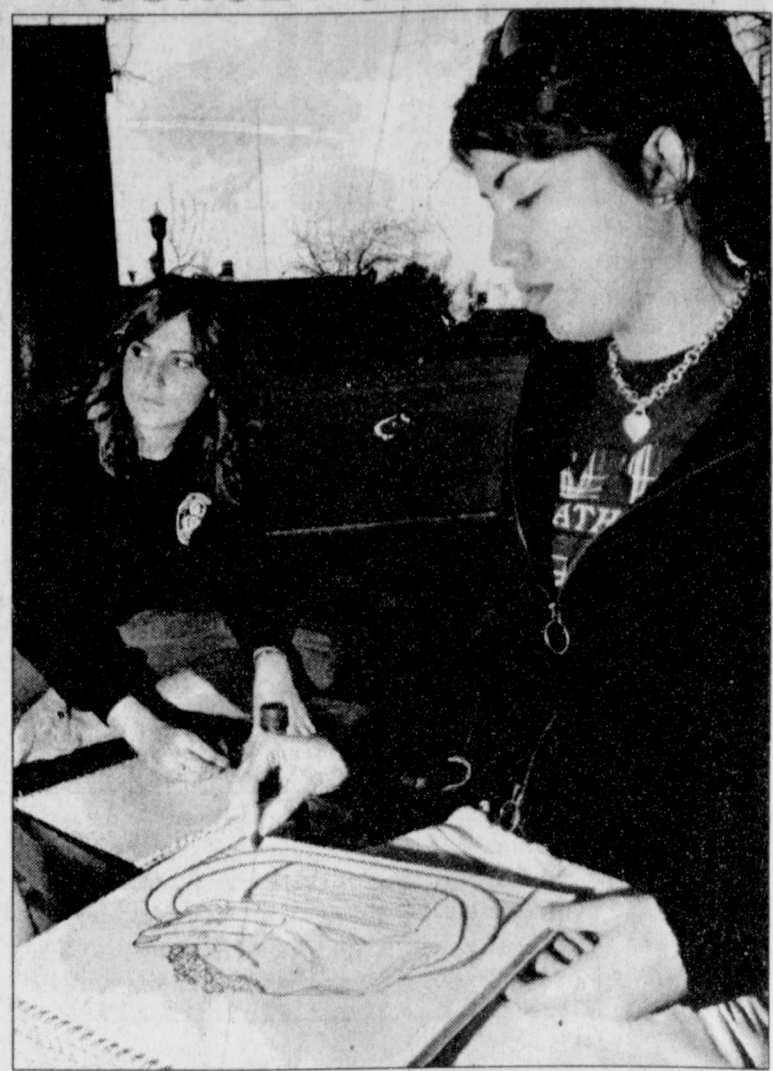
Cooper, 45, was convicted in the 1983 murders of Douglas and Peggy Ryan, both 41, their 10-year-old daughter, Jessica, and her 11-year-old friend, Christopher Hughes.

The victims were stabbed and hacked repeatedly with a hatchet and buckknife. The Ryens' 8-year-old son, Joshua, survived a slit throat.

Cooper had escaped from a nearby Chino Hills prison, where he was doing time for burglary. Authorities believe he wanted to steal the family's station wagon.

Maintaining his innocence during years of appeals, Cooper succeeded in having DNA tests done on evidence at the scene, but the tests showed he was killer. Now he says those tests were tainted and incomplete.

SUNSET SKETCHING



ANDREW WEATHERL/The University Daily

MCCALL EIDSON, A freshman political science major from Hobbs, N.M., and Camille Ricci, a freshman business major from Plano, sketch the fountain in the English/Philosophy/Education complex Wednesday at dusk.

A&M proposing a tuition increase of almost \$20 for fall 2004

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M University is proposing a 21 percent tuition increase for the fall 2004 semester.

The proposal, announced by A&M President Robert Gates, would increase tuition from the spring semester by \$19.50 per credit hour, or about \$300 for students carrying a 14-hour semester workload.

It would constitute a 33 percent increase over what they paid in fall 2003. "This is a significant increase," Gates

acknowledged during a presentation on the proposal. "State support has declined from almost half to a third of our expenditures while tuition and fees have increased from a fifth to a fourth. It's unlikely this trend will change: Students will share an increasing portion of this burden of the cost of their education."

Texas A&M University System board of regents will consider the increase at its March 25-26 meeting.

Although Gates had recently suggested a fall 2004 tuition hike was likely,

the proposed increase comes just six months after A&M officials, particularly regents, vowed they would keep tuition increases moderate and not abuse their power to set tuition as high they want.

After the Texas Legislature deregulated tuition last year, universities were given authority to raise it as needed.

As some schools took great advantage of the new freedom, some legislators publicly wondered if tuition deregulation was a mistake. The University of Texas-Austin raised tuition and fees 26

percent from fall 2003 to fall 2004. UT-El Paso increased them 28 percent.

A&M's proposed increase would represent a smaller percentage if it included fees, but school officials Wednesday had not yet made such a calculation for fall 2004.

Gates emphasized Tuesday that the tuition increase was necessary to offset an expected 2005 budget deficit of nearly \$23 million and to improve the quality of education.

"This tuition increase we have tried

to frame and apply almost exclusively to new investment into the faculty," he said.

The university plans to bring in more than 400 tenured and tenure-track professors over the next several years, Gates said.

A&M student body President Matt Josefy said Wednesday that students intend to make Gates accountable for the promise that they'll be the beneficiaries of the tuition increase.

About 100 people, mostly students,

attended the forum. Josefy said he has not detected student outrage about the proposal.

Gates said tuition would not increase next spring, but said it is possible it could rise again in 2005-06.

He said the tuition proposal would generate an estimated \$22.8 million more, of which \$12 million would be spent on new and current faculty, \$4.1 million on faculty and staff salaries, \$3.9 million on additional financial aid and \$1 million on the library.

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Putting worst movies of year in 'Order'

It has long been my contention that moviegoers are not as nearly offended by bad movies as they should be.

Think about it — Hollywood has both great talent and millions of dollars at their disposal to make quality films.

Too many times, however, big bucks and big talent are plugged into bad projects like jumper cables placed on a dead rodent.

After paying your \$8 to see this disaster, you're left with a sinking feeling in your stomach while Hollywood gladly pockets your hard-earned wages for the swill they put in movie theaters.

That doesn't infuriate you? Overall, 2003 was a very good year for movies. As in any year, however, finding the bad movies isn't the problem — it's narrowing down the many choices to make a concise list.

Here, then, are my choices for the worst films of the year. But I have chosen to not acknowledge the obviously poor movies that we knew would be awful in the first place ("Dumb and Dumber: When Harry met Lloyd," "My Boss' Daughter," and "The Real Cancun" among others).

Instead, these are films showcas-

James Eppler



Too many times, however, big bucks and big talent are plugged into bad projects like jumper cables placed on a dead rodent.

ing usually reliable talent in films that had the potential to be good but failed miserably.

These films enraged me:

1. "The Order"
Academy Award winning writer Brian Helgeland ("L.A. Confidential") reunites with his "A Knight's Tale" crew and directs them in this would-be horror flick that plays like "Ghostbusters Go to Mass."

Heath Ledger is a renegade priest

who has a knack for casting out demons and soon starts to uncover secrets of the church.

The silly plot and poor performances are unbearable. Helgeland and Co. may have earned a special place in hell for this disaster.

2. "Gigli"

This was essentially a Hollywood suicide that killed Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez's hopes as the next Bogart and Bergman and probably played a part in ending their relationship. Writer/Director Martin Brest may not work again for a long time.

3. "Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat"
Mike Myers' absolute worst film by a long shot.

4. "Beyond Borders"

Angelina Jolie stars in this sappy soap opera woven in with a bleeding-heart message about starving Ethiopians, but then, only exploits the starving people to further the love story.

5. "View from the Top"

The Academy should demand their Oscar back from Gwyneth Paltrow for this embarrassment.

6. "Gothika"

The Academy may want to have words with Halle Berry as well for this nonsensical horror rubbish that, granted, wasn't quite as awful as "The Order."

7. "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre"

This bastardization of a horror classic strips away everything that was scary about the original and waters it down to a "girl in a wet tank-top running from a maniac" movie.

8. "Paycheck"

The Christmas holidays were going so well until Ben Affleck showed up again to ruin everything. Director John Woo should have known better.

9. "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde"

Too much blonde, too much pink. Now I hear that a TV series based on the Reese Witherspoon character is in development. Kill me now.

10. "In the Cut"

Meg Ryan decided this film was

worth doing her first nudity on screen — and lots of it. While I admire her bravery, it's a shame to waste it on such a lame-brained project.

11. "The Life of David Gale"

A heavy-handed film that preaches a sermon for 90 minutes about the death penalty and then totally contradicts its own message in the final scene.

12. "2 Fast 2 Furious"

They should have pulled the plug on this clunker when Vin Diesel turned it down.

13. "Cold Creek Manor"

A boring and painfully obvious would-be horror movie where the bad guy still feels the need to lecture his victims before he kills them, thereby

giving them enough time to escape.

14. "Brother Bear"

A hodgepodge of about five different Disney films that were thrown in a mixer and produced this entirely forgettable animated film, which continues to back my theory that Disney is no good anymore without Pixar.

15. "The Matrix Revolutions"

By far the biggest let-down I have suffered since "Episode 1." The Wachowski brothers prove that they bit off far more than they could chew by ending their "Matrix" trilogy with this rounding thud.

■ Eppler is The UD's film critic. E-mail him your worst movie picks at james.d.eppler@ttu.edu.

Rec center hosts sports all nighter today


Red Raiders will be getting down and igniting their competitive streaks tonight at the 24th annual Recreational Sports All Nighter held in the Robert H. Ewalt Recreation Center.

The event will last from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. and features the entertainment of Tom DeLuca, a renowned hypnotist as well as the main event of the evening the Tournament of Champions. The tournaments include basketball, soccer, volleyball, racquetball, three-point shot, table tennis, badminton, climbing, squash, water polo and dodge ball.

Attendees also will have the opportunity to win a \$50,000 Hummer from Scoggin-Dickey. Complimentary chair massages, disco fitness and kayaking at the pool also will be a part of the night's festivities.


The tournament is free of charge and students interested can register online at www.recsports.ttu.edu.

More than 2,000 people participated in last year's Recreational Sports All Nighter, which was designed to give students and alternative activity to participate in on a Friday night.



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SACRIFICING ZZZZZZs FOR SCHOOL

Red Raiders are turning to unhealthy sleeping habits to fit class, work and a social life in their schedules.

By Megan LaVoie/The University Daily

Instead of getting their ZZZs, many students turn to the normal college life of partying and late-night cramming sessions, not knowing staying awake could become a bigger nightmare in the future.

Kelsey Roberts, a freshman biology major from Katy, said she usually gets five to seven hours of sleep each night, far fewer than the recommended amount for young adults, which is eight to nine hours.

"A college student doesn't have enough time to get eight hours of sleep — you find me one that does because I would love to know how many hours they are taking and what their social life looks like," she said.

John Orem, chairman of the department of physiology at the Texas Tech School of Medicine, said sleep deprivation in young adults begins in high school.

"Most young adults don't get the nine hours of sleep each night that they should be getting, and sleep deprivation can lead to serious problems — one being falling asleep at the wheel," he said.

Orem said humans spend one-third of their lives sleeping, but researchers don't know why or how sleep affects the human body.

"All we know is that something is going on in sleep that is good for us," he said.

Ideally, individuals should go to sleep and wake up at the same time every day to get their bodies into a healthy routine, but Orem said strict sleeping routines are difficult for college students.

"The No. 1 rule for good sleep hygiene is to go to bed and wake up at the same time every day — but students wake up at different times every day for classes and usually sleep in later on the weekends, so it is a difficult rule to follow," he said.

There is a common myth that sleep cannot be made up.

"Sleep can definitely be made up by taking naps and getting extra sleep at night, but it takes time, and an individual will be sleep deprived for several days before they can make all the sleep up," he said.

Another common misconception about sleep is that it affects the immune system, making people who get less sleep more susceptible to illness.

"How sleep affects the immune system is currently a hot topic for research — there is no evidence that the immune system is compromised by sleep or lack of sleep, in fact, some evidence has shown that the immune



DAVID JOHNSON/Photo Illustration

system is healthier with less sleep," he said.

Along with falling asleep in class, sleep deprivation can cause many social problems for students, one being anger.

"Studies have shown that individuals who are sleep deprived will have a higher level of anger and moodiness," he said.

Besides a lackluster job market, there is another problem facing college graduates, Delayed Sleep Phase Insomnia.

College students get used to going to sleep at 2 or 3 a.m. and waking up at 10 or 11 a.m. and then when they go to work they have to wake up at 7 a.m., but their bodies are still programmed to their old schedule.

"Sometimes it takes a professional to fix Delayed Sleep Phase Insomnia, and it is becoming a bigger problem because people can't reprogram their bodies to fall asleep and wake up earlier," he said.

Orem said by avoiding certain things such as big meals, caffeine and heavy exercise, as well as not studying or taking problems to bed, can aid students in achieving healthier sleep hygiene.

"Some people turn to sleeping pills or Tylenol PM to fall asleep at night — but that really isn't the road to go. One has to change their habits because drugs will just cause added problems," he said.

Mathew Morgan, a sophomore political science major from Midland, said sleep should be a priority, but at this stage in life it can be difficult.

"If going to the party means I am going to lose some sleep, so be it. I want to have fun now; I have the rest of my life to make up for lost sleep," he said.

WEST SIDE STORY



TRAVIS GLODT/The University Daily

ASHLEY BARETT, A sophomore physical therapy major from Dallas, plays Anita as one of the leading roles in the theatrical production of "West Side Story," which opened Thursday in the Allen Theatre.

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Youth curfews becoming common — but often the object of debate, lawsuits

CHICAGO (AP) — Decades ago, a question punctuated a popular late-night newscast in Chicago: "It's 10:30," the anchor would say. "Do you know where your children are?"

It was a reminder to parents that anyone younger than 17 was supposed to be off the streets and obeying a citywide curfew — one that remains in effect today.

Back then, curfews weren't questioned. They just were. That's not the case anymore.

"It's not fair. They think all kids are bad, but we're not," 13-year-old Jose Regalado said as he took a break from an evening basketball game at a Chicago YMCA. He and other teens there complained that police go out of their way to hassle them, even when they're rushing home shortly after curfew has begun.

Now even as a number of cities — from Albuquerque, N.M., to Alpharetta, Ga. — are pushing to add them in an attempt to cut crime, others are being hit with lawsuits that challenge their curfews' constitutionality.

Last week in Vernon, Conn., for instance, the town council decided to not to appeal a federal court ruling that upheld a ban on the town's decade-old curfew.

"I was happy to see it go away," says Dr. Ellen Marmor, a pediatric cardiologist who is also the town's new mayor. She says Vernon should spend its money on positive activities for youth, including a new skateboarding park.

"If you keep telling kids 'no' all the time and don't give them a 'yes' part, they're going to rebel," Marmor says. "You have to keep a balance."

The Vernon curfew had been challenged by the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union, which argued that curfews violated parents' right to set their own children's curfew.

Andy Herm — who filed his own federal lawsuit to fight Denver's curfew when he was 17 — agrees, but also believes the courts should consider young people's rights.

His 2002 lawsuit argued that curfews violate the Fourth Amendment and its protections against unreasonable search and seizure (in this case ID). The suit also contended that the curfew impeded minors' First Amendment rights during curfew hours.

"I was rather tempted to hold a protest against the curfew after curfew hours," says Herm, now 19 and a sophomore at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.

He raised the \$150 to file the suit by collecting donations, a dollar at a time, from students at school. And his dad, an attorney, explained how to file the suit.

In the end, it was thrown out because minors in Colorado are not allowed to file lawsuits.

Either way, at least one legal expert says he would've been surprised if the court sided with a teen.

"We don't have a country where people take very seriously the idea that young people deserve a lot of freedom," says Martin Guggenheim, a professor at New York University School of Law who specializes in children's rights.

Police, meanwhile, argue that curfews help reduce juvenile crime (a claim some researchers dispute) and keep young people from becoming victims of crime. Albuquerque's mayor, for instance, began asking lawmakers for a statewide curfew after a 16-year-old was shot in a park in the early morning hours

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Second meet allows for more improvement

By Adam Boedeker/
The University Daily

Track teams from around the Southwest will gather in Lubbock on Saturday for the Red Raider Classic & Masters at the Athletic Training Center.

The meet will be the second for the Tech team and will include Texas-San Antonio, University of New Mexico, Abilene Christian and Texas State among others.

Tech coach Wes Kittley said every race should be a good one with each school having bright spots in different competitions.

"In certain events every team will be challenging," he said. "Texas Southern and ACU have good quarter-milers. ACU will have the best relay team of the group. I think it's a

culmination of several good people; every race will be good."

As far as facing his alma mater and former employer ACU, Kittley said he has many ties to the university but sees it being no different.

"I like beating everyone," he said. "I want (ACU) to do well; that's my alma mater, and I want them to do well. They'll probably be our best competition in this meet. I don't know enough about Texas Southern, but (ACU) is probably our best competition overall; they're spread out a

little more as a team."

Kittley said he is excited to see what the men's 4x400 relay team can do.

Last weekend Tech finished second to Baylor in the quad held on Saturday.

"I think the 4x4 is excited," he said. "They're gonna try and run good this weekend to qualify for (indoor nationals.) I think they'll run a 3:10 or better this weekend. We're about where we were last year, but I think we have the potential to be better."

"Jonathan (Johnson) got hurt

about this time last year so he's healthy right now. I'm real excited. We're not gonna beat up on anyone in indoors; we still have that outdoor philosophy. We'll really get after it at the Big 12 meet."

Matt Stewart, who ran the first leg of the relay last weekend, said it was a great first race for the squad.

"I thought it was a great start for us," he said. "With a new guy (Bryan Scott) the handoffs weren't as good as they could be, and that can take off some time. I think we're doing pretty well. Bryan will run again this weekend. It's hard to learn how to run in there, and this was his first time to run in there so I'm excited about our progress."

Stewart will also run the 400-meter, in which he won his heat last weekend

with a personal best time of 48:22.

"Coach told me it was a good, smooth run," he said. "I'd like to be running with Albert (Booker) in that last heat, but coach wanted me to run in the other one and he gave me a good lane. It was good to run and get out there and do the best I can. That's all you can do."

Jonathan Johnson will again not run the 800-meters while he gets in better condition for the race but will run on the 4x400 relay again.

"I'm almost ready to start running (800s) but I'm not quite there yet," he said. "So I'm just going to focus on the relay so we can qualify for (NCAA) Indoor."

Johnson said his delay in training has been due to a combination of sickness and injury.

"I don't want to rush into anything," he said. "Plus, I'm trying to condition myself and get in good shape to run against someone that can push me. Like in two weeks we're going to Arkansas and the best U.S. 800-meter runner in the world will be there."

Tech accomplished the ultimate goal of the meet last week, which was conditioning, Johnson said.

"I felt really comfortable about how we performed," he said. "It was our first meet and coach Kittley wanted us to go out and run relaxed. He wants everyone to get in more conditioning. It wasn't just our goal to win the meet, but to get out and see where we are. We know we're gonna get a lot better, and it's on from there."



Bon Jovi helps Patriots prepare for big game

HOUSTON (AP) — New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick gave rocker Jon Bon Jovi a little plug during the team's Super Bowl practice on Thursday.

Belichick arranged for his friend's music to be blared from the speakers at the Houston Texans' practice bubble so the Patriots, who haven't played on the road since Dec. 20, could get used to playing with distracting crowd noise again.

"We try to make it so we have to fight through the noise and make it a little harder to concentrate," Belichick told a pool reporter. "If it's our crowd, it can affect (our) defensive commu-

nications. If it's (a pro-Panthers) crowd, then it's offensive noise."

Bon Jovi is a New York Giants fan, and he has been friends with Belichick since the coach was an assistant there.

"He likes football. I liked his music," Belichick said.

The Patriots practiced nearly two hours without pads. Linebacker Tedy Bruschi moved well despite a leg injury, and Belichick said there was nothing new to report on injuries.

The last play in practice before a field goal kicking drill was an interception in the end zone by safety Rodney Harrison.

Utah head coach to resign after season

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Rick Majerus has spent nearly 15 years in front of the Utah bench, glaring with his hands on his knees and his portly frame stretching his trademark cream-colored Utes sweater.

While he maintained an intense approach to the game, his health couldn't keep up. Majerus' run at Utah, which includes 10 NCAA tournament appearances, is either over or ending.

Majerus, who has a history of heart problems, spent Wednesday in a California hospital after suffering chest pains. He plans to retire at the end of the season.

"I think we all love coach. He's done a great job," Utah guard Tim

Drisdorn said. "I think everybody will be with me when I say we all just want him to get better."

Majerus, 55, was released from a hospital in Santa Barbara, Calif., on Wednesday night. He may coach the team again if his health allows. If he doesn't, he'll finish with a career record of 422-147 in 20 seasons, going 323-95 since taking over the Utes in 1989.

Assistant Kerry Rupp will coach the Utes in the interim, starting with Saturday's home game against state-rival BYU.

Majerus was the second coach this week to take a leave because of health reasons. Louisville's Rick Pitino took an indefinite leave Monday to determine the cause of the urological-re-

lated pain.

"It's been a strange week for the coaching fraternity — first Rick Pitino and now Rick Majerus," said Kentucky coach Tubby Smith, whose Wildcats beat Utah in the 1998 title game. "This profession can be physically and emotionally demanding."

Majerus flew to California after calling his cardiologist when he experienced chest pains Tuesday night in Salt Lake City. His health has been a concern since he had bypass surgery in 1989. Although the scare prompted Majerus to lose some pounds, his well-documented love of food put it back on. Combined with his explosive temper and relentless drive on his players, a heart attack was

a strong possibility.

Toning down his style wasn't going to happen.

"I think he's a coach, a motivator. He will push to get the best out of his players," said former Ute Andre Miller, the point guard on the '98 national runners-up. "He's definitely a teacher. He definitely knows his basketball and the right way to play it."

He can also talk about it. Majerus charmed national audiences with his quick wit during the Utes' NCAA appearances and has also worked as a broadcast analyst. He denied reports last summer that he would be leaving the Utes for broadcasting, but friends and former players think it could be a good career choice.

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Raiders ready for tough OSU atmosphere

By Adam Boedeker/
The University Daily

The Oklahoma State Cowboys lost 83-62 to a team that was not 21 points better than them Jan. 10.

At least that is what Cowboys coach Eddie Sutton said following the game in Lubbock, in which Andre Emmett scored a season-high 32 points.

Texas Tech will try to prove Sutton wrong as they travel to Stillwater, Okla., Saturday to take on the Cowboys at 8 p.m.

Along with the Cowboys' Tony Allen and Ivan McFarlin, Tech will have an additional foe in Stillwater — the famed atmosphere of Gallagher-Iba Arena.

Forward Mikey Marshall said Saturday's game will not be an easy win for Tech like the last time the two teams met.

"I think it will be a lot tougher challenge for us going down to Stillwater," he said. "It's just because of the environment there. It's like a 'sixth man' for them; they really feed off of that."

In their last meeting with the Cowboys, Tech dominated defensively, holding the Cowboys to a 35 percent field goal percentage, while Tech shot 53 percent from the field.

Another crucial statistic in the last meeting was the number of times Tech got to the charity stripe.

Tech visited the free-throw line 29 times and converted at an 86 percent clip, making 25 of those. OSU only went to the line 17 times.

One concern for Tech going into Saturday's game is the injury status of forward Robert Tomaszek, who has been the Red Raiders' dominant force inside over the course of the season.

He has averaged 5.4 boards per game while putting a big body on opposing post players.

Tomaszek missed the last game against Texas, when Tech was out rebounded by a margin of 15.

He played less than a half of the team's win over Texas A&M when Tech was beaten on the boards by 14.

They were the team's two worst rebounding performances of the season, something Marshall wants to see changed.

"We're just gonna have to go out there and play our hard and block out," he said.

Marshall has started the last two games in Tomaszek's absence and has made the most of his opportunity.

The senior went 5-for-5 from the field with 14 points and added six rebounds in Tech's 80-78 win over A&M on Saturday.

He continued his hot streak against Texas on Monday night, playing 44 minutes in the overtime loss and pouring in another 14 points while grabbing seven rebounds and going 4-of-7 from beyond the arc.

He hopes to continue his recent success in Stillwater.

"I feel like every player would like to showcase his talents," he said. "Fortunately I've been able to do that the

past two games. Coming up against OSU I wish every player on the team could bring that to the game."

Against Texas on Monday the Raiders saw a tough zone defense they have not seen too often this year.

In their last meeting against OSU they saw a lot of man defense, which the Raiders were able to beat consistently.

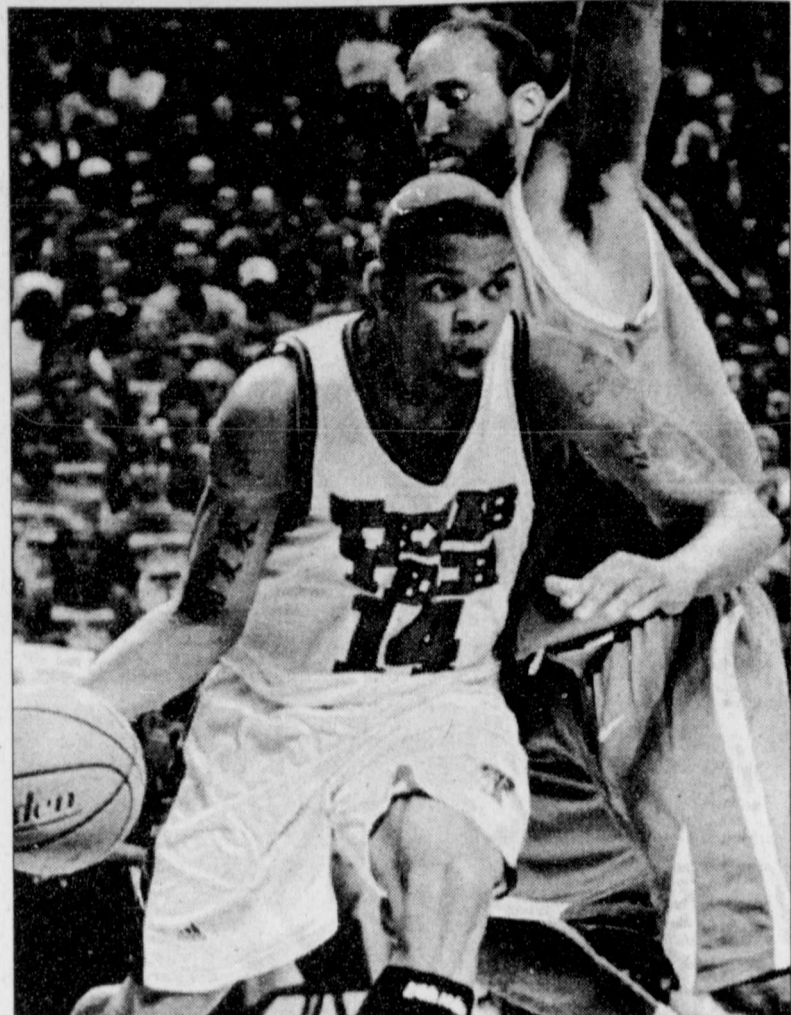
When asked whether he thought OSU would try to play a similar scheme to that of the one Texas executed, guard Ronald Ross said it did not matter.

"You know, you never really know what to expect from different teams," he said. "So you just gotta be ready to respond to any kind of defense teams throw at you, whether it's zone or man-to-man. You've just gotta execute. Our team is very capable of executing against either man-to-man or a zone, it doesn't matter."

Ross said in order for Tech to be victorious Saturday they just need to put everything aside and focus on one thing — winning.

"I think we've just gotta come ready to play for 40 minutes and not worry about the crowd or that we beat them last time by 21 points," he said.

"We've just gotta come ready and focus on what we need to do Saturday to win the ballgame."



ANDRE EMMETT DRIVES to the basket during Tech's 62-61 loss to Texas on Monday. He and the Red Raiders take their 4-1 conference record to Oklahoma State on Saturday.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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TCU set to join Mountain West

FORT WORTH (AP) — TCU is set to join the Mountain West Conference, pending the school's board of trustees approving the move in its meeting Friday.

Mountain West officials confirmed Thursday that an invitation has been extended to TCU to become the conference's ninth member. If approved, as expected, the affiliation would begin during the 2005-06 academic year.

A news conference was set for Friday afternoon on the TCU campus for the school "to address its future conference affiliation," according to a release. Mountain West commissioner Craig Thompson is scheduled to attend.

Mountain West officials said Thompson would not be available for comment until Friday's news conference.

TCU athletic director Eric Hyman

said the proposed move was a "a board decision."

"The due diligence has taken place," Hyman said Thursday. "Everything has been laid out to them and they will make a decision on what they want to do, and what's in the best interest of the university."

There have been no indications that the trustees will not approve the plan when they meet Friday morning.

The Mountain West would be TCU's fourth conference in 10 years. After the Southwest Conference dissolved in 1995, TCU joined the Western Athletic Conference for five years and then left for Conference USA just 2 1/2 years ago.

In November, Conference USA lost five members and gained five others. Cincinnati, DePaul, Louisville, Marquette and South Florida bolted to the Big East,

then C-USA added Central Florida, Marshall, Rice, SMU and Tulsa.

"Conference USA has been fantastic marriage for us," Hyman said. "One of the reasons TCU has exponentially improved itself competitively has been our association with the institutions now in it. It goes back to all the reshuffling of the cards. The landscape changes."

Hyman said the proposed move has been looked at from several perspectives, including academics, travel, attendance, conference power ratings and television.

TCU will have to pay an entrance fee to the Mountain West, plus an exit fee to C-USA of at least \$400,000. Under current bylaws, C-USA can demand a higher amount equal to any expected decrease in TV or other revenue caused by the school's departure.

33-year-old Agassi says goodbye to Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Andre Agassi put his fingers to his lips and bowed after going five sets with Marat Safin. He blew kisses to all corners of the court in what has become a postmatch ritual.

"You never know when it's your last," Agassi said. "So you want to say by properly."

It was certainly goodbye for the 33-year-old Agassi at this Australian Open. The defending champion rallied after dropping the first two sets but lost Thursday's semifinal to an opponent who has fortified his game and is playing as if he were No. 1 again.

Safin, who upset top-ranked Andy Roddick in the quarterfinals, won 7-6 (6), 7-6 (6), 5-7, 1-6, 6-3 in a calm, consistent and powerful display.

The unseeded Russian ended Agassi's 26-match winning streak at the Australian Open — an Open era record — and denied the American a shot at a ninth Grand Slam tournament title.

"It couldn't go any better," said Safin, the 2000 U.S. Open champion. "I think I played one of my best matches in my whole life."

Safin next meets the winner of Friday's semifinal between Wimbledon champion Roger Federer and French Open champ Juan Carlos Ferrero, a showdown for the No. 1 ranking.

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Panthers' climb from bottom quick, rare

HOUSTON (AP) — Just more than two years ago, the New England Patriots beat the Carolina Panthers handily in the teams' regular-season finale.

The Patriots went on to win the Super Bowl, while the Panthers finished with 15 straight losses. Two seasons later, the Patriots are back in the title game and the Panthers are here to play them, a remarkable turnaround that could happen only in an era when quick reversals are the rule.

"Did I think we'd make it here? Sure, some day," safety Mike Minter said. "But I've got to admit I didn't think we could do it this quickly."

The obvious reason for the change is John Fox, who took over as head coach after George Seifert was fired and directed the Panthers to a 7-9 finish last season.

But besides Fox and his staff, many of the players suiting up Sunday are the same ones who were simply awful a mere two years ago. Counting kicker John Kasay and punter Todd Sauerbrun, 16 players from that terrible team will start in the big game.

That includes three-quarters of the strongest unit on the team — the defensive line, where only left end Julius Peppers is new. Peppers was a

reward for failure — he was taken with the second pick in the 2002 draft, a pick that would have been the first if the expansion Houston Texans hadn't entered the league that year.

"If you're in this league, you're in it to win," New England's Willie McGinest said. "You hate to be known as the worst. That has to be a different team out there even though a lot of the players are the same. If they had no confidence two years ago, they have to have it now."

Still, despite a system that promotes parity — the Panthers also added running back Stephen Davis

and quarterback Jake Delhomme through free agency — this kind of quick turnaround is rare. During the 38 years of the Super Bowl era only twice before have teams gotten to the title game after two consecutive losing seasons: San Francisco in 1981 and St. Louis in 1999.

That's a good sign for Carolina. The 49ers and Rams won the Super Bowl after those seasons and San Francisco went on to win four more during the next 14 seasons.

The Panthers weren't thinking Super Bowl as they entered 2001.

They had been floundering since reaching the NFC title game in 1996,

their second season as a franchise.

They started the 2001 season on a hopeful note, going to Minnesota and beating the Vikings 24-13 — a team that had reached the NFC championship game the previous season. One of the stars was rookie quarterback Chris Weinke in his first NFL start.

Then, everything deteriorated. After the league took a week off because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the Panthers lost 24-16 in Atlanta. Weinke struggled, and the losses piled up. The Panthers allowed the most yards in the league and gained the fewest. Owner Jerry Richardson put it this way: "The en-

ergy had been sucked out of both our team and our fan base."

Fox changed the system, the mindset and the quarterback — Weinke is now third behind Delhomme and veteran Rodney Peete.

"It's mental as well as physical," Fox said. "When I started talking to the players I realized how much many of them hated the mind-set of losing. Those are the ones I kept. When someone tells you that losing that much was the worst experience of his life, you know that he's someone who wants to win."

The result will be on view on Sunday.

Elway poised for Hall of Fame voting

DENVER (AP) — John Elway always had good timing.

In his final game on Jan. 31, 1999, Elway led the Denver Broncos to their second straight Super Bowl championship with a 34-19 win over Atlanta. He passed for 336 yards and a touchdown, and was named the game's MVP.

On Saturday — five years later to

the day — Elway is expected to be voted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility.

Not that he wants to talk about it. Not yet. He's too superstitious.

"I've never liked talking about something before it happens," Elway said in Denver this week. "I've always been that way. I'm sure it will hit me when I get down there (to Houston), and I'll be a

little more nervous than I am now."

Nervous? It's not a word many associate with the quarterback with the pigeon-toed walk, the big, toothy grin and a cannon for an arm.

Elway dazzled fans and confounded defenses for 16 years, missing only 15 starts because of illness or injury. When he retired in 1999, he was No. 1 in NFL history in fourth-

quarter, game-winning or game-saving drives (47) and the winningest quarterback in league history with 148 victories.

"He was a great athlete, and his arm strength was second to none," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said. "He could make all the throws. He would make plays when plays broke down, and he was very intelligent."

MLB owners approve sale of Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The \$430 million sale of the Los Angeles Dodgers from News Corp. to Boston real estate developer Frank McCourt was unanimously approved Thursday by baseball owners.

"Welcome to a new era of Dodger baseball," McCourt said at a Dodger Stadium news conference. "I intend to restore the glory days of Dodger baseball with a

team worthy of support from our fans. We've committed not just to buy this team, but to win a world championship."

The Dodgers haven't won a postseason game since winning the 1988 World Series.

"That's way too long," McCourt said. "My first objective is to end the drought. I truly know I can provide the leadership that this team needs to win."

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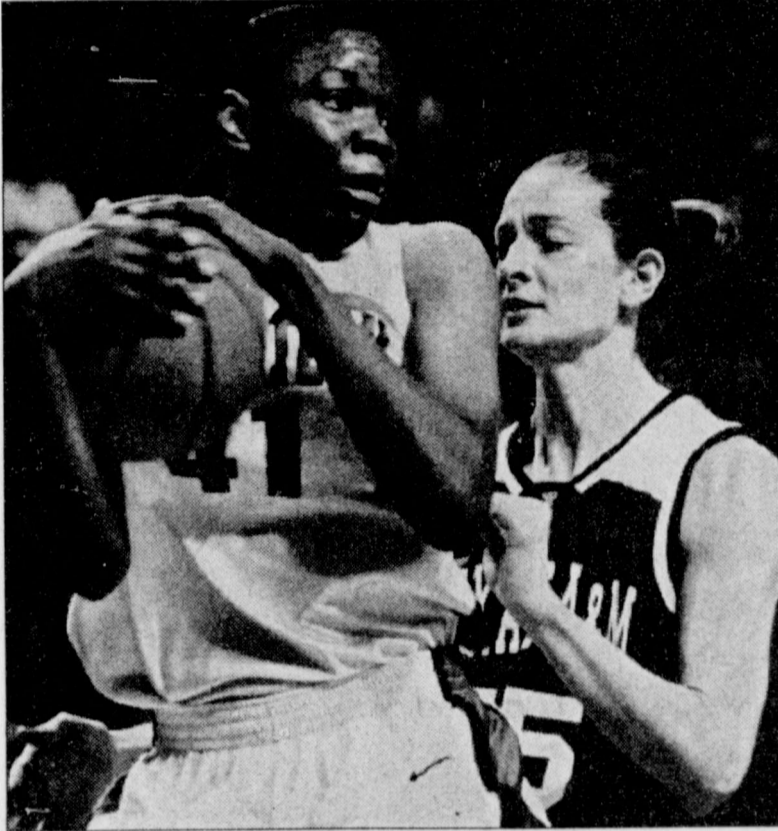
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Lady Raiders hit road, take on Texas



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FORWARD LATOYA DAVIS pulls down a rebound in front of Texas A&M's Lynn Classen in the Lady Raiders' 65-56 win Wednesday night. Texas Tech travels to Texas for a top 10 matchup Sunday.

By David Wiechmann/
The University Daily

Super Bowl Sunday will be the biggest game of the season — for the Lady Raiders.

No. 7 Texas Tech (18-2, 4-2 Big 12) travels to No. 3 Texas (18-2, 6-1) for what is the biggest game for Marsha Sharp's squad so far this season. It is a game that pits two of the nation's biggest rivals in women's basketball against each other for bragging rights until Feb. 22 when the Longhorns come to Lubbock.

"I think this is a really big game for us," said center Cisti Greenwalt. "Just to kind of set it and show how we are and what we need to do to improve and what we're gonna have to work on. I think this is a good game for us to really see what we're all about and really step up and be ready to play."

The Longhorns are undefeated at home, and the Lady Raiders are yet to win a road conference game, but Greenwalt said the team is not looking at that. Instead, Tech is focusing on playing its hardest and riding the momentum from Wednesday night's win into the Erwin Center.

"I think (Wednesday) night was good for us to get out and work on some things and work on defense and get a win, honestly, and boost our confidence," she said. "We haven't had a good time on the road so far; we've proven that in Big 12. I think our confidence is up a little bit; and we know

that we gotta go in with the intent to win and the intent that we're gonna win and play as good as we do at home on the road."

The matchup could end up being a defensive battle as Tech and Texas are the top two teams in scoring defense in the conference. It also pairs the two best rebounding teams in the Big 12 against each other.

Shutting down the Longhorn offense and being able to keep them off the glass will be crucial to Tech winning, and Greenwalt said it should be the deciding factor.

"If we can stop them on the defensive end, our offense will come," she said. "But we've gotta make sure we get it done on the defense and the rebounds."

Continuing to be the best defensive rebounding team in the conference will help Tech keep Texas from gaining confidence in its offense and get things rolling. The Lady Raiders are hoping to keep Texas from having more than one chance at a basket every possession.

"I think for us to be able to win we've got to be able to limit them to one shot and be on the boards and be a defensive threat in all positions and not let any mistakes hurt us," Greenwalt said.

Some little mistakes crept up on the Lady Raiders on Wednesday, sacrificing a few 3-pointers, but what worked was the offense is starting to get back into a rhythm and gel again. That is something freshman Alesha

Robertson said will help the team on the floor this weekend.

"I think the team is getting better and better the more we play together. I think we're clicking better, and we're getting on the same page," she said. "That's really important because it's not very fun to go out there and never know what your teammates are gonna do. It just leaves a not secure feeling when you're out there. You always want to be confident, and I think (Wednesday) night helped us with our confidence."

Tech may have a little bit of revenge on its mind, too. Last season Texas beat the Lady Raiders in all

three matchups, including the Big 12 Conference Tournament final. It was something Sharp said may add some extra motivation to the game.

"You don't want it to happen very often. Certainly, it's something that puts a damper on your season, and it's one of those situations where we really need the win," she said. "We just have to focus on the task at hand and block out all the scenarios of being on the road. I really am anxious for this team to get past that and realize that if they go and approach road games with the same mentality they do at home they can really turn this around."

PLAYERS TO WATCH

TECH: ALESHA ROBERTSON

TEXAS: TIFFANY JACKSON



STATS: Averaging 16 points a game in Big 12 play. Shooting 81 percent from the field.
NOTES: Was named team MVP of the McDonald's High School All-American Game. Started her third game Wednesday.

STATS: Scoring 13.9 points in conference play per game. Pulls down 7.2 rebounds a contest in conference play.
NOTES: McDonald's High School All-American, has five double-doubles.

WHY YOU SHOULD WATCH: The pair should duke it out for Big 12 Freshman of the Year, and Texas A&M coach Gary Blair said they are, "Two of the top five freshmen in the nation."

Tech vs. Texas Tidbits

Texas leads the all-time series 18-50. Texas Tech has the edge since 1991 at 18-12. The last time Tech won in Austin was Feb. 24, 2001.

Big 12 Conference Basketball Standings

Men's	Conf.	Over.	Women's	Conf.	Over.
Kansas	5-0	13-3	Texas	6-1	18-2
Oklahoma St.	4-1	14-2	Colorado	5-1	16-2
Texas Tech	4-1	16-3	Kansas St.	5-1	14-3
Texas	4-1	13-3	Texas Tech	4-2	18-2
Iowa State	3-2	12-4	Baylor	4-3	16-4
Colorado	3-3	11-6	Nebraska	4-3	14-4
Missouri	3-3	8-8	Oklahoma	3-4	13-5
Oklahoma	2-3	12-4	Oklahoma St.	3-4	8-10
Nebraska	1-4	11-5	Missouri	2-4	11-6
Kansas St.	1-4	9-7	Iowa State	2-4	9-8
Baylor	1-4	6-12	Kansas	1-5	8-9
Texas A&M	0-5	7-9	Texas A&M	0-7	7-11

Big 12 Teams in the AP Top 25

Men's	Women's
16 Texas	12 Kansas St.
13 Texas Tech	18 Oklahoma St.
15 Kansas	25 Oklahoma
	3 Texas
	7 Texas Tech
	11 Colorado
	16 Baylor
	20 Oklahoma
	25 Nebraska

Woman accuses Colorado football of rape, 'sex parties' for recruits

DENVER (AP) — Prospective Colorado football players were recruited with sex parties where women say they were raped, and school officials have resisted demands to stop the practice, according to depositions of a prosecutor and a police officer.

Boulder County District Attorney Mary Keenan, a potential witness in a federal lawsuit filed by a woman who says she was raped at a 2001 party attended by football recruits, made the statement during an October deposition, which was obtained by KUSA-TV.

School officials have denied Keenan's accusations.

In her statement, Keenan said she met with athletic department officials after a 17-year-old girl reported she was raped by a football player or a recruit at a party in 1997.

Keenan said she met with university officials again after a woman said she was raped at the 2001 party. She believed she was not taken seriously.

Keenan said she was told by a former Colorado athletic department official that athletic director Dick

Tharp and football coach Gary Barnett decided against any changes.

"They decided, after discussing the history, that they would not change anything because they could not afford to lose the competitive edge against universities such as Oklahoma (and) Nebraska," Keenan said.

Barnett and Tharp denied the accusations.

"That is absolutely a 100 percent out-and-out lie," Barnett said in Thursday's Denver Post. "I can't fathom why anyone would imply that, say that, or make that up. It is a lie."

In another deposition in the lawsuit, university police officer Timothy Delaria described another 2001 party as "some kind of sex party for the recruits."

Delaria's deposition, made in May 2003, said recruits were shown a pornographic video and told that easy sex

was a benefit of playing at Colorado.

Delaria, discussing a transcript of a police interview with a football recruit, said the recruit told officers, "They told us, you know, 'This is what you get when you come to Colorado.'"

Keenan and Delaria gave their depositions as part of a lawsuit filed by Lisa Simpson, who contended she was sexually assaulted by two men at the 2001 party. Simpson filed her case anonymously but later said she wanted to set an example that victims need not feel ashamed.

Prosecutors filed no sexual assault charges after the party because they said they did not think they could be proved. Four players were charged with providing marijuana and alcohol to minors.

Another woman has filed a lawsuit against the university saying she, too, was sexually assaulted at the party.

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