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Houston task force investigates terror threats

WAR ON TERROR

HOUSTON (AP) — A 100-member Houston task force including federal, state and local law enforcement officials has investigated thousands of tips on possible terrorist activity.

While most of the leads don't have serious consequences, one tip helped Houston's Joint Terrorism Task Force thwart attempts by suspected terrorists to cross the Mexican border into Texas, assistant U.S. Attorney Abe Martinez said.

Houston is viewed as one of eight U.S. cities most vulnerable to a potential terrorist attack, said Martinez, who is a task force member. Officials are concerned, for example, that

terrorists targeting the petrochemical industry, NASA's Johnson Space Center or the George Bush Intercontinental Airport could enter through the porous Gulf of Mexico coastline.

"It is the only area in the U.S. with critical infrastructure in all risk categories," Martinez was quoted as saying in Sunday's edition of the *Houston Chronicle*.

Houston's task force, created a few weeks before the first World Trade Center Bombing in 1993, was the first in the state and one of the few in the nation already in place before the Sept. 11 attacks. There are now 70 terror-

ism task forces nationwide, including ones in Dallas, San Antonio and El Paso.

"It's only a matter of when terrorists will strike again, not if they will," Assistant U.S. Attorney Joe Porto said.

Task force members said they believe they have prevented attacks from happening.

A few days after the start of the war in Iraq, task force members heard that five Iraqis in Mexico City wanted to exchange millions of dinars for U.S. currency and find a smuggler to bring them across the border near Laredo, officials said.

They were believed to be planning an as-

sault on President Bush's Crawford ranch, where they "wanted to blow something up," said Porto, who also is a task force member.

The smuggler they approached sought help from two people with links to the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia, or AUC, which has been named a foreign terrorist organization, Martinez said.

"The threat was interrupted and went away," he said. "I can't say how."

Another tip triggered a task force investigation of a convenience store owner in Alice

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Public Affairs

Community celebrates Chavez' life

By Sally Gunter/The University Daily

Rain on Sunday did not stop Hispanic members of the Lubbock community from celebrating the birthday of a Mexican-American leader and hero, Cesar Chavez.

"We are here today because Cesar Chavez was one who was willing to stand up and make a difference," said Emilio Abeyta, master of ceremonies and recipient of the 2004 Cesar Chavez Spirit Award. "There are a multitude words we could use, but hero is one of our favorite words."

The event was originally scheduled as a "Get Out the Vote" rally, in which participants would march from Cavazos Junior High School to Buddy Holly Park, but the event was relocated to Crystal's night club because of the weather.

Chavez fought to improve conditions for farm workers across the nation through peaceful demonstrations. He registered and encouraged Mexican-Americans to vote using, "Su voto es su voz," or "Your vote is your voice," as a popular slogan.

His emphasis on voting inspired the "Vote with Hope" theme of the celebration.

Texas Tech Dean of Education Sheryl Santos spoke to the more than 60 people gathered within the facility about the importance of voting.

"This did not just happen overnight," she said. "The best tool democracy has to offer is the ballot box. Take your right seriously, and use it as a sense of hope."

Abeyta said Santos' passion for her heritage and willingness to speak out against the injustice facing the Hispanic community might not be openly accepted in Lubbock.

"This town is not very likely to take someone like her and say let's keep her here," Abeyta said.

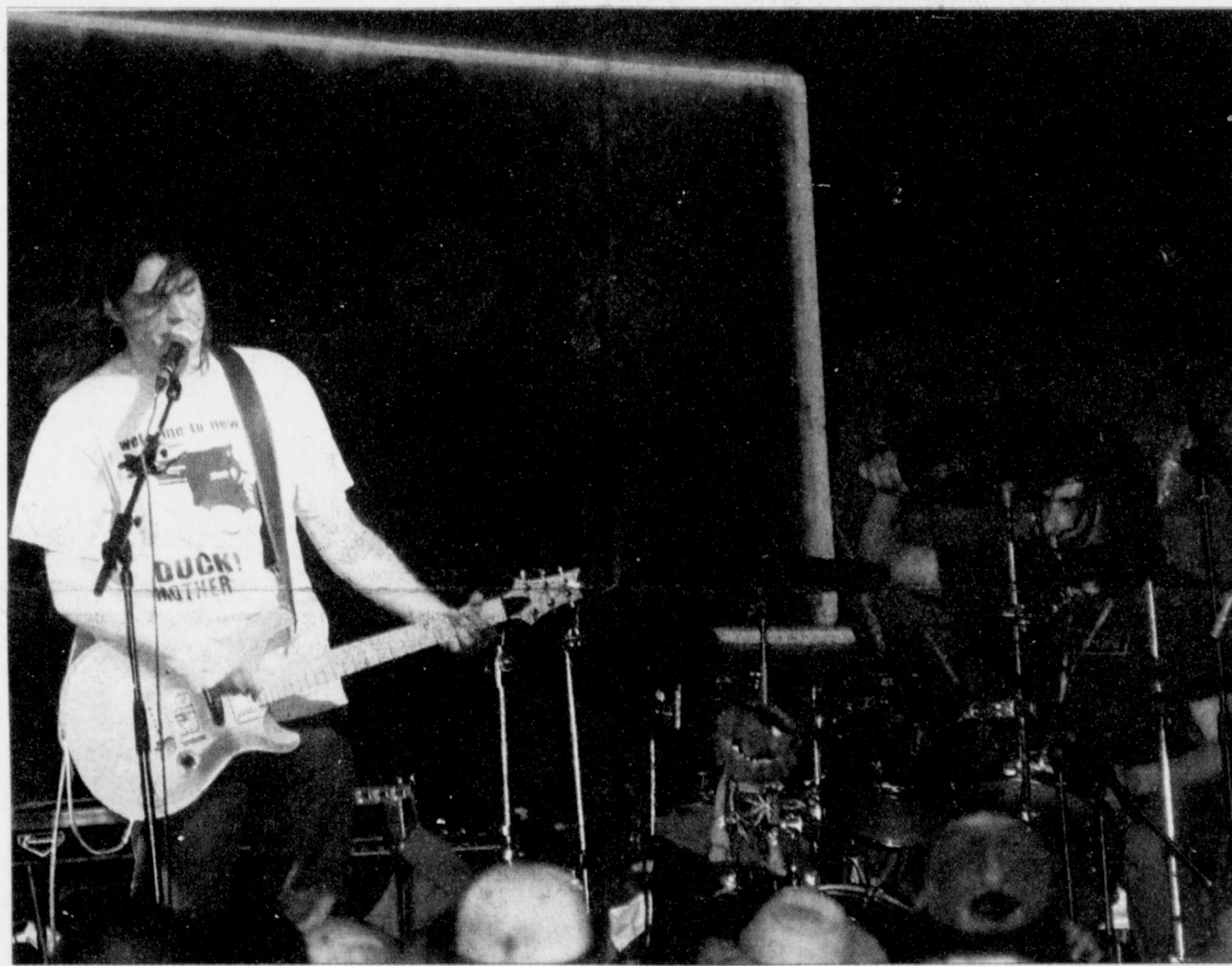
Political candidates for various local offices were present to campaign and encourage voting among the Hispanic community.

"The system that we live under has made every effort to disqualify Hispanics and African-Americans," Abeyta said.

Those that are not qualified to vote should not be disgruntled, Abeyta said. Instead, a stand should be made to help others learn about candidates and rights, he said.

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crazy for crawfish



TOP: LOST TRAILERS performs at the 15th annual TKE Crawfish Festival in the Depot District. ABOVE: Blake Lewis, a freshman atmospheric science major from Lubbock, gets crawfish from Matt Baldwin, a sophomore business major from Keller. RIGHT: Willis Malone of Amarillo watches Bill Ledford and Kathy "Snooter" Malone dump freshly cooked crawfish into coolers.



Thousands participate in Crawfish festivities

By Beth Aaron and photos by Jaime Tomás Aguilar and David Johnson/The University Daily

Cold claws and tepid tentacles did not keep Texas Tech students and members of the Lubbock community from seizing the day at the 15th annual Tau Kappa Epsilon Crawfish Festival in the Depot District on Saturday.

The event lasted from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. and featured live music from Blue Edmonson, Shane Rogers, Lost Trailers and headliner Cory Morrow.

Willis Malone owns a catering company out of Amarillo. Malone, who is originally from Lake Charles, La., said he loves to cook crawfish.

"We do it right," he said. "I like doing it — I like for people to have a good time."

One thousand pounds of the mini-lobsters were boiled for consumption at Saturday's festival, but no butter is needed here, Malone said. Experienced patrons simply crack the tail off of the crawfish, peel away the shell and enjoy. If they're lucky, Malone provides a taste of his special homemade cocktail sauce.

Matt Baldwin, a sophomore business major from Keller, said he is no stranger to eating crawfish. He said the yellow insides, or fat of the crawfish, is the best part.

"Yeah, you suck it — you're supposed to suck it out," he said. "Take off the tail and suck out the head."

With this kind of excitement for the delicacy, Malone said he expected to see every tail and leg of his 1,000 pounds of boiled crawfish vanish.

"It's a good, healthy food," he said. "And this one is prepared right."

Will Turner, a graduate student and Tau Kappa Epsilon alumni member, was co-chairman of the event. Turner, a San Angelo native, said he was excited the festival was held in the Depot District this year.

"It's actually a lot of fun," he said, "I think it brings in more of the town."

Cameron Charles, a junior finance major from Bovina, said Crawfish is usually held in an open field on Broad-

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Student Affairs

Raiders pledge support for fight against cancer at Relay for Life

Megan LaVoie/The University Daily

Cure, survival and defeat were the words of the night when students came out in full force Saturday evening to pledge their support against the unwavering disease of cancer for Texas Tech's second annual Relay for Life.

Students driven by the cause to fight cancer weren't deterred by the change of location for the anticipated event. Originally the location was set at R.P. Fuller Track, but a last-minute decision moved the event inside the United Spirit Arena because of severe weather conditions.

Angela Gorczyca, a junior finance major from Dallas, said people adjusted well to the sudden change in location.

"It is a little smaller this year in terms of participation," she said. "The track is a lot smaller and sometimes makes you dizzy walking around it."

Nick Job, a junior finance major from Dallas, said he was wary about the location at first.

"I was turned off that it was going to be held in the Spirit Arena,"

he said. "As people have come, I have realized that it works, and it's even better because you can watch the Final Four."

Kathy Winn, the executive director for the American Cancer Society in Lubbock, said if the event had been held outside, future Relays would have been affected.

"If it rained for 10 seconds everyone would have had to get off the track and go home," she said. "We did not want people to be miserable because of the weather and not come back next year."

The planning for the event, which had 58 organizations participate, began in July, said Emily Curtis, a senior human development and family studies major from Pampa and the co-chairwoman for the Tech Relay for Life.

Curtis and fellow co-chairman Michael Hawkins attended a convention in July for training and then held twice-weekly meetings leading up to the event.

Winn said she was impressed by the large student turnout.

"We're so impressed with how many students have come out and

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TRAVIS GLODT/The University Daily
RED RAIDERS GATHER to listen to live music and survival stories told by students who had cancer at Relay for Life in the United Spirit Arena on Saturday evening.

Chavez

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Eduardo Cabrera, professor of classical and modern languages at Tech, spoke to the crowd in Spanish with enthusiasm about why he became an American.

Music from mariachi bands filled the building as attendees mingled and enjoyed snacks after the ceremony.

The Hispanic Agenda, League of Women Voters and the City of Lubbock sponsored the event.

While the education system does not teach about Chavez, Abeyta said, Chavez stands as a symbol of justice for all people with roots in the migrant culture.

"His own public witness is what made him a hero," Abeyta said. "By being here today you're giving a public witness for what you believe in."



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/The University Daily

TEXAS TECH DEAN of Education Sheryl Santos speaks about civil rights activist Cesar Chavez during the annual celebration Sunday afternoon at Crystal's nightclub. The event is held to honor the founder of the United Farm Workers and inform people about voting and its power in the Hispanic communities.

White House race unusually capricious

WASHINGTON (AP) — No president or presidential candidate ever commanded his own fate, but this year's White House race may be unusually capricious.

The political fortunes of President Bush and Democrat John Kerry are largely out of their control, pinned to unpredictable outcomes in Iraq, the vagaries of the economy and the fight against terrorism.

"There's a lot more that can't be controlled than can," said David Danbom, history professor at North Dakota State University in Fargo.

That did not stop Bush from spending \$40 million on television and radio commercials in just one month to champion his fight against terrorism and cast Kerry as a tax-raising waffler.

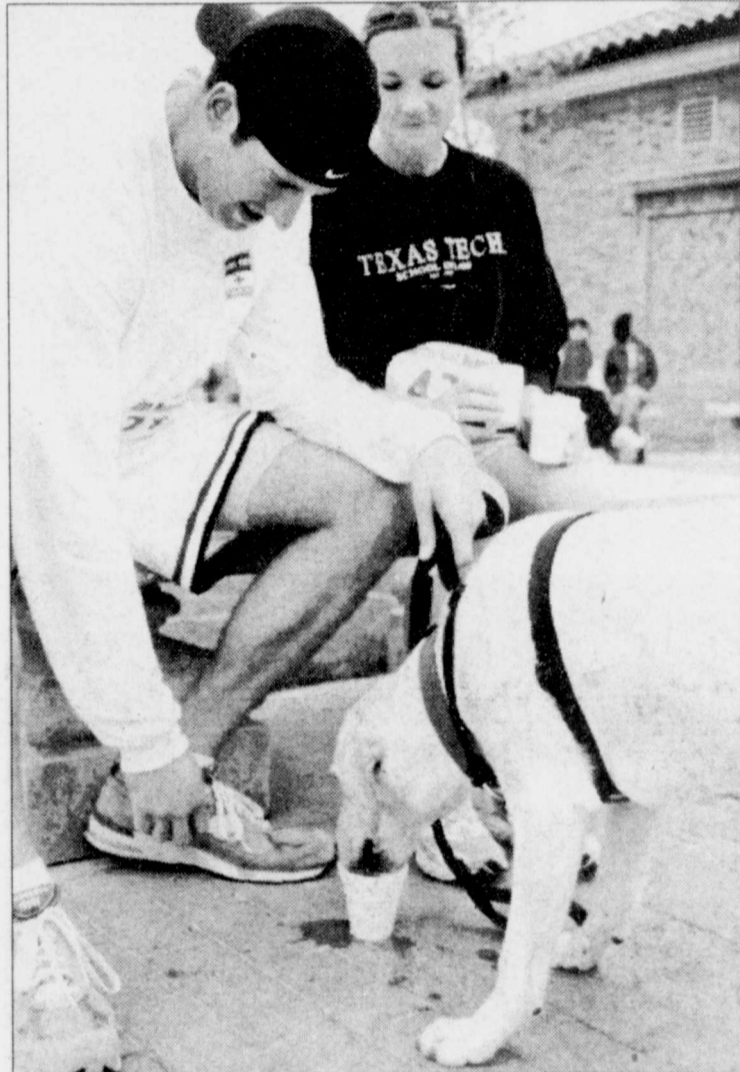
Nor did it give Kerry pause as he spent \$6 million in the same period to answer Bush's charges and accuse him of neglecting the economy. Democratic interest groups spent an additional \$14 million to go negative on Bush.

Both candidates spent additional millions on polling, travel and consultants. And yet, no amount of money protects them from the unexpected:

—Will violence ebb in Iraq before Nov. 2?

—Will the economy bounce back in a way that voters notice?

CHILLIN' CANINE



TRAVIS GLODT/The University Daily

THIRD YEAR LAW students Tom Geyer from Indianapolis, Ind., and Ashely Geyer from Lubbock recuperate after a 5K run and give their dog Indy some water at the Courtney Nolen Memorial 5K run Saturday on the Tech campus.

The Rundown



Laney acquitted by reason of insanity

TYLER (AP) — A housewife who said God told her to bash her sons' skulls with rocks was acquitted by reason of insanity of capital murder and serious injury to a child after a jury on Saturday determined she did not know right from wrong during the killings.

A jury of eight men and four women deliberated for about seven hours before determining that Deanna Laney, 39, was legally insane last Mother's Day weekend when she killed 8-year-old Joshua and 6-year-old Luke in the front yard and left Aaron, now 2, maimed in his crib.

The baby was found bleeding in his crib while the other two were found with their skulls smashed in the front yard.

Laney cried as the verdict was read. Her husband, Keith Laney, sat solemn with his head down. A few jurors cried and struggled to maintain composure.

State law allows Laney to be committed to a maximum security state hospital. Medical evaluations will dictate when she will be released. She remained at the Smith County Jail pending a hearing Tuesday regarding her transfer.

Laney's attorneys said she was so emotional after the verdict she didn't say much to her attorneys past thank you.

But defense attorney Tonda Curry said the verdict doesn't mean Laney escaped punishment.

"Now and for the rest of her life, the punishment and torment that's going on in her own head is more significant and more damaging to her than anything the criminal justice system could have done, other than death," Curry said.

Family members, who were present for every minute of the trial, declined to comment to reporters afterward. Paul Boyd, a lawyer who represents the family's Tyler church, First Assembly of God, said they are still trying to absorb what's happened.

Police: Wis. college student not kidnapped

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Police said Friday a college student's tale of being abducted doesn't add up and they don't believe there is an abductor at large. They said there was evidence she planned her disappearance.

"We do not believe there is a suspect at large, period," Assistant Police Chief Noble Wray said.

Surveillance video showed Audrey Seiler, a University of Wisconsin-Madison sophomore, walking out of her apartment about 2:30 a.m. Saturday wearing only sweats. She was found Wednesday in a marsh about two miles away, cold and dehydrated but otherwise unharmed.

Seiler told police her abductor used duct tape, rope and a knife against her. But Wray said police obtained videotape of Seiler buying some of those items at a local store weeks earlier.

She also used her computer to search Web sites for information on Madison parks and the extended weather forecast, suggesting she had planned her disappearance, Wray said.

Wray said the search of her computer also indicated someone had used it during the four days Seiler was missing, and at least two witnesses said they had seen her walking freely in the city during that time.

"It's the totality of the picture," Wray said.

Earlier Friday, Wray had disclosed that Seiler, who had also reported an unexplained attack in early February, had changed her story about what happened last Saturday. She said she was abducted by a knife-wielding man — but from somewhere else in the city, not from her apartment.

"Audrey stated that she just wanted to quote, unquote, be alone," Wray said.

Ringleader of Madrid attack dies in bombing

MADRID, Spain (AP) — The suicide apartment house blast that killed the alleged ringleader of the Madrid train bombings and four other terror suspects left the core of the terror group dead or in jail, Spain's interior minister said Sunday.

Explosives discovered in the building where the five killed themselves to avoid capture Saturday night indicated they were plotting more violence and were linked to the failed bombing of a high-speed rail line Friday.

Two or three suspects may have escaped before the blast, which also killed a special forces officer and wounded 15 other policemen, Interior Minister Angel Acebes told a news conference.

Preliminary forensic tests on human remains in and around the apartment showed that five suspects had died in the blast, one more than previously reported, an Interior Ministry official said Sunday.

Sarhane Ben Abdelmajid Fakhed, a 35-year-old Tunisian accused of spearheading the March 11 attacks that killed 191 people, was among those who died in the explosion in Leganes south of Madrid, Acebes said.

"The core of the group that carried out the attacks is either arrested or dead in yesterday's collective suicide, including the head of the operative commando unit," Acebes said.

Fifteen suspects are already in custody in the Madrid attacks. Six have been charged with mass murder and nine with collaborating with or belonging to a terrorist organization. Eleven of the 15 charged are Moroccan.

The 22 pounds of dynamite and 200 detonators found in the apartment are the same as that used in the March 11 attacks and in the bomb that was discovered Friday before it could explode along the high-speed rail line between Madrid and Seville, Acebes said.

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Tech implements survey as part of accreditation plan

By Sally Gunter/
The University Daily

Ethics can be defined in a number of different ways, but the Quality Enhancement Plan Committee is trying through an online survey to pinpoint which definition Texas Tech students, faculty, staff, administrators and alumni consider pertinent to the educational system.

The committee conducted a survey in the fall to determine a focus theme for the Quality Enhancement Plan that is required for reaffirmation of accreditation.

Through the campus-wide survey, the committee determined ethics to be a prime concern, said Sue Couch, professor of family and consumer sciences education and chairwoman of the committee.

"The committee purposely has not tried to define ethics," she said. "We

are asking at this point the important ethical issues that need to be addressed specifically."

A second online survey is available to direct the committee toward a definition of ethics. The survey asks three questions relating to ethics and its impact on student learning.

The survey is available at <http://www.irim.ttu.edu/SACS/QEP/Ethics-OthersSurvey.htm> until April 15, Couch said.

"We would hope that anyone who has an interest would tell us what they think," she said. "We want people to give us feedback and have an opportunity to say what they want."

The Quality Enhancement Plan focuses on improving an aspect of the educational component of Tech that enhances the quality of student learning, Couch said.

The plan serves as a commitment by Tech to identify an area for improve-

ment, to develop a way to meet specific, measurable goals and to engage in ongoing assessments of progress.

Couch said in five years Tech must present the impact the Quality Enhancement Plan on student learning to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Tech's accrediting body. The deadline for the plan is the first week of February 2005 or six weeks before the on-site committee's visit.

The on-site committee will visit Tech for three days between March 14 and April 29, 2005, to evaluate, advise ways of improvement and follow up on compliance questions.

The plan is one document required by SACS before Tech can be reaccredited.

SACS is the regional accrediting

organization for eleven states in the southeastern United States and for Tech.

Universities are reaccredited every 10 years, Couch said.

Tech was last reaccredited in 1994 but at the request of SACS the 2004 reaffirmation was delayed a year.

The process for reaffirmation changed in December 2001, Couch said.

The new reaffirmation process is no longer called reaccreditation and no longer requires a lengthy, detailed internal self-study.

The new method reflects the view that accreditation is an ongoing process and not a status that must be renewed each decade. The institution must be in constant self-assessment, which is goal-oriented. Specific goals

must be identified and met by the institution.

Tech must also meet 12 core requirements and 53 comprehensive standards, along with eight federal mandates, according to the SACS Institutional Self-Study Web site.

Tech officials must prepare a Certification of Compliance along with the Quality Enhancement Plan to SACS.

The certification documents Tech's compliance of the three types of requirements and standards. The deadline for this document is August 15, according to the Web site.

Determination of reaffirmation will be announced in December 2005, and Tech is doing all it can to make sure reaccreditation is not a problem, which is why the survey was introduced.

Couch said the survey provides free-response questions, allowing those taking it to define ethics in whichever way they wish. While she said she is

not sure why the faculty and students chose ethics as the main theme for the plan, Couch said publicized lapses in business and society could be one reason. Concerns about cheating and a lack of academic honesty could be another, she said.

Gary Elbow, professor of geography and faculty representative to SACS, said he has a personal definition of the theme.

"I would define ethics as treating people the way you would want to be treated yourself," he said.

Reaffirmation is important to Tech, Elbow said, and the committee needs input from the student body and faculty.

"This reaffirmation is what makes a university work," he said. "It is important for people to respond. Whatever the committee chose as a theme, in order for this to have any impact we have to have support."

Crawfish

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way Avenue, called the big backyard.

"It seems there's been a big buzz around campus about this one than there has been before," he said. "This is something totally new for us."

Saturday was the first time in Lubbock history that alcohol was legally sold and consumed on the streets of the Depot District, Charles said.

Typically, about 3,000 people attend the Crawfish Festival.

Jon Crosswhite, a senior architecture major from Abilene, said the crawfish tradition began 15 years ago when members of Tau Kappa Epsilon decided to accompany a casual game of volleyball with a crawfish boil one afternoon.

"It was probably the mid '90s when it started to be a big festival," he said. "It's like the fair; they've got funnel cakes, corn dogs ..."

Blake Lewis, a freshman atmospheric science major from Lubbock and Tau Kappa Epsilon member, said most of the proceeds from crawfish go to the Clay Warren memorial scholarship.

A portion also goes to the

Ronald Reagan Alzheimer's Association.

Approximately \$5,000 is donated each year.

Warren was a Tau Kappa Epsilon pledge who died in a car wreck last fall, Lewis said. Reagan is a Tau Kappa Epsilon alumnus, and the Alzheimer's Association is one of the fraternity's philanthropy projects.

Heather Lawrence, a junior communications major from Tyler, said this was her first year at the Crawfish Festival.

She said she came to the event for the crawfish, live music and funnel cakes.

"Well, I won the tickets on the radio," she said. "I won them on KLLL."

Lawrence and her friend Anndee Turner, a junior early childhood major from Corpus Christi, said they usually come to every outdoor event Tech puts on, even if the weather is less than perfect.

"I like it when it's not so hot," Turner said. "I love stuff like this."

Lawrence said her love for crawfish took priority over the cold, windy weather.

"I'm a huge crawfish fan," she said. "I wouldn't mind getting a tan, though."

Relay

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raised money," she said. "All of these students have given up their Saturday night — it shows a lot about the character of Tech students."

While most of the faces seen walking around the track from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. were students pledging their support to find a cure, some of the participants were walking for another reason — survival.

Marc Nascarella, a doctoral candidate in environmental toxicology from Boston, has been in remission from colon cancer since August 2002.

Nascarella said most people

don't realize the scope of cancer until they or someone they know is affected by it.

"When you're young it is hard to grasp the reality of cancer — until it hits home," he said.

Curtis agreed.

"I don't think young adults really grasp how much of a problem cancer is," she said. "Some figures have shown that within the next 10 years an individual will have known at least four people affected by cancer."

More than 600 luminarias lit up the United Spirit Arena in honor of individuals who had lost or won their battle with the disease.

Gorczyca said the luminary ceremony is the part of the event that really touches people.

"The survivors' testimonials and

the luminary ceremony really open people's eyes at how big of a problem cancer is," she said.

The feeling in the air was one of triumph and optimism, with the word cure being thrown loosely around the arena.

Winn said most researchers believe within 10 to 15 years there will be a major breakthrough in the treatment of cancer.

Curtis said she hopes her efforts in defeating cancer now will benefit

her future children.

"Hopefully my children won't be affected by cancer," she said. "So what I am doing to combat the disease now will help in the future."

Nascarella said individuals don't beat cancer — they survive it.

"The only way you can beat cancer is with money," he said.

The Tech Relay for Life raised \$52,454 and will be used towards education, research, advocacy and support for people who are in need.

Terror

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who was seeking explosives and collecting photos of tall buildings.

Muhammad Navid Asrar is now in federal prison after pleading guilty to being an undocumented immigrant in illegal possession of 50 rounds of 9 mm bullets, records show.

Asrar, a Pakistani who overstayed his student visa, denied any connec-

tion to terrorists, and investigators said they could not prove what he intended to do with the photographs. But he remains under investigation, FBI Agent David Troutman has testified.

Each investigation teaches task force members lessons that will help them be more effective, authorities said.

"We can't guarantee nothing will ever happen again," said FBI agent Richard Powers. "But we are in better shape. We have the national will, dedication and focus."

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Denial helping keep racism alive

Sunday marked the 36-year anniversary of the assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. As we look back over the decades that have passed since April 4, 1968, we can see gradual progression away from the civil rights era where black and white were segregated along color lines.

But, anyone who believes the root problem of racism faded away when laws began to demand equality, is simply being too idealistic. King's dream has not become a reality. It never will reach out from its historic speech and touch America, until we face what is truly going on in our communities.

Four years ago in our family to see an old friend. As an accomplished physician, he was clearly an intellectual man, but his words showed he lacked true wisdom. When my brother mentioned his new girlfriend, the first question spewing out of his mouth was, "So, she is a white girl, right?" Maybe I shouldn't have been as surprised as I was, since we were in the deep South. But, I've never forgot that conversation because it showed me how far we haven't come.

It didn't matter to our lifelong friend how well this girl treated my brother, or how much he loved her. The first question he had to get answered was a matter of race. When my brother answered that his girlfriend was indeed white, our friend let out a huge sigh of relief, letting us know he would never let his son date a "black girl." After I offered up some blunt questioning to the table, he said he was a "reasonable" man and would let his silver-spoon son date a Mexican, but only if she was light skinned.

I wish I could just brush this line of thinking off as ignorance that is limited to a small number of the population. But, unfortunately it doesn't.

Last year I took a cultural diversity class, in which we learned some of the scary statistics about discrimination in today's society. One girl in my discussion was very outspoken about why she believed white girls should not date Mexican men.

"They are just too controlling," she said.

Kristen Gilbreth



"It is just part of their culture, and they can't not be that way."

This was news to me, considering at the time, I was dating a Hispanic man who was far less controlling than many white men I knew.

During the semester I was taking this class, I was more aware and sensitive to racist remarks.

I worked at a popular restaurant as a waitress where a diversity of people dined. Whenever an African-American sat down at a table, the waitress would argue about who was going to take the table. Sometimes a losing hand of "paper, rock, scissors" would guarantee the waiter would have to wait on a table they didn't want. I watched them complain the whole way about how they weren't going to get a tip because "those people" never tip well. And not once did one of my coworkers consider it was perhaps their bad attitude toward this group that was making their tip decrease.

Again, I wish there was a way to explain this behavior away. And, I wish the solution was as simple as education.

But, the reality is that even people I love dearly hold some of these same views. My great aunt is one of the most loving, educated women I know. She treats everyone equally and never meets a stranger. I've never seen her talk down to anyone just because their skin isn't white.

But, she has informed me that if I choose to marry a Hispanic or African-American man, she would refuse to attend the wedding.

Somewhere in her religious upbringing she learned it was wrong for people of different races to "intermingle."

She justifies her discrimination based on a verse in the Bible where it says not to be unequally "yolked." Even if I believed the Bible was infallible, it would be difficult to reconcile how this verse meant that people

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of different races shouldn't marry. How could a God of love who supposedly created all of mankind, then draw boundaries around them telling them who it was OK to love?

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I believe the civil rights movement has hit a glass ceiling because as a society, we think we have gone far enough in granting rights. But, if we don't get out of the era of denial and rationalizations, we will slowly slide backward.

Whenever you see an Arab-American and you think "terrorist" — racism is alive. Whenever you see an African-American holding hands with a preppy Caucasian woman and you think poorly matched — racism is alive.

Whenever you see a Mexican — racism is alive. The only way we can kill it, is to see it for what it is, and then not allow it to grow in our own hearts and minds.

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View from another university

Clarke's credibility steps up to the political plate

By Marci VanAdestine/Badger Herald

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — Apparently, Congress did not even have to establish the 9/11 Commission to determine how the terrorist attacks could have been circumvented. Fortunately, someone with all of the answers has emerged.

We need to look no further than Richard Clarke, who has directed all of the blame onto the current U.S. President. Finally, America can rest in peace. A subtle inference emerges — simply don't vote for Bush in the upcoming election and all future attacks will be prevented. By John Kerry, defense expert, of course.

RIIIIIIGHT. Except, that like any smart American, we only have to examine Mr. Clarke's ethos to debunk his claims. Sure, Mr. Clarke seems to have an impressive career, working with security issues since President Carter, indicating some sort of credibility. However, how can this credibility actually be taken seriously after investigating the situation surrounding Mr. Clarke and his possible motives?

What motivated Richard Clarke? It's too coincidental and unfortunate that his book, "Against All Enemies: Inside America's War on Terror," has been released simultaneously with the convention of the 9-11 Commission. In fact, it has made a downright mockery

and circus of the Commission and has nullified the true purpose of it. According to its official website, the 9-11 Commission is "an independent, bipartisan commission created by congressional legislation and the signature of President George W. Bush in late 2002 ... [It is chartered to prepare a full and complete account of the circumstances surrounding the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, including preparedness for and the immediate response to the attacks.]"

The Commission also is mandated to provide recommendations designed to guard against future attacks." Mr. Clarke's comments have quashed the true purpose of the Commission because, instead of allowing for the sifting and winnowing of ideas, the comments have put everyone on the defensive.

All this, simply to advertise for his new book? The free advertisement has worked. According to Reuters, one week after Mr. Clarke's book hit the shelves, it was already in its sixth printing with 550,000 of the presses and it stood atop the Amazon.com bestsellers list. Mr. Clarke sold out for a sell-out.

How does Mr. Clarke describe his purposes? Mr. Clarke, of course, in his interview on "Meet the Press," argues his motivation differently, that he wrote the book "to get it off [his] chest. (He) had to tell the families of the victims. (He) had to tell lots of people who have been asking [him],

"What went wrong?"

But if he really felt this way, why is he coming out with this information now, instead of right after 9/11? Why, if he sincerely has the best interests of Americans at heart, did he not expose Clinton's lackadaisical efforts in fighting terrorism (incidentally, Clinton had three opportunities to capture or kill bin Laden)?

Mr. Clarke told the Commission that he is emerging with this information now because he doesn't have to "spin" anymore for anybody. Then, why not last February when he left the administration? It could be just as Charles Krauthammer of the Wall Street Journal puts it, how do we know Mr. Clarke isn't still spinning, except now for himself?

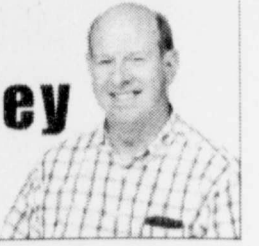
The Bush Administration didn't give him the position that he wanted. Condoleezza Rice and Tom Ridge demoted him. Of course, Mr. Clarke vehemently denies and "spins" these facts. Yet, the presence of this information should make us question if Mr. Clarke's actions really are just a manifestation of his bitterness toward President Bush and his administration.

Which, in that case, Mr. Clarke's credibility is destroyed, again. Two strikes, one left to go. And the third strike will come this Thursday, in front of the 9/11 Commission, when Condoleezza Rice steps in as the pitcher.

Pledge battle not worth fighting

Keeping or changing "under God" makes little difference

Tim Hadley



Keeping the words "under God" in the Pledge will not make America a more Christian nation, and taking them out will not suddenly rob Christians (or anyone else) of their faith.

The uproar over whether it is constitutional to say the words "under God" while reciting the American "Pledge of Allegiance" exposes our official schizophrenia about matters of religion and politics.

On the one hand, we have words like "In God We Trust" on our money. The U.S. Congress begins every session with a prayer spoken by its official chaplain. And every politician, including the president, concludes speeches by saying, "God bless America."

On the other hand, as writer Victor Hannon has pointed out, America is different from almost every other nation in the world in that we have no official religion. The First Amendment to our Constitution, the Flagship of our precious Bill of Rights, states clearly that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The purpose of this sentence was not, as some courts seem to think, to keep cities from setting up nativity displays at Christmas time, or to prevent any and all public or governmental references to deity. The obvious purpose was to keep the national legislature from designating any specific church as the "national church."

So, it would seem equally obvious that saying "under God" while reciting the Pledge of Allegiance does not constitute any kind of official sanction of either religion in general or of any church in particular. Rather, expressions of this kind are meant simply as recognition of the fact that Americans are both dependent on and united by a belief in a higher power.

Such an attitude has been a strong part of American culture since its founding. Popular and patriotic songs expressed this idea poetically. "America, America, God shed his grace on thee" is a good example of the way Americans have always viewed their nation.

The Pledge, however, is a relative late-comer to this debate. It was written by a Baptist minister, Francis Bellamy, in 1892. Bellamy and his cousin, novelist Edward Bellamy, were utopian socialists. Francis Bellamy was asked to prepare a program for Columbus Day that year, and he decided to center the celebration around the flag. What he needed was a "flag salute" that everyone could recite together at the culmination of the flag-raising ceremony. The result was his "Pledge of Allegiance."

It is worth noting that the wording of the Pledge as it stands today is not the same as Bellamy's original. It has been changed slightly through the years. The most significant change occurred in 1954, when the words "under God" were added — by Congress. Malik Simba, professor of history at Cal State University — Fresno, says that Congress added these words to the Pledge because of its desire, during the "Cold War," to distinguish America from its godless communist adversaries.

But Congress was not the only group that wanted to amend the Pledge. Through the years a number of special-interests have attempted to change the words to the Pledge

to reflect the goals of a specific group. One of the most recent was the desire by pro-life groups to add the words "the born and the unborn" to the end of the Pledge.

No offense, but why not throw in a reference to the Boston Celtics while we're at it. That way the Pledge can cover all the hot buttons of every narrowly-focused ideology that's out there. The only problem will be that when all the extra words are added, the Pledge will be 500 pages long.

The problem with trying to "write into" the Pledge a certain point of view is that the Pledge of Allegiance is an unofficial document. Natural-born American citizens are not ever required, in any official way, to pledge an "oath of allegiance" to their country — unless they go to work for the government. It is assumed, though not correctly, that those born in America will naturally be loyal to their homeland.

But the same is not true of naturalized citizens. Those who come here from other countries and become American citizens are required by law to declare an "Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America," in which, among other things, they promise to bear arms in defense of America when required by law.

There are many in America who think it would be good for us to end our hypocrisy about "state religion" and declare unequivocally that Christianity (and its Jewish predecessor) is the official religion of America. There are, on the other hand, just as many who know that this would not be a good idea. The flap over the words to the Pledge is just the latest manifestation of this ongoing debate.

Frankly, I don't think it matters, one way or the other. Keeping the words "under God" in the Pledge will not make America a more Christian nation, and taking them out will not suddenly rob Christians (or anyone else) of their faith. Christians who want to keep the words are fighting this battle for all the wrong reasons, and though, it's a battle that is not worth fighting.

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Allen Theatre to screen Oscar-nominated documentary

The Student Union along with the College of Architecture and the American Institute of Architecture Students are teaming to show "My Architect: A Son's Journey," an Oscar-nominated documentary, in the Allen Theatre today.

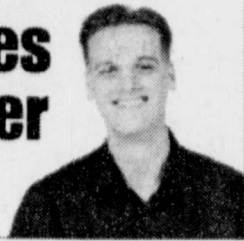
Louis I. Kahn is one of the most studied and respected figures in modern architecture. His many works include the Kimball Art Museum in Fort Worth, The Yale Art Gallery and the National Assembly in Dhaka, Bangladesh among a host of other great works. Kahn died in 1974 of a heart attack at the age of 73 in the restroom of Penn Station in Philadelphia. He was about \$500,000 in debt at that time.

His body went unidentified for a few days because his only identification was a passport with the address scratched out.

His official survivors were his wife and daughter.

Kahn, however, also had two other families, most of which were kept secret. His son Nathaniel, from

James Eppler



his second affair, was 11 at the time of his father's death. His "My Architect: A Son's Journey" is both a study of his father's life, and a search for closure.

Nathaniel Kahn, now in his early 40s, narrates the film and is openly candid with his audience when he tells us that he had always hoped that his dad would choose to come live with he and his mother.

He sets out to learn more about his father, both by talking to people that claimed to have known the man, and by visiting some of his buildings around the country and the world.

The film is not solely the study of an artist and his work.

It's also a family drama about a father who always valued his work above any human relationship.

The fog of mystery surrounding Louis Kahn is revealed as Nathaniel Kahn interviews friends of his father, most of which are surprised to learn that his father had several sets of children with different women. One of his friends did not even know Louis Kahn was married at all.

Louis Kahn, we learn, lived a life full of scars, both literal and figurative: He had two huge defining scars on either side of his face, which earned him the cruel name of "Scarface" from schoolchildren; some of his buildings feature scar-like marks on their edifices; and indeed, Kahn left emotional scars on those that he frequently shut out of his life.

Nathaniel Kahn has made this film, perhaps, to help heal some of his own scars inflicted by his father. He interviews his family, including his mother, and meets with his two stepisters, who have rarely seen one another.

There is a great sense of desper-

ation in his film, as he chooses to value any and all sources claiming to know his father, even if the source's memory is about as clear as

a foggy window. Some of these sources should probably have been deleted from the investigation. In some of the film's best sequences, however, there is some touching human drama. When Nathaniel Kahn visits a ship his father designed, he waits to tell the captain who he is. The captain, who knew Louis Kahn, boasts about the ship's design and the man behind it.

When Nathaniel Kahn reveals that he is Louis Kahn's son, the captain is thoroughly shocked, and through tears tells him that he last saw him at his father's wake. The

captain says that he was told never to tell anyone that Nathaniel Kahn existed.

Nathaniel Kahn's journey takes him all over the United States, to Jerusalem, India, and finally to Bangladesh to view his father's crowning achievement. A local architect in Bangladesh tells Nathaniel Kahn that his documentary is useless without proper attention being paid to his final masterpiece. One does not have to be a stu-

dent of architecture to appreciate what Nathaniel Kahn is doing with his film. The film does not solely focus on Louis Kahn's work, but rather uses them as a device to help unravel the elusive mystery of the man who created them.

EPPLER'S RATING:



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Dim the Lights

- What: "My Architect: A Son's Journey"
- Where: Allen Theatre in the Student Union
- When: 7 p.m. Monday
- Admission: Free

'Tom Sawyer' brings southern lore to Tech at reading marathon

By Michael Castellon/
The University Daily

Texas Tech knows Mark Twain, and because of the efforts of more than 100 people on Friday and Saturday, a lot of other people can know him, too.

The department of English's second annual Marathon Reading is being hailed as a success by the event's organizers, and plans for next year's event, which calls for the sponsorship and dedication of people who will read a text aloud and nearly nonstop for 24 hours, are in the works.

Event organizer Rich Rice, who also is an assistant professor of English at the university, said the reading serves to raise funds and awareness for literary interests.

"The value of literature is enormous," he said. "I think we are promoting literacy in every way, shape, and form. We're bringing people together through literature and that's important."

More than 100 people took turns reading the texts beginning Friday afternoon and continuing well into Saturday. Proceeds from the sponsorship of readers will benefit Lubbock Public Libraries and the Lubbock Coalition for Adult Literacy. Organizers say the primary goal of the event is to promote literacy in the Lubbock community.

"When you listen to people read, you see the benefit of reading," said department chairman Sam Dragger, "It reminds us how important reading is."

This year's event featured Mark Twain's classic works "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn," works Dragger said represent the heart and essence of Americana.

"There is an emphasis on a classic American text; it's an election year so that selection is even more of an obvious choice," he said. "(Twain) is just a great American author."

Readers at the event weren't limited to the English building. Several readers appeared via Webcam, one as far away as France.

Organizers of the event established an early-American theme to coincide with the selected texts, but that theme didn't limit the

readings to the English language. "We had eight different people reading the text in another language," Rice said. "We had readings in Spanish, French, Russian, Chinese and Swedish."

Rice estimated the event raised about \$3,000, thanks in part to sponsorships and raffles. Representatives of Hastings Entertainment were on hand to contribute raffle prizes, including a DVD player, books and T-shirts.

Rice said the process of planning next year's reading is unfolding, and organizers are considering texts such as a selection from the "Harry Potter" series, "Don Quixote" or "The Iliad."



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HEIDI DIERS, A junior English major from Stamford, reads from Mark Twain's "Tom Sawyer" in the lecture hall of the English building Friday.

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MYSTIC STARS
By Lasha Seniuk

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK ... Several months of romantic confusion and social disappointment will soon end. After April 21, long-term relationships will be easily clarified, established or negotiated. Ask loved ones or potential friends for clear indications. At present, a truthful and candid discussion will ensure lasting success.

Aries (March 21-April 20). Over the next few days, family members may feel compelled to clarify home roles. Expect loved ones to discuss recent emotional or financial decisions. Long-term romance, daily obligations and shared duties are accentuated. Remain attentive.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Personal questions and subtle romantic comments may be ongoing themes. Watch for friends or lovers to clarify past events, outline new promises or challenge key decisions. Confidently state your long-term goals. Loved ones will respond positively to bold statements of loyalty and affection.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). At present, deep fears or past social doubts may strain romantic or family relationships. Refuse to be dissuaded by negative attitudes. Friends, lovers and close relatives will follow your lead.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Romantic optimism is returning. Let new attractions and light social encounters develop naturally. Newly begun relationships will greatly expand in the coming months. Watch for steady emotional gains and renewed sensuality.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Creativity and intuition are due to increase. Expect a mood of inner reflection and calm acceptance to arrive. Areas affected are past romantic or family decisions, social ethics or lost time in key relationships. Loved ones may press for bold affections. Don't disappoint.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Workplace negotiations will require added dedication. Expect key officials to limit new projects or offer only restricted permissions. Muddle through and find creative solutions. Although controversial, fresh ideas and group participation are extremely worthwhile.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Act as workplace mediator, if possible. Colleagues or new officials may dispute trusted policies. Avoid the brooding, silent types and all will be well. Some Librans will also experience a brief financial disagreement between loved ones. Plan revised budgets and fresh family activities.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Friends or lovers may deny their past actions, words or decisions. Respond honestly to draining social triangles and allow loved ones added time for contemplation. New romantic and social rules will be put to the test over the next few weeks. Expect revised promises.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Sentimental reflection has a powerful influence. Watch close relatives or loved ones for delightful signs of affection and long-term support. Enjoy private moments with friends or lovers. This is a strong time for rekindled trust and shared family goals.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Colleagues may pose unusual questions or request detailed descriptions of past projects. Avoid disclosing key facts, figures or amounts, however. Practical information may be easily misinterpreted. Go slow and remain true to original values.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Social relations or family triangles will be complicated by new group plans. Use this time to settle longstanding disputes, introduce fresh activities and clearly outline future goals. Although difficult, a public review of shared goals may be needed.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Honesty between loved ones will encourage emotional commitment. Expect close friends or lovers to reveal their past history or offer a rare glimpse into their private world. Take all as a compliment and watch for powerful romantic overtures.

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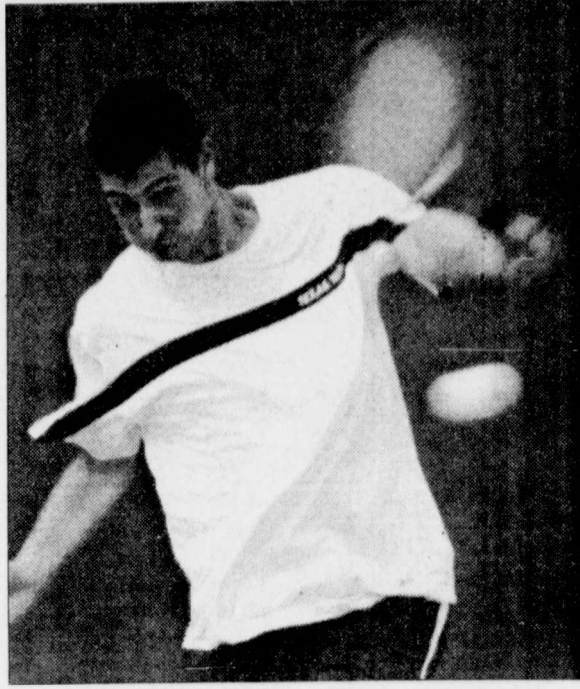
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Raiders nearly pull upset over rival Texas

DINKO HALACHEV HITS A backhand during his match against Texas on Friday night. The Raiders lost the match 4-3. Tech returns to action this weekend at Texas A&M on Saturday and at home Sunday against Colorado.

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The University Daily



By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

In his 11 years as head coach for Texas Tech, Tim Siegel said he has never experienced a better weekend in tennis.

"It was the best atmosphere since I began coaching here," he said. "But it was one of the toughest losses as well."

The men's tennis team fell to No. 33 Texas, 4-3, at the Falls Country Club Friday. Siegel said he had no problem with how the Red Raiders played, but the fact that they lost with a score as close as it was.

"I'm very proud of how they played, and everybody played to the best of their ability," he said. "It was the toughest loss because of how they played."

In the No. 1 spot, junior Jakob Paulsen did not have any difficulty pick-

ing off his opponent, nor did freshman Dinko Halachev in the No. 5 position and freshman Dimitrio Martinez bringing up the rear at the No. 6 spot, winning three of the six singles matches.

Texas swept the three doubles matches, giving them the fourth point and the win over Tech. Siegel said fatigue was one factor that hindered the spirits and the bodies of Tech's players.

"We started at 8 p.m. Friday, and it didn't end until after 2 a.m.," he said. "It was a long match, and they stayed with it. This season, we've won some close ones, and we've lost some close ones."

This was one match that was close, and one the Raiders did not come out on top of. Siegel compared it to the Tech-UT basketball game, when Longhorn Brandon Mouton hit a 3-pointer to send the game into overtime.

"It's just like the Texas basketball game, where they had the last game shot to tie and put it into overtime," he said. "It's a gut-wrenching loss, but a lot of positives come out of it."

Tech returned to action Sunday against Nebraska at the Falls Country Club, to oust the Cornhuskers, 4-2, competing only in singles' matches. Siegel said although Nebraska is winless in the Big 12, Tech (10-8, 1-2 Big 12) still had to play well to win.

"We don't have any seniors, but all the players have come to understand what it takes to beat teams," he said. "Nebraska hasn't won a Big 12 match yet, but they are still a dangerous team, and we set the tone early in the match."

Siegel said all of the players played well over the weekend's activities, but two of them stood out in his mind.

"We put up our best team effort in both of the matches," he said. "But Paulsen is working on his way to the NCAA tournament, and Dinko played well this weekend, beating two senior players."

Siegel said his team cannot let the score of matches affect the way it plays, and the lessons the players learn from each match.

"We can't get wrapped up in the score," he said. "From this weekend, we're taking a learning experience for the last four matches of our season. We know what we have to do, and the players have to put people away."

Tech returns to the court at 1 p.m. Saturday against Texas A&M in College Station before coming back to the McLeod Tennis Center to face Colorado at 1 p.m. Sunday.

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Groce sees improvement despite weekend split

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

Take a trip back in time with Texas Tech women's tennis coach Cari Groce, and one will notice an extreme makeover of her team.

"We are so much better (this year) than we were this time last year," she said.

The team has faced tough competition in the 2004 season, and it has shared its ups and downs.

On Friday, the Red Raiders fell to No. 14 Texas A&M, 6-0. But Groce said although they lost, Tech showed at what level it is capable of playing against ranked teams.

"Most of the matches were close, and we're really good at the No. 1, 2, 3 and 5 spots," she said. "We just have to finish strong."

Because of poor weather conditions, Tech only played singles, losing all six matches. Senior Irina Tereschenko lost to the No. 16 player in the nation in two close sets, 7-6 and 7-5. In the No. 2 position, senior Kendall Brooks lost to her opponent, and sophomore Tara Browning was defeated in the No. 3 spot. Finishing strong is one problem Groce said the Raiders have to work on to win those matches against their top opponents.

"We have tried to continue and maintain that level of play, and the outcomes will take care of themselves," she said. "We were playing a good team, and we aren't at that level yet."

Saturday was a different situation. Tech faced Oklahoma State at the McLeod Tennis Center, and it came out victorious, 4-3. The Raiders won four of six singles matches against the Cowboys, but lost the doubles competition.

Groce said after losing to A&M, Tech had to come out on top in the second match of the weekend.

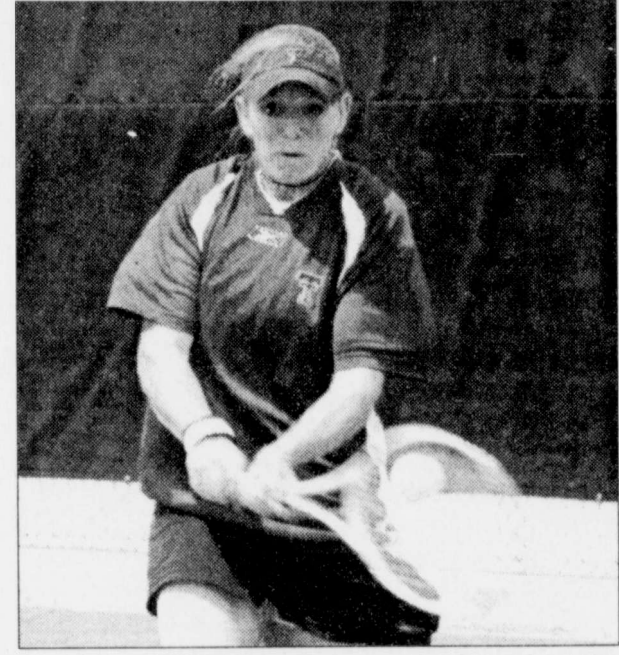
"We executed our game plan Friday, and it didn't work to our advantage," she said. "We took it into (Saturday's) match, and we stayed aggressive."

Tereschenko had no problem defeating her opponent at the No. 1 spot, while Brooks took home another victory for the Raiders. The doubles' duo of Browning and Brooks won against the No. 2 team of OSU, giving Tech the win over the Cowboys.

Groce said Tereschenko is still working her way into a spot in the NCAA tournament, but she must keep on pace toward that goal.

"Irina is making a good run, she just has to finish strong at the closing of the season," she said. "Getting into the NCAA tourney is a big possibility for her if she keeps playing the way she is."

The Raiders are 10-6 on the season, and 3-4 in Big 12 conference matches. Tech returns to conference play at 11 a.m. Saturday against Iowa State in Ames, Iowa. The Raiders also face Nebraska at 10 a.m. Sunday in Lincoln, Neb.



KENDALL BROOKS RETURNS the ball to her opponent in Saturday's match against Oklahoma State at the McLeod Tennis Center. Tech won the match 4-3 but lost 6-0 to Texas A&M on Friday.

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The University Daily

Softball loses on road to Jayhawks in final inning

The Texas Tech softball team (19-21, 1-2 Big 12) let victory slip through its hands Saturday, losing the opener of its second Big 12 conference series to the Kansas Jayhawks (22-16-1, 1-3) in Lawrence, Kan., 2-1.

Tech pitcher Erin Crawford continued her dominating performance of late by allowing only five hits and striking out eight Jayhawk batters. But she gave up one crucial hit in the bottom of the seventh inning, a single to center field by pinch hitter Sandy Smith, which drove in Jessica Moppin for the game-winning run.

Tech got its lone run in the top of the third inning off Kelly Rhyne's 22nd RBI of the season when she hit a single driving in Natalie Kula.

Tech once again had problems driving in runs as the Raiders stranded seven base runners on the day and led off the inning five times with a base hit, failing to score all but one of them.

The results of the second and final game of the series were unknown at press time. Tech returns to action Friday and Saturday in Waco where the Raiders will face the Baylor Bears (35-10, 5-1), the No. 19 team in the nation.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- Violet's cousin
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Georgia Tech, UConn faceoff in title game

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — They started out playing in the Preseason NIT. On Monday night, they'll end the season with the biggest game of all.

It's Connecticut vs. Georgia Tech, Part II.

The Huskies (32-6) advanced to the national championship game with a thrilling 79-78 victory over Duke on Saturday night. The other Final Four semifinal was just as exciting: Will Bynum scored on a drive with 1.5 seconds left, giving Georgia Tech a 67-65 victory over Oklahoma State.

That set up a rematch from the Preseason NIT at Madison Square Garden, where Georgia Tech (28-9) gave its first indication of what kind of season it was going to be. With Emeka Okafor slowed by a sore back, then-No. 1 UConn was upset 77-61 by the Yellow Jackets.

It was a miserable game for the Huskies. They shot just 38 percent

from the field and were even worse at the foul line, making just 10 of 30 attempts. From 3-point range, they were only 1-for-10.

"The fastest team we played this year was Georgia Tech," UConn coach Jim Calhoun said. "The most difficult team we matched up with was Georgia Tech."

Even so, the Huskies were made a six-point favorite.

Okafor is feeling much better now. He scored all 18 of his points in the second half against Duke, after sitting out most of the first half with two early fouls.

The Huskies overcame an early 11-point deficit and a late eight-point hole, giving themselves a chance to avenge their biggest loss of the season.

"Georgia Tech is a little bit a redemption thing for us," freshman Josh Boone said. "A payback might be in the back of our minds."

The Yellow Jackets withstood a

comeback by Oklahoma State, which trailed most of the game. John Lucas hit a 3-pointer that tied it at 65 with 26.3 seconds left, but the Yellow Jackets got the final shot.

Working behind a pick from Luke Schenscher, Bynum drove to the basket for the winning shot.

Schenscher, a 7-foot-1 junior, led the Yellow Jackets with 19 points and 12 rebounds.

Afterward, he pointed out that Georgia Tech defeated both UConn and Duke this season.

"It gives us confidence," he said. "We know we can beat either one of them."

B.J. Elder, the Yellow Jackets' leading scorer, has been slowed by a sprained right ankle in the NCAA tournament. He managed just two points on 1-of-4 shooting.

"I know it's not 100 percent," he said. "It hampered me on my jump shots. I couldn't get the lift I needed.

But with a couple of more days, it should be fine."

Georgia Tech, which made its only other Final Four in 1990, will be playing in the championship game for the first time.

UConn is going for its second national championship. The Huskies beat Duke in the 1999 title game, their only other Final Four appearance.

Calhoun doesn't expect the November loss to Georgia Tech to affect this game.

"Thirty games later, it's not going to have a real significance," he said. "Okafor was not Okafor. Schenscher is just a different player. I think he's grown 7 inches. He's got to be 8-foot-3 right? That's the biggest guy I've ever seen in my life."

Now, Georgia Tech and UConn will be playing in the biggest game.

"Very even," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "It will be a very even game."

Rangers, Athletics find replacements at shortstop

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Alfonso Soriano certainly can relate to any anxiety rookie shortstop Bobby Crosby might feel on opening day.

Soriano was acquired by Texas in the offseason for AL MVP Alex Rodriguez. Crosby has the tough task of taking over in Oakland for the previous winner: Miguel Tejada.

"I don't think about that," said Soriano, who will stay at second base while Michael Young moves to shortstop. "A-Rod was a great player. I come in and play hard and don't try to be A-Rod."

That's exactly what the Athletics have been telling Crosby all spring — and he seems to be handling the expectations just fine.

"He has done a great job in the field, and I know a lot of people were nervous about that," manager Ken

Macha said. "One of the question marks was, 'Was this the same Bobby Crosby we saw in spring training last year or the one who played a couple of games with us late in the season last year?' This is the Bobby Crosby we saw last year in spring training."

Much of the focus will be on Soriano and Crosby when the Rangers open a three-game series in Oakland on Monday night.

Soriano acknowledges he was shy after arriving in Texas following the February swap that sent Rodriguez to the Yankees.

"I got a month in and I feel comfortable with my new teammates," said Soriano, who batted .290 with 38 homers and 91 RBIs for New York in 2003. "Here we go. Right now I feel very confident."

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Longhorn pitching, rain shutdown Raiders



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THIRD BASEMAN JOSH Haney attempts to throw out Longhorn Curtis Thigpen on a bunt play. Tech lost 4-0 and 10-0 on Saturday, and Sunday's game was cancelled.

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

A doubleheader Saturday proved to be the right poison for Tech, as it fell in two consecutive shutouts against the No. 2 Texas Longhorns.

Texas (31-4, 6-2 Big 12) gave the Red Raiders (17-11, 1-4) their first back-to-back shutouts at home since 1975. Rain hindered what was supposed to be a three-game series. The first game was pushed back to Saturday as part of the doubleheader, and the third game set for Sunday was cancelled because of inclement weather conditions in the Lubbock area.

In game one, Longhorn southpaw J.P. Howell and Tech errors gave Texas the 4-0 victory over the Raiders. Howell (7-1) pitched eight innings, allowing only two hits by Tech bats, with no runs and he struck out 11 batters. On the Raiders' mound, junior Dallas Braden pitched all nine innings, giving up

four runs on six hits and striking out four Longhorns.

Tech was on track to taking the lead in the bottom of the third inning, with the bases loaded because of a Texas error, wild pitch and a walk. Junior designated hitter Michael Mask came up to bat with two outs, striking out looking, retiring the inning with three left on base. Then Texas took a 1-0 lead into the fourth inning before having a three-run inning in the sixth to seal the win for the Longhorns.

The Raiders did not come back from the four-run deficit, giving Texas the first win of the series.

Three errors by Tech allowed the Longhorns to take the lead, and the win in the first game.

The second game went toward the Longhorns' bench and advantage, winning 10-0 over the Raiders. A big seventh inning by Texas, sending seven batters around to score, was too big of a lead for Tech to recover from.

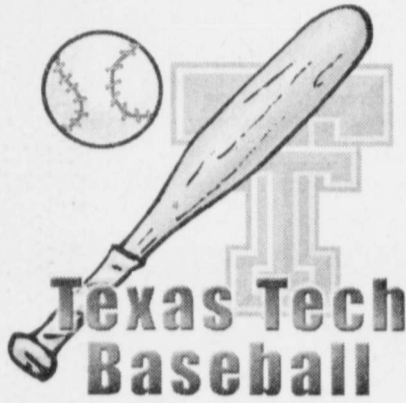
Five Tech pitchers got the chance to contain Texas batters, but after junior Michael McGowan allowed six runs on four hits in a little over six innings pitched, the bullpen was called to help. A total of eight batters were struck out by

the Raiders' pitching staff compared to Texas' 12 strikeouts by three pitchers.

Longhorn Sam LeCure gave up one hit and no runs in seven innings pitched, while relievers Brent Cox and Buck Cody kept the Tech batters from hitting the ball in the last two. Texas managed to get 13 hits, one of which was a Curtis Thigpen homerun in the first inning.

In the second game, Texas and its pitching staff used a joint effort to mark the first time Tech has only had one hit in a game since 1991, when the Raiders faced the Houston Cougars.

The Raiders will travel to Lincoln, Neb., to face Nebraska at 6:35 p.m. Friday in the first game of the three-game series. The second game will be played at 2:05 p.m. Saturday, and the last is set for 1:05 p.m. Sunday. Tech will return to action at Dan Law Field on April 16 against Kansas State.



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Sprint relay team runs to three-peat at Texas Relays

The word of the day was "Three-peat," and the Texas Tech men's sprint medley relay team taught the lesson.

The squad became the first team to win three consecutive Texas Relays championships since Kansas State, which did so from 1968 to 1970.

Tech traveled to Austin for what coach Wes Kittley called a "mini-national championship meet" and came back to Lubbock successful. Along with the men's medley relay victory, Tech also notched 15 regional qualifying marks and set three school records.

The team, consisting of Tyree Gales, Matt Stewart, Albert Booker and Jonathan Johnson ran a 3:14.09,

holding off Baylor, who ran a 3:15.01 as Johnson staved off the Bears on the final leg, which is an 800-meter leg.

The men's 4x400 relay also proved itself, turning in a second-place finish behind UCLA. The team of Stewart, Johnson, Bryan Scott and Booker held even with the Bruins for most of the race, but Booker was not able to catch UCLA on the final leg as Tech turned in a time of 3:05.44, losing by a second.

The women's 4x400 relay of Tori Polk, Shereefa Lloyd, Rachele Evans and Licreteria Sibley set a school record of 3:34.14 to turn in a sixth place finish. Texas won the race, breaking the NCAA record with a time of 3:23.75.

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