SPORTS

Things, people say their farewell to college football

here will you be on Aug. 28? Unless the Apocalypse occurs and the world ends as we know it, I will be secluded on a couch somewhere with a case of beer, my closest friends and my remote. I'm hoping I'm not the only one, and I guarantee I won't be.

Most of us sports fans will have the television turned to our favorite channel: ESPN, the only place for your sports information and games. Now, why I will be glued to the tube on that date? Well, if you're brain dead or just despise sports, shut up. But for you others that know what I'm talking about, it's the day our most prized sport will kick off: college football.

Ever since last season ended with USC being screwed out of a chance to win the national championship (which they deserved to have an opportunity to do) and LSU taking it to Oklahoma, I've been waiting for the unpredictable events for this get shafted from the system, but no incredible athletic ability. Some of his season. That first game gives Virginia other team has been set aside worse long receptions will be on the rolls of



Tech a chance to take on the No. 1 preseason picked Trojans, setting up the rest of the season. Things have changed, and change can be great or it can be terrible. Either way, there are a few things we will not see and I will miss this season ahead.

The BCS system has changed, making it a fact that USC should have had a national title bout with LSU according to the new innovative calculations. The old system of the BCS is the first thing I will miss about college football. It was always used to make people fight about who really is No. 1. Now, we have to all agree, because they have made it error proof. What a joke! Teams will still

than USC last year. How Oklahoma film we cherish in the years to come as and do something I wish I could do, made it to the Sugar Bowl in order to be embarrassed by LSU after getting raped by Kansas State in the Big 12 Championship, only God knows. USC may be in the PAC-10, but the Trojans proved their worth among the top teams in the nation, but got the short end of the stick only to be considered the top team this year.

Florida State's powering of the conference will be missed. What-

ever people say, the title will remain in the Sunshine State because these two 0 teams will be going at it all year long.

Now, the rest of the things I will miss

about this season are the players that touched our lives and filled our TV's last year. The most important one is Larry Fitzgerald. Granted, the kid played for Pittsburgh, but he has

great plays in college football.

I will also miss Roy Williams of Texas, only because he is good at what he does. Texas has no possible way of completing the passing game without him, no matter what recruits they picked up. They'll turn into a primarily running team, with the ranks of Cedric Benson at making defenses feel bad after rack-With Miami joining the ACC, halfback and Vince Young returning to take over the snaps.

> Most of this list includes receivers, because they're known for their fantastic ability to make the catches that turn them into legends. The next person on the list is someone that some people might dis-

agree with me about, but he is an inspiration to all short people, including myself, a 5'6" sports reporter.

Texas Tech receiver Wes Welker E Kirk is a junior journalism major wasn't the tallest person on the team, but he was able to play a sport I love

but I'm too fat and slow to do so. The chants at Jones SBC Stadium resounding "Wes, Wes, Wes" will be missed by me because it shows that the "David" of the big boys can take on the "Goliaths" of college football without dismiss.

B.I. Symons will also be missed. ing up 500 yards of passing on their secondaries.

All these players are going on to greener pastures, but change is always good. Because when change occurs, it always turns out better than it was before somehow. So, who will be No. 1 at the end of season? Who knows. We'll have to see, and that first game will give me and you a peek into what's to come. When Aug. 28 comes, turn it to ESPN to check it out, and don't let me be the only one watching the first game of the 2004 season.

from Wylie. E-mail him your comments to joey.kirk@ttu.edu.

Kentucky Derby winner Smarty Jones retires

The 3-year-old red chestnut colt whose bid for bottom to him. We made the decision in the best thoroughbred racing's Triple Crown came up interests of the horse." one length short in the Belmont Stakes was retired Monday because of chronic bruising in his hoofs.

(AP) — Smarty Jones' racing career is over. had a great ride with him. It seemed there was no

The Kentucky Derby and Preakness champion has not raced since the Belmont and was recently syndicated for about \$48 million. He will stand at "It's tough," trainer John Servis said. "We stud at Three Chimneys Farm near Midway, Ky.



Williams makes first appearance at Lions camp after signing deal

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) reviewing the three team meetings - Detroit Lions receiver Roy Williams made his first appearance at training camp Monday, saying he's ready to work after signing a fiveyear contract with the team.

Williams, the seventh overall pick from Texas, was in Michigan last week for rookie orientation, and after missing Friday and Saturday's sessions he spent Sunday night



that he missed

"It's fun to be out here and start working," Williams said. "I only missed a day and a half of practices and I'm caught up already. (Rookie running back) Kevin Jones is my roommate, so I stole his playbook and got my reading in.

"I spent the extra time getting my mind prepared for practice and the season."

Williams worked out with the first unit from the start and was greeted early in practice with an elbow while getting jammed at the line by cornerback Dre' Bly.

"My first play of practice I'm going out on a decoy route and Dre gave me the jam," Williams said. "I'm ready for it now. It's time to buckle my chin strap."

Williams reported to camp weighing in at 220 pounds, eight pounds heavier than what he weighed during mini camp in late April. The added muscle on his 6foot-3 frame came in handy when the team began seven-on-seven drills in the red zone.



Cheney discusses 'crucial time'

By Andrew Bell/The University Daily

The lights of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center dimmed. Even before the guest of honor arrived at the podium, the crowd began to clap in unison to the music in the background.

Then, a silence swept through the audience. Throughout the auditorium, flashes from cameras began to light the room. As the podium was prepared for the Hub City's guest, a murmur raced through the crowd.

Then, as if the Red Raiders just scored a touchdown, the noise of the crowd exploded.

Hail to the chief — or at least, to his second in command. Vice President Dick Cheney came to the Hub City to rally support for U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, on Monday at the Civic Center.

A crowd between 1,200 and 1,400 people attended the event to show support for Neugebauer's campaign and also for the re-election of President George W. Bush and Cheney in November.

The people who came from Graham, Cisco, Seminole, Plainview and Hereford helped to set a national record for

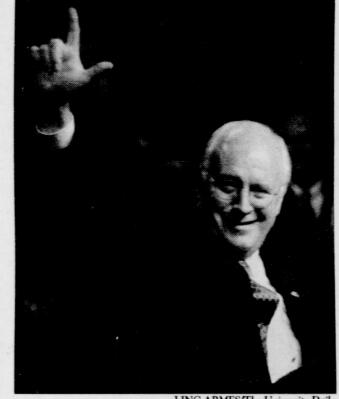
attendance and fundraising at a vice presidential/ congressional campaign event during the current election year, according to the Neugebauer campaign.

The crowd smashed the record previously held by Abilene, when Cheney visited in December. Before introducing the vice president, Neugebauer said the Lubbock audience was three times the size of the Abilene attendance and created a new national record.

The number of people who attended the event also helped in raising funds from individual contributions. As of Friday, more than \$415,000 had been raised and other levels of contributions had been received as well, according to the Neugebauer campaign.

Cheney began the evening by discussing the attributes of the congressman from the 19th District of Texas.

"He has earned a reputation for hard work and outstanding work for his constituents. He has retained your confidence with his good judgment," Cheney said. "He stands up for his views. He's not afraid to reach across the aisle to get things done. That's exactly the kind of congressman you deserve



LINC ARMES/The University Daily VICE PRESIDENT DICK Cheney gives the Guns Up to supporters the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Monday.

GREETING ON THE GREEN

By Andrew Bell/ The University Daily

Golf pros, hall of fame athletes and Texas Tech celebrities made their way to Tech's Rawls Golf Course during the weekend to honor Mac Davis, listen to music and enjoy the sites and sounds of Lubbock. They also got the chance to play a little golf, too.

Bragging rights, though, were in full effect as celebrities came to the Rawls Course for the second annual Pro and Celebrity Golf Tournament on Friday and Saturday.

The celebrities included former Tech football coach Spike Dykes. Among former Tech football players were Curtis Jordan, Dan Irons and former Heisman winner and NFL player John David Crow.

Other former athletes and celebrities to attend the event were Tommy Brookshire, Bobby Joe Conrad, Cotton Davidson, Thomas Howard, Bake Turner and John Fitzgerald.

The tournament was a Pro-Am, where tournament players would get the opportunity to play with a variety



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MAC DAVIS (CENTER) and his team are all smiles as they celebrate a shot that was chipped in the hole Friday afternoon at the Rawls Golf Course on 4th Street and Indiana Avenue. The golf course hosted the pro and celebrity tournament over the weekend.

of people before the weekend finished. Paula North, department manager of the course, said, on Friday, tournament players would be given the chance to play with the professional players in attendance. Then, the players would play with the celebrities on Saturday.

However, the golf tournament was only a portion of the events held throughout the weekend. On Friday night, the Rawls

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'Iconic' institutions could be terror targets

NEW YORK (AP) — Police closed several streets in midtown Manhattan and banned trucks from bridges and tunnels leading to Wall Street on Monday following a government warning that terrorists may be planning to strike "iconic" financial institutions.

The terror warning described possible terrorist attacks against businesses and banks in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Newark, N.J., saying a confluence of intelligence over the weekend pointed to a car or truck bomb.

"We are deploying our full array of counterterrorism resources," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said. "We have ramped up security even further at the named locations as well as at other potential targets."

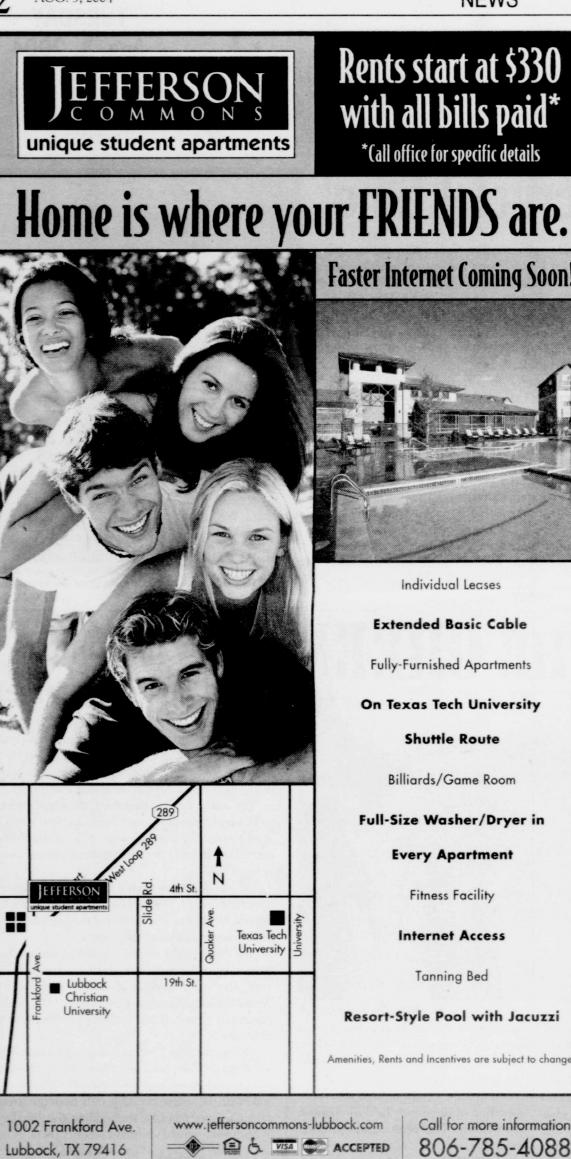
The government named the Citigroup Inc. headquarters and the New York Stock Exchange in New York, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank buildings in Washington, D.C., and the Prudential Financial Inc. building in Newark as possible targets.

On Sunday, the 59-story Citigroup Center, which has shops on street level and offices above, closed several internal entrances, allowing only workers to enter, and made the shops accessible only from the streets.

A Citigroup official at the building, the third largest in Midtown, refused to discuss security there. A com-

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Husband of missing Utah woman arrested

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Police arrested the husband of a missing pregnant woman Monday on a charge of aggravated murder, saying they had enough evidence even though her body has not been found.

19, when Mark Hacking told authorities she failed to return from an early morning jog. Since then, the husband's timeline and credibility have slowly unraveled.

case here," Police Chief Rick Dinse immediately returned. said Monday.

instrument of death" but would not say what that was. He said investigators believe Lori Hacking was killed new information from her husband.

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in her apartment. "We believe that Mark Hacking is

responsible for her disappearance and her death," Dinse said.

Formal charges have not been filed against Hacking, 28. By law, pros-Lori Hacking disappeared July ecutors have 72 hours to file formal charges or release him.

D. Gilbert Athay, an attorney hired by Hacking's family, refused comment. Messages left by The Associated Press for Lori's father and "We're confident we have a good Hacking's family members were not

The investigation took a grim Dinse said investigators have "the turn over the weekend when Lori Hacking's relatives asked volunteers to stop looking for her in response to

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McDougal honored Davis with a reception at the National Ranchcampus.

During the reception, McDougal presented a proclamation for Saturday to be known in Lubbock as Mac alike began the day on the first tee more often, the general consensus Davis Dav.

The honor was given to Davis for his love and support of city, and ments as an inducted member of the already been 70 tournaments at the McDougal said.

As a surprise to Davis, McDougal the end of the year. said the Lubbock City Council held name of 6th Street from University Avenue to Texas Avenue to Mac Davis Lane.

me — this is a big surprise. This is as well.

where I grew up, and Lubbock means everything to me." However, after the small cer-

course and Lubbock Mayor Marc still one more thing to do during the day. After the proclamation and pre-

ing Heritage Museum on the Tech sentation, Davis said, "Thank you everybody -let's play golf."

With a cool wind and clear skies, celebrities and Tech administrators while enjoying the view of Tech on the horizon.

Jack North, the managing direcalso because of his accomplish- tor of the course, said there have Nashville Songwriter's Hall of Fame, Rawls course this year, with another layout is in an old cotton field," 15 tournaments scheduled before he said.

For this particular tournament, a special meeting to change the North said the golf course was in great shape, despite rain earlier in the week. In fact, he said the course and its employees were truly blessed "I am still overwhelmed," Davis to have the rain, because it helped said. "They have a golf tournament shape the course for the players. and then they name a street after Many of the participants agreed,

Mike Shelton, a businessman from San Antonio, said the tournament was his first opportunity emony on the first tee, there was to play the course. Although he said he could have played better at some holes, Shelton said the tournament was a great experience and he would try to come back as soon as possible.

Even for those that do have the opportunity to play the course was the course was difficult. Dykes said the course was pretty hard, but there was something else that was even harder to believe.

"It's unbelievable that the

The course, located at 4th Street and Indiana Avenue, was named one of the 10 best new golf courses in the nation by "Golf Magazine," North said. That could be why even the man of the hour was having difficulties.

With a smile, Davis said, "It's a hard golf course, but it is great. It's unbelievable that it is so pretty."

Security

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pany e-mail to employees said they should expect to see tighter security at all its New York buildings.

A cashier at a sports store in the Citigroup building, Trisha Brown, said she was spooked by the threat of terrorists.

"It's scary and kind of creepy that these people could just walk into the building," she said.

Commuters Monday faced potential delays. Police in New York rerouted all Manhattan-bound trucks from the Williamsburg Bridge to the Manhattan Bridge in an effort to streamline random vehicle searches

Trucks and vans also were forbidden to enter the city through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel and the Holland Tunnel, which lead to lower Manhattan from Brooklyn and New Jersey, respectively.

Trucks were instead diverted to the Lincoln Tunnel and the George Washington Bridge in upper Manhattan, police said.

Police also said they would close streets surrounding Grand Central Station, including Vanderbilt Avenue between 42nd and 45th streets and 43rd and 44th streets between Madison and Vanderbilt avenues.

McClendon declined to offer specifics on security measures planned for the Prudential building, which stands 24 stories tall and is one of downtown Newark's highest structures.

"We'll just say that it is a significant increase of security," he said. "We've taken the threat seriously like we've taken all threats."

In Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department Chief Charles H. Ramsey said officers on overtime detail would increase patrols and the department will boost the number of checks of vehicles on city roadways.

"We have no plans at this time to totally shut down the area around the World Bank and IMF. But we will be greatly enhancing our presence along with the private security that's already there," he said.

New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said police were advising other large businesses across the city to safeguard their heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.

On Sunday night he accompanied police officials from the counterterrorism bureau and the intelligence division to brief the security directors of 13 major financial institutions: Morgan Stanley, Nasdaq, American Stock Exchange, Lehman Bros., Goldman Sachs, Federal Reserve Bank, Bear Stearns, Wachovia, AIG, Citigroup, MetLife, JP Morgan Chase Newark police Detective Todd and the New York Stock Exchange.

Andrea Yates' husband files for divorce

in the family's bathtub in 2001 has food and drink. filed for divorce.

Harris County, where Andrea Yates was convicted of capital murder in the drowning deaths of three of the couple's children, who ranged in age tried in the deaths of the other two.

The petition was mailed last week and seeks a "standard, uncontested divorce," Russell Yates' attorney, David Salinsky, told The Associated Press Monday. "It is nothing out of the ordinary."

Salinsky deferred questions about the reasons for the divorce to Yates, who did not immediately return a phone message.

Andrea Yates' attorney, George Parnham, who continues to handle her criminal case, said he was certain she was aware of the filing.

"I was aware that something like this was going to occur," he said. "My only interest is for her well-being and I am going to make sure she gets through this process as softly as possible ... It's just one of those facts of life."

Andrea Yates was returned last week to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Skyview Unit near Rusk, where she is serving her life

HOUSTON (AP) — The hus- sentence, after spending about nine and postpartum depression, but band of the Houston woman who days at a prison hospital in Galveston. drowned the couple's five children She required treatment after refusing disagreed over the severity of her

Russell Yates has acknowledged Russell Yates' petition was filed in a number of issues contributed to his wife's hospitalization, including: "the uncertainty of where we will be going in our marriage.'

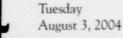
from 6 months to 7 years. She was not fied Yates suffered from schizophrenia and convicted her.

defense and prosecution witnesses illness and whether it prevented her from knowing that drowning her children was wrong - the two requirements to be declared legally insane in Texas.

Jurors determined Yates knew During her trial, psychiatrists testi- it was wrong to kill her children







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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Article incomplete, misleading

My jaw dropped when I read your article "Neugebauer to Pass Bill" (July 20). This article sings, in the voices of your paper and the Neugebauer campaign, the praises of Congressman Randy Neugebauer in connection with the Agricultural Appropriations Bill. Apparently it was not considered necessary to seek the views of Congressman Charles Stenholm, Neugebauer's opponent, or anyone independent of Neuge-

bauer. If you had, we would have learned not everybody thinks this bill is wonderful. For example, while your article praises Neugebauer for getting \$7.5 million for Tech research into the bill, we are not informed the bill cuts total funding for agricultural research by \$260 million. By the way, is battling for congressional "influence" a good way to decide on funding for scientific research?

This article is outright propaganda, not journalism. Is your goal to inform your readers, or to manipulate them?

Lance D. Drager, associate professor of mathematics

TECH PD'S CRIME PREVENTION TIP OF THE WEEK

In the last few weeks, two laptop computer thefts have been reported. Laptops are an attractive target for thieves, so reduce your chances of becoming a victim by:

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Republicans preparing for their turn on national stage

So the wheel turns, and Republicans are gearing up for their turn in a couple weeks. Whatever their goals might be, they're on shaky ground as it is. They start on the defensive. The Democrats pulled off a nice coup last week, Glenn Close aside, and Bush and friends are going to need to spin and preen like hell to escape the inevitable comparisons the media will make between Boston and New York — as journalists at Kerryfest outnumbered delegates three to one.

Boston was hip not just for the sake of a slow news week or keen political theater but because when the cameras are all on anywhere, the real freaks come out and try to grab a little bit of airtime: witness Michael Moore and Bill O'Reilly's back-and-forth in the parking lot. Fox News aired that one. Some people call conventions politically irrelevant, and they are in the old sense of determining nominees.

But the convention is the first chance of a unified party, with huge airtime, throwing together an ambitious, politically coherent platform and presenting it in the classic American artform of the political showpiece. I used to watch Jordan win national championships because I liked to watch the master at work. I watch the conventions for the same reason; I enjoy seeing a difficult series of acts done well.

The Republicans are slightly harder-pressed because — how do I put this politely? — they're in enemy territory. Recent Republican heromayor aside, the Republicans going to New York would be like throwing Kerry's nomination party in Dallas. One could claim, not without reason, the Bush presidency, which was built on 9/11, has a great deal of thanks to give the city of New York. Republicans haven't ventured to NYC in their century and a half existence, and now they choose it, three years after the attacks? A blind man could see this. Something about New York: it's true we were made one nation by 9/11.

But we are still what we are, and New Yorkers are not Texans. This is sad for other reasons, but Bush needs to remember Manhattan is full of people who, A) are generally liberals, and B) new immigrants from countries that don't like him. I doubt he's their president in the same way he is Lubbock's. Think I'm reaching? The last four Republican conventions were in Philadelphia (in a split state), San Diego, Houston and New Orleans. Not exactly Alabama, but not New York. So expect protest marches, of which we will see little on the screen but which will create problems for the organizers. To say the Republicans are trying to capitalize on the tragedy of Sept. 11 by picking Manhattan, which they are, isn't crass; it's obvious. Problem is, the DNC exploited them first with its ceremonial trappings,



which were skillfully done. Even though the other side did it first and sucked a lot of marrow from the bone, Bush and Rove are deft at using patriotism to sell this White House, so perhaps they'll be better than the Kerry team.

The bigger problem is outflanking the DNC. The Democrats did a clever job of making their message palatable and centrist, cheap shots aside. You can tell the true heart of a party from the convention floor — not the signs, but the close-ups. The Democrats apparently consist of burly women with an unending supply of subtle-as-a-sledgehammer anti-Bush lapel pins and bizarre American-flag draped hats. Perhaps the Republicans will look similar, but with fewer black people.

Yet what made the Democratic convention striking was how much it looked like a Republican one: military, faith, flag, union, family, Purple Heart, veterans, Silver Star, flag, military, Bronze Star. It did what it was supposed to do: make John Kerry look like less of a liberal to the American voter. Most veterans are dead when they're wrapped in their country's flag, but Kerry submitted to that last week with the glee of a schoolboy. I could watch the History Channel for a week straight and hear fewer references to enemy fire and warboats than I did from the stage in Boston. The Democrats could have looked ridiculous trying to swing to the right of the White House, but they didn't.

Will Bush equal that? He may. Rove's strategy has been to play to the conservatives who stay home during elections. So they may go farther along the war line than Kerry. But the height of strategy is to go where the enemy doesn't expect, and if the RNC is smart, they could strike up a compassionate, mature, subtle-on-national-tragedy show and impress everyone. I'm impressed with them allowing a sympathetic senator, Zell Miller, a Democrat, to speak. The Republicans come to New York a more unified party than the Democrats, less full of ambitious stage-stealers. Where the Democrats had Obama, the RNC has Schwarzenegger, McCain and Giuliani. True, this is the maverick, not the mainstream Republican Party, but if the Democrats could center themselves, why can't the opposition?

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Cheney

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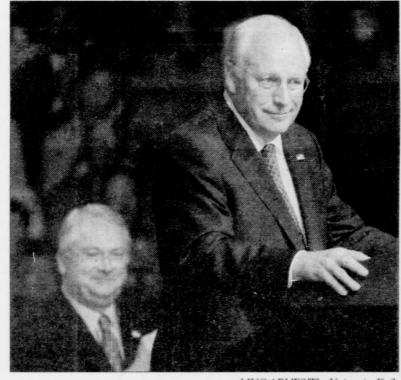
here in the 19th District."

Also, Cheney explained how the fight against the Taliban and the former regime in Iraq is what puts the election at a crucial time for the nation. Most importantly, the administration and Neugebauer understand, Cheney said, that we have an enemy that the U.S. cannot reason with. Instead, the country has enemies that it must vanquish and can never go back to the false comfort it had before the events of Sept. 11.2001

The vice president also discussed the differences between the administration and its opponents in the November election. Cheney said John Kerry and John Edwards both voted to take action against Iraq.

However, both voted against giving soldiers extra funds that were necessary for the vital resources they needed and still need, Cheney said.

is involved with in other regions jobs, create more home owner- and freedom across the globe and of the world, Cheney also discussed the issues Americans deal with every day in the homeland. After the beginnings of a recession and the events of Sept. 11, the country safer and shows the 2001, the administration had a character of our president," he choice between giving money to said.



LINC ARMES/The University Daily

VICE PRESIDENT DICK Cheney speaks in front of a large Lubbock crowd at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, while U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer watches from behind the podium.

the families of America or to the government

With the aid of three separate tax cuts, Cheney said he and ship and boost confidence within the consumers of the nation.

"The accomplishments by this administration have made

Most importantly, Cheney said he wanted the American people to know that President Bush has a clear view for the Aside from the issues America Bush have helped to add more future, in which to spread hope Neugebauer has the same goals for the South Plains, the State of Texas and the United States.

> Not everyone was excited, though.

There were a few protestors outside the Civic Center.

Post-convention polls mixed on whether Kerry 'bounced'

jury is out on whether presidential Cheney slightly ahead among likely Camejo. The two major party tickets nominee John Kerry got a 'bounce' in the polls after the Democratic 51 percent to 45 percent for Kerry- a three-way race. National Convention. Some surveys suggest he did; in others, he did not.

An ABC-Washington Post poll showed Kerry and running mate John Edwards slightly ahead among registered voters, with 50 percent to 44 percent for President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney. Independent Ralph Nader and Peter Camejo were at 2 percent. Among likely voters, they were tied with Bush-Cheney in a three-way matchup.

A Newsweek poll taken Thursday and Friday gave Kerry-Edwards a narrow lead over Bush-Cheney, 49 percent to 42 percent, with 3 percent for Nader-Camejo. Kerry-Edwards and Bush-Cheney were essentially tied in a Newsweek poll in early July - 47 percent for Kerry-Edwards and

44 percent for Bush-Cheney with 3 percent for Nader-Camejo.

A CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll

WASHINGTON (AP) - The released Monday found Bush and Edwards and 2 percent for Nader-

voters in a three-way matchup, with were tied among registered voters in



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KYLE CLARK, A junior business major from Southlake, makes his drive on the 18th hole of the Makenzie Park disk golf course last week. The course includes a 21-basket course that go through, over and throughout Mackenzie Park.

By Andrew Bell/ The University Daily

On a quiet Sunday afternoon, a person could find people of all ages walking through Mackenzie Park, sometimes with their pets, enjoying the day and the activities of the park.

ple have made their way to the park for an enjoyable game of golf. However, nobody has brought a nine iron with him.

Instead, people just bring a flying disc and something to cool down with for the walk through the extensive disc golf course at the park.

According to the Professional Disc Recently, more and more peo- Golf Association Web site, disc golf discs can be found at sports stores for

Disc golf picking up in popularity

is one of the fastest growing sports only a few dollars. nationally and locally. The popularity could be because it is a recreational sport for everyone, regardless of age, gender or ability.

Much like golf, the object of the game is to traverse the course from beof throws of the disc, and the winner is the person who completes the course with the lowest score, according to the PDGA Web site.

Disc golf courses can be found throughout the world, and more are being developed each year. Patrick Kitten, disc golf coordinator for Mackenzie Park, said there has been an explosion in the number of disc golfers coming to the course. Also, many are Texas Tech students or alumni, like himself.

"I feel that in the past six years," he said, "we have doubled the number of players on a Sunday afternoon."

The popularity of the sport with the relatively inexpensive cost of the sport, Kitten said. There is no cost to play at Mackenzie Park. Also, flying

be found for less than \$20. However, importantly, he said he knows it does used disc prices could range anywhere from \$3 to \$7. Kitten said anyone who as do some other sports available to would like to pick up the sport could college students."Because it's cheap start with a cheaper disc, because the ginning to end with the fewest number participant would be playing for the with a laugh. fun of the game.

> said. "Then, the more you play, you would probably want a better disc."

Chris Fischenich, a junior engineering electronics major from Lubbock, and Susan Brock, a South Plains College sophomore pre-med and paramedics major from Barstow, Calif., said they have been playing disc golf for the past year.

During the fall, the two said they come to the course weekly, but the weather is usually too warm for them during the summer months.

"By the time we get out of bed, said

Daniel Escobedo, a senior psychology major from Wichita Falls, said he doesn't mind the heat, but he available to the public.

enjoys going to the course to shoot Even new top-of-the-line discs can the breeze with his friends. Most not cost an arm and a leg to play, - that's why people like it," he said

For those interested in playing, "As with any game, you can start the Windriders Disc Golf Club of cheap and still have a good time," he Lubbock meets twice a week at Mackenzie Park to play doubles. Through daylight savings time, the group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. Also, every Saturday during the summer. members of the organization meet to play at 10 a.m., Kitten said.

> The cost to play with the group is \$6, with \$1 going into an ace pot. Kitten said the ace pot is for the person who, in the equivalent of golf, gets a hole-in-one. At the end of the course, the top half of the teams playing receives a free disc for their finish.

However, if Tech students or college students could be because of it's already 100 degrees," Fischenich Lubbock citizens would like to save money, there is no cost to play at Mackenzie Park, Kitten said. There also is a course in Levelland that is



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