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## Lawmakers debate university admissions law

By Brandi Grissom/Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — A law that guarantees college admission to students who rank in the top 10 percent of their high school class should be kept but improved, higher education officials told lawmakers Wednesday.

"It's very clear the top 10 percent plan has been successful in sustaining certain levels of diversity," said Raymond Paredes, Higher Education Coordinating Board commissioner.

The Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education heard testimony about how Texas' top 10 percent law impacts diversity in the state's public universities and what is needed to increase minority representation. The committee examined one bill that would abolish the top 10 percent law and others that would change it.

The university admissions law was adopted after a 1996 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision made affirmative action illegal in Texas college admissions. In 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed that decision, allowing universities to use race as one of many decision-making factors.

The law primarily affects the state's flagship universities, the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University in College Station, where enrollment is most selective.

Administrators at UT Austin have long called for change in the top 10 percent law. They say a more holistic approach would allow for accurate assessment of student qualifications and for

a more well-rounded student body.

More than 60 percent of the 2004 UT Austin freshman class was admitted under the law, said UT Austin President Larry Faulkner. Within a few years, he said, all freshman slots will be filled with top 10 percent graduates.

"Students are not one-dimensional," Faulkner said. "The university needs room in its admissions decisions to consider criteria other than high school class ranking."

At A&M, about 47 percent of the 2004 freshman class was admitted under the top 10 percent law, said Robert Gates, the university president. Without a change in the law, he said, A&M would

reach UT Austin's current top 10 percent level in two to three years.

Both presidents agreed getting rid of the law isn't a good solution.

"There are positive aspects to the top 10 percent law in our view," Gates said. "It encourages students to perform well in high school and come to college better prepared. It encourages some students to think about coming to college who might not otherwise, especially encouraging students from all geographic areas of Texas."

He added the law is part of the school's diversity recruitment strategy.

Capping the top 10 percent admittees at half of a



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## SHOWER OF STOLES



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

JOEL WALKER, UNDERGRADUATE research coordinator for the Honors College, looks at stoles on display outside of the Escondido Theatre Tuesday evening as part of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Allies Awareness Week. Shower of Stoles is a collection of hundreds of liturgical stoles from gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons from 23 denominations and five countries.

## Churchill III discusses war with business roundtable

By Travis Cram/The University Daily

Winston Churchill III, grandson of the former British prime minister, addressed the Rawls College of Business' Chief Executives Roundtable, staff, students and other Lubbock community members Wednesday at the Lubbock Country Club.

Allen T. McInnes, dean of the business college, said he was able to have Churchill come and speak thanks to contacts at Kincaid High School in Houston.

"We wanted to have someone that did not necessarily talk about just business, but could also educate everyone on what was going on in the world," he said.

Churchill, who is an author, journalist and former war correspondent, spoke to the group about the conflict in Iraq and Islamic fundamentalism.

"We used to know where the enemy was and what it was that we were fighting," he said. "Today we have a whole new ballgame."

Churchill touched on the fact that fighting insurgents in Iraq involves a whole different set of rules and training for the military.

"We have tanks that have the armor focused on the front side of them and now the sneaky little guys are coming up from behind with RPGs," he said.

Churchill also commented on the remarks by Sen. Ted Kennedy about pulling out of Iraq one year from now since there has been a successful democratic election in Iraq.

"We have set our course," he said. "The remarks by Sen. Kennedy calling for our troops to be removed is a call of cowardness. It would be a betrayal to those who have died to run now. We must this through to success. If we pull out of Iraq before it is a success, the next step could be a fight on our front doorsteps."

He then went on to refer to a speech that his grandfather, Winston Churchill, gave to the Canadian Parliament in 1941 after the bombings on Pearl Harbor.

"We are a tough and hardy people. We haven't crossed the centuries, we haven't crossed the oceans, we haven't crossed the mountains, we haven't crossed the prairies because we are a people made of sugar candy,"

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## Construction of Tech Parkway behind schedule

By Brittany Barrientos/The University Daily

Construction on and around the Texas Tech campus was initially planned to be completed in April, but with the Tech Parkway construction behind schedule, closed roads and lower speed limits may not be disappearing any time soon.

Penny Mason, the public information officer for the Texas Department of Transportation, said construction of the Tech Parkway, which encompasses the area around 18th and 19th Streets and Indiana Avenue, parts of Quaker Avenue and areas near the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, is more than half complete, but nonetheless behind schedule.

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LINC ARMES/The University Daily

WORKERS MOVE STEEL rods as construction continues on the Texas Tech Parkway near the intersection of Erskine Street and Quaker Avenue Wednesday afternoon.

## Alumni traveling to Austin

**RED TO BLACK:** Former Red Raiders lobbying legislature for more funding.

By Meghann Lora/The University Daily

The Texas Tech Alumni Association has organized a Red and Black Day April 12 as a way to show their support for Tech and campaign for more funding.

Jim Douglass, assistant director of the Alumni Association, said members of the Tech community regularly visit the state legislature in session to ensure Tech's needs are known. He said the administration, faculty and students have gone to Austin

in the past, but Tech alumni have not been effectively mobilized.

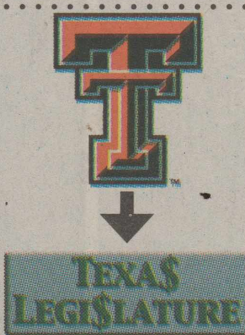
"This is the first time we've done this in this fashion," Douglass said. "We're trying to get Tech alumni from all over the state to come to Austin on that one day."

Douglass said alumni would call on their local legislators as one of their constituents.

"I think it's more effective if a

legislator can see one of their home constituents calling on them in person," he said.

Having alumni from different places in Texas visit state legislators should help legislators realize Tech serves all of Texas and not just West Texas, Douglass said.



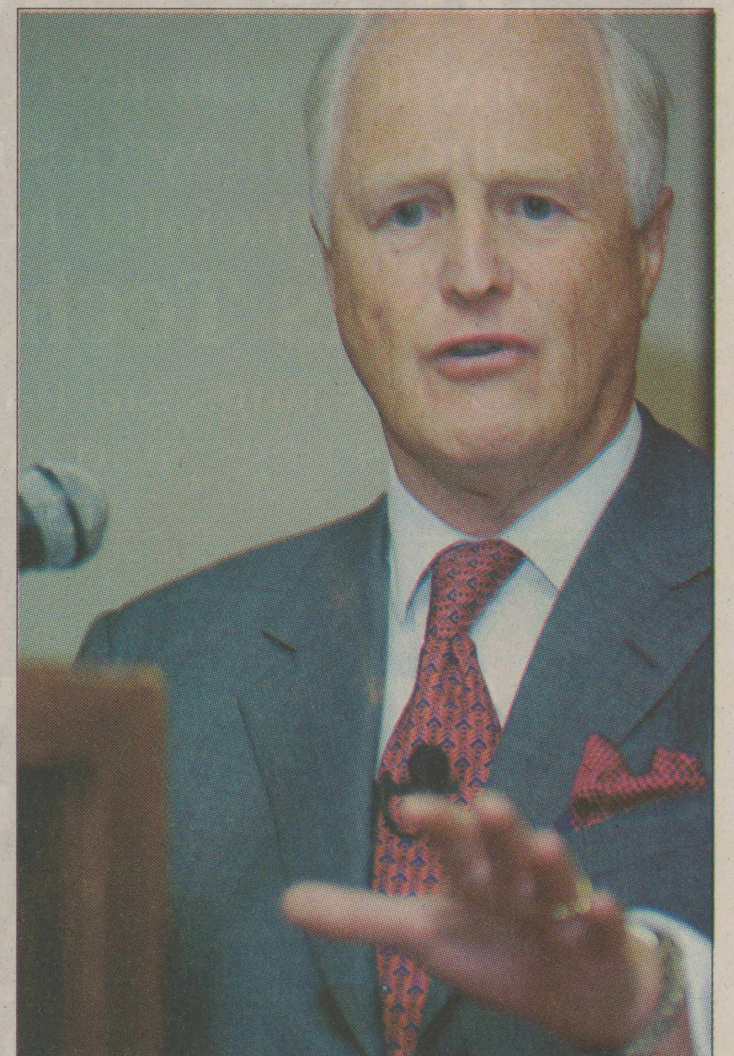
Legislators expect people from Lubbock to support Tech, he said. Allowing legislators to see that Tech has supporters from all corners of the state will be beneficial to the university.

Douglass said the alumni would be talking to the legislators

about the importance of formula funding. Universities receive a designated amount of funding from the legislature based on the number of students and credit hours at a university. Tech has grown and should receive more funding this year, he said.

"We want to make sure we don't

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STEVE LEWIS/The University Daily

WINSTON CHURCHILL III speaks to reporters Wednesday before giving a speech to the Chief Executive's Roundtable of the Rawls College of Business at the Lubbock Country Club. Churchill discussed the topics of the current conflicts in the Middle East and his experiences as a reporter in Vietnam.

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# Federal appeals court rejects latest appeal by Terri Schiavo's parents

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. (AP) — A federal appeals court raised a flicker of hope for the parents of Terri Schiavo, but snuffed it out Wednesday by firmly and resoundingly declining to intervene in the grueling legal battle.

"Any further action by our court or the district court would be improper," wrote Judge Stanley F. Birch Jr., one of the members of the Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. "While the members of her family and the

members of Congress have acted in a way that is both fervent and sincere, the time has come for dispassionate discharge of duty."

The judge went on to deliver a scathing attack on politicians who got involved in the case, saying the White House and lawmakers "have acted in a manner demonstrably at odds with our Founding Fathers' blueprint for the governance of a free people — our Constitution."

The ruling came as Schiavo, 41, began her 13th day without food and water. The brain-damaged woman was expected to survive one to two weeks after her feeding tube was removed by court order March 18. Her husband, Michael Schiavo, insists he is carrying out her wishes by having the tube pulled.

Schiavo's parents said their daughter still looked "surprisingly good" and pleaded with supporters to keep up efforts to reconnect her feeding tube before it is too late.

"Under the circumstances, she looks darn good, surprisingly good," Bob Schindler said after visiting his daughter Wednesday afternoon. "I'm asking that nobody throw in the towel as long as she's fighting, to keep fighting with her," he said.

The Schindlers' spokesman, Randall Terry, said their attorneys were preparing an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

George Felos, the attorney for Schiavo's husband, declined to comment.

The court raised the Schindlers' hopes late Tuesday when it agreed to consider their emergency bid for a new hearing in the case. But 15 hours later, the court ruled against granting a hearing — the fourth time since last week that it ruled against the Schindlers.

The parents asked that the feeding tube be reinserted immediately "in light of the magnitude of what is at stake and the urgency of the action required."

The Schindlers' motion included arguments that the 11th Circuit in its earlier rulings did not consider whether there was enough "clear and convincing" evidence that Terri

Schiavo would have chosen to die in her current condition.

To be granted, the parents' request would have needed the support of seven of the court's 12 judges. The court did not disclose the vote breakdown.

Judges Gerald Tjoflat and Charles R. Wilson, the same two judges who also issued a dissenting opinion last week when the full court considered the case for the first time, said the harried pace of appeals made it impossible to determine if state courts properly considered the evidence.

The two dissenters said Wednesday "it is fully within Congress's power to dictate standards of review" for federal courts. "Indeed, if Congress cannot do so, the fate of hundreds of federal statutes would be called into question."

Federal courts were given jurisdiction to review Schiavo's case after Republicans in Congress pushed through unprecedented emergency legislation aimed at prolonging her life. But federal courts at three levels have rebuffed her parents, and Birch said the court had no jurisdiction in the case because the law was at odds with the constitutional principles of separation of powers.

"If sacrifices to the independence of the judiciary are permitted today, precedent is established for the constitutional transgressions of tomorrow," said Birch, an appointee of former President Bush.

Terri Schiavo suffered catastrophic brain damage in 1990 when her heart stopped for several minutes because of a chemical imbalance apparently brought on by an eating disorder.

Her parents doubt she had any end-of-life wishes and dispute that she is in a persistent vegetative state as court-ordered doctors have determined. They say she laughs, tries to speak and responds to them when they visit the hospice.

## The Rundown



### Lubbock coach found with porn

LUBBOCK (AP) — Federal authorities have arrested a former youth hockey coach on a charge of possession of child pornography after a teenager reported the man sexually assaulted him.

The 15-year-old boy's allegations led to a search of the former coach's home, where police found a video on a computer in which a man was having sex with two boys under 18, according to an affidavit filed Tuesday.

Charles Ladd Taylor, 45, faces one count of possession of child pornography. He was arrested Tuesday at his Lubbock home.

Taylor remained in federal custody following his initial appearance Wednesday before U.S. Magistrate Nancy Koenig. A detention hearing was scheduled for Monday, Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Sucusy said Wednesday.

Taylor's attorney, Dan Hurley, was out of town and unavailable to comment.

His partner, David Guinn, who represented Taylor at Wednesday's hearing, said not much is known about any of the allegations against Taylor.

Lubbock police continue to investigate the sexual assault allegations. The boy told investigators Taylor fondled and sexually assaulted him in Taylor's home throughout about a month's time, the affidavit stated.

Taylor is not the man in the video found by police, according to the affidavit.

### The Rev. Falwell in stable condition

LYNCHBURG, Va. (AP) — Doctors upgraded the Rev. Jerry Falwell's condition from critical to stable on Wednesday and removed the Moral Majority founder from a ventilator.

Falwell, 71, has fluid in his lungs, and doctors say he suffers from congestive heart failure, although a cardiologist, Dr. Carl Moore, said testing showed "his heart is strong" and he had not suffered a heart attack.

Ron Godwin, Falwell's executive assistant, had said Tuesday that Falwell had suffered a recurrence of the viral pneumonia he had suffered from weeks earlier. Doctors said Wednesday he did not have pneumonia.

Falwell, who was admitted late Monday, heard from President Bush, who wished him well, a spokesman for Lynchburg General Hospital said at a news briefing. Details of the phone call were not released.

Godwin visited with his boss and said he was talking to friends and family.

"He's very stable," Godwin said earlier Wednesday. "His vitals are steady and strong."

Falwell was admitted to Lynchburg General in "respiratory arrest." Family members told Moore that Falwell had been unconscious from five to seven minutes and had to be resuscitated by EMTs at the hospital emergency room.

Moore said there is no evidence of neurological damage.

Falwell founded the Moral Majority in 1979 and became the face of the religious right as his political lobbying organization grew to 6.5 million members and raised millions for conservative politicians.

### Pope sustained with food tube

VATICAN CITY (AP) — In another sign of Pope John Paul II's growing frailty, the Vatican said Wednesday the 84-year-old pontiff was getting nutrition from a tube in his nose and acknowledged his convalescence from throat surgery last month has been "slow."

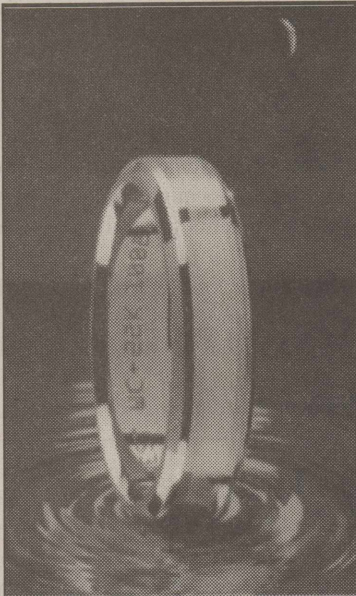
Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said John Paul was fitted with a nasogastric tube to "improve the calorie intake" and help him recover his strength.

The statement was issued shortly after the pope tried unsuccessfully to speak to the crowds in St. Peter's Square for the second time in a week. After managing just a rasp of his voice, he blessed well-wishers by making the sign of the cross with his hand and withdrew from his window.

A nasogastric tube is common in people requiring supplemental nutrition. The tube is threaded down the nose and throat into the stomach and liquid food is fed through it. While uncomfortable, no sedation or surgery is required. The patient can eat and speak with the tube in place.

Dr. Barbara Paris, director of geriatrics at Maimonides Medical Center in New York City, said the tube might be just a temporary measure to boost John Paul's nutrition during his recovery.

But she said it also could be the first step toward a more permanent feeding tube. In that procedure — known as PEG, for percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy — a surgical incision is made in the abdomen to permit a tube to be passed directly into the stomach.



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# Plants in Tech's horticulture greenhouse: it's not pot

By Kelly Gooch/  
The University Daily

False Aralia is a plant currently growing in the Horticulture greenhouse, but despite the misconception, this plant, resembling marijuana, is in fact just a decorative plant.

Judith Wilmington, manager of the greenhouse and horticulture garden, said the False Aralia is in the long-term collection, meaning it has been growing in the greenhouse for years.

False Aralia has a lower amount of light requirement than most plants, and recently has become more expensive, she said.

It is a tropical plant that cannot grow outside, which is why it is used instead for interior decorating.

"(False Aralia plants) have very special requirements," she said.

Wilmington said students might believe the

plant is actually marijuana because of its characteristics.

"You just hear comments," she said. "This plant looks similar, but has nothing to do with the real (marijuana) plant."

Dick Auld, chairman and professor of plant and soil science, said marijuana previously was grown on commercial acres before World War II, but was used illicitly.

Therefore, people in Texas can no longer produce marijuana legally.

In Canada, Auld said, people grow marijuana as a crop to

be used for fiber. Knas, a plant that looks like marijuana, used to be grown in Tech's horticulture greenhouse, he said.

Knas was to harvest a fiber to be used for the manufacturing of paper.

Auld said the greenhouse experimented to see how well the Knas plant did under certain environmental conditions.

Michael Maurer, assistant professor of horticulture, said properties of the False Aralia

are taught in the interiors course offered to plant and soil science students.

For that reason, he said, students who take interiors know what the False Aralia plant is, so they can easily tell the plant is not marijuana.

"The only reason (the False Aralia) is there is for the interiors class," Maurer said.

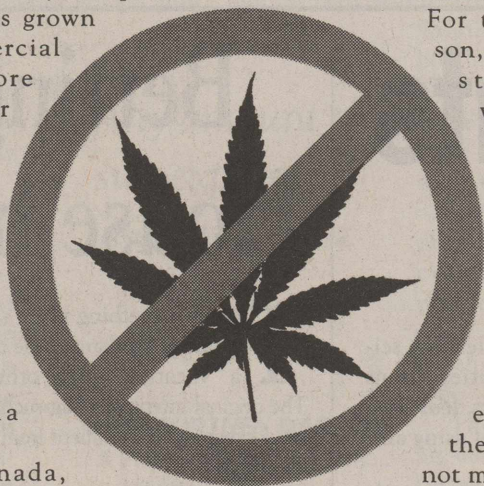
Plant and soil science students who have not taken interiors, he said, have a greater possibility of mistaking the False Aralia for marijuana because they do not know all of the differences.

Maurer said he has heard marijuana can be used for medical purposes including helping people going through chemotherapy and those suffering from glaucoma or high blood pressure.

Maurer said other universities around the country are looking at marijuana for economic purposes.

As far as the Tech horticulture greenhouse, he said there is definitely no current marijuana research being done.

"The rumor's better than reality," Maurer said.



"This plant looks similar, but has nothing to do with the real (marijuana) plant."

— JUDITH WILMINGTON  
Manager of the Greenhouse and Horticulture Garden

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# West Texas school district to debate offering Bible-based elective class in its high schools

ODESSA (AP) — A West Texas school board will at least consider the possibility of the district offering a Bible-based class as an elective in the high schools.

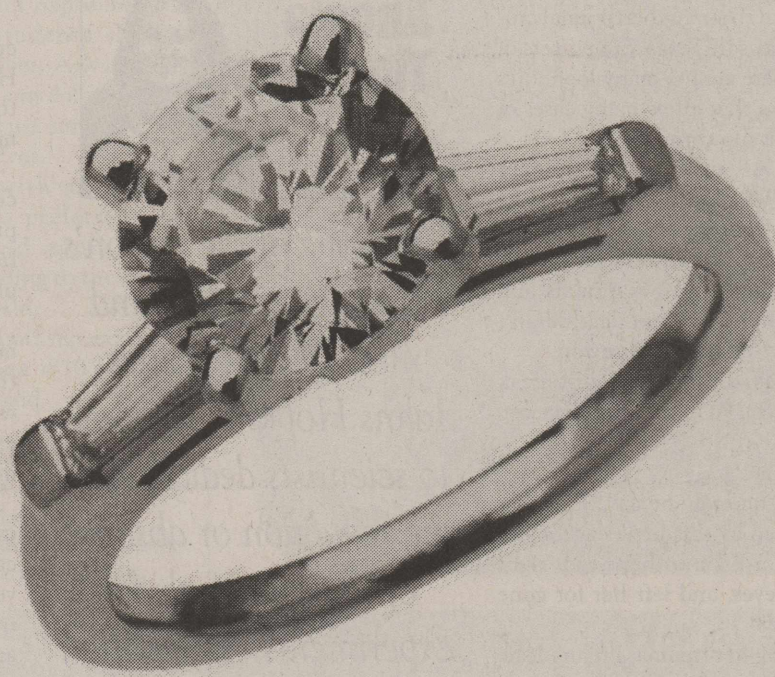
A packed audience gave a standing ovation Tuesday after the Ector County school board

heard a presentation from a man representing the National Council on Bible Curriculum in Public Schools on offering such a class.

Board President Randy Rives said the public deserves an answer on whether a Bible elective should be implemented, but a decision may not be made anytime soon.

"It would be beneath us to not ever address this again," Rives said. "But, we want to take our time and ask some questions."

Superintendent Wendell Solis said he will visit with board members to see what direction they would like to go with the proposed class.



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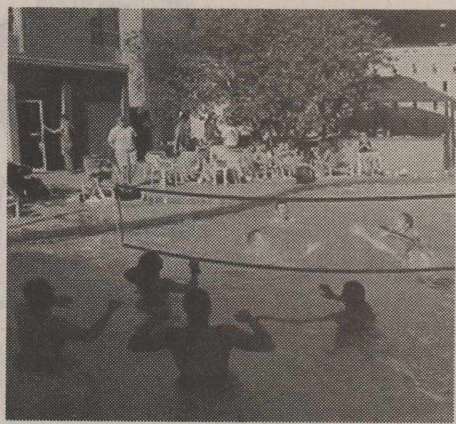
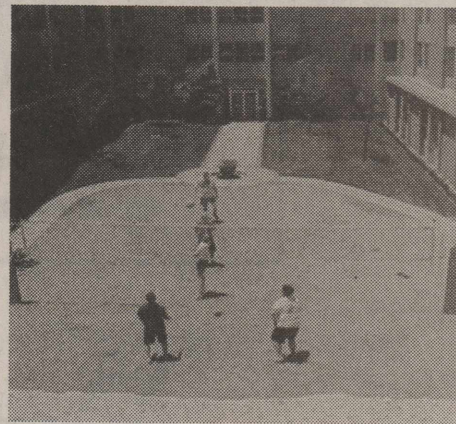
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# Opinions

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## Assuring animals' rights

*Humane doesn't stop with humans*

A bill recently was proposed in Austin to strengthen animal cruelty laws in Texas. Supporters of the bill say there are too many loopholes in current laws that allow many cases of animal cruelty slip through.

A recent AP story on the subject cites cases in which a man could not be prosecuted for running over a puppy with a lawnmower because the law only "covers killing someone else's animals and because the puppy's instant death didn't meet the law's definition of terror."

Blah, blah laws. People will just break them anyway. So, I'd like to introduce you to some friends.

Her name is Parkie.

While at a funeral one day, my father was approached by this little cat. Someone had shot a BB into her head, right between her eyes, and left her for gone in a graveyard.

Considering her trauma, I figured she would never become close to my family, no matter how much time we spent feeding and caring for her.

Parkie soon taught me my suspicion was purely human. She adopted us, rather than our adopting her.

Then there's the abandoned stray who suffered from feline AIDS and spent the last months of his life living with us. We never knew from where he came, or if he took up with us because our house had once been his — and the owners had left him.

Gucci is a dog I began sponsoring each month through an animal protection society. She probably has been through what most of us could never survive — abandonment, abuse and/or starvation.

Gucci makes me wonder what I would do if I had been through whatever it is she has been through. I doubt my ability to survive on my own after the struggles some of these animals have endured.

But Parkie and Gucci know nothing of my fears. Those are the domain of humans.

However, plenty do not feel this way. Thousands of animals a year are neglected and abused by owners.

I live every day with disappointment in my own species for its negligence in the case of the sweet stray with AIDS,

**Angela Timmons**



*Even one of the nation's leading scientific and medical universities, Johns Hopkins, is home to scientists dedicated to the reduction or absence of using animals for experiments. In addition to that, everything from cosmetic companies like Mary Kay to professional athlete Dennis Rodman have denounced animal abuse and exploitation.*

and the millions of other animals around the globe who are abandoned, neglected or abused.

A few weeks ago, I was outraged outside a bar upon finding a dog who had been left in the cab of a pickup truck without the crack of a window for the slightest hint of air, not to mention the inability to relieve itself. Inside the bar, friends of mine located the owner, who refused to do anything.

The problem reaches far beyond the problem of neglect.

Animals are daily abused scientifically, domestically, cosmetically and recreationally — and the scientific and cosmetic research continues even after research has proved results from animal testing inconclusive

for human use.

Even one of the nation's leading scientific and medical universities, Johns Hopkins, is home to scientists dedicated to the reduction or absence of using animals for experiments.

In addition to that, everything from cosmetic companies like Mary Kay to professional athlete Dennis Rodman have denounced animal abuse and exploitation.

I can't expect during my lifetime that my peers will respect animals any more than they have. But, in this country, where we are so free to speak out, I do expect a few to make noise or labor to make a difference.

What you can do is as simple as buying products not tested on animals (www.caringconsumer.com), seeing how long you can go without incorporating meat into your diet or volunteering at an animal shelter to walk dogs or feed and play with cats.

When I volunteered at The Haven animal shelter last year, one of the employees told me some of their resident dogs, who live in enclosed areas, had not been walked for more than a year — as a non-profit, there simply was not the staff to do so.

Adopt pets from shelters. Keep pet stores on their toes by pointing out dirty or cramped facilities. Report animal cruelty to local law enforcement.

Just do something.

Of course, some sportsmen and farmers are boo-hooing about the bill that might strengthen animal cruelty laws — as if they would lose their rights to hunt or raise livestock.

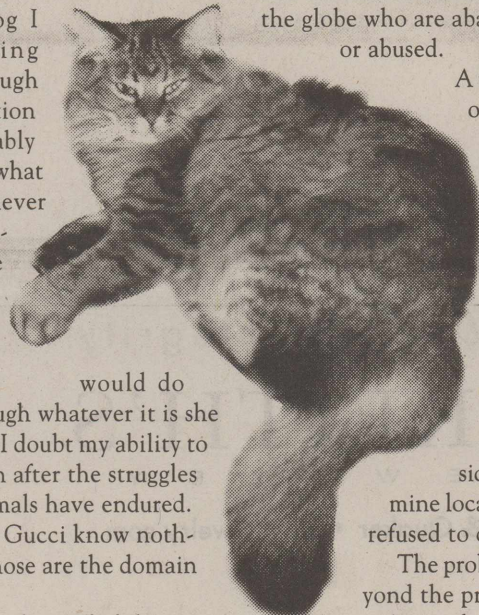
As a meat-eating society, they needn't worry. They'll still be able to shoot birds from the sky and send cows to the grinder.

What they're doing is slowing the process for animals to be more protected than they are, and to let law officials send animal abusers to the stocks.

It's maddening to hear people make excuses for the atrocities committed against animals when they would strongly object to any abuse of their family members or friends for the same purposes.

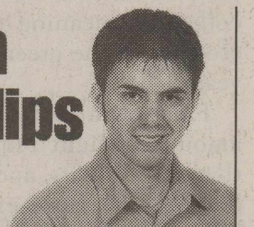
If you don't do something, what does that make you? Just an...animal?

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## Betting against the House has better odds

**Seth Phillips**



*The biggest issue in Texas is not that we need gambling to help balance our state budget. It is that our legislators are not willing to cash in their political capital for a balanced budget which can only be effectively achieved through increased taxes.*

the general "slush fund" of the state budget. However, should such moneys be structured to go only to public schools, the problem still remains. Expenditures for police, social services and infrastructure will increase, thus increasing the burden on the state budget.

As we have seen with the whole deregulation issue, such circumstances will push the Legislature to shift money from schools into services so taxes will not have to increase to pay for the increased cost.

As William Muchison of the *Morning News* wrote, "a finger of admonition would be lifted concerning this venerable legislative dodge. That is all anyone can ever call legalizing gambling — a dodge, a default of legislative responsibility."

The whole concept of legalized gambling is a delay tactic which, in another decade, will bring us right back to where we sit today.

The difference is that, in the mean time, the crime rate and drain on social services will be increasing at a steady rate with income staying virtually the same.

The state lottery did not solve these problems, why would casinos?

What we really need is some true leadership in both the legislature and governor's office in the way of balancing a budget through normal, time honored means — namely, taxes.

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There's something to be said for a biannual legislature (one that takes a "vacation" every other year). The original intent was that such a system would keep the government from harming its citizens.

Wrong. Austin is up to it again. This time, legalized slot machine gambling is on the agenda.

According to the *Dallas Morning News* on March 11, House Rep. Kino Flores, D-Mission, introduced a bill that would legalize video lottery terminals and authorize 12 casinos across Texas.

This bill was placed on the legislative agenda as House Bill 9 by House Speaker Tom Craddick, indicating its high priority in the House.

The main argument, espoused by Rep. Jim Pitts, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, is this system would provide "additional revenue to fund necessary items. And this is a way to get that money without raising taxes."

I will not even touch on the moral side. That is not even the best argument.

The main issue is the fact that, as Rep. Leo Berman, R-Smith, said, "For every dollar that someone spends on gambling, the state will have to spend three dollars." In the end, Texas will spend more on the side effects of legalized gambling, such as social services, crime and traffic enforcement, than will be generated through the system.

Additionally, using such unstable funding sources, especially in a state with a biannual legislative session, is a recipe not only for budget shortfalls, but also is a copout for legislators.

The biggest issue in Texas is not that we need gambling to help balance our state budget. It is that our legislators are not willing to cash in their political capital for a balanced budget which can only be effectively achieved through increased taxes.

I certainly am not an advocate for increasing taxes as a mechanism of first resort, but if our state has cut its budget to the point that it cannot fund services without additional revenue, then increase the tax rate.

The argument here that really makes the case for a bait-and-switch is that all of this rhetoric is the same as before.

When most of us were in elementary school, former Gov. Anne Richards was making the same sort of campaign that revenue from the Texas Lottery would go to help fund Texas public schools.

That is the same argument, come full circle, that some in the House now are making. The fact remains, wherever a source of revenue comes from, it probably will go into

### TECH TALKS BACK

#### 'The General' loses the battle, to Tech's chagrin

That's right, ladies and gentlemen, Texas Tech could advance to the Elite Eight for the first time, but we didn't. The stage was set for Tech to possibly make the Final Four when Louisville upset No. 1 seed Washington to make the road a bit easier, but we just couldn't get past West Virginia. Tech played a magnificent game of defense throughout the entire game.

Ronald Ross had a spectacular game on defense, with four steals, and was involved in quite a few of the turnovers our defense created and allowed Tech to stay in the game. The problem never was really our defense, but our offense was just not there.

Let's not beat around the bush though. Tech didn't deserve to win that game, even if we did somehow pull out the win.

Not only is the team to blame, but The General — Bob Knight — is as well. Tech is supposed to be a motion offense, and what I saw was a lot of people standing around playing 1-on-1. Our guards had a decent game, no doubt, but there was no movement, no screens to help free up those guards.

If you keep up with Tech basketball, you would know we are a motion offense that likes to set screens and make cuts towards the basket, but there were none. In the first and second round of play, we saw Ross and Jarrius Jackson making quick cuts, taking the ball on

the run and making easy lay-ups or taking jump shots — which Ross and Jackson are great at, by the way — but none of this was happening for Tech. West Virginia had their 1-3-1 defense and that should have been prime for the taking; setup a screen and let a shooter take an easy jump shot in open space in that zone.

This didn't happen, and it's in part by the team as a whole and Knight. I'm not some fair-weather fan who likes Knight when he wins and hates him when he loses.

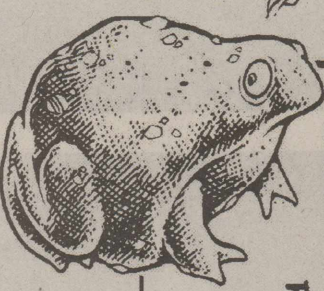
I saw him coach a team to come back and beat a very, very good Gonzaga team. Our offense was setting screens and allowing Ross, Jackson, and Zeno to take fairly easy shots without contest, but we didn't do it this time. The key word to that sentence is "didn't." Our team very well could have been doing the same thing against West Virginia, but the didn't.

My question is: Why? No offense to West Virginia, but our defense held them to 65 points while our offense forced Ross and Jackson to take ill-advised shots because there was no other option.

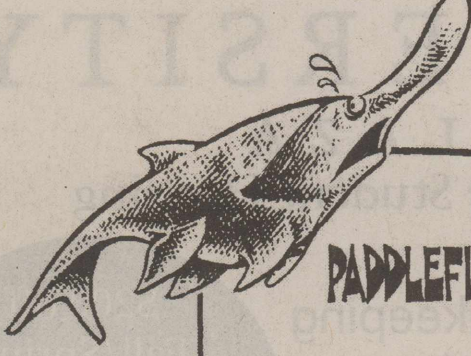
Our offense looked like this when we fell behind against Gonzaga, but Knight was able to get them moving, got them to play as a team and helped each other take and make shots. Again, my question is why?

— Tanner Albus, sophomore biochemistry major from Whitharral


**TEXAS ENDANGERED SPECIES**



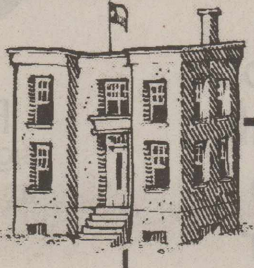
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# Spray-on tan a healthy alternative to tanning beds

Story by Lindsay Wharton and  
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The University Daily

Lady Raider Cisti Greenwalt had melanoma cancer successfully removed from her mid-back during the summer. A local Super Tan owner and medical professionals working at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center react to tanning in general and Greenwalt's own experience.

In May 2004, Greenwalt went to a regular check up with a doctor and asked whether the mole on her back should be cause for concern. Tests were done and it was found to be melanoma cancer.

"You never think it will happen to you," she said.

The doctors were not overly concerned with the cancer because it had not entered her bloodstream or lymph nodes, Greenwalt said.

Greenwalt continued to practice with the basketball team until it was time for her surgery to remove the cancer.

She started chemotherapy as a precautionary measure July 4, and ceased treatment Aug 10.

Greenwalt used to be a life-guard, where she had daily sun exposure, and has tanned in salons since junior high.

"If it wasn't me I probably would still be (tanning)," she said.

Students should be cautious

about skin cancer by keeping an eye on moles and getting regular check-ups at the dermatologist.

Greenwalt said since her scare with skin cancer, instead of tanning, she achieves a golden glow with Mystic Tan, a chamber-sprayed a tanning solution that safely dyes the skin.

Dr. Courtney Barton, a physician at the Student Health Services in Thompson Hall, said the department has seen many melanoma cases in college-aged people.

"Any amount of sun exposure increases your risk for skin cancer," she said.

Tanning beds are never a good idea, Barton said.

A small amount of sun exposure is healthy because it helps the body produce vitamin D, but a person gets that amount every day without having to seek extra exposure, Barton said.

Students should make sure to look for irregular moles and growths and should get their moles checked if they are irregularly shaped, have color variation

or are larger than a pencil eraser, Barton said.

Brad Salley, owner of the Super Tan located at Slide and 82nd Streets, said the location offers tanning beds as well as the Mystic Tanning spray booth.

He said there is nothing wrong with tanning, as long as it is done in moderation and people have a plan catered to their skin type.

Those who are most at risk for skin problems are people with light eyes

or light hair, Salley said. Also, people with a history of skin cancer should be wary of the amount of sun exposure they receive.

New tanning lamps have around 1 percent exposure to ultraviolet rays making them safer for the consumer, Salley said.

Many salons get a negative reputation because they have inexperienced employees who do not know how to judge how much time a person should be in the tanning beds, Salley said.

"Tan is a natural process," he said.

*"Any amount of sun exposure increases your risk for skin cancer."*

— DR. COURTNEY BARTON  
A Physician for Student Health Services

The purpose of a tan is to help the skin ward off sun damage, but the actual tan is not harmful to a person's health, Salley said.

"Melanoma shows up in areas of the body that are not regularly exposed to sunshine," he said.

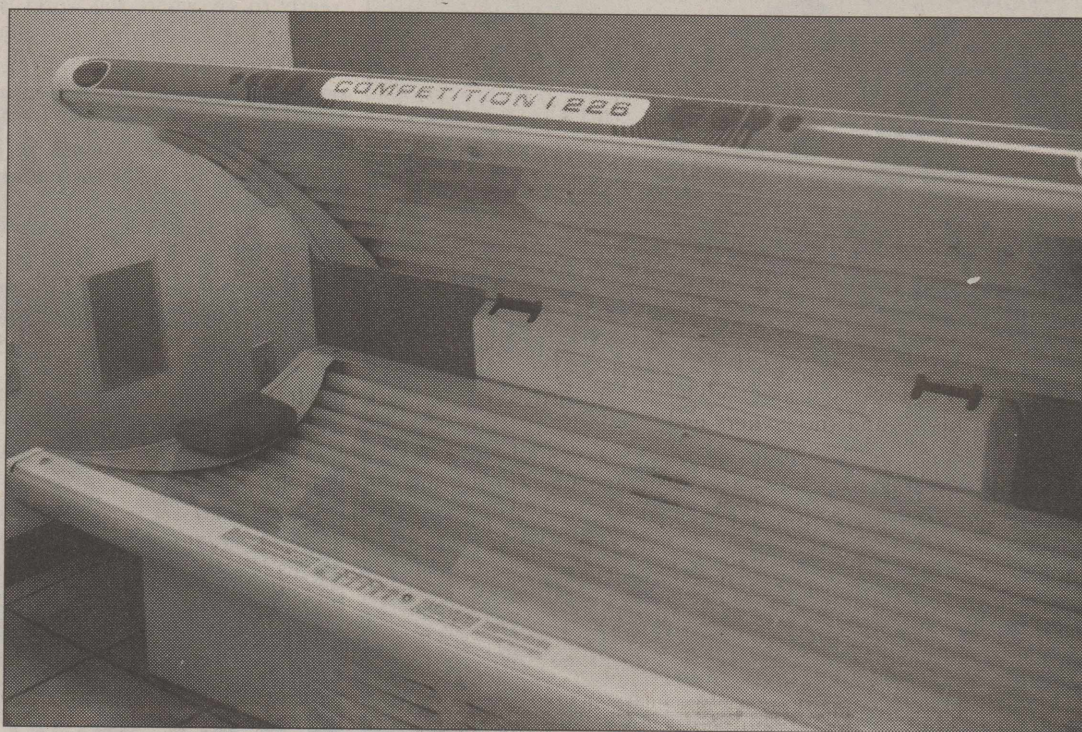
Juli Benson, manager of health for the Student Health Services, said students should be cautious of other forms of skin cancer and skin damage as well as melanoma, because melanoma is not as common as other skin cancers.

Tanning beds are equally as dangerous as sun exposure and Benson said students should protect themselves. Any change in skin color is sun damage, and students should use sunscreen to protect themselves.

Sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher is preferred and students should apply their sunscreen according to the directions, Benson said.

It is best to limit sun exposure between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Benson said.

RIGHT: A MYSTIC Tan chamber that administers a spray-on tanning solution to dye the skin.  
BELOW: A tanning bed that emits ultraviolet rays to tan the skin.



## Catholic governor must decide whether to sign emergency contraception bill

DENVER (AP)—Gov. Bill Owens, a Roman Catholic who campaigned for office on conservative values, could face a tough choice deciding whether to sign a bill requiring hospitals to tell rape victims about emergency contraception.

Fellow Republicans say the bill, passed by the Legislature Tuesday, violates Catholic hospitals' freedom of religion by forcing them to offer information about abortion. Democrats say the bill simply requires that help

be given to women whose bodies have been violated.

In the middle is Owens, who refused to immediately take a position after the legislation was approved. Spokesman Dan Hopkins said Owens would "carefully consider" it before deciding whether to sign the legislation.

Republicans blocked similar versions of the bill the past two years, when they were in charge. Democrats captured both the House and Senate last November

and pushed the measure through.

Denver Roman Catholic Archbishop Charles Chaput objected to the bill because it does not require health care workers to tell rape victims that some medications stop a fertilized egg from being implanted, which he says amounts to abortion. He said the church does not object to rape victims taking steps to prevent ovulation when there is no risk to a fertilized egg.

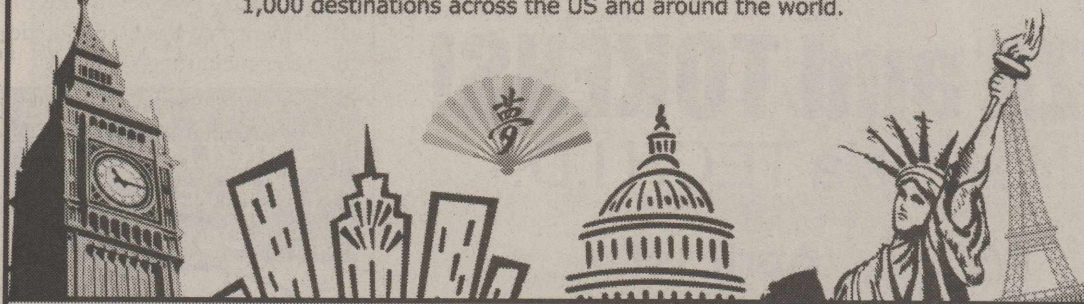
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**Alumni**

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get overlooked and get our fair share," Douglass said.

Alan Henry, president-elect of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and former Lubbock mayor, said this trip is a great opportunity for any Tech supporters.

"This is a great opportunity to work with the administration and students to let the legislature know that Texas Tech has a great deal of support from this state," he said. "It is critical for the legislature to know of the interest from around the state."

Henry said visitors to the capitol would meet with legislators to discuss the fiscal needs of the university.

"We will be talking about the need to fully fund higher education and specifically the needs of Texas Tech and the Health Sciences Center," he said.

Some of those needs include adjusting faculty salaries and adequate funding for research, Henry said. Making legislators aware of students' needs also

is a priority.

"Our research in both the Health Sciences and the university side need funding as much as possible," he said.

Red and Black Day is an opportunity for students to make their needs known, Henry said.

"We hope to have the perspective of students, faculty and alumni," he said.

Douglass said the response to Red and Black Day has been good so far. The Alumni Association expects at least 100 people to be in Austin.

"We're encouraging our alumni chapters from around the state to send at least one member to Austin," he said.

Securing state funding for the university is important to ensure that the value of education students receive continues to improve each year, Douglass said.

"Texas Tech is so much more valuable because education at Texas Tech has appreciated in value over the years," he said. "For that to continue, we need to make sure Tech receives the funding it deserves."

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—ALAN HENRY  
President-elect of the Alumni Association Board of Directors

**Churchill**

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he said.

When asked about the fight on terror, Churchill said there is a steep learning curve when dealing with terrorism. He referred to the ongoing war with the Irish Republican Army and how Brits have learned from dealing with 40 years of urban terrorism.

"We need to do more as coalition partners," he said.

Churchill also said the military personnel must work with the civilians of Iraq.

"Our troops should relate to the civilian population and not see them as our enemy," he said. "Work to identify them, isolate them and kill them with minimal collateral damage."

One of the key elements of al-Qaida, Churchill said, is the role the media plays on influencing the people.

"They choose to show the more smutty side of the U.S. media like Jerry Springer and 'Sex and the City,' saying America is coming to impose their level of degradation on the people of Islam," he said.

He spoke of the new millennium and the future for everyone and said the United States should not be identified with the 9/11 tragedies.

"The world stands at a crossroads," Churchill said. "It is too early to say where the world is headed this century. Tragedy (9/11) must not be the identifying

hallmark of this century."

He continued to repeat that "Topic A" is the threat of Islamic Fundamentalism and how his grandfather warned people of the threat more than 80 years ago.

"It took the events of 9/11 to thrust Islamic fundamentalism into reality for us," he said. "What cannot be avoided is the threat of Islamic fundamentalism to the western world."

He discussed the security measures now taken since the attacks and how they may not prevent all threats.

"It can only be a matter of time before the terrorists strike again," he said.

He again pressed the fact that Americans cannot just pull out and run away from the conflict that we have begun in Iraq. Churchill recalled one of the first political conversations he had with his grandfather on a similar subject in 1956, when his grandfather was dealing with conflict in Egypt. He did not know if he would have had the courage to start it in the first place but now that he had started he would not stop halfway.

"If we run from Iraq, what then?" he said. "We have to make a success of it."

Courage is a word that his grandfather stressed along with victory. Churchill was then asked at the luncheon, what constitutes victory in Iraq?

"An independent, democratic Iraqi government which can hold its own," he said.

**Construction**

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"It is pretty behind," she said. "Right now we are looking at about 65 percent completion."

The \$8.3 million project started Jan. 19, 2004, and was scheduled to be completed in April 2005, according to the Facilities Planning and Construction Web site.

The project should be completed three or four months behind schedule.

Mason said the main reason for the delays are bad weather, namely the significant amount of rainfall recorded in Lubbock since the project began.

"When it dries up, construction will start moving quicker," she said. "We've pushed back the completion date to August or September."

The project is aimed at providing a new northern entrance to campus and facilitate to the projected future growth areas on campus, said Vice Chancellor of Facilities Planning and Construction Mike Ellicott.

"We want to route the traffic that goes through the campus around the parking lots and get rid of the conflict between the traffic and students walking on campus," he said. "It will also reduce the traffic congestion on campus."

Ellicott said he believes weather has been an issue in the delays, but believes Price Construction might be overworked.

Cliff Price, the general superin-

tendent for Price Construction, said the company is also working on a project at 98th Street, which is behind schedule because of the weather.

"Rain can shut us down for a long period of time," he said. "Where we're at right now on the Tech project, the rain will not hurt us too bad."

Hector Leal, an operations specialist for Price Construction, said the company is being penalized for going beyond the time allocated time limit set in the original contract.

"There have been delays with weather and material issues," he said. "But you can't determine if all liquidated damages are actually going to be charged to the company — it varies."

Leal said the amount of liquidated damages that could be incurred on the company for the delayed completion of the Tech Parkway is \$1,100 per day.

Mason said when Mother Nature plays a role in delays, it is rare the full amount of damages will be paid to the Department of Transportation.

"If a construction company runs over the designated time frame, but there are unusual circumstances, we can't charge them for something that is beyond their control," she said. "Companies do not want to get to the point of paying liquidated damages, regardless."

Leal said the fact the company is now paying for being behind schedule will not be a factor in the quality of work done on the project.

"We try to maintain a schedule. Our intent is to take on a job and finish it on time," he said. "It's in the back of our company's mind, but we still have to do the job and do it right."

Price said only major parts of the project are left to be completed.

"We basically just have the big pieces of the puzzle," he said. "The whole project should be done in August, hopefully sooner."

Mason said despite the potential penalty to Price Construction, the project is being completed in a timely and quality fashion.

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freshman class would provide admissions officials needed flexibility, Faulkner and Gates said.

During the 2003 legislative session, Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, and San Antonio Democrat Leticia Van de Putte, filibustered a bill that would have provided such a limit.

Rep. Geanie Morrison, R-Victoria, filed the bill this year, but the proposal has not been offered in the Senate.

West, the subcommittee chairman, said the current law accomplishes its goal of increasing racial, ethnic and geographic diversity at large universities. His bill would keep the law but require students to take tougher courses to qualify for automatic admission.

UT-Austin's 2004 freshman class had nearly double the number of Hispanic and black students admitted in 1998, before the top 10 percent law was used, Paredes told the committee.

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## 'REEL' BIG FISH

Hooked up: Tech fisherman makes good catch at Lake Alan Henry when he baits the biggest bass.

By Clara Cobb/  
The University Daily

The best way to get hold of Mike Modisett is simple: cast him a line.

Modisett, a junior advertising major from Crowley, is an avid fisherman who caught the biggest bass out of Lake Alan Henry this year.

"I was so happy; I was dancing and yelling. I looked like an idiot," he said. "It was probably one of the best nights of my life."

Modisett's catch, a female, still is the biggest at the lake, weighing in at 13.82 pounds. The bass was 25.75 inches long and had a 20-inch girth.

"That's definitely the biggest one ever," he said. "I've caught probably 10 bass that weighed over 10 pounds."

Modisett said he spends almost all his free time fishing at the lake. Catching this bass, however, proved to be quite a challenge for

the proficient fisherman.

"Because I don't have a boat, it is really hard to bass fish because the only way you can do that is if you are off the bank," he said.

Modisett was fishing off the bank when something big enough to break his rod bit his minnow.

"When my rod broke, we tried to reel it in by hand," he said. "I was so mad. That was the second time that week something broke my line."

Modisett said he lost the fish the first time, but knew something big was out there. He baited a hook using

his best rod and reel and used 20-pound-test, the strongest line he had.

"I put minnow on there, (recast) and about five, 10 minutes later, something bit." Modisett said. "If it had gone off the hook, I don't know what I would've done."

Larry Hodge, Texas Parks and Wildlife information specialist, said Modisett called the department, and in turn, the department kept the bass alive to use for spawning.

"During spawning, female lays

*"I was so happy; I was dancing and yelling. I looked like an idiot. It was probably one of the best nights of my life."*

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Junior Advertising Major  
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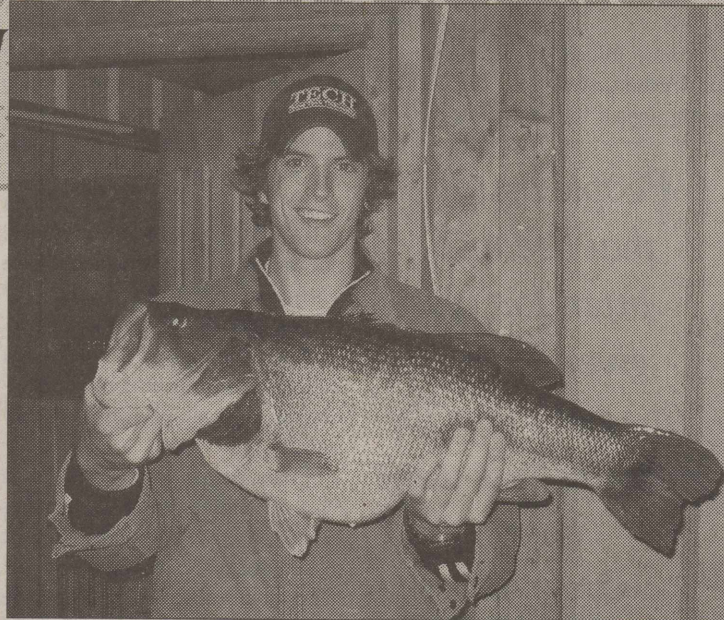


Photo courtesy of Mike Modisett  
MIKE MODISETT, A junior advertising major from Crowley, caught this 13.82-pound largemouth lunger from Lake Alan Henry March 11.

eggs and male ejects milt, which fertilizes the eggs," Hodge said.

The eggs are watched and cared for until the fish are about six months old and about 6 inches long, he said. The fish are stocked at the lakes and ponds where the mother was caught.

"That's how we stock our lakes. It is strictly a Texas program,"

Hodge said. "We stock community fishing lakes in all major cities."

Hodge said six bass weighing more than 13 pounds have been caught at Lake Alan Henry this year. The largest bass ever caught at the lake was 14.12 pounds, and was caught in April of 2000.

"Mike's fish is the biggest fish caught out of Alan Henry this

year," Hodge said. "This is a very good year. So far, 18 fish weighing over 13 pounds have been caught in Texas."

He said having 12 to 15 bass more than 13 pounds caught in a year in Texas would be a good to average year.

Modisett said he started a group at [www.thefacebook.com](http://www.thefacebook.com) called Texas Tech Outdoorsmen and Women, which has 266 members. He uses the Web site to meet fishing buddies. Two of the buddies he met on thefacebook were with him when he caught the 13-pound bass.

"Lake Alan Henry is competing with Lake Fork in Dallas," Modisett said. "They're probably the two premier bass fishing lakes in Texas."

He said if anyone catches a bass more than 13 pounds, they can call the Texas Parks and Wildlife department. Anyone interested in fishing should go to the thefacebook group Web site for postings.

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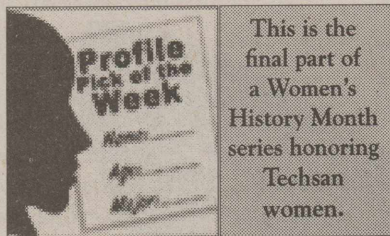
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# ENDURANCE FOR EQUALITY

**FEMINIST FIGHT:** For more than 30 years Tech professor Marjean Purinton has been an avid activist for women's rights.



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Not everything was groovy in the '70s. Back then, when Marjean Purinton joined the National Organization for Women, she and many other women across the country argued for equal treatment and equal pay in the workplace. Progress has been made in the past 30 years, she said, but women still are fighting many of the same battles.

The difference, she said, is many people still do not realize women are still struggling to be treated equally.

"A kind of conservative backlash came out of (the feminist movement)," she said. "People assumed that because attention was given to the inequity that the problems just went away."

Society still has much room for improvement as far as women's rights are concerned, she said. At universities, symbols of higher learning that should set the standards for social progress, complete equality has yet to be achieved.

When Purinton was a doctoral student at Texas A&M in the late '80s and early '90s, she faced a male-dominated culture. Almost all of her teachers in the English department were men, she said, and the works of women were

often left off of the syllabus. The contributions of female writers were often discounted completely.

"They told me I couldn't write my entire dissertation on a female playwright," she said. "If I did, they said, I wouldn't be taken seriously."

Had she wanted to write a dissertation on the works of William Shakespeare, none of her professors would have given it a second thought, she said.

Times have changed since then. Many universities offer students a major in women's studies. In fact, before she came to Tech, Purinton directed the women's studies department at Westfield State College in Massachusetts.

At Tech, Purinton teaches classes in both English and women's studies. She wants to ensure her students have a better experience than she did.

"I've seen some progress," she said. "I certainly am happy to say that my students can write an entire dissertation on a female playwright if they want."

Every year, Purinton teaches a class on feminist theory. Her class focuses on the history of the feminist movement in society and the impact it has had on culture. She said she tries to give her students real world knowledge by covering feminism as an active movement and a way of

feminist theory, and said the class was very useful. Wisecup currently is working on "Science, It's a Girl's Thing," a project she hopes will encourage girls to enter the scientific fields, an area in which she said women are underrepresented.

Wisecup said the lessons she learned in Purinton's class have helped her to deal with any problem or discrimination she has faced as a female graduate student, and as a woman in society.

"It's helped me to know what's going on (when someone discriminates against her)," she said. "It gave me the tools to understand the history behind why it's happening."

With this knowledge, she said, she is able to look past a person's insensitive comment or behavior and leads to a peaceful discussion of individual beliefs rather than an argument or personal attacks.

Esther Lichti, coordinator of the women's studies program at Tech said Purinton's teaching style encourages her students to be tolerant of other's opinions. Lichti said though Purinton is passionate about her feminist beliefs, she leaves the controversial topics discussed in her classes open for discussion.

"She realizes that not everyone understands her view-



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**MARJEAN PURINTON** is a professor of English and women's studies at Tech.

point," Lichti said. "In her classes, the students begin to consider the issues from other sides. You can't make an informed decision until you've considered all the sides of it."

Lichti said Purinton does not just teach her students to consider other sides of an issue, but she also encourages them to treat people with opposing viewpoints respectfully.

"Not only does Dr. Purinton try to create this kind of atmosphere in her classroom, she models that behavior for her students by treating everybody with respect," she said. No matter what the student plans to do when they graduate, this is a good lesson to learn."

Purinton said students are the best hope for social progress. She helped conduct research for a study on gender equity at Tech in 2004, and she said the results of the study were not exactly encouraging.

The study showed women on the Tech faculty, are paid less on average than men, and are less likely to advance to higher positions such as full professor or department head.

Though she said the study shows that women are still fighting for many of the same rights they demanded 30 years ago, she sees hope for the future in the faces of her students.

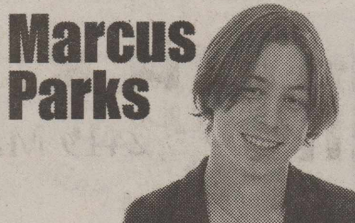
"That's what keeps me going," she said. "It's the student's willingness to accept new ideas that makes progress possible."

## Beck has successfully evolved; but new album 'Guero' rehashes the old

Sometimes I feel sorry for musicians who came about during the big alternative boom of the early to mid-'90s. Granted, in retrospect, most of the musicians I thought were amazing back then no longer hold the resonance they once did (can anyone say The Verve Pipe?), but there were a few who escaped the collapse of the Alternative Nation.

Most notable is the space cowboy/funk-master/musically schizophrenic genius Beck. Unfortunately, when an artist has been around for as long as Beck, his distinction comes with an inevitable side affect: impossibly high expectations.

There are very few well-known artists from the alternative of our youth



**Marcus Parks**  
He's the perfect alternative personality — simultaneously weird, jubilant and morose in his many incarnations.

that still have a place in my record collection. For God's sake, I used to listen to the Wallflowers.

But I can honestly say I fell in love with Beck the first time I heard that deceptively simple slide guitar intro to "Loser" when I was 12 years old, when commercial radio still took chances on ground-breaking material.

Throughout the years, Beck has evolved beyond anyone's expectations, releasing album after album which alternate between convincing millions of white kids they can dance (when we can't) and giving us something to listen to when whatever girl we've been obsessing over gives us the slip. He's the perfect alternative personality — simultaneously weird, jubilant and morose in his many incarnations.

With his new album, "Guero," Beck officially has come back to the funk and pseudo-hip-hop of old. Returning to the studio with Beck is the Dust Brothers, the duo that produced "Odelay," the

album that not only is Beck's absolute best, but also one of the best alternative albums ever made and a landmark of the '90s music scene.

When listening to "Guero," it is impossible to not compare it to "Odelay." I suppose that's why this album may be a bit disappointing.

Fans of Beck's music have come to expect something different from each new release, and while the new album is by no means a rehash of old material, it still is similar to its predecessor. Fans, including myself, have clamored for another "Odelay" since its release oh-so-many years ago. Regrettably, Beck finally has given it to us.

That's not to say "Guero" isn't good; it is. I dare any of you to keep your heads and hips still during "E-Pro," the obvious first single and leadoff track to the album. Beck makes me dance like the white boy I am. Coincidentally, as I found out years ago growing up in a largely Hispanic community, "guero"

translates to "white boy" — the perfect distinction for Beck. Honestly, I'm somewhat surprised it's taken him this long to notice.

I could never tell if "guero" was an insult or not, but seeing how Beck also grew up in a Hispanic community, I imagine he received the same nickname.

This is made clear on the next track, "Que Onda Guero," a Mexican-twinged strutter with classic nonsensical Beck lyrics that manage to paint the perfect picture of a white youth strolling confidently though a Hispanic California community with all the people he knows yelling things like, "Andelay joto, your popsicle's melting!" I think a lot of us can relate to that.

The album is strong until its first mishap, "Missing," which contains strings reminiscent of the more tender tracks off Beck's alt-country break-up album, "Sea Change." The vocals are merely annoying, as is the instrumentation.

There are a few of these on the album (most notably "Earthquake Weather," which features possibly the worst chorus Beck has ever written), but the bad tracks aren't enough to

make this a bad album. They merely keep it from becoming particularly extraordinary.

While there aren't any lyrics on "Guero" that can compare to the best lines ever written from "Odelay," they still contain some wonderful nonsensical material from Beck.

On many records, Beck has been more concerned with the resonance of his words, using his voice as an additional instrument rather than trying to say something truly profound.

This makes the music, rather than the lyrics, insightful, freeing the conscious mind from a constant analytical state, moving it into a deeper realm where all the strangest parts of our unconscious reside.

At the end of the day, that is Beck's ultimate goal. He's the weirdest white guy around who can dance better than any of us.

While this album definitely is worth buying, don't expect your mind to be blown; it's what happens when people don't encourage artists to do new things. It is possible to be disappointed if you are a particularly huge Beck fan, but remember: you asked for it.

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## No. 10 Red Raiders sink Sooners

By Trey Shipman/  
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The Oklahoma Sooners blew into Lubbock along with the West Texas winds Wednesday to take on the No. 10 Red Raiders.

When the dust settled, the Sooners saw why Texas Tech has gained its highest ranking in school history, as they fell to the Raiders, 5-2.

Tech (19-1, 1-1 Big 12) overcame the challenge of playing on a day when wind gusts topped 20 mph to notch its first conference win of the season after falling to Oklahoma State during the weekend.

"We handled the wind conditions very well," said freshman Adrian Prpic, who won his match 6-4, 6-1. "We came out strong today, showed them how to play, and I think that was the key."

Losing the doubles point has been a problem area of late for the team, but today was a different story against the Sooners as the Raiders captured the crucial two points.

"We changed all three teams up," coach Tim Siegel said. "I think we

had more energy, better chemistry, and in doubles it's all about coming to play from point one and I felt like we played very good in the beginning."

Another key to the Raiders' success against the Sooners was the consistent play of Tech's No. 1 player Radek Nijaki. Nijaki defeated his opponent 7-6, 6-1, and he has won his last six matches, four of which have come against players who are ranked in the nation's top 30.

Nijaki said the team's mindset is what carried the players through the match.

"We try to treat every match as if it's the most important," the sophomore said. "We're kind of greedy; we always want more and more, and we're never satisfied with a win."

In singles play, the Raiders took four of six matches from the Sooners. Along with wins from Nijaki and Prpic, Esat Tanik and Bojan Szumanski also came out on top.

As a sophomore, Szumanski is ranked No. 23 in the country and has won his last two matches in the final set.

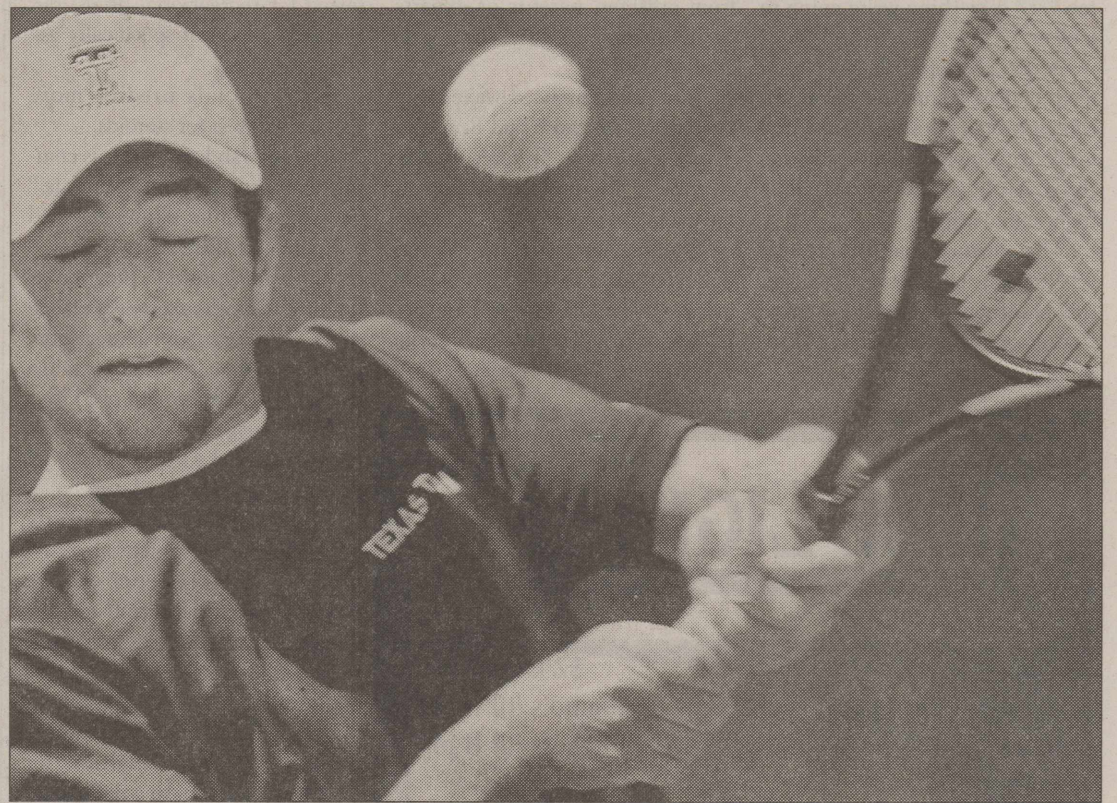
"He's been a rock for us at the No. 2 spot this season, which is not easy," Siegel said. "He's a warrior, and I love the way he fights. He's one of the top players in the country as a sophomore. What else can you say?"

Tanik came into his senior year looked upon by the team for leadership and, Siegel said, he has not disappointed.

"He's our emotional leader, and he may be the most important player on our team," he said. "One of the reasons we've won a lot of the close matches this season is because we have a great amount of spirit and I think you can credit that to Esat."

Siegel also said the win against the Sooners was big because of the long, draining weekend the team had taking on Oklahoma State and TCU.

"Oklahoma is a very good team and I was worried about this match," Siegel said. "I felt like we were a little tired, emotionally tired from the weekend but it was a hard fought win, I was pleased and the guys are going to get a well-earned two days off."



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BOJAN SZUMANSKI RETURNS a serve during a doubles match against Oklahoma at McLeod Tennis Center Wednesday afternoon.

## Source says Mulkey-Robertson gets new contract at Baylor

DALLAS (AP) — Baylor coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson is getting a new contract after taking the Lady Bears from last place in the Big 12 five years ago to the NCAA Final Four this week.

A source close to the program said Wednesday that Baylor offered Mulkey-Robertson a new six-year contract that would keep her at the school through the 2010-11 season. It was unclear if the coach had signed the deal, or what the financial terms were.

After Baylor's practice Wednesday on the Waco campus, Mulkey-Robertson wouldn't confirm the report, but sounded like she wasn't going anywhere.

"Baylor University has been good to me. ... I plan to be at Baylor for a long time," she said, refusing to elaborate.

Baylor, the only private university in the Big 12, does not release contract information about its coaches. Athletic Director Ian McCaw said he was sticking to that policy.

Mulkey-Robertson is 129-38 in five seasons. The Lady Bears (31-3) have won 18 straight games and have already earned their first Big 12 regular season and tournament titles this season.

Baylor plays LSU Sunday night in Indianapolis, the first Final Four appearance for a team that was coming off a 7-20 season and had never been to the NCAA tournament when Mulkey-Robertson arrived.

The Lady Bears have won at least 21 games in each of the coach's five seasons and been to the postseason each year. This is their fourth NCAA tournament, and they made it to the Women's NIT championship in 2003.

Before coming to Baylor, Mulkey-Robertson spent 19 years as a player and assistant coach at Louisiana Tech.

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## Lawmakers exploring high school steroid testing

AUSTIN (AP) — On the heels of congressional hearings into steroid use in Major League Baseball, Texas lawmakers said Wednesday they are considering whether the state needs to push toward mandatory testing for high school athletes.

"I think it's a possibility," said Kevin Bailey, a Houston Democrat and chairman of the House General Investigating and Ethics Committee. "It's something we're going to look at."

Although no bill has yet been filed, Bailey's committee heard testimony from school officials and the University Interscholastic League, the governing body of Texas public high school athletics.

They learned that little testing is being done in Texas. UIL officials said no other state requires steroid testing and, only a handful of Texas schools test their athletes.

Steroid scandals have rocked professional baseball in recent months and have trickled down to the prep level. Nine students at Colleyville Heritage High School confessed to using the muscle building drugs in spring 2004, making it one of the largest cases of confirmed steroid use at a U.S. high school.

Unlike the congressional hearings earlier this month, Wednesday's meeting did not include testimony from athletes, parents or experts. Still, lawmakers said they were concerned.

"I'm not convinced we're doing everything we can," said Rep. Dan Flynn, R-Canton. "I don't want us to wink at the problem — and we have a major problem."

State law prohibits the use anabolic steroids without supervision by a doctor. The UIL does not ban steroids or dole out punishment, leaving that to local school districts.

A Texas A&M University survey two years ago found that nearly 42,000 Texas students in grades seven through 12 — about 2.3 percent — had taken steroids. Researchers say the number is almost certainly too low.

According to a 2002 UIL survey, 93 of the 1,283 UIL members said they tested for performance enhancing drugs. A follow-up survey in 2004 reported that 242 schools tested for recreational drugs, but the survey did not specifically ask about steroids.

UIL officials predict more schools will test for steroids.

"I think random testing is coming in more and more schools," because of public awareness, said UIL Director Bill Farney.

With no statewide program or funding, testing is expensive for districts. While tests for recreational drugs cost about \$20, Farney said a steroid test costs upward of \$175.

Flynn suggested the state could add a fee to tickets for high school games to pay for steroid tests.

UIL officials said a less costly method of tracking potential steroid abuse would be to better educate coaches and athletic staff to look for the signs of use, such as rapid increase in weight, muscle mass and strength.

Regular checks of an athlete's weight, similar to weigh-ins for wrestling, could make a difference, Farney said.

Unlike other state agencies with rule-making authority, the UIL could not mandate testing without approval of members and the state commissioner of education.

UIL rules prohibit coaches from encouraging the use of steroids, and state law prevents coaches from endorsing or selling dietary supplements.

## Government involvement in sports takes hazardous turn with proposed BCS legislation

First Congress got involved with the steroids fiasco in Major League Baseball, and now legislators in Texas are trying to force state institutions to not participate in the Bowl Championship Series.

What's next, the president will only allow hopscotch to be played with hot pink chalk?

The government involvement in sports these days is sickening, especially the newest attempt by state Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio.

His bill would keep universities in the state from competing in the system currently used to determine a national champion in Division I-A football.

The bill reads that teams must play in "an intercollegiate post-regular-session competition that is part of a series that includes a national championship game unless that competition is part of a national playoff system."

The bill calls for a 16-team playoff to determine a national champion.

That's nice, Sen. Wentworth, but the fact that BCS bowls pay out in the millions of dollars to institutions should be a major reason why you should not pursue this ban.

Also, one of the major political philosophies of your Republican party is one of having less government involvement. Obviously, you missed that day at Politicking in a Red State School.

The Texas Longhorns just went to their first BCS bowl this year. They won the FedEx Orange Bowl 38-37 over Michigan, and according to the BCS 2004-2005 Media Guide the projected payout per team was \$14 million-\$17 million.

No matter how much money alumni pump into a university, especially Texas, an institution could really use a wad of cash that size.

The major problem with



David Wiechmann

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Wentworth's and state Rep. Corbin Van Arsdale, R-Tomball, who wrote a similar bill for the House, is the BCS is not going anywhere for a long time.

I have made it no secret of my hatred of the BCS.

My name has appeared on multiple columns arguing for a playoff system, for which these two legislators are hoping.

Getting the government involved will not fix the problem or your desire to have a playoff. There are better uses of your titles you could be practicing.

The bottom line is the BCS makes tons of money. That's

how they are able to dish out approximately \$68 million to schools that participated in its four bowls this season.

The entire bowl system generates millions of dollars in countless areas.

Companies pay oodles of cash for advertising space and sponsorships for the games.

Then there is money to be made by selling tickets, T-shirts, popcorn, nachos, corndogs, hotel rooms, airline tickets, rental cars, dinner at restaurants, who else could make money from the BCS?

The state of Texas. If a Texas school goes to a BCS bowl, that's a cool \$17 million the institution has to spend.

That means money allotted to the school by the state could go to special projects or research or some other high-cost area the institution has had trouble funding in the past.

Thanks to the BCS, they now could have that opportunity to better use state funding.

The bill, if passed would expire Dec. 2, unless four other states enact a similar bill preventing its state institutions from participating in the BCS by Dec. 1.

The AP lists those states as being: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina and Washington.

The odds of four other states wishing to have its universities pass up the chance to score millions of dollars for a playoff system seem very slim to me.

Every man has his price, and \$17 million is a mighty big one.

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# Women's tennis blanketed by Texas Longhorns

By Anne Gepford/  
The University Daily

Despite its efforts, the Texas Tech women's tennis team fell to No. 9 Texas Wednesday evening.

The Red Raiders lost 7-0 to the Longhorns under the lights at the McLeod Tennis Center.

Tara Browning said the improvement of the Raiders from last year against this team was outstanding, even though the score was the same.

"We're playing really, really good tennis," she said. "It's good to see how far we've come."

The close scores of the doubles matches were indicative of the closeness of the matches, as in the number one position, Browning and partner Lakann Wagley lost 9-7. In the second slot, Cigdem Duru and Janet Durham also lost 9-7, while in the third position Katja Kovacic and Erin Hunter teamed up to win 8-2.

"They're a top 10 team and they only just got the doubles point from us," Brown-

ing said. "It's just nice to know we can hang with players like that. I think it just came down to a few points here and there."

Coach Groce said the players fought hard with doubles, but that they have to believe more in themselves in their singles matches.

"We came out and in the doubles we're really right there," she said. "The confidence they have in the doubles showed. We continued to play where our skills and abilities came out on the doubles court, and I think we need to take that on the singles court."

In singles play, both Wagley and Kovacic's matches came down to a tiebreaker. In the fifth position, Wagley won the first set 6-3, but lost the second set 5-7 and the third set 14-16.

Kovacic also won her first set 6-1, but lost the second and third sets in the sixth position 1-6, 1-10.

In the first position, Duru lost 2-6, 2-6, while Durham lost in second 2-6, 0-6. Browning played in the third slot 0-6, 0-6, and Hunter, in the fourth position, went

down 3-6, 1-6.

Groce said the team played well against the nationally-ranked conference opponent.

"Texas played very well," Groce said. "We look right ahead to the next match. We're only going to get better and better."

Tech plays again Saturday and Sunday at the McLeod Tennis Center for their last home matches of the season. The team faces No. 52 Colorado and Kansas this weekend.

Browning said the young team has fared well in the conference.

"People aren't just thinking we're a rollover team," she said. "We're going to be stepping out on court and looking to take the win from them as underdogs. We're doing really well this year."

Browning said the team adheres to the new day, new match philosophy of their coach.

"We're doing really well this year," she said. "It's a loss and that stings a little, but when it comes down to it, we're really getting better."



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

TEXAS TECH'S LAKANN Wagley, a sophomore from Oklahoma City, returns a shot during the match against Texas at McLeod Tennis Center Wednesday evening. The team fell to the Longhorns, 7-0, and it plays again at home Saturday as the team hosts the Colorado Buffaloes.

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# Tech bats dominate in doubleheader win

TEXAS TECH'S HEATHER Parker gets hit by a pitch during the third inning of the game against Eastern New Mexico at Rocky Johnson Field Wednesday afternoon. Tech won both games of the doubleheader.



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By Trey Shipman/The University Daily

fundamentals," Bowers said. "We stayed on them, hit the ball well, and when hit well, you win."

Home plate at Rocky Johnson softball complex may be in need of replacement after Texas Tech crossed it 29 times in a doubleheader against Eastern New Mexico on Wednesday.

In Game 1, the Red Raiders (20-11, 0-2 Big 12) put up two early runs in the first and maintained the 2-0 lead until the bottom of the fourth.

It was in the fourth that Tech erased any hopes of a New Mexico comeback by exploding for eight more runs to seal the mercy rule victory, 10-1.

Leading the hit parade for the Raiders was freshman Jennifer Corkin.

Corkin went 6-for-7 with 11 RBIs in both contests combined.

"It felt good to be able to come through for the team," Corkin said. "I think we executed our plans well, we hit the ball hard and everyone improved all around."

Game 2 was more of the same for Tech as it managed 19 runs on 20 hits to capture its second win of the evening, 19-1.

In the bottom of the third with the bases loaded, Corkin sent a blast over the left field wall to record her first collegiate grand slam.

Freshman Jennifer Bowers also was a key contributor for the Raiders going 4-for-5 with three runs scored on the day. "I think we really played well and did a good job executing the

*"It wasn't so much the runs as how we got the runs. It was the work the girls did to make adjustments to their fundamentals offensively and execute them."*

— TERESA WILSON  
Texas Tech  
Softball Coach

"We have to continue to focus, continue to execute and pick up where we left off tonight," she said.

Coach Teresa Wilson was proud of her team's effort against a team she expects to continue to improve.

"In the first game, we were a little shaky for an inning or two," she said. "But we got some adjustments made and we continued that into the second game so I was very pleased."

Wilson also said the team's run totals in the contests were not necessarily what caught her attention.

"It wasn't so much the runs as how we got the runs," Wilson said. "It was the work the girls did to make adjustments to their fundamentals offensively and execute them. Tonight was a good opportunity for that."

Even though the Raiders dominated the scoreboard, Wilson said there are still areas the team needs to work on.

"We really need to improve our base running," she said. "It takes a while for it to become instinct so we have a lot of adjustments to make before we're a good base running team."

With another conference foe in Iowa State on the horizon, Wilson said improving is still the number one goal.

## TEXAS NBA TEAMS BRIEFLY...

### Mavericks 112, Celtics 100

BOSTON (AP)—Dirk Nowitzki had 36 points and Keith Van Horn added 21 points off the bench to lead the Dallas Mavericks to a 112-100 victory over Boston on Wednesday night, sending the Celtics to their season high-tying fourth straight loss.

The Mavericks won for the ninth time in 11 games and continued to excel on the road, improving the NBA's third-best road record to

24-11. Since winning 11 of 12 after acquiring Antoine Walker, Boston has slumped, and Walker has shot 33 percent during the four-game slide.

After Ricky Davis cut the Mavericks' lead to 77-76 with 11:15 left, Van Horn, Josh Howard and Jerry Stackhouse combined to score 17 points in a 22-6 run giving Dallas its biggest lead of the game, 99-82.

### Spurs 89, SuperSonics 76

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Tony Parker scored 28 points, and the San Antonio Spurs let a 20-point fourth-quarter lead dwindle to 10 before holding off the Seattle SuperSonics 89-76 Wednesday night.

A three-point play by Seattle's Ronald Murray midway through the fourth quarter cut the Spurs' lead to 75-65. Parker then made two free throws and a layup, and Brent Barry

tipped in his own missed layup to put San Antonio back up by 16 points with about four minutes left.

Seattle coach Nate McMillan soon sat down star guard Ray Allen, who was pestered defensively all night by Bruce Bowen, and the SuperSonics did not threaten again.

Manu Ginobili had 15 points for the Spurs, whose 34th home victory matched the team record.

## Tech track, field team begins outdoor season

By Anne Gepford/The University Daily

The Texas Tech track and field team is off to a quick start in their outdoor season as they head to El Paso this weekend

for the Texas-El Paso Springtime Invitational.

The Red Raiders already have 11 regional qualifying marks from their two outdoor meets — two regional marks from the Stanford Invitational and nine from the Wes Kittley Open.

Hurdler Shawon Harris is one of those who tallied a regional qualifying mark, and he said the Raiders leave Lubbock looking for more.

"UTEP is basically our first stepping out there," he said. "Outdoor, you're actually able to showcase your talent."

Outdoor track has different lengths of races for some and different conditions for others.

Sprinter Tyree Gales said it is easier for the team to practice outdoors than indoors.

"We're a better outdoor team than indoor team," he said. "That's how we started out. Outdoors, that's me."

With the majority of the outdoor season remaining, the Raiders have a month and a half of workouts and competitions to prepare for Big 12 Championships.

Pole vaulter Bobby Most said he plans to take advantage of the meet this weekend.

"This is the first big outdoor meet we have," he said. "I'd like to start the season off right. I'm going to go into this meet with high expectations."

Most said the meet will hold good competition and conditions for the Raiders.

"If we go out there and do what we want to do, there's no doubt in my mind we're capable of winning," he said. "Tech doesn't want to lose to anybody."

The competition Tech will face includes Kansas State, UTEP and New Mexico.

Harris said the competition this weekend will be good for the team.

"We should be able to post some good times," he said.

With a higher level of competition, the athletes will have to try harder to do well, and Gales said he likes competing away better than at home at times.

"You get better competition away," he said. "It's better when we go out of town."

Gales said he does not like to travel because it can wear down the body before a competition, but the opportunity to compete against faster opponents makes it worthwhile.

"It just really depends on where we're going," he said. "We improved a lot. We're going to handle our business."

Harris said Tech is a threat to other schools because of its ability to qualify multiple people in different events.

"Everybody always counts us out," he said. "We're just going to try to get that top finish. That's our big goal for outdoors."

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