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Oklahoma takes the broom to Tech in Lubbock

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A new Rider takes the reins.



QUOTABLES

A lot of people want to come home. In some cases they were hugging and crying. They hadn't seen each other since the storm.

Ruth Anthon, commissioner at a poll serving voters from the badly flooded Lakeshore area, describing reunions among voters in the New Orleans mayoral election. (AP)

Do you want change? Yes. But what kind do you want? How bad do you fault a man for a few problems during a disaster? There are just a lot of things to weigh and decide.

Rosalie Ramm, 52, on the difficulty of choosing a candidate after Hurricane Katrina. (AP)

We're still citizens of New Orleans. We still want to know what's going on there. I still have my driver's license. My license plate still says Louisiana.

J. Todd Smith, a displaced voter who traveled by bus from Atlanta to vote Saturday. (AP)

STATE

College bans use of MySpace on campus

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Del Mar College students who want to surf their online social scene at MySpace.com will have to use computers outside the school's system.

The Corpus Christi community college blocked the site recently in response to complaints about sluggish Internet speed on campus computers. An investigation found that heavy traffic at MySpace.com was eating up too much bandwidth, said August Alfonso, the school's chief of information and technology.

Forty percent of daily Internet traffic at the college involved MySpace.com, he said. In one 24-hour period in April, Del Mar computers spent a collective total of 229 hours of Internet browsing at the site.

NATION

Speyer: Immigration bill possible in '06

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee said Sunday he believes Congress will be able to work out differences and pass an election-year immigration bill, calling reform too important to neglect.

"I think the committee bill which got to the floor has the key ingredients of a successful bill," said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who has pledged to have legislation ready for debate soon after lawmakers return Monday from their two-week recess.

Speyer noted that the Senate bill is aimed at protecting the borders, regulating the flow into the country of so-called guest workers and determining the legal future of the 11 million illegal immigrants already here.

WORLD

Iraq's PM abandons claim on another term

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Three U.S. soldiers were killed Sunday when their vehicle hit a roadside bomb northwest of Baghdad, the U.S. command said. That brought the number of American troops killed in the Iraqi capital area over the weekend to eight. Also, about 20 Iraqis were killed.

The latest deaths occurred about 11:30 a.m., said the command, without giving further details.

Five Americans soldiers died Saturday in bombings in the southern area of the capital.

All eight were assigned to the Army's Multinational Brigade-Baghdad which is responsible for security in Baghdad and surrounding areas.

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New Orleans Mayor Nagin faces runoff

Incumbent mayor scores well with black New Orleans voters as candidates whittled down from 22 to two

By MICHELLE ROBERTS
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — In a complete reversal of support from four years ago, Mayor Ray Nagin scored heavily with black voters and was practically abandoned by whites as he and Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu won spots in a runoff election for mayor of New Orleans.

Slightly more than half of the overall vote was attributed to black voters, who favored the top two candidates, according to a consulting firm analyzing demographic data for the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority.

In predominantly white precincts, Nagin trailed behind several other candidates with less than 10 percent, according to GCR & Associates Inc. In 2002, Nagin got most of his support from white voters.

Nagin will have to go back to some of the people who elected him last time and try to re-win their confidence for the May 20 runoff, said a political analyst Elliott Stonecipher.

"His one shot is to get enough of the whites who liked him four years ago to like him again," he said.

Roughly one-third of the city's voters participated in Saturday's election, some

traveling hundreds of miles to help decide who will lead one of the biggest urban reconstruction projects in U.S. history after Hurricane Katrina.

Nagin and Landrieu led a field of 22 candidates, which included a wide range of other choices, including business leaders, a lawyer and a minister. Yet voters, as they did in several other municipals races, chose two men already in the political spotlight.

The election, in which 36 percent of the 297,000 eligible voters participated, was an unprecedented experiment in democracy because fewer than half the city's pre-Katrina

residents are currently living in New Orleans. That forced campaigning for the municipal election to go nationwide and led civil rights activists to question whether the election could be fair.

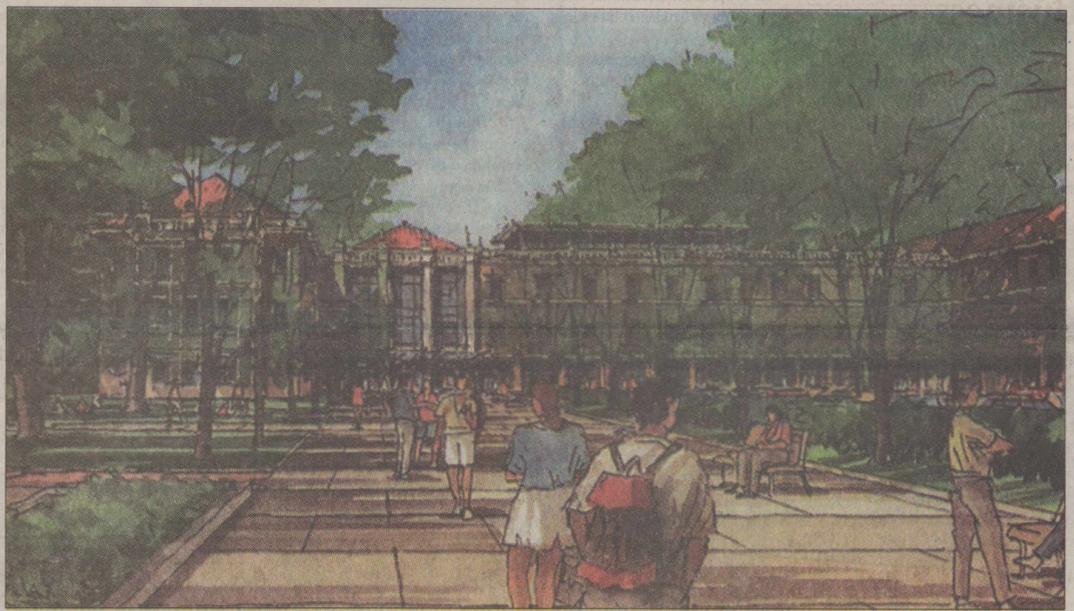
Political observers said it was difficult to characterize whether turnout was better or worse than expected because it was such an unusual election. In the 2002 municipal primary, turnout was about 46 percent.

"It was normal, natural to expect some such expression" of frustration against current

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GOOD FOR BUSINESS

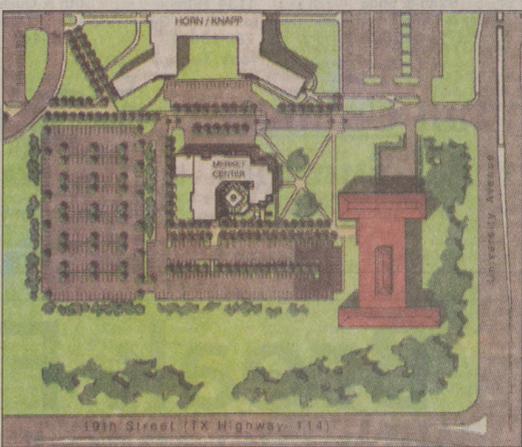
The Jerry S. Rawls College of Business is looking to complete its fundraising for a new building to replace the aging B.A. building. The \$60-million facility will feature new classrooms, a career center, a food court, a student lounge and more.



COURTESY GRAPHIC

AN ARTIST'S RENDITION of the plaza leading up to the new business building.

THE LOCATION



COURTESY GRAPHIC

THE NEW LOCATION of the main building for the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business, highlighted above in red, will be at the intersection of 19th Street and University Avenue, near the Merket Alumni Center.

By ANDREW WOOD
STAFF WRITER

The Jerry S. Rawls College of Business took its next step on the "Path to Preeminence" Friday, announcing plans to construct a \$60-million facility.

During an announcement ceremony at the Merket Alumni Center, officials from Texas Tech University and the business school came together for the announcement.

The business college already has received an estimated \$25 million from the university, and has received other pledges totaling more than \$17 million, said Wendell Jeffreys, development officer for institutional advancement.

The college now needs an estimated \$25 million to complete the funding, he said. However, Jeffreys said he is optimistic the college can raise enough money within the next two years.

"We're at \$17.5 million in hard pledges today," he said. "So, yes, we're on our way."

Leading the campaign is Jack Hightower, chairman and CEO of Celero Energy, and Alan White, chairman and CEO of the Plain-

sCapital Corporation. The plan is part of Tech's effort to bring the university "into the 21st century," Hightower said at Friday's announcement ceremony.

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COURTESY GRAPHIC

AN ARTIST'S RENDITION of the atrium inside the new business building.

Increases after tuition deregulation mirror those seen nationwide

By LIZ AUSTIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — Repealing tuition deregulation has become a rallying cry for many Texas students as college costs have increased each year since lawmakers allowed universities to adjust their own tuition rates.

Some lawmakers unsuccessfully tried last year to retake tuition-setting authority or limit the amount rates could grow, and a Senate subcommittee plans to discuss the issue again Monday.

But Texas isn't the only state struggling with spiraling tuition rates, and tuition increases here

are only slightly larger than others around the country in that period, an Associated Press analysis found. In fact, all but seven of Texas' 35 public universities charged less than the national average this year.

Universities say it simply costs more to provide a quality education today. And since state funding nationwide isn't growing as fast as enrollment or inflation, students are bearing a bigger share of the financial burden.

"No one likes higher prices, and I appreciate that," University of Texas System Chancellor Mark Yudof said. "But I would say it's our

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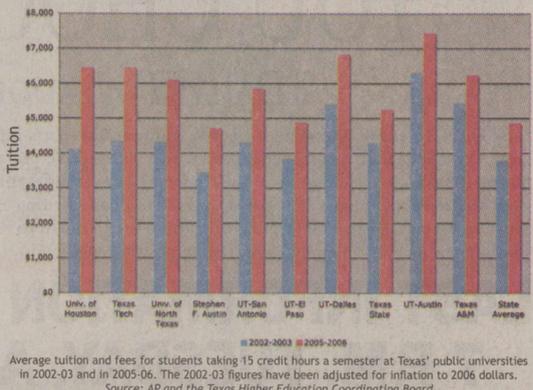
Top Tuition Increases

The top percentage increases in average tuition and fees for students taking 15 credit hours a semester at Texas' public universities in 2002-03 and in 2005-06.

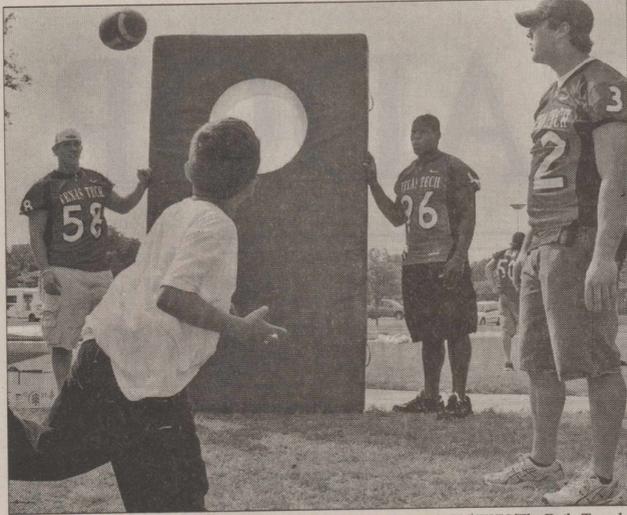
RANK	SCHOOL	% INCREASE
Top 10		
1	Univ. of Houston	56
2	Texas Southern	49
3	Texas Tech	48
4	Univ. of North Texas	41
5	Lamar	40
6	Prairie View A&M	39
6	Houston-Clear Lake	39
8	Stephen F. Austin State	36
9	Sam Houston State	35
9	UT-San Antonio	35
Notables		
17	UT-Dallas	26
23	Texas State	22
27	UT-Austin	18
32	Texas A&M	14

Source: AP and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

TUITION AND FEE INCREASE SINCE '02-'03



BIG-LEAGUE PLAY



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FROM LEFT, RED Raider football players Chris Wallace, a freshman finance major from Grapevine, Keyunta Dawson, a senior human development and family studies major from Shreveport, La., and Taylor Read, a junior marketing major from O'Donnell, oversee the football toss Saturday morning near the Exercise Sciences Center. The activity was one of several that student-athletes and area children participated in as part of Texas Tech Student-Athletes Play Day.

Weekend car chase ends in arrests; scenario becoming common tale for Lubbock officers

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

Lubbock police officers have had their hands full recently with problems on the road. The problems don't stem from speeding or parking tickets, but from car chases and burglaries. Two Lubbock men are behind bars after leading Lubbock Police Department officers in a car chase Saturday afternoon, police officials said. Angel Rodriguez, 20, and Robert Trevino were arrested by LPD after police observed the two allegedly attempting to burglarize a vehicle. At 1:30 p.m., police observed the two at 201 Indiana Ave. Rodriguez and Trevino allegedly sped off in the vehicle, and police chased after them. The two suspects drove to the 2700 block of 27th Street and got out of the car and ran, continuing the police chase, according to police reports. Police caught the suspects shortly after they exited the vehicle. The two suspects each face

evading arrest charges and burglary of a vehicle charges. Last week, police arrested two Lubbock men after leading Lubbock police officers into a car chase that ended in Slaton. Police observed the two suspects, one 17 and one 19, in a stolen 2002 Jeep Liberty on Avenue Q. The car reportedly is linked to several home burglaries, Lubbock Police Sgt. Mary McGuire said. "The stolen vehicle definitely stood out to our officers," she said. The suspects led LPD to Slaton where they eventually crashed their vehicle, but continued on foot. Lubbock Police, Slaton Police and DPS officers found the two suspects hiding in a trash bin in Slaton and made the arrests. Sgt. McGuire said she has seen young adults burglarize vehicles before. "It's not kids being kids, but rather kids being criminals," she said. Lubbock police arrested two teenagers March 18 for alleged auto theft and believed the two were responsible for a string of luxury

car thefts, police officials said. Police found a 16-year-old boy asleep in a stolen BMW, and his 15-year-old accomplice turned himself in shortly after, Sgt. Scott Farmer of the Juvenile Division said. The two suspects allegedly stole numerous luxury vehicles between March 3 and March 17. After the suspects would find an easy target to steal, they also allegedly would steal a license plate from a separate car and attach it to that vehicle they were wishing to steal, Farmer said. Police also found several stolen car keys, credit cards and wallets in the stolen BMW. The two alleged car thieves are being held at the Texas Youth Center on charges of unauthorized use of motor vehicle, a third-degree felony offense. Sgt. Farmer said in these cases, the owners should gain more responsibility. "It starts with the owner," Farmer said. "The more protective they are, the less likely a burglary will occur." paul.j.roberts@ttu.edu brittany.a.barrientos@ttu.edu

FEMA wants 625 people in Texas to pay back a total of \$1.26 million in Rita aid

BEAUMONT (AP)—The federal government is asking 625 people in Texas to pay back a total of \$1.26 million in recovery aid they shouldn't have received after Hurricane Rita. Texas families have received more than \$592 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency after the September storm, but the agency is sending out letters asking for money back. Most of the money FEMA wants, \$1.14 million, was incorrectly paid for damage to homes that were not the owners' primary residences, FEMA spokeswoman Hannah Vick said. Damages to secondary residences are ineligible for FEMA money under federal law.

In other cases, the same person received multiple \$2,000 FEMA payments, or multiple people from the same household received the \$2,000. FEMA began the process called recoupment, which is similar to an audit, in mid-March. Vick did not know when the agency would complete the process and stop sending letters. A similar process is ongoing for payments made after Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma. People who receive a letter requesting repayment have 30 days to repay the amount in full or set up a payment plan. After 30 days, 2 percent interest begins accruing. Residents can appeal FEMA's decision to seek repayment, but interest still would start after 30 days.

In Mississippi, FEMA has sent letters to 2,044 Mississippi residents asking for repayment of \$4.7 million in benefits. Normally, 2 percent to 3 percent of FEMA funds paid after a disaster must be returned because payments were made improperly, FEMA officials have said. Sometimes errors are due to incomplete information in the application process. Sometimes, FEMA workers improperly approve payments. Cases of suspected fraud or misrepresentation in the application process are turned over to law enforcement officials. Federal auditors have faulted FEMA for much of the benefit abuse after last fall's hurricanes, citing an inadequate accounting system. The federal Government Accountability

Office has said thousands of inappropriate payments were made because people could repeatedly apply for and collect benefits. In February, audits by the General Accounting Office and the Department of Homeland Security found that as many as 900,000 of the 2.5 million applicants who received aid under FEMA's emergency cash assistance program — which included \$2,000 debit cards given to evacuees — were based on duplicate or invalid Social Security numbers, or false addresses and names. Also in February, the Justice Department said federal prosecutors charged 212 people with fraud, theft and other counts in scams related to Gulf Coast hurricanes.

Business

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In addition to new classrooms, the facility, which will be located at the 19th Street and University Avenue intersection, would include a career center, a food court, rooms for students groups, a student lounge and various study areas. There also would be academic conference centers, an advising center, grand auditorium, hall of honor and an office for study abroad, Hightower said at Friday's announcement ceremony. Hightower said the new facility will be a better place for students to communicate with their faculty and staff.

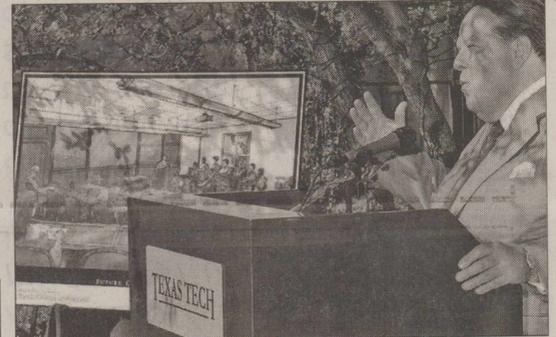
"Let us not forget the most important thing in terms of (students) interacting with the faculty," he said. While the university is planning to match approximately \$25 million in funding raised by the business college, it also needs support from the student body, Hightower said. "What we need now is a grassroots effort," he said, while talking about the support he wants to see from students. Hightower said he hopes to end the fundraiser by the end of the 2006-07 academic year and the facility constructed by 2009. Bobby Stevenson, member of the Rawls College of Business Advisory Council, said he believes the project is

more about students and not all about the new state-of-the-art facilities. "My concern is to get their butts in the seat," said Stevenson, whose main focus is providing money for scholarships. Although new facilities are important, he said he believes students' education is the No. 1 priority. "I'm more concerned about students coming in there for an education, but we have to contribute," he said. The business college is in need of a new facility, Stevenson said, and it is unfair for students to go to class in a building that was built up for almost four decades. "Every 40 to 50 years, as I understand

it, a new building needs to be developed," he said. "Everyone wanted to have a new center somewhere." Fellow councilman Jim Holcomb said he agrees. "We have an obligation to provide education to people," he said. "One of our goals is to build a new quality business building, which will serve to attract high-quality students." Holcomb said he believes this project should not just be a tool to bring in distinguished students, but also should be a place where average students can become "high-quality" students. "We don't want to raise our levels so high that the average person cannot get a quality education in Texas," he said. "The State of Texas does not have all

the funds, and the private sector has to provide funds." After the construction at the new business college is completed, the business college might give its current facility to another college, Stevenson said.

More information about the new business building's campaign can be found online at www.rawlsbusiness.ba.ttu.edu. andrew.wood@ttu.edu brittany.a.barrientos@ttu.edu



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ALAN WHITE, CHAIRMAN and CEO of Plains Capital Corporation and co-chair of the Rawls College of Business Capital Campaign Leadership Committee, speaks at the Merket Alumni Center Friday morning.

Put yourself in one of these three situations:

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OR

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OR

With 20 seconds left, Texas Tech sits on Oklahoma's 23-yard line. Only two plays left in the game, the Red Raiders' quarterback throws the ball, hoping for a prayer ...

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Ca'gas'trophe

Rising gas costs, manipulation by oil companies calls for intervention

Someone call the police! There's been a crime. A couple of days ago, as I was gassing up my car, a man approached me from behind. To be quite honest, I didn't notice him until it was too late. I didn't feel him reach into my back pocket and remove my wallet. And unfortunately, I didn't see him take my money out of it; I was too concerned with filling my gas tank.

Daylight robbery? You bet, and with my eyes wide open. Regrettably, my incident at the gas pump wasn't a freak occurrence; it's happening across America, to all of us, and it's about time to reach around to the man taking cash out of our pockets and slap it away.

At the end of last summer, in the week's following Hurricane Katrina, gas prices around the nation soared because of an interrupted gas supply from the Gulf Coast. Prices remained high for a month or so although remaining higher than they were pre-Katrina. Oil executives spoke before Congress and stated they weren't guilty of price gouging, that supply wasn't quite meeting demand, and therefore the prices we were paying at the pump were justified.

But then a curious thing happened; companies, like ExxonMobil, posted as \$36 billion profit and rewarded exiting executive Lee Raymond with a \$400 million retirement package. They had succeeded in getting away with a rape of the American pocketbook, and it's happening again.

Reports indicate with a rise in the price of a barrel of oil rising each day (currently more than \$75 per barrel) gas prices could reach \$4 to \$4.50 a gallon.

Much like in the aftermath of Katrina, eyes have been focused on President Bush for an answer, a reprieve or at least an open condemnation of the oil companies' practices. However, all the president can muster, as he stated in the State of the Union and over the weekend, "America is addicted to oil."

That's great, the first step in curing an addiction is admitting you have a problem; the next step is to do something about it. But we're not.

Members of Congress, including Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said over the weekend Congress would write a letter to President Bush asking him to initiate an investigation of possible price gouging by oil companies. Yet, such a letter probably is fruitless.

In a speech on Earth Day over the weekend, the president stated, "We're going to have a tough summer because people are beginning to drive now during tight supply." He then said, "The American people have got to understand what happens elsewhere in the world affects the price of gasoline."

I understand, Mr. President. But I also understand that our current upswing of the economy can come to a crashing halt as a result of \$4 per gallon of gasoline and something needs to be done about it. While the president did mention how high gas prices can affect the economy, he failed to state any solution beyond a grin-and-bear-it attitude. What else could we expect from a president who frequently seems to be living more in a fantasy world than the days go by?

The president frequently

Trey Caliva



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touts Ethanol, a corn-based gasoline additive, as the answer to our oil woes. However, if oil is liquor, Ethanol is light beer and we're still not getting anywhere. Part of the reason of our current rise in gas prices is because of oil refineries switching from using MTBE (the current additive in gasoline) to using Ethanol.

Car companies, like General Motors, are getting into the act by introducing cars formulated to use a pure form of 85-percent Ethanol, which current cars can't use, called E85. Their "Live green, go yellow" campaign was featured during the Super Bowl and throughout the Olympics.

Yet, Ethanol is produced by growing corn, taking it to a refining plant, and is delivered to consumers by trucks (Ethanol is too corrosive to be delivered by pipelines). So every step of the production process uses gasoline, therefore as the price of gas goes up, so does the price of Ethanol, you can't cut your dependence on

foreign oil if your solution requires foreign oil. In the long run, America needs a new technology and invention to get us off of oil. We've basically been using the same kind of engine and car for more than 100 years. Sure, we're made dramatic improvements over that time, but it's still the same design and idea. For us to cut our dependence on oil, we must make that next technological leap into the unknown.

In the short term, our hope lies with Congress at this point; President Bush could care less about what the American people think, because he can't run for re-election. Therefore we must turn to the senators and representatives who will be facing election this fall for an answer. With the peak American driving time approaching, and the threat of another active hurricane season, we need an answer and we need one soon. A \$4-gallon of gasoline will all but kill the American economy, unless of course, you're Exxon.

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Hateful liberals hurt their causes

Progressive ideas best advanced by love and peace — not aggression

The thing that I love about Liberals is that we are idealists.

For me, believing that no one person can do anything to alter the state of things in this muddled up world makes life seem pathetic and sad. But to think the world is capable of change makes me proud to be a Liberal, because our very foundation rests upon the notion that we can change the things that we dislike. Although the cynics of this world tell us we are naïve, I know that ideas are powerful because they have helped to shape our existence. Jesus, Martin Luther King Jr., Gandhi, the Dalai Lama and hundreds of others have revolutionized the world with ideas.

But I believe my fellow Liberals have gone terribly wrong somewhere along the way. In many of my columns, I myself have been responsible for hurting the cause of Liberals. The problem with Liberals, (I sounded like Ann Coulter there for a minute, didn't I?) is that we have embraced hate.

As Liberals, we preach that hate is wrong. Don't hate homosexuals, don't hate different races, don't hate the poor, etc. Our message is that we should embrace diversity and learn to love, but underneath it, we hate. We hate Republicans, we hate Conservatives, we hate racists, we hate homophobes, we hate the NRA and religious fundamentalists. We hate. And all of the hate is a disease to our causes and our ideals.

During the Civil Rights movement, blacks were subject to lynching, water hose spraying, beatings and every other kind of cruelty one human can inflict upon another. Yet Martin Luther King and many of his supporters and associates felt strongly about loving those who persecuted them, and remaining peaceful at all times.

King once said, "Non-violence is the answer to the crucial political and moral questions of our time; the need for mankind to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to oppression and violence. Mankind must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love."

As Liberals, we have resorted to the meanest and most unenlightened way of fighting. We see it in Washington all of the time. Some Liberal senator is name-calling, accusing and alienating some Conserva-

Abbie Kopf



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spiritual resources of all the various sections of the people in the service of the common good of all." If we, as Liberals, truly desire the common good of all people, we must get over ourselves. We must not think of ourselves as the liberators of the chosen people who have it right. We must humble ourselves and not give into the temptation to fight back. If we won everything we desired through hate, it wouldn't be a victory. What if tomorrow we somehow we managed to get emergency contraception in every pharmacy, if we guaranteed the right for homosexuals to marry and abolished the death penalty? Sure, we would be happy.

But every Conservative in the country would protest and with every election we would be scared to lose those

rights. The victory would only be temporary. However, if we could learn peaceful resistance, patience and courage, we could convince our opponents in time. Only through these means can a victory finally be won. Therefore, I apologize to every Conservative I have alienated and angered. I no longer wish to harbor hatred and resentment toward those who disagree with me, but rather develop empathy and understanding. Let every true humanitarian resolve to erase the hate, regardless of the persecution we face.

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New Bin Laden tape: West is at war with Islam, fighters should go to Sudan to fight U.N. force

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Osama bin Laden issued ominous new threats in an audiotape broadcast Sunday, saying the West was at war with Islam and calling on his followers to go to Sudan to fight a proposed U.N. force.

In his first new message in three months, bin Laden said the West's decision to cut off funds to the Palestinians because their Hamas leaders refuse to recognize Israel proved that the United States and Europe were conducting "a Zionist crusader war on Islam."

"The blockade which the West is imposing on the government of Hamas proves that there is a Zionist crusader war on Islam," said the speaker on the tape broadcast by the Al-Jazeera network.

"I say that this war is the joint responsibility of the people and the governments. While the war continues, the people renew their allegiance to their rulers and politicians and

continue to send their sons to our countries to fight us."

The voice on the tape sounded strong and resembled that on previous recordings attributed to bin Laden. There was no way to independently verify the authenticity of the tape.

"We are aware of the tape and a technical analysis of the recording is being conducted," a U.S. intelligence official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Israeli government spokesman Raanan Gissin said bin Laden had decided to attack Israel to deflect growing Arab animosity toward al-Qaida.

"When he attacks Israel, this is something the Arab world can agree upon," Gissin said. "He has been criticized for the destruction and carnage he's causing the Muslim nation. He's looking for another justification ...

"Criticizing Israel sounds more politically correct."

Al-Qaida is believed to have no direct links to Hamas, which is an outgrowth of the Muslim Brotherhood, but they share an anti-Israel ideology that calls for the destruction of the Jewish state.

Recent media reports in the Middle East have said al-Qaida is building cells in Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon and Sudan.

Israel has indicted two West Bank militants for al-Qaida membership and a Palestinian security official has acknowledged al-Qaida is "organizing cells and gathering supporters," although Israeli officials say the inroads appear preliminary.

A Hamas spokesman said the militant group's ideology is vastly different from al-Qaida's but noted that international sanctions on the Palestinian government would naturally cause anger among some Muslims.

Runoff

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rent officeholders after Hurricane Katrina, Stonecipher said. "Instead, we got the opposite."

Nagin, a cable executive who first ran for office in 2002, said the results were an endorsement of his plans for the city's future and his previous four years in office.

"I just feel we're on the right track, and people have verified that to me," he said.

Before the storm, Nagin, who is black, had been largely expected to easily win a second term.

It's too early to tell whether voters have forgiven Nagin for fumbled plans during the storm and later verbal gaffes.

Landrieu said Sunday the number of voters who chose candidates other than Nagin demonstrated that voters want change. "This city, this great city, calls for change," he said.

Both candidates will have to expand their voter base to win in May.

Nearly half of voters in predominantly white areas turned out,

compared with about 30 percent of registered voters in those black neighborhoods, which also tended to be the worst hit by flooding.

Nagin received 65 percent or more of the vote in predominantly black neighborhoods, while Landrieu received 23 percent in those areas.

Landrieu got 30 percent of white voters behind the overall third-place finisher, Ron Forman, received 35 percent from predominantly white precincts.

Business leaders, who supported Nagin in his first run for office, largely lined up behind Forman and other trailing candidates.

Forman had not endorsed anyone by Sunday. Many conservatives dislike the Landrieu family, so neither candidate in the run-off was likely to win over all of the Forman voters, political observers said.

Landrieu, who has held office in Louisiana for nearly two decades and is the brother of Sen. Mary Landrieu, has trumpeted his ability to attract a diverse group of voters. His father, Moon Landrieu, was the last white mayor of New Orleans in the 1970s but is well-liked in the black community for his decision to open high-ranking jobs to black professionals at City Hall.

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Mexicans see immigration as part of life

ATOTONILCO, Mexico (AP) — They name their babies Johnny and Leslie, so certain are they that their kids' future lies in the United States. Returning migrants sprinkle English into their speech as they talk knowingly about job markets in U.S. towns.

America may want to stop illegal immigration, but most Mexicans accept it as a fact of life they can't imagine changing.

Mexico's economy, society and political system are built around the assumption that migration and amnesties for undocumented migrants will continue — and that the \$20 billion they send home every year will keep coming, and almost certainly grow.

In fact, the government is counting on continued cash from a Mexican-born U.S. population it predicts will rise from 11 million to between 17.9 million and 20.4 million

by 2030.

"There have been amnesties and reforms before, and they will continue to occur periodically," said Jesus Cervantes, director of statistics for Mexico's Central Bank.

President Vicente Fox is one of many Mexican who considers the migrants "heroes," because they send money to their impoverished home villages, and in some cases risk death walking into America in pitiless desert sun.

Many families give their babies "American" names, figuring it will help them fit in when they make the inevitable trip north. In one central Mexican village, men on a dusty side road knowingly discuss which Long Island towns are best for day-labor work.

Cervantes avoids using the common metaphor of migration as an escape valve for Mexico's social tensions, but says the country

of 105 million people would be in trouble if 11 million migrants returned en masse.

On the ground, the lure of America is evident. Abelardo Gonzalez, an elementary school director in the southern state of Oaxaca, said of his students: "From the time they are little kids, they have this idea of going north."

So many people have left the farming town of Atotonilco in central Tlaxcala state, 480 miles from the U.S. border, that a sort of U.S. job placement network has grown up. Migrants send word home of a vacancy for a gardener in Los Angeles, a carpenter in Houston or a dishwasher in Raleigh, N.C.

"A lot of people who leave already have jobs lined up," said Daniel Escalona Garcia, who sells building materials — largely for homes being built for absent migrants.

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Xbox 360's price not expected to fall soon despite affordable upcoming launches from Sony, Nintendo

By **CARLOS BERGFELD**
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Following Microsoft's Xbox 360, Sony and Nintendo will launch their next-generation consoles this year, making it even more expensive for gamers looking to keep their collections current.

For those who want to save money but still have an enjoyable gaming experience, Sony announced an immediate price drop for their PlayStation 2 console, now \$129.99.

With the arrival of two more next-generation systems in the coming months, is there enough life in current-generation consoles for consumers to buy one?

"I definitely think they will," said Brent Hix, a sophomore public relations major from Canyon and a lifelong video game fan. "They know that the PlayStation 2 is still going to have support for the next couple of years."

Hix said Sony's backing of the system with first-party titles, combined with the lower price, makes buying a PlayStation 2 very practical.

Sony publicly has pledged support for the console even after the PlayStation 3's release, with first-party games like "God of War 2," the sequel to last year's widely acclaimed mythological action game, slated for release on the PlayStation 2 in 2007.

Other practical reasons for buying a PlayStation 2 would be for early adopters of the system whose consoles broke or just stopped working, of which Hix says there are many — himself included.

"I'm actually thinking about it since my old one crapped out on me," he said.

Hix said he purchased an early model PlayStation 2 soon after the system's launch, and the console stopped working last year.

Sony's strategy with the PlayStation 2 differs from Microsoft's approach with the original Xbox at the Xbox 360's launch.

Whereas Sony has first-party titles in the works, Microsoft Game Studios still has had no original Xbox titles on the horizon following the launch of the Xbox 360.

Microsoft also left the price of the original Xbox at \$149.99, half the price of an Xbox 360 core system at \$299.99.

This seeming lack of support for the system, combined with the console's relatively high price in comparison with the next-generation of consoles, gave last holiday's console shoppers really no incentive to buy the system, Hix said.

"It seems like Microsoft's trying to get the Xbox phased out completely," he said. "I would be surprised if the Xbox does drop in price."

Sony has said the PlayStation 3 will not be cheap, and combined with Thursday's announced price drop, the PlayStation 2 will look like a good buy for gamers trying to save a few bucks, Hix said.

However, for the people who are slightly behind the times in terms of game consoles, the imminent launch of the PlayStation 3, even without consideration of price, may be enough to defer a purchase.

"A lot of people have been holding off on buying PSPs," said Salim Aad, about potential buyers of Sony's PlayStation Portable who heard rumors of an updated version of the system.

Aad, a senior math and computer science major from Princeton and an exited PlayStation 3 fan, said Sony's promise of backward-compatibility with the PlayStation 3 — the ability to play PlayStation 2 and even original PSone games on the system — makes the purchase of a PlayStation 2 superfluous if the buyer is planning on getting a PlayStation 3 down the road.

Other motivations for Sony's price drop may be to entice holiday shoppers away from buying Nintendo's next-generation system, code-named "Revolution," which Nintendo executives have claimed would be cheaper than any other next-generation console system.

This may not be enough to bring gamers to buy Sony's six-year-old system when Nintendo's moderately-priced console releases.

"They might look at the price and see how much it is, but Nintendo has the Revolution coming out," said Andrew Young, a sophomore plant and soil science major from Lubbock.

Young said he is waiting for the Revolution's release to buy a next-generation console, although the PlayStation 2's vast catalog of titles works in Sony's favor.

Following Nintendo's GameCube, the PlayStation 2 is now the second-cheapest console on the market.

The price drop may give Sony even more of an edge in console sales, although the company is the current leader with 55.6 percent of sales in the U.S., according to the NPD Group.

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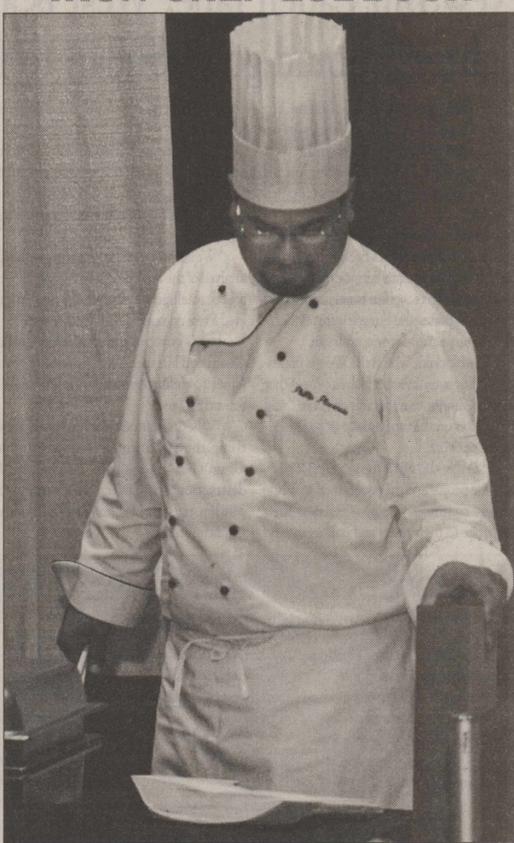
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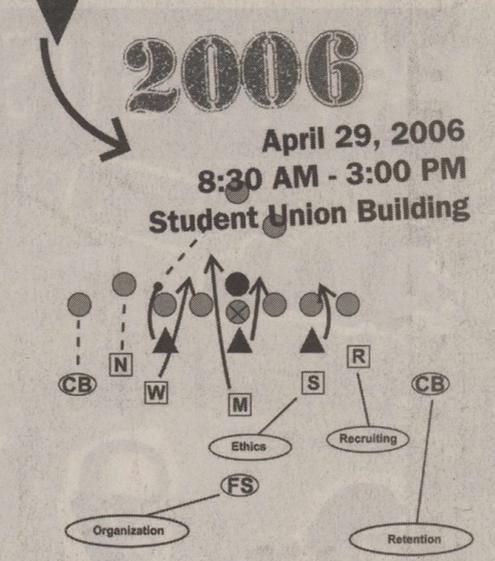
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TEXAS TECH PITCHER Josh Tomlin delivers to the plate during the Red Raiders' 8-2 loss to No. 13 Oklahoma Sunday at Dan Law Field. The loss completed the series sweep for the Sooners and was the first time Tech has been swept by an opponent at home since falling to Nebraska in 2001. The Raiders will end a nine-game home stand as they host New Mexico at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Red Raiders fall victim to Sooner sweep

By TREY SHIPMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Heading into the weekend, the Texas Tech baseball team knew No. 13 Oklahoma was good. After dropping three games to the Sooners at Dan Law Field, the Red Raiders found out just how good their conference foe is.

OU (32-10, 11-4 Big 12) completed the sweep Sunday after they pieced together a five-run eighth inning, which proved to be too much for the Raiders (26-17-1, 6-10-1) to overcome as they took the loss, 8-2.

Tech hung with the top-ranked Sooners for the majority of the contest behind a solid outing from starter Josh Tomlin. Tomlin went 5 1/3 innings, giving up three runs and seven hits.

However, the Raider offense had difficulty solving Sooner starter P.J. Sandoval who picked up his sixth win of the year by holding the Raiders to one run over 7 1/3 innings.

Freshman left fielder Roger Kieschnick did his part in trying to help Tech avoid its first sweep at home since Nebraska accomplished the feat in 2001. The freshman

now has hit safely in 38 of Tech's 44 games this season after he dropped a mammoth solo home run off the scoreboard in left-center field to put the Raiders up 2-1 in the bottom of the third; though it proved to be the only lead the Raiders would hold in the game.

In Friday's action, No. 1 starter Miles Morgan had trouble harnessing the dominating form he has shown in the past as he consistently lived on the edge, dealing with OU runners in scoring position. He ended up allowing four runs, three earned, over five innings which proved to be enough for the Sooners who took the game, 5-2.

Saturday was Tech's best shot at taking a game in the series. With the score tied at four runs a piece through seven innings, the Sooners took the lead in the top of the seventh when first baseman Kevin Smith connected on a two-RBI single.

Though the Raiders wouldn't go away and set the

table for a dramatic ninth-inning comeback. Brian Capps came through with an RBI sacrifice fly to right, closing the gap to 6-5.

With two outs and two runners on, Kieschnick stepped to the plate but was unable to deliver as he grounded out to short to end the game.

The three-game sweep was the second in a row for OU after going on the road and downing Missouri last weekend, including a 15-3 victory over No. 1 Rice on Tuesday.

Tuesday will mark the end of a nine-game home stand for the Raiders as they are set to host New Mexico at 3 p.m.

The eighth-place Raiders will head to Omaha, Neb., next weekend, the site of the College World Series, to do battle with the No. 4 Cornhuskers in what will be a crucial series as conference play winds down.

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Final frame of play not kind to Raiders against 'Huskers



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TEXAS TECH INFILDER Heather Parker tags out a Nebraska base runner after an attempted steal in Raiders' 10-4 loss to the Cornhuskers Sunday at the Rocky Johnson Softball Complex. The Raiders had a 3-2 lead in the final inning of play before the 'Huskers sent the game to extra innings, eventually sealing the victory in the tenth frame of play. The loss dropped the Raiders to 4-11 in Big 12 play this season.

By JAY LANGLEY
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Two one-run leads heading into the last inning equaled two losses for the Texas Tech softball team Saturday and Sunday at the Rocky Johnson Softball Complex against No. 17 Nebraska.

Sunday, as part of senior day, Tech (18-31, 4-11 Big 12) took a 3-2 lead into the seventh before Nebraska sent the game into extra-innings then scored six runs in the top of 10TH for the 10-4 victory.

Tech coach Teresa Wilson said her team is in a transition period in which all softball programs must go through to become a top team in the nation.

"When you build a program up, one of the natural progressions is you lose bad, which we took care of last year," Wilson said. "And then you lose close, and then you win close, and then you win big."

Tech took an early lead Sunday on a first-inning solo home run by Montana Patin.

Raider senior pitcher Julie Hauck gave the lead back in the third on an RBI single by Nebraska's Jamie Waldecker.

"It's weird because this was my last time to play at home in a conference game,"

Hauck said. "I've never had that feeling so I don't know how to describe it. I was ready to go. Go out with a bang is what I was thinking."

Hauck was relieved in the third by Sarah Losleben (1-6) who pitched 7 1/3 innings giving up four earned runs in the loss.

Tech gained momentum in the bottom of the third with an RBI double by Whitney Riley and an RBI single by Brandy Moulton to take a 3-1 lead.

Nebraska (35-8, 9-4) cut Tech's lead to one in the fourth with an RBI single by Lizzy Aumua.

Leading 3-2 heading into the top of the seventh, an error by first baseman Jennifer Corkin and a hit batsman with the bases loaded allowed Nebraska to take a one-run lead heading into Tech's last at bat.

Tech managed to send the game into extra innings on a RBI double by Whitney Riley.

The game stayed tied until the top of the 10TH when Nebraska exploded for six runs off of Losleben highlighted by a three-run home run by Devin Porter.

"I think this team needs to learn how to stay in attack mode for seven innings," Wilson said. "You have to learn to take control of situations and to thrive in pres-

sure situations. That is part of the process of becoming a good team."

Saturday, Tech could not hold a 3-2 seventh inning lead as senior pitcher Erin Crawford (11-16) gave up back to back solo home runs to Waldecker and Crystal Carwile to give Nebraska the 4-3 win.

The game also WAS the last conference home game for Crawford who joined the Tech squad as a walk-on in her first season. Although Crawford ranks in the Top 5 in almost all Tech career-pitching categories, she said she never thinks about records.

"When I walked on to this team I was just wanting to play ball and give it a try," Crawford said. "The last couple of years this has meant a lot more, but I never imagined that I would be where I am today."

The other senior to be honored with Hauck and Crawford Sunday as part of senior day was Amanda Oaks. She said she will use her experiences with the softball team after she graduates and begins her career.

"There's little life lessons in the game of softball," Oaks said. "We are on the road with each other every week. You learn to deal with different types of people in different situations."

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TECH TRACK UNDER FIRE AFTER ATHLETE SAID HE WAS PAID

Texas Tech track and field coach Wes Kitley came under fire Friday for allegedly helping to pay a former athlete's rent.

An article in Friday's addition of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* claimed former Texas Tech track and field athlete Terry Beard told the paper he was paid \$4,200 in January 2005 by his coach.

All Tech coaches, athletes and administrators are not commenting on the article. Athletic Director Gerald Myers wrote in a statement that the university needs time to review any questions raised about the Tech track and field program.

An instance in which a coach provides an athlete with cash is a violation of NCAA rules and can result in institutional sanctions including vacating any championships the school won while the athlete was in participation.

Beard, a former sprinter and hurdler, helped the Raider squad win the 2005 Big 12 Outdoor Championship.

More details of this story will be reported as they are made available to *The Daily Treador*.

—Jay Langley/Senior Sports Writer

WOMEN'S TENNIS ROUNDS OUT CONFERENCE PLAY

The Texas Tech women's tennis team (14-7, 7-4 Big 12) capped off its regular season by securing wins over both Oklahoma and Oklahoma State on Lubbock soil this weekend in a fitting finish to a winning season marked by ample time on the road.

Friday, the No. 57 Lady Raiders rolled over the No. 75 Sooners to add another 'W' to their scoreboard, finishing at 5-2, while Saturday's action with the No. 47 Cowgirls proved to be laced with much more suspense.

After both Tech and Oklahoma State notched three wins on their respective sides, Lakann Wagley's match-up with Yawna Allen positioned the day's outcome in her hands.

To the sound of cheering fans, Wagley stepped up to the challenge, producing a 4-6, 7-6, 6-2 win in the only match of the day that stretched into a third set, contributing to Tech's 4-3 victory.

Wagley said she was completely conscious of her team's status while on the court, and knew the match's overall outcome was resting on her shoulders.

"Getting it to the third set was the biggest factor," she said in recollection of her feelings in the heat of the match. "I thought 'It's my time' — I just believed I could do it."

In the aftermath of the match, Wagley said she was proud her team.

Coach Cari Groce said she was pleased for Wagley, as well as the entire team's efforts. She said on any given day, every single person contributes to the strength of the program.

"I think we always fight to the bitter end," she said. "Today that really paid off."

Still, amid the celebration, Groce said she already is looking toward what the immediate future holds for the team.

"Hopefully when next week's rankings come out we'll be in the 40," she said. "We've positioned ourselves and done everything we needed to do — we feel good about our chances."

—Danielle Noey/Senior Sports Writer

Tech tennis splits final conference matches

By BRITTANY BARRIENTOS
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Coming off last weekend's Texas two-step losses against conference and in-state rivals Texas and Texas A&M, members of the Texas Tech men's tennis team had their work cut out for them.

"(Texas) A&M was probably the second-toughest loss I've ever experienced in my 15 years," said coach Tim Siegel. "That was a tough one."

The Red Raiders lost that match 4-3 after leading 3-1 through the first four matches. That meant a rebound performance was a must, and that's what the team delivered Friday when they took on No. 63 Nebraska and came out with a 6-1 victory.

"This was a tough match for us," Siegel said. "It was one we had to have."

With the Big 12 Tournament this weekend and the NCAA Tournament an-

nouncement just weeks away, the Raiders were well aware of that.

"We've been building since the beginning of the season this confidence in ourselves and the determination that we need to finish strong this regular season and be prepared for the Big 12 Tournament," Tech's No. 2 player Dimitrio Martinez said. "It's probably the strongest conference in the nation. We knew from Day 1 there were not going to be easy matches. We have a competitiveness day in and day out."

Lucky for the Raiders, that competitiveness stems deep. This match proved that for No. 5 Michael Breler, who blanked his opponent, Nebraska's Mark Tate, 6-2, 6-0.

"He was playing the first two games. I felt like I was the stronger guy ... I didn't think he was as fit as I was," he said. "When I sense someone losing it, I just play solid — see if they make mistakes. That's how

it turned out."

Siegel said he was impressed with the win, but it stems down further than that for him.

"What I'm more impressed with ... we came out and beat a good Nebraska team," he said. "No. 1 I'm proud of the team effort and proud of the way they've practiced without me here."

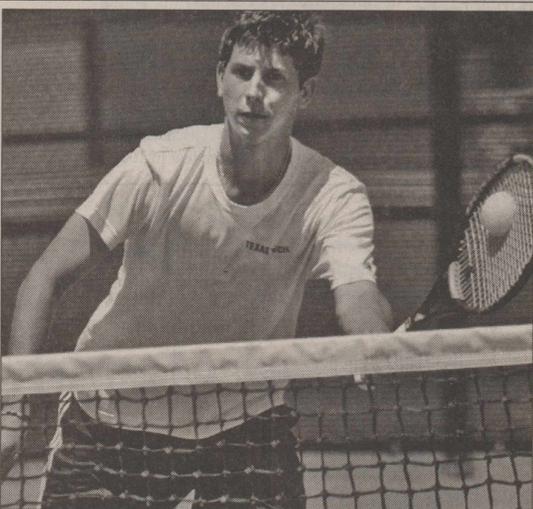
One could argue Siegel had a valid excuse for missing practice last week — his wife gave birth to his fourth child and first son, Luke.

"All this is very important, no question. I'm passionate about coaching — coaching is what I do," he said. "Being a dad is who I am — I'm so proud right now and life is great."

Sunday, Tech took on No. 25 Colorado. The Buffaloes took a late-match win over the Raiders 4-3, bringing Tech's regular-season record to 13-10, and 2-5 in the Big 12.

The Big 12 Tournament is scheduled for this weekend in Waco.

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TEXAS TECH FRESHMAN Sinisa Markovic returns a shot in the Red Raiders' 4-3 loss to No. 25 Colorado Sunday at the McLeod Tennis Center. The Raiders also took on Nebraska Friday but emerged victorious in that match, downing the Cornhuskers 6-1. The matches served as the final tune-up for Tech before the Big 12 Tournament in Waco this weekend.

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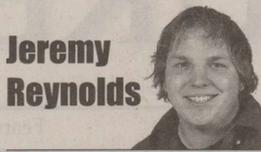
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Opening act Drowning Pool steals show, proves Lubbock audiences love live music

A crack of thunder and a glimpse of impending rain on the horizon started the night off. A packed house of rockers stood waiting as other bands filled the stage at the Lone Star Pavilion Saturday night.



Jeremy Reynolds
CONCERT REVIEW
Trapt and Blue October this semester alone. After seeing all of these bands, I've learned one thing: Lubbock supports a certain kind of music.

right notes at South Beach last week, but starting out onto the wave of crowd surfers, women on guys' shoulders exposing themselves in all the glory God gave them, and the packed stadium chanting Staind and Drowning Pool, I realized no other musician has had this kind of effect on the Hub City in a long time.

With the horizon that looked and sounded as bleak as some of Staind's more popular songs, Drowning Pool was forced to rush through its set to get the show moving along. But this quick pace didn't show in quality. The band hit all the popular songs, a few under the radar gems and Pantera's "Cowboys of Hell" before toasting to the crowd and their fallen lead singer Dave Williams and stepping off the stage.

Staind's set lacked the same emotion and passion Drowning Pool showed. Maybe that's because Drowning Pool was playing to its home state and had something to prove after its second CD tanked. But, that's not to say Staind didn't

put on a good show. The band knew what the audience wanted and gave it to them without hesitation. They played all their hits, which come off with a little more edge in person, while throwing water bottles into the crowd between each song.

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Taking the plunge

Aquathlon participants compete in four-mile run, 400-yard swim

By LINDSAY WHARTON
FEATURES WRITER

Though running four miles and swimming 400 yards may not seem like normal Sunday afternoon activities, participants in Texas Tech's annual Aquathlon were more than willing to take the plunge and hit the track.

Michael Robison, a senior civil engineering major from Cedar Hill, competed. "It was harder than I thought," he said.

He said he believes the transition from swimming laps to running was difficult because his body is not accustomed to the quick change in pace.

Robison, an avid swimmer and lifeguard at the Tech Aquatic Center, said he is accustomed to competitive swimming. However, he said, he needed more preparation for the running portion.

Betty Blanton, associate director for Rec Sports, said the Aquathlon was a success. She said the participants seemed motivated and determined to finish the event.

"Most of the people once they get out of the pool they know they can run four miles," she said.

The athletes had the option of having a team, or doing the entire event alone.

Blanton said she was impressed with the four-mile run, but the swimming event was not executed well.

"A lot of them are runners that wanted a new challenge," Blanton said.

Most of the participants were not accustomed to the swimming event, she said, but their running times were impressive.

Blanton said she believes the Aquathlon is good practice for Tech's annual triathlon in the fall semester. Many of the athletes who participated Sunday said they plan to continue training for the triathlon.

Kelley Litsch, a man from Ransom Canyon, participated in many marathons about 20 years ago. He said he decided to try to work on his physical fitness so he could be a part of marathons again. He said the challenge was more difficult than he expected.

"It was a marathon for me," he said. "It made me want to quit."

Litsch said he is training for a half marathon in May.

Christy Hodnett, a senior interior design major from Weatherford, watched the event

unfold from the finish line. Her boyfriend was participating in the event. She said her boyfriend was well prepared for the running event but she was not sure about the swimming portion.

"He hasn't swam in a really long time," she said.

Dianna Williams, a junior early childhood development major from Odessa, volunteered at the event. Her job was to cheer on the athletes and show them which direction to run.

Williams said she enjoys volunteering because she said the participants inspire her to work harder in her own athletic pursuits. "They give me my motivation," she said. "It's awesome."

Williams is an aerobic instructor for the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center and said she is impressed by the runner's stamina. She said she does not believe she is capable of participating in such a physically trying event.

Also, she said she was amazed at how many older people participated in the event.

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PHOTO: RACHEL MCNEW, a graduate student from Kingwood studying environmental toxicology runs in the Texas Tech Aquathlon. PHOTO BY LINC ARMES/The Daily Toreador

Tradition 'reins' as new Masked Rider takes over

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
FEATURES WRITER

After 14,000 miles, 125 appearances and 10 football games, Justin Burgin retired his black cowboy hat and mask Friday afternoon, removing himself as the Texas Tech Masked Rider.

Burgin, who served as the rider for the 2005-06 school year, completed his process of retirement when he put a new black cowboy hat and mask on senior animal and food science major Amy Bell.

"I'd like to thank the selection committee," Bell said shortly after receiving the reins of the new rider.

The tradition of the Masked Rider goes back a little more than 50 years. It started as a stunt with a student wearing a black cape and riding a horse; from there it evolved into a tradition.

After the transfer of the reins ceremony, she went outside to a line of people waiting to take a picture with her next to her horse, Midnight Matador.

"I'm very excited for the opportunity I have," she said.

Bell is not looking to top Burgin's number of appearances. She said she wanted to get out and try to visit places that might not have seen the Masked Rider, like many smaller West Texas towns.

"I'm going to try to get out and see as many places as I can," she said. "We're going to look for new events to promote the Masked Rider this year."

Burgin said he has no regrets about his time as the figure in black. He appeared at more events than almost any other rider before him.

"It's been great," he said. "It has truly been an honor."

Before Bell took over as the rider, Burgin received farewells from organizations including the High Riders and the Saddle Tramps.

After the traditional ceremony was finished, it was time to welcome in the new Masked Rider.

"She is an excellent candidate and I have every confidence in the world in her ability to do a good job," Burgin said.

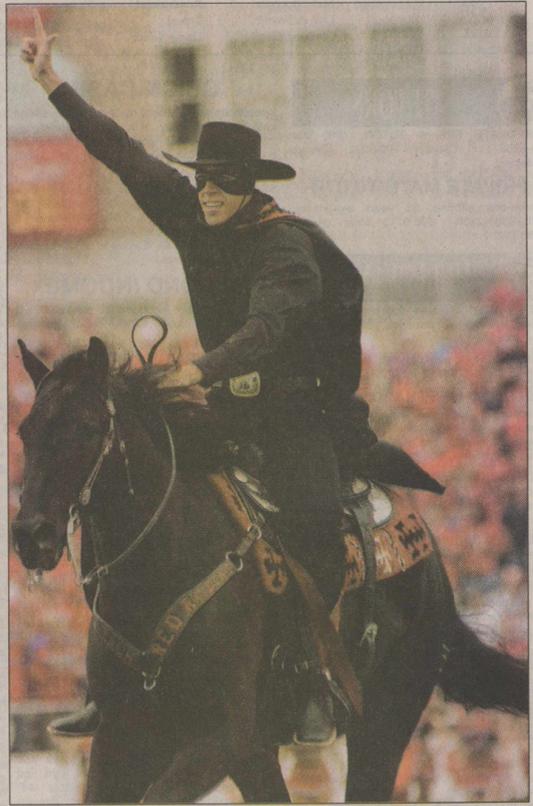
Bell is familiar with the horse and the problems and benefits that come with the job. She served on the Masked Rider Safety Field Team. But, in order to get the mask and cape

it takes a little more than good grades and a history with animals, like a written exam and driving test.

On hand for the event was Tommy Martin, the Masked Rider from the 1970 school year. Martin, a county police officer, had never attended any of the transfer of the reins ceremonies before. He said he enjoyed being a part of one of Tech's biggest traditions.

"It's an extremely large tradition," he said. "It's been here for nearly forever."

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JUSTIN BURGIN, THE 2005-06 Masked Rider, rides Midnight Matador and gives a Guns Up at a home football game. Amy Bell was named the 2006-07 Masked Rider Friday.

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