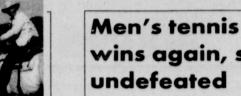


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Greeks top list of binge drinkers

By Apu Naik

This is the second story of a sixpart series about college students and alcohol.

Out of every 10 college students in Texas, at least three admit to binge drinking, and 63 percent of those students considered themselves moderate drinkers, according to a study conducted by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

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The study, which was released Thursday, surveyed 2,400 students from Texas' 10 largest universities in

"Our goal was to draw a random

in order to create an estimate as to how common binge drinking has become (among college students in Texas)," said Dr. Jane Maxwell, the TCADA's chief researcher.

The poll also revealed overwhelmingly higher rates of binge drinking among fraternity and sorority students than that of non-Greek stu-

Out of the students involved in fraternities and sororities, 44 percent admitted to binge drinking, compared to 27 percent among non-Greek students.

And although the overall rate of students who admitted to binge drinking was 29 percent of the total 2,400 students polled, Maxwell said a lot of those students had a preconceived mentality about drinking which could sample from the largest universities be the root of the problem.

"Thirty percent of the kids said pus. they had not taken a drink in the last month, but they thought everyone else did," Maxwell said. "That's what I think the biggest problem is. The mentality that everybody else is doing it so it must be OK.

In order to be classified as a binge drinker, five or more drinks would need to be consumed on at least two occasions during the past month for men and four or more drinks for women, Maxwell said.

In addition, the survey also found that 60 percent of underage drinkers admitted to drinking within the past month.

Twenty-eight percent said they got behind the wheel of an automobile after drinking five or more drinks, and 47 percent said alcohol abuse was a problem on their cam-

Maxwell also said students who are binge drinkers in college also have an increased likelihood to continue drinking after college.

"Another interesting thing we found was that kids who were binge drinkers in college said they were also binge drinkers in high school," Maxwell said. "So, they are definitely more likely to continue binge drinking after college because they already have a history of continuing this behavior."

But, one contradicting fact discovered from the survey was that 75 percent of the students polled said they would be in favor of their university enforcing stricter rules on alcohol

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Just how much do college students drink?

A survey of 2,400 students from Texas' 10 largest universities

- 29% non-Greeks admitted to binge drinking
- 44% Greeks admitted to binge drinking
- 63% of binge drinkers considered themselves moderate drinkers
- 60% of minors admitted drinking at least once in the past month
- 47% said alcohol was a major problem
- 28% admitted to driving after drinking within the past month

source: Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 1997

HSC students eligible for counseling

By Greg Okuhara

Medical students are now eligible for services from the Employee Assistance Program through a program called the Student Assistance Program.

At the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Student Senate meeting Monday evening, students in the School of Medicine, School of Allied Health, School of Nursing, School of Pharmacy and School of Biomedical Sciences were told they qualify to receive counseling from EAP counselors

Family members living in the same household also are eligible to obtain counseling in family and relationship problems, drug and alcohol abuse, anxiety, stress and depression.

Sterling Shumway, the director of EAP, said these services are free of charge and should be taken advantage of. "You get five visits simply by the fact you're a student,"

Shumway told the Senate. "I have about seven counselors, who I feel are some of the best in the area, in the program." Dates for the upcoming HSC Student Senate elections also were announced.

Officer elections for the senate will be March 22. Those interested in applying must turn in their applications by

noon March 22 in 3B310 of the HSC. Senator speeches and elections are scheduled for March 29 through April 2. An informational week and nominations will be March 22 through 26.

Three medical student groups came before the senate requesting funds for upcoming trips.

The Christian Medical Dental Society, along with the Texas Nursing Students Association asked for funding for a mission trip to Juarez, Mexico. While in Juarez, students will distribute toothbrushes, hair brushes and hygiene products to the needy people of the area.

The Emergency Medicine Students Association requested \$1,605 to attend its convention in San Antonio. After a discussion about whether the group should drive or fly to the convention, the Senate approved \$1,000.

The Clinical Laboratory Science Student Association also was approved for funds to attend their national convention in Austin.

Holly Short, president of CLSSA, said it is necessary for the juniors and seniors to attend the convention.

'This acts as a job fair for the juniors and seniors," Short said. "We need to attend this to make contacts for future

Life A Thief in the Night

Campus sees increase risk of bike thefts

By Matt Green

The decrease in available parking has resulted in more students relying on bicycles for campus transportation, said Doug Holley, crime prevention officer with the Texas Tech University Police Department.

With this increase in the number of bicycles on campus comes the increased threat of theft, Holley said.

Several thefts already have occurred on campus since the beginning of the Spring 1999 semester. Holley offered several tips on how to keep bikes pro-

tected. "Most of the bikes stolen from Tech are locked with a chain and are not registered with Tech," Holley said. Bicycle registration is a service offered free of charge

by UPD and involves filling out an information card and placing a registration sticker on the bike. The bike is then registered in a national computer, and the record is kept for seven years.

Registration, which only takes several minutes, can be done anytime at the UPD station, and also is available at the West Campus Community Police Services Substation, located in the lobby of Chitwood/ Weymouth.

"It helps police identify the bike and lets thieves know that the bike is registered," Holley said.

Holley also offered recommendations on how to properly lock bicycles.

"A chain or cable lock will protect your bike for about fifteen seconds," Holley said. The police recommend using a high quality U-bolt

lock, made by a well known manufacturer. Nelson Cain, manager of Adventure cycles, advised

people against purchasing cheap U-bolt locks. "Some of the cheaper brands are either not strong enough, or have faulty mechanisms," Cain said. "A good

lock can be found within the \$30-\$100 range." Quick release features, such as seats and wheels, are



photo illustration Wade Kennedy/The University Daily

Be Careful: The decrease in available parking on the Texas Tech campus has caused many students to depend on bicycles to get them where they need to be. With the increasing number of bikes on campus comes the increase of thefts.

also at risk to be stolen.

"Front wheels should be removed and locked with the frame and the back wheel to the rack and removable seats should be taken to a class or dorm room with the rider," Holley said.

The residence halls are the most victimized areas on campus because of the amount of bicycles present after

One aspect, which complicates police investigation, is many residents do not check their bikes on a frequent

"A lot of students lock up their bikes at the beginning of the semester and do not go back for them until after finals," Holley said.

"It is very hard for police to investigate the theft of bike that nobody has seen in several months."

CBS reporter returns to alma mater



Daniel Bruns/The University Daily Big Time: Scott Pelley, CBS's chief White House correspondent and Texas Tech alumnus, speaks to mass communications students Monday.

Chief White House correspondent shares experiences with students By J.D. Boswell

Bill Roach, the Bowie Elementary School principal from 1962 to 1985, stood in the hall of the mass communications building Monday grasping a class picture from 1973.

Among the children clad in polyester was a man who has been around the world and was now preparing to be a part of a panel discussion in conjunction with mass communications week.

Roach was eagerly awaiting Scott Pelley, CBS News' chief White House correspondent and one of the students who attended Bowie while Roach was in charge.

"He was an intensive, fast-moving

little guy," Roach said, "but nice and nalism career began. very well mannered."

Before the discussion started, the two had a chance to talk and Roach presented the picture.

Pelley's initial reaction was, "is that me" and "hey, no grey hair."

Today, this grey-haired reporter is seen by more than 11 million viewers a night on the CBS evening news with Dan Rather, has won two Emmys for his work and has spoken with leaders from around the world.

But before Pelley broke into the elite world of network news reporting, he started preparing for his career right here in Lubbock.

In addition to Bowie Elementary, Pelley attended Coronado High School, about the same time his jour-

At the age of 15, Pelley took a job at the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal as a copy boy, hoping that if he worked hard he could move into a photography position.

"I wanted to be a still photographer," Pelley said.

But, when Pelley was about 17 years old, he was given an offer that would change his career plan. He took a job as a reporter at the A-J and started writing obituaries.

His first story with a byline was about a small town around Lubbock that had just purchased a new fire truck. (He got to take the picture,

Soon, Pelley was writing frontpage stories.

"I remember walking through the halls in high school and people would tell me they saw my story," Pelley said, "and they liked it or hated it, or whatever.'

He stayed in Lubbock for college, attending Texas Tech and also began to work at the ABC affiliate producing the 10 p.m. news. Pelley graduated from Tech with a degree in journalism in 1978.

"It was a great experience for me,"

The road to where he is now was a long one. After graduation, Pelley took a job with a NBC affiliate in Dallas, then with an ABC affiliate and finally with CBS, where he will have been for 10 years, next month, he

Pelley's secret for moving up in the ranks is a simple one.

"The thing you must keep in mind is ... you just must not take 'no' for an answer," Pelley said.

"When the doors were closed I pounded on them."

As chief correspondent to the White House, Pelley has been right in the heart of the news that has been filling the airwaves night in and night out. Pelley's duties are to relay the day's happenings on Capitol Hill, in

two minutes. Recent stories include the Lewinsky scandal and the impeachment proceedings, in addition to other news from the government in Washington, D.C.

Force debates alcohol abuse

By Ginger Pope

This is the third story in a six-part series about college students and al-

Texas Tech President Donald Haragan has jumped on the bandwagon to combat the abuse of alcohol by college students.

The President's Alcohol and recently with Other Drugs Tack Force was established by Haragan to discuss whether there is an alcohol abuse problem at Tech and what steps to take if there is.

"This task force brings together people from all different backgrounds. We get their opinions of what can be done to combat any problems," said Katie Marshall, task force chairwoman and assistant to dean of students.

This type of task force is becoming more popular at all university campuses, Marshall said.

The committee includes Tech students and administrators as

well as officials from the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission, Texas Tech Police Department and Lubbock Police Department.

Combatting alcohol abuse binge and drinking has This task force been brought brings together to the spotlight people from all the situation at Southwest different Texas State in San Marcos, in backgrounds." which a student was killed after a fraterparty,

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Katie Marshall task force chairwoman

place. The president's task force has only met twice, and official actions have not been made. Marshall said.

The task force has not determined whether there is a problem with binge drinking or alcohol

abuse among Tech students.

"We need to do more talking. It will be beneficial to talk to other universities about what they are

doing," said Vice Presi-

dent for Stu-Affairs dent Robert Ewalt gave a report to the Tech Board of Regents regarding alcohol abuse last week. Results of a Harvard School

Public

Health College said two out of three college students are considered binge drinkers. University of Michigan

reported 31 percent of high school graduates are binge drinkers. A Tech Freshman Experience survey from this past fall found that 41.6 percent of freshmen did not drink and 24.7 percent drank

infrequently. The rest of the number of students drinking on a weekly basis or more, Ewalt said.

"It is sometimes hard to gauge by surveys because the questions may not be specific enough," he

Ewalt told board members alcohol is not allowed on campus except in the Merket Alumni Center or unless authorized by the Chancellor's office.

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CBS White House correspondent shares experiences with students

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"The last 13 months at the White House have been a hostile work environment," Pelley said.

The lawn of the president's residence isn't the only place Pelley reports from.

"I've reported from every continent except Antarctica," he said.

Pelley has conducted interviews and reports from all over South and Central America, Europe, Russia, China, as well as all 50 states just to name a few. He shot live in Saudi Arabia while Saddam Hussein's missiles exploded in the background and at one point was not allowed back into the building because they feared he had been exposed to nerve gas. After it was apparent he was not exposed, he was allowed back in.

Most recently, he took a "day trip" to Jordan to cover the funeral of recently deceased King

"Binge drinkers reported lower

grades, and also reported that even

when they were sober, alcohol still

intruded in their lives," Maxwell said.

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Hussein. This day trip consisted of a 10 hour plane ride to the event, 12 hours in Jordan, and a 13 hour plane ride home.

"It was a stunning bit of world history," Pelley said of the funeral.

But big stories are nothing new to Pelley. Some of the biggest he's had the opportunity to cover are the Challenger disaster, the World Trade Center bombing, the Branch Davidian Compound incident, the Oklahoma City bombing and the Lewinsky scandal.

While no reporter has had the chance to interview Lewinsky, "I saw her at my favorite Indian restaurant, ironically right near the White House," he said. "She has been indulging in comfort food."

The list of people he has interviewed and spoken with reads like a 'who's who' of world leaders. He has interviewed people like President Bill Clinton, Boris Yeltsen, and Fidel

One person who Pelley has inter-

Drinking affects Texas Tech campus

viewed several times is Timothy McVeigh. This first time came when he was covering Desert Storm and McVeigh was a U.S. soldier.

"He was as nice a guy as you are," Pelley said, "with a great sense of humor."

The other interviews came after the Oklahoma City bombing. Pelley said it is hard to believe that McVeigh was capable of such a horrible event.

Despite traveling around the world and meeting the most powerful people on the planet, Pelley was pleasantly surprised to see his former principal.

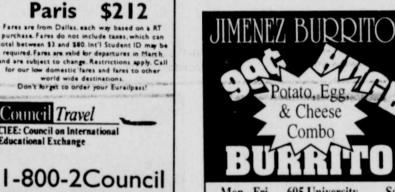
"I instantly recognized him," he said. "Mr. Roach was great."

Though Pelley does not get the opportunity to visit the Hub City

often, he was pleased to be back. "I enjoy being back," Pelley said. "I really, really enjoy coming back to the university and talking to people about to embark on similar career paths as me.'

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"Even when sober, their friends or roommates would come home drunk, and they would have to clean up after them. So even though students said they were binge drinkers, they also admitted it's a problem."

Although Maxwell said the TCADA would not be able to release the binge-drinking statistics for the individual schools until next month, Texas Tech Dean of Students Michael Shonrock said a similar survey was conducted last fall on the Freshman Year Experience Survey.

Of the total 462 freshman who were polled, 41 percent said they had not consumed alcohol at all last semester. However, the same survey also showed that 23 percent responded that they consume alcohol on a weekly basis.

"Binge drinking is definitely a problem on college campuses, but the question is how to solve it." Shonrock said. "But, there is not one answer as to how to end binge drinking. The answer is what is best for students.'

Shonrock said the Dean of Students Office has been researching different methods of how to solve bingedrinking problems. Tech has taken various initiatives in trying to solve alcohol abuse problems including assuming roles on binge-drinking studies including the infamous Harvard study conducted two years ago which first introduced the term "binge."

"What we have found is that we are slightly lower than the national average. Yet, that's not to say we don't have a problem," Shonrock said.



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By Lisa Marie Lachmann

The international honor society of Phi Kappa Phi will nominate classranked students to receive a scholarship locally and nationally.

Texas Tech members of Phi Kappa Phi initiate more than 250 students to be PKPs. One member of each classification will be nominated for a scholarship. A sophomore and junior non-member and one senior member will be awarded scholarship

A selected sophomore, nonmember, with the highest rank of the class will be awarded \$200 in the College of Architecture. The college of choice rotates each year to give a new stu-

dent in different colleges a chance to receive money.

Awards also are given to one junior in any college of must be ranked in the top 5 percent of the class and must accept an invitation to be a member of PKP. Along with membership, the junior will receive a \$300 schol-

chapter will be given to one senior member or non-member based on who applies. A senior iniciate, with a

year or less until graduation, then will be nominated for a national scholar-

study. The junior There are many honors organizations on campus, but I hold PKP in highest honor and regard."

> Robert Wernsman PKP scholarship chairman and coordinator

nated student Another scholarship from the receives a \$500 scholarship to finish graduate study at an institution of the nominee's choice and a lifetime membership. Applications for the

graduate program scholarship are due March 22.

The goal of PKP is to pursue and recognize outstanding academic achievement for students and fac-

Lora Deahl, president of PKP, recognizes any student who has outstanding achievement.

"As president, my purpose is to promote excellence in PKP with the motivation of scholarship and higher education," Deahl said.

Membership and scholarship requirements for PKP include that all students have a minimum of 32 credit hours. Seniors must be ranked in the top 10 percent of their class and with 96 hours completed. Juniors must be ranked in the top 5 percent of their class and have 80 hours completed. Graduates must complete one year of work at Tech and be in the top 10 percent.

For the first time, PKP will sponsor 10 students who cannot afford initiation fees to become a PKP

The application deadline is Feb. 15 for sponsorship and requires a letter of recommendation from a faculty member, a resume and a description of the student's financial situation.

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Robert Wernsman, PKP scholarship chairman and coordinator in the Honors College, wants students to understand it is not just another

"There are many honors organizations on campus, but I hold PKP in highest honor and regard," Wernsman said. "Anyone who is invited to join this group needs to give

it complete consideration." For more information and application forms, call Wernsman at 742-1828 or go to 103 in Holden Hall.

FEBRUARY 16

Diet can prevent heart attacks

DALLAS (AP) — A Mediterraneanstyle diet high in fruits, vegetables, fish and beans - already proven to reduce the risk of cancer - may also protect people from suffering a second heart attack, a study shows.

A study of more than 400 men and women over nearly four years found that people who eat these kinds of foods are 50 to 70 percent less likely to suffer repeat heart attacks.

"By making some simple dietary changes that are easy to understand and easy to follow, a person can improve his or her chances of avoiding a second heart attack and having a better quality of life," said Dr. Michel de Lorgeril, who led the French project known as the Lyon Diet Heart Study.

The findings were published Monday in Circulation, the journal of the American Heart Association.

The patients, all of whom had suffered one heart attack, were similar in body fat, blood pressure and blood cholesterol levels, and about onefifth of each group continued to

After an initial heart attack, each study subject was put on one of two

About half the group ate a "Western" diet that averaged almost 34 percent of total calories from fat and almost 12 percent of calories from saturated fat

The study did not further identify

The diet of the other half averaged 30 percent of total calories from fat and 8 percent from saturated fat.

In June, the same researchers found that participants who followed a Mediterranean diet faced a 56 percent lower risk of dying during the study period, and a 61 percent lower risk of developing cancer.



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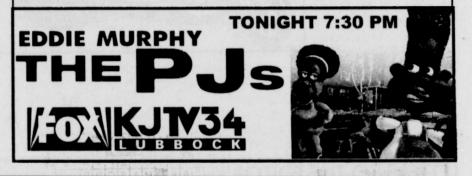
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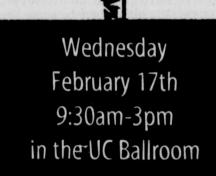
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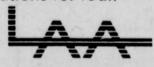


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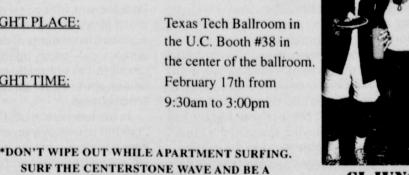
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Columnist lacks knowledge of those in need on campus

To the editor: Now listen, you have really disgusted me this time. I can put up with too-cute writing, shallow issues and faulty logic, but I will not withstand insult and

Hollye Hodges, as far as campus editorial voices go, you don't speak for me.

I am sickened at your abhorrent reaction to the visitors in the library. I find it disgusting that in an attempt to be witty and cute, you felt it necessary to degrade these individuals by naming them "Stinky, Smelly and Dirty."

Look at your sweet, cute picture in the paper - totally oblivious. I wonder, have you ever gone hungry? Have you had to sleep in the cold? Have you ever been dirty — I mean really dirty — and had no place to wash? Have you ever had to carry every worldly possession you had on your back? Have you ever slept in a car?

You have no idea what those three people - and they are people - have gone through. While you were writing your cute little column on inhumanity, they may have been freezing outside or eating in a shelter. Or, to your great disapproval, they may have been in the library.

Personally, I am more upset that the money I pay for library fees is going to pay for a student like yourself, who only visits the library when an assignment is due. Learning is a 24-7 thing. You decide when, how and what to fill your mind with. Obviously, you have decided to fill that mind with ignorance and judgmental assumptions.

First of all, let me commend you on your absolute pure and heartfelt compassion. It's so nice to know you didn't want someone to be out in the cold. That is, as long as the person smells good, doesn't do things you disagree with, and as long as they don't come to your library. Just exactly who is worthy of occupying space in the library and using the facilities? Your objections in the column:

1.) "Sadly, they appeared homeless." What exactly does that look like? I was just wondering. I probably look homeless to a great number of people during finals. If deodorant is the major issue with you, I hope you avoid certain European countries. You might assume a large portion of the country is homeless.

2.) The language these people used when working with the Internet "hooked up" with a "chickadee" also was an issue. I hear guys I know, from all walks of life: fraternities, high school, college, classes, etc., say these things all the time. What would your reaction be if these three people in the library smelled great, looked good and dressed right? Having said the same things then, would you still have found it so repulsive and made the impli-

cations I derived from your column? Only you can an-

There are a lot of reasons why I was offended by your column, but the real point is that regardless of whether or not these three individuals are homeless, you can't dictate who has the right to learn. If your logic says, "I pay and that gives me the right to keep them out" OK, but you can't pay for all of it. If your rationale is, "They don't pay taxes" OK, but the next time we get a busload of elementary students in for a library tour, you stand at the door and turn them away. They don't pay taxes either. You have to be fair. When you begin suggesting that rules be made on who can and cannot have access to information, you get on my very first and last nerve. As for the library, one thing will always be true: The information is free; the knowledge you have to earn for yourself.

> Amber Irlbeck English and journalism

Senior leaves thoughts for students to ponder

To the editor: I'm nobody you probably know. Just another senior graduating this year and moving on. I though I'd leave you with a few observations, if you like. If you don't, please ignore them. They all concern democracy, our place as students in democracy. That is participatory democracy - as my political science professors are wont to call it. I'm not really talking about voting either. I'm talking about direct democracy. That is, where the gov-

In my few years here, I've noticed that this institution does not necessarily promote democracy. For instance, I have a professor tell me that I didn't have the right to quietly get up from class and go to the bathroom (boy, is that a lawsuit waiting to happen or what?). I've had a professor try to kick me off a field exercise because I insisted we stop burning plastic 10 feet away from where we were eating because I thought it might be making me sick.

In my mind, these instances were somewhat serious abuses of what is apparently an all-encompassing power professors enjoy.

Apparently, there is broad consensus among them that their far-reaching powers are their natural privilege. When I told an activist professor about the no-potty professor, she just told me that was an inconsequential is-

I wonder how inconsequential it might have been if it

had caused some kind of illness. And besides, isn't relieving yourself a kind of basic human right, enjoyed even by soldiers and prisoners? Apparently not, because when I called the local ACLU, they told me that professors had full control over the classroom. Until the university gets sued over such things or until we the students take our natural rights back, I'm sure the professors and the university will continue to have total power in the classroom.

As Malcom X said in a nutshell, no one will give you respect, you have to demand it. So that is my suggestion to you, fellow students. Demand your full share of the power pie, even in the classroom.

The university obviously doesn't give a damn about your needs - why else would they allow drunkards (and mean drunk in class to teach like a certain history professor I'm sure all you history majors are aware of.) Why else would athletics take such precedence over academics? So now our glorious (and well paid) reichschancelorrfuhrer has thrown a few bones to academics here, even electing to complete our ancient, unfinished-for-decades library but only after sending zillions to sports.

And what about our rather undemocratic radio station "Lubbock's only Alternative." What I ask you is so alternative about niche marketing? It carves out its little niche in nice commercial fashion, a stooge for the "alternative" music scene and its managers demand that incoming disc jockeys adhere strictly to its dogmatic format. Shouldn't the station represent the diversity present here a little bit more? Shouldn't there be some alternative country music, blues, jazz, even Christian alternative? KTXT's FCC license is based on the support of its natural audience - we the students.

It's your station folks. Demand your voice be heard. Likewise, this campus is our campus. As the principle of our democracy goes - the governing must have the consent of the governed. The university is only governed in this undemocratic fashion because, in the absence of our opposition, we consent to the undemocratic nature of this institution. But I posit this: as taxpayers and as feepayers this institution belongs to us. We pay for it twice.

Texas Tech belongs to we, the people. Students - this is your institution too. Take action. Talk to each other. Tell each other about the abuses you encounter here -- any kind of abuses — not just sexual ones. Claim the dignity and respect you deserves as a member of democracy. Guns Up.

> Kit Carson senior English and history

Life can be fun at times

ife can often be a vicious cycle of depression, hard times, bad things, low grades and dark moments. Who the hell cares?

If you let every little trouble or obstacle get you down, how do you expect to survive the big things in life that will soon be headed your way?

Listen, my Red Raider friends, do you want to know how to live a semi-happy existence? You have one of two options — take

action or laugh. That's it. Plain and simple. One of the most overlooked organizations on campus is the Alco-

hol and Substance Abuse Special-We are the only university in the nation that has an on-campus organization that takes action against such problems as alcohol and drug addiction and dysfunctional fami-

The cool thing about this group is not just what they do - but the fact that it is students doing it.

They spend their time putting their past experiences Instead of complaining about what's happened to

them, they are turning the tables and making a difference by helping others.

There's a lesson there somewhere.

Brandon

Formby

Columnist

Then there's this whole campus face-lift thing going down.

While I don't totally support the ways in which Montford and his Master Plan croonies are going about turning this university into a better place, they do deserve major bonus points for realizing the image Tech has and actually taking action to reverse that.

Many people complain about the image Tech has of eing a school full of low-achieving, non-active alco-

Some people are in denial about this, but back here

in reality, it's a fact that we are perceived that way. Many chose to complain about it. Well, I'm glad because their whining sure is doing a lot. Ur, I mean noth-

If you don't like it, take action to do something about

Whether you do what you can to prove not all Tech students are the same, or if you pull an all-out effort to rally the student body (including non-Greeks) to actually begin taking part in Tech life, you need to do something instead of whining.

It's either that or make a joke of it and move on. But don't blow a blood vessel over it.

Many times, though, we are faced with things that we cannot change.

That's fine. But you know what? Griping still won't

work. Just make a joke out of it. Sometimes humor is the only thing that will keep you from going totally insane or climbing a clock tower and

firing off rounds at student nurses. Sometimes you even have to laugh at yourself. I made

a low, low, low GPA last semester. So low, it was like the score you need to make dean's list — divided by the circumference of Memorial Circle taken to the third power.

When people ask how I did, I just say I am now on the AP program.

Sure, they think I mean advanced placement, but I

know I'm talking about academic probation. I'm not saying I don't realize I need to pull some major A's this semester, but I'm not going to become a recluse because of what's in the past.

You see — that's the trick. Don't take everything so damn seriously. If you can't change it and it isn't really a major life-altering event - just laugh. If you don't let yourself have fun every once in awhile you'll never en-

Oh sure, I think a little venting is good every now and then. It lets off steam.

But to walk around with built-up, deep-seeded pockets of inner rage isn't too healthy.

It gives you this mean look, and your facial expression makes you look like you ate manure for break-

So next time something happens to you, don't whine. Change it or laugh about it.

After all, it's not what happens to you in life that mat-

It's what you do about it.

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Frontier lawman dispels between good, bad myths

By Jonathan Biles Staff Writer

The Lone Ranger, Walker Texas Ranger and John Wayne are a few of the many characters that come to mind when one thinks of western

Jim Wilson, field editor of the Shooting Times Magazine and former Crockett County sheriff, will speak at 7 p.m. today in the Formby Room of the Southwest Collection/ Special Collections Library in an attempt to set the record straight of what the true Texas lawman is.

Wilson's speech entitled, "The Frontier Lawman: Dispelling Some Myths," will be an attempt to tell his

audience that the Hollywood portrayal of lawmen either being all good or all bad is a

People think that western lawmen are either all good guys in white hats or all bad guys," Wilson

Wilson's career in law enforcement began after he graduated

with a degree in history and English. of my system."

Jim Wilson

While Wilson's initial dream was to become a professor at a university,

> law enforcement was always something wanted to do, and he said it was time he got it out of his system.

"I've always had this law enforcement bug," Wilson said. "And al-

from Texas Christian University most 30 years later, I got the bug out

Courtesy Photo

Wilson's decorated career in law enforcement ranged from a beginning as a patrol man at the Denton Police Department to end as the sheriff for Crockett County.

Wilson's initial dream of becoming a professor did not die away, however. He said at one time in his law enforcement career he was able to teach at a community college on the topic of law enforcement.

During his two terms as county sheriff, 1989-1996, Wilson began to seek other interests in his life. In 1990, he began writing about one of his passions, guns, he said.

"I was very fortunate to find a job where my two hobbies, guns and writing, can be combined together," Wilson

At the end of his second term as sheriff, Wilson debated whether or not to run again when Shooting Times Magazine gave him an offer he couldn't refuse, he said. Wilson has spent the last few years working for the magazine as their field editor and attempting to educate those on the myths about western lawmen and the truth about law enforcement.

"Law enforcement is not the law business. It's the people business," Wilson said.

Wilson said there are many myths about law enforcement that has the good guy or the hero doing a lot of daring things, where in fact, the opposite is true. Another reason there

are myths about law enforcers in the 'Old West,' Wilson said, has to do with the ideas people had of that time pe-

"Law enforcement is merely a reflection of a society it protects,"

Throughout his life, Wilson has strived for excellence. He said this has to do with the type of family and era he grew up in.

"I grew up in a era and with parents who believed in the work ethics," Wilson said.

Wilson will be speaking at 7 p.m. today at the Formby room.

For more information, contact the Friends of the University Library Office at 724-3685.

Fire kills, injures six firemen

LAKE WORTH (AP) - A windwhipped blaze quickly destroyed a Lake Worth church Monday, killing three firefighters who were trapped when the roof collapsed.

Three other firefighters who were on top of the roof were injured and taken to local hospitals.

A fourth firefighter also suffered back pain and minor facial burns battling the fire.

"At one point, it was billowing smoke, everything was covered — the whole sky, and the flames kept moving toward the front of the

building.The wind has been ferocious like this forever," witness Kevin Schreiber, who works across the street the from church."

"The roof all of the sudden just buckled.'

Two of the victims, Brian Collins, 35, and Phillip Dean, 29, were Fort Worth firemen who were

volunteering for the River Oaks department on their day off.

Collins was a 14-year veteran, and Dean a 6-year veteran.

The wives of both men are pregbirth to the couple's first child on Wednesday. Collins left behind two other young children.

Dean also taught Sunday school. One of his students, Miguel Vega, a developmentally challenged 20year-old, stood in the parking lot across the street from the smoldering church, tears streaming down his face, clutching a tissue in his left hand. His mother, Krisha,

patted him on the shoulder. "He was a wonderful person," Vega said.

Collins often visited schools to give fire-safety lectures.

"He was extremely dedicated to that job," said Lt. Kent Worley of the

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Fort Worth Fire Department.

> Authorities said the third victim was a Sansom Park firefighter. His name was not immediately leased.

> Relatives of fallen the firefighters were taken behind closed

doors at the scene for counseling with rescue workers as firefighters began to take the victims' remains out of the ruins.

Fellow firefighters formed an "honor line," standing in parallel nant — Dean's wife is due to give rows along a path from the charred church to the mortician's van as the first victim's body was carried up the middle.

Worley, the fire department spokesman, said the fire started in the back of the Precious Faith Temple and spread to the attic. The cause of the fire was unknown.

Worley said the first call came in at 10:42 a.m. The first crew arrived two minutes later, and a second alarm was sounded at 11 a.m. when the roof collapsed.

Crews attacked areas of rubble where the missing firefighters were believed to be and finally reached the bodies more than two hours later.

"Obviously they are shaken up, but they know their job is not over," Worley said of crews who remained after the fire was contained.

The injured firefighters were identified as Andrew Ailara, 30, of the Lake Worth Fire Department; Harry Mays of the River Oaks Fire Department; Joe Hamilton of the Eagle Mountain Fire Department and Paul Burns of the Saginaw Fire Department.

Ailara was at Parkland Hospital and was expected to be held overnight for observation.

May, Hamilton and Burns were taken to Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth for treatment of minor in-

All that was left of the church was blackened remnants of the creme-colored building and a few pieces of brick wall jutting from the ground.

About 60 firefighters from several area departments were called to

Overweight advocates protest ads cials said in a release. But, the pro-

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - More than 30 overweight people chanted "Eat me!" while performing aerobics on the sidewalk in front of a health club to protest a new ad campaign they say demoralizes fat people.

The "fat advocates" banded together to protest a 24 Hour Fitness billboard campaign that depicts a hungry space alien and reads "When they come, they will eat the fat ones first.'

Company officials say they didn't intend to offend anyone.

"Sometimes humor helps make things easier and can even be motivational," 24 Hour Fitness offitesters said they saw little humor in the ad. "It's really hard for fat people to get

into the gym anyway." "To alienate them before they

even walk in the door is cruel," said Rebekah Bridges, who handed out lollipops to passersby.

Others waved handwritten signs that read "Bite My Fat, Alien Butt," "Fat and Fit" and "Honk If You're Fat," which received loud support from traffic on the busy downtown street.

Marilyn Wann organized the event and is the author of "Fat!So?," a book that seeks to strip away the common cultural notion that fat is bad. Wann said the 24 Hour Fitness ad is not funny and took her "fat rebels" to the front lines to be seen and heard.

Wann said she'd like to see the company retract the ads and work with advocates to fill out its membership.

Carlsbad-based 24 Hour Fitness has 284 gyms in 10 western states, Europe and Asia.

"The ad is very derogatory. The

ad is abusive. The ad is prejudicial," said club member Nancy Cook, who heard about the protest on television and joined in a show of support.

Judge orders airline pilots back to work

DALLAS (AP) - Most of American Airlines' flights took off as scheduled Monday as negotiations resumed between the company and its pilot union, 10 days after pilots began a sickout that tangled travel for more than a half-million passengers.

About 800 of American's 9,400 pilots were still listed as sick Monday, down from the nearly 2,500 who were out Thursday and Friday, airline officials said. Cancellations of 11 percent of flights was no worse than a day of bad weather in a hub city, officials

American's parent company, AMR Corp., and the Allied Pilots Association headed back to the table to nepurchased Reno Air.

The two were in virtually the same place they were when pilots began calling in sick and refusing overtime, canceling thousands of flights and costing the airline tens of millions.

Neither side has changed their stance on pay for pilots who fly for Reno Air.

About 250 of the 2,250 flights scheduled were canceled because some pilots weren't immediately available for flying.

According to American, pilots have been taking themselves off the sick list at a rapid rate since a federal judge on Saturday held the union and two top board members in congotiate the integration of recently tempt and promised sizable fines against them.

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Some pilots complained that the number on the sick list could have been inflated because they had been trying to get off of the sick list and back to work, but airline officials wouldn't let them. U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall

threatened a "significant" fine against the pilots' union Saturday, saying that the union did not do enough to encourage pilots to return to work after he ordered the union to end the sickout last Wednesday.

The judge required the union place \$10 million, or one-quarter of the union's net worth, with the court in preparation of a final decision on the fine on Wednesday.

The final total has not been pro-

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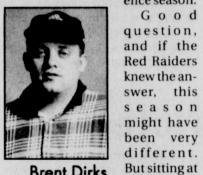
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Tech capable of big time hoops

fter beating Kansas 90-84 Saturday, it's nice to finally know that the Texas Tech men's basketball team can really play to the level the Red Raiders are capable of.

But the question some have been asking is where was that kind of effort at the start of the conference season.



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NIT chances dead, a good run

through the final part of the

schedule would be a huge boost

and the post-Kansas victory pa-

rade starts at one of the tougher

venues in the Big 12 — the Erwin

Center in Austin Wednesday

against conference-leader Texas.

actly treated the Red Raiders well

during the James Dickey era with

Tech winning only one game in

Austin during his eight-season

tenure. The first and last win over

Texas in Austin came in 1996, the

last year of the Southwest Confer-

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team went 30-2 on the way to the

This Red Raider team is a little

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The Erwin Center has not ex-

Still, this season isn't over yet,

12-13 overall

and 4-8 in

the Big 12,

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turnover and die late in the game. The Red Raiders hung with the Longhorns for the first half and most of the second half, but then were blown out, 76-59, marking

the fourth-straight win in the series by the Longhorns. But, I'm going out on a limb here, that's going to change

Play hard in the first half, com-

mit stupid turnovers, play some-

times lackadaisical defense and

Wednesday night. If ever one win could salvage

a season, Saturday did just that. After being a first-hand witness to an 88-49 massacre of the Red Raiders last season by Kansas in Lawrence, Kan., no one really placed any chance for anything less than annihilation this

time around. The Red Raiders, specifically Rayford Young, proved everybody

Young was 0-for-8 in 21 minutes of play last season against

the then-No. 3 Jayhawks. What a difference a year

Young's 9-for-17 from the field and 41-point performance, 32 of those in the final 8:52, was an amazing performance likely not to be seen for a long while.

And therein lies the problem. Young is not going to score almost half of the Red Raider points each game. They know that, and Wednesday Young will pass the ball around while scoring some on his own to help lead Tech to

Tech has nothing to lose, and in the final four regular season games, the Red Raiders may finally play like they are capable of.

As the old saying goes, it's better late than never.

Brent Dirks is a senior journalism major from Lubbock. He can Raiders met up the last time this season, only 10 days ago, it was be reached via e-mail at vintage Tech during a six-game bdirks@netscape.net or at his website located at http:// losing streak that killed any postseason chances for the Red www.chimera.acs.ttu.edu/ ~bdirks.

Men's tennis serves up big wins

By Jeff Keller

The Texas Tech men's tennis team (4-0 overall 0-0 Big 12) has yet to taste defeat in the spring season, as they picked up two more wins last weekend.

Tech defeated Arkansas-Little Rock (4-2 overall) 5-1 Saturday at the Nautilus Courts.

The Red Raiders played solid against Arkansas-Little Rock, said Director of Tennis Tim Siegel.

"We came out and played extremely well against Arkansas-Little Rock," Siegel said. "Adam Baranowksi and Jevgenji Cariov had big wins for us, and Dustin Hawk's win clinched the victory."

Since senior Dustin Hawk clinched the victory for Tech with his straight set victory over Luciano Diez, no doubles matches were played.

Sunday, Tech battled Arkansas, Siegel's alma mater, and a team that it lost to 4-3 last season in Fayetteville, Ark.

The Red Raiders turned the table on the Razorbacks this season with a 4-2 come-from-behind victory.

Things started off slow for the Red Raiders, as Tech failed to win a doubles point and fell behind in three of the five singles matches.

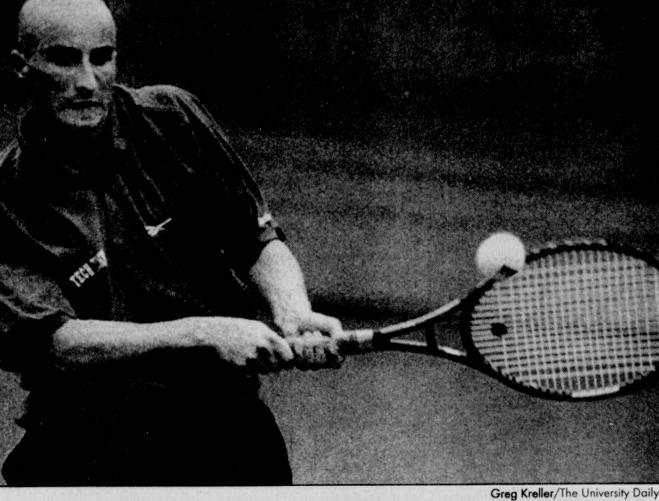
Tech's No. 1 singles player Borut Martincevic lost in straight sets 6-3, 6-0, giving Arkansas another point.

The Red Raiders battled back into the match as Baranowski won his match against Chris Campbell in three sets 3-6,7-5,6-3. Cariov won his singles match in

straight sets and junior Ryan Shupe pulled Tech closer to Arkansas with a 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) victory over Herik Once again, Hawk closed out his

match in straight sets to complete the comeback for the Red Raiders.

"Things did not start off well,"



Return This: Tech tennis player Borut Martincevic helps lead the Red Raiders to a perfect 4-0 record this season as he and the rest of the squad disposed of two opponents last weekend in Lubbock

Siegel said of the Arkansas match. "We were down big and hanging on by a thread. Jevgenji had another big win for us. Shupe had a huge 7-6 win in the third set and then Hawk's win clinched the match for us. All six players played hard.'

Beating the Razorbacks was satisfying for Siegel and the Red Raiders on many levels, Siegel said.

"Beating Arkansas is special," Siegel said. "They're my alma mater, and they are a top 30 team. This was a big win for us."

Shupe had a challenging weekend for Tech, winning both of his singles matches in three sets.

He said teamwork was the key to victory for the Red Raiders.

"It was a great win," Shupe said. "Both wins were completely teamwork. We expected two really tough matches, but in the end I think that we wanted it more. These two wins showed us that we can play with anyone in the country. We knew we were kind of scary looking."

good before, but now we know we can play with anyone if we want to."

After Tech proved victorious over Arkansas-Little Rock and Arkansas, Siegel and assistant coach Matt Jackson kept their promise and had their heads shaved.

Cariov did the honors while Hawk greeted the coaches' new look with some skepticism.

"Our assistant coach Matt looks pretty good," Hawk said. "But Tim is

Lakers expected to sign, play Rodman tonight

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) - Dennis Rodman is expected to be in a Los Angeles Lakers uniform today against the Charlotte Hornets, a source close to the team said Sunday.

The source, who spoke on the

condition of anonymity, said late Sunday he expected Rodman to sign a contract "late tonight, tomorrow, or Tuesday at the latest.

The Lakers first expressed an interest in the seven-time NBA rebounding champion two weeks ago when he met with owner Jerry Buss

Rodman, who has led the league in rebounding for the past seven seasons, didn't attend the Lakers' 101-99 loss to Indiana on Sunday, although the word spreading around the Forum was that he had tickets but didn't

Rodman, who turns 38 in May, has played on five of the last 10 NBA champions, including the last three with the Chicago Bulls.

His career scoring average is just 7.5 points, but he is one of the great-cerned, Lakers coach Del Harris said est rebounders in league history with if Rodman becomes a member of the a 13.2 average. No other player ever team, he won't prejudge him. won seven straight rebounding titles.

After Michael Jordan's retirement last month, the Bulls opted not to pursue Rodman. He flirted with the idea of signing with Orlando or Miami, but both teams backed off.

Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal has said repeatedly he supports the acquisition of Rodman.

With Rodman's history, it's impossible to assume anything is certain. As far as his erratic behavior is con-

"You really don't know a player until you've coached him in this league," Harris said Saturday, "I think you're better off not listening to the rumors and everything and just finding out ways to work with the people that you do have.

There are always ways to work with people. You just have to find the different communicating methods that are required or in some cases non-communicating methods that are required and go from there."

When asked before Sunday's game if Rodman would be the missing link for the Lakers, Harris replied, "We certainly have done well so far without Dennis. You never want to say you can't get someplace if you don't have somebody you don't



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