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Sun sets on 'Horizon'



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TEXAS TECH CHANCELLOR Emeritus John Montford speaks at the Horizon Campaign gala Saturday night at the United Spirit Arena. The gala celebrated Montford's five-year tenure as the university's first chancellor and the completion of the Horizon Campaign, which raised \$511 million for Tech.

Red Raiders, Texas Tech supporters celebrate \$511 million campaign

By Justin Matthews/Staff Reporter

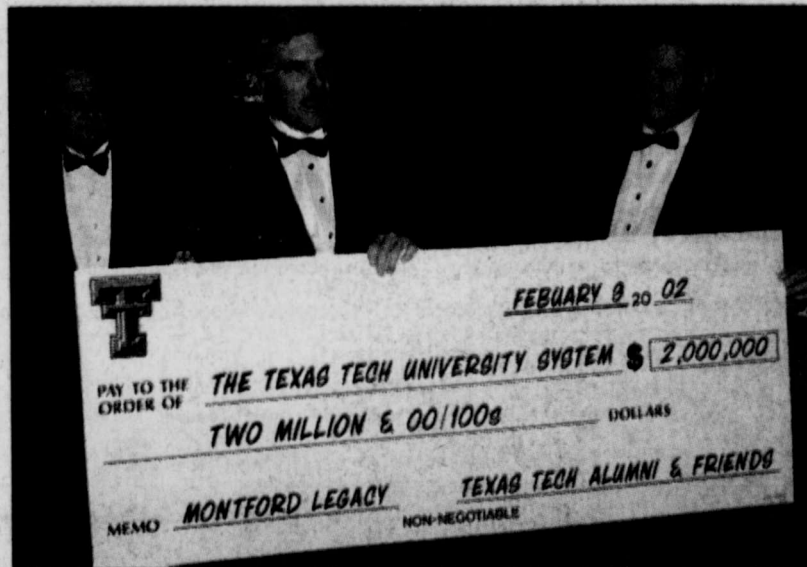
When success is followed by eight zeros it tends to be honored in immense ways, as was Chancellor Emeritus John Montford and the Horizon Campaign Saturday night at the United Spirit Arena.

The campaign began in 1996 with a goal of raising \$300 million in five years. After that goal was accomplished two years early, a new goal was set at \$500 million. Sept. 1 that goal was met and exceeded and now stands at \$511 million.

More than 750 people attended the celebration, which began at 7 p.m. and included commentary by emcee Scott Pelley, CBS chief White House correspondent and Texas Tech graduate, the official declaration of the campaign victory, introduction of 13 inductees of the Sociedad de la Espuela (Society of the Spur, Tech's recognition society for million dollar donors), special presentation of campaign leaders and recognition of Montford.

Dr. David Smith, interim chancellor at Tech, commented on the ceremony.

"I'm excited. It's a great way to honor a great man. You have to celebrate your



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH INTERIM Chancellor Dr. David Smith, center, presents a \$2 million check to the university system to be used for student scholarships. The check is the first of the Montford Legacy Endowment, honoring Chancellor Emeritus John Montford, left.

successes and that's what we are going to do tonight," Smith said.

Before the official ceremony was under way, Smith announced a gift for the students from the university in the name

of John and Debbie Montford. The Montford Legacy Endowment will establish scholarships for students attending Texas Tech University or Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

Smith said the \$2 million raised for the scholarship will be a matching sum and will double to reach a total of \$4 million when complete, making it among the largest endowment providing scholarships to Tech students.

"There's no better way to honor John and Debbie than by raising money, and the best investment we could make is for our students," Smith said. "We plan to have this all raised within a year or probably much faster."

Montford, currently the senior vice president for external affairs at Southwestern Bell, spoke about the ceremony and expressed his feelings for the endowment in his name.

"We made a tour today of the campus; it's hard to describe it emotionally," he said. "I would equate it to watching the space shuttle blast off; this university is blasting off into the future. I think Texas Tech will become the university of choice in Texas in a matter of years. I am really behind the whole idea of helping students who want to come to this

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JEREMY MOORE/Staff Photographer

FORMER TEXAS TECH President Donald Harragan toasts the new logo and name of the university's alumni association Friday.

Diamond anniversary brings new name, logo

By Meredith Salmon/Staff Reporter

Douglass said.

The Texas Tech Ex-Student Association changed its name to the Texas Tech Alumni Association and unveiled a new logo at its 75th anniversary celebration dinner Friday night at the Merket Alumni Center.

The decision was made to go back to the original name because of results from a survey distributed for alumni at www.Techsan.com concerning the association's name. About 80 percent of alumni, several thousand people, favored the change.

Jim Douglass, assistant director of the association, said many alumni were passionate enough to write notes favoring the change.

After voting at Fall 2001 Homecoming, the national board decided to make the change final Feb. 8.

"It's more obvious who we are and what we are about,"

He said the prefix "ex" is sometimes associated with negative connotations.

Derrick Morgan, associate vice-president of the association, said the group is getting back to its roots.

The first class of Tech graduates in 1927 called its group the alumni association. In 1930 the group decided to make it official and file a charter with the secretary of state. The group was not sure how to go about getting established so it took documents from the University of Texas at Austin's Ex-Student Association and changed them to say Texas Tech Ex-Student Association.

Douglass said many alumni throughout the years, including himself, have supported the change because of the confusion the title brings. People did not know if members included non-graduates or students.

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Architecture lecture series focuses on current issues

By Preston Files/Staff Reporter

"The university is concerned with diversity, embassy design and concerned about terrorist attacks; we selected speakers with lectures covering these areas," he said.

The College of Architecture recently began its annual spring lecture series.

The series hosts 10 speakers: five in February, two in March and three in April.

Sharen Hart, director of development in the College of Architecture, said the lectures help students enhance their classroom education.

"The reason we do the lecture series is to enhance and reinforce the students' classroom and studio-learning experiences and to serve as a bridge between academic and professional communities," Hart said.

Phillip Mead, assistant professor in the college of architecture and chairman of the lecture series committee, said the lectures are on current issues.

Mead said three of the lectures are about diversity.

"One of the things we wanted to focus on in the lectures was to show the diversity of opportunities in architecture along with the diversity of career paths, projects and people," said Darwin Harrison, field representative for Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer and Associates and member of the lecture series committee.

The lecture series will include outside speakers, faculty and alumni, Hart said.

"The guests to lecture are noted speakers with distinguished experience in a variety of architecture related fields,"

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Gubernatorial candidate addresses students at law school



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Photography Editor

TONY SANCHEZ, WHO is running for Texas governor, spoke to Texas Tech students at the School of Law Friday as part of his campaign.

By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez emphasized education as his top campaign priority Friday to a group of about 100 law students at the Texas Tech School of Law.

"Education is the decor of all that is good in Texas," Sanchez said. "Education is also the decor of all that is wrong in Texas."

He said he wanted the type of government that tries to include everyone because the entire state suffers when children are excluded from educational benefits.

"This state can reach its destiny if it does not exclude anyone," Sanchez said.

"When we fail our kids, we deny them a life with dignity."

In his campaign he argues 80 percent of young people in Texas never finish college, and he blames this on students not getting a good start on their educational careers.

"Problems start within the first five years of a child's education," he said. "I want to reprioritize and spend more effort and resources on those first five years."

When asked how Sanchez planned on attracting the college-aged vote, he said his son was helping him organize committees in universities throughout the state.

"I do not understand why Texas does

not have more tier-one schools," Sanchez said. "California has 10 and Texas only has two. I don't see why Tech isn't a tier-one school."

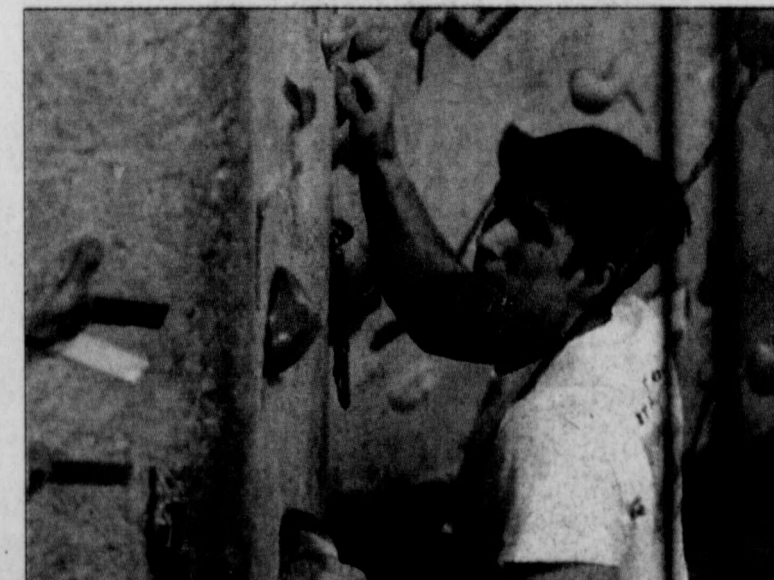
Tech is currently rated a tier-three school.

Sanchez said better pay is key to reducing the 46,000-teacher shortage in Texas classrooms.

"There are 400,000 teachers trained to teach who are not in the classroom," he said. "The sad part is teachers love to teach. We're moving them out because we can't pay them."

Although he did not say how much more teachers should be paid, he said

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GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

AUSTIN TONDU, A Baylor student who traveled to Lubbock this weekend, competes in the second annual Climbing Competition at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. Please see CLIMBERS, page 5.

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school but need additional financial help."

Many of the university's well-known graduates were at the honorary ceremony Saturday night, including Jerry S. Rawls, the multi-million dollar donor, Governor Preston Smith who was a member of the first graduating class at Tech, current Lt. Governor John Sharp and Pete Laney, speaker of the house for the state of Texas.

"This is something that we all ought to be proud of, proud of the work that John has done and the involvement he has had, especially him not being a Tech graduate, but now he is one of us and has done a tremendous job," Laney said.

"A&M and Texas have their traditions, but you've got to get an education sometime, so that brings everyone to Texas Tech eventually."

Before the night was complete, the university surprised Montford and his wife with an Italian marano glass sculpture.

Smith said it represents a sun that never sets, a symbolic reminder of the Horizon Campaign's success.

"I miss a lot, I miss my class, my students, I miss all the many friends," Montford said. "I had my political career here and my chancellorship; we were here for 30 years, and we met a whole lot of people, and you don't find better people than those in West Texas. It's always good to be back."

Smith said he believes Montford will always bleed red and black no matter where life takes him.

Alumni

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The change became official during a dinner Friday night at the Market Alumni Center ballroom, along with the unveiling of a new logo and revised mission statement.

J.Q. Warnick, law school professor, led the dinner as the master of ceremonies.

The change became final when Bill Dean, president of the Alumni Association, asked all members of the national board to come to the front of the room.

"We are now the Texas Tech Alumni Association with new logos and new di-

rections for an exciting future," he said.

While the room filled with applause, three screens rose to unveil the new logo of the Masked Rider and horse emerging from a red circle.

The new mission statement reads: The Texas Tech Alumni Association cultivates loyalty, tradition, service and lifelong relationships.

As a part of the presentation at the dinner, Bill Dean, president of the Alumni Association, said he believes the group has done exactly what Tech has done over the years: to do a whole lot more, perhaps with less resources than the rest of the competition.

The celebration came to a close when John Gillis, Tech professor, led everybody in the singing of the Tech's alma mater, the Matador song.

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that he planned on examining the \$114 billion state budget.

"My instincts tell me, with a budget that looks like that we are not running an efficient government, first thing I plan on doing is making sure I know exactly where every dollar is being spent," Sanchez said.

Sanchez said he wanted more accountability with mandated tests such as the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, and he believes all young children should be tested.

"I want teachers to tell them they are doing well here, but let's work on this

area," he said.
Sanchez said he would not rule out a tax increase.

When addressing the law students at Tech, Sanchez said young people are the future.

"Over the next few months you will get tired of me talking about education," he said. "You are our future, and being here brings back lots of great memories."

A telephone poll, conducted by the University of Houston and the Baker Institute for Public Policy at Rice University, indicates 27 percent of likely primary voters back Sanchez while 18 percent favor Morales.

However, about 52 percent of 601 registered voters polled said they remain undecided.

SPEAKING OUT



JEREMY MOORE/Staff Photographer

AS AUDIENCE MEMBERS look on, poet muMs performs spoken word poetry Friday in the Student Union Allen Theater as part of Texas Tech's African American History Month celebration.

Architecture

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she said.

The lectures began with Ian MacBurnie, assistant professor in the college. MacBurnie's lecture led the series Feb. 1. As an assistant professor of urban theory design in the College of Architecture, MacBurnie focused the subject of his lecture on "Diver-city."

Mead said the speech contained some thoughts on a work in progress, a part of his upcoming book.

Les Sheperd, a Tech graduate, spoke on embassy design Friday. Sheperd is the deputy chief architect for the General Services Administration in Washington D.C.

Harrison said the committee selected Tech alumni for a significant portion of the lectures.

"We hope that students will see what some of the people that have gone through the school have accomplished and how it has affected what they are doing now," he said.

Elizabeth Chu Richter, involved in the radio program "The Shape of Texas," will speak Friday.

"In a field where less than 10 percent

are women, we tried to get as many as we could to speak," Mead said.

Lawrence Speck, former dean of the architecture college at the University of Texas at Austin will speak about sustainability Feb. 22.

David Heymann will present thoughts related to the buildings and landscape including the design of the Crawford Ranch House for President George W. Bush Feb. 27.

Joanna Mross and Joe Aranha will give a joint lecture March 6 on their ongoing research into Southeast Asia and India.

Arthur Anderson and Christian Wise will lecture Mar. 22. The two are from an award-winning firm from Austin, which does a mix of residential and commercial projects.

Douglas Moss, a Tech graduate, will lecture April 5. Moss is the architect for

the Student Union Building renovation and addition.

Peter Brown, a Tech graduate, will show educational projects and his professional experiences working in China and Tokyo and discuss working in the Asian culture April 8.

M.J. Neal, a Tech graduate, will lecture April 12. Harrison said Neal's small architecture firm exemplifies diversity of people and talents in today's world of design.

"We will have many outstanding speakers," Hart said.

The lectures are always open to the public and are free of charge, she said.

The lecture series committee is comprised of: Phillip Mead, Darwin Harrison, Michael Martin, Gary Lindsey, Ursperer Flueckiger, and Tyler Vigil, a junior architecture major from Wichita Falls.

"In a field where less than 10 percent are women, we tried to get as many as we could to speak."

— PHILLIP MEAD

Assistant Architecture Professor

NOTICE TO STUDENTS FROM STUDENT BUSINESS SERVICES

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Athletic fee issue reaching a boiling point

COLUMN



BRANDON
FORMBY

The proposed intercollegiate athletic fee, which would have Texas Tech students paying \$50 per semester to help out athletics, is just flat out wrong. Spin it how you want to, but the bottom line is approving this fee is going to do more harm than good. You see, the students' issue with this fee is not just the financial aspect, it's the principle. Anyone who cannot, does not or will not see this needs to get back in touch with the student body of the university — the very reasons we are all here.

It's not the \$50. It's the disrespect, the greed and the public relations crap you wrap it all up in that gets students' blood boiling.

Tech President David Schmidly said he could sure sympathize with "that student who is just making ends meet and has to drop \$50 on an athletic fee."

Students do not want your sympathy, Schmidly. We want you to be our university's leader. You're already scoring low on the student body popularity poll due to your idiotic jump to conclusions back in November, apologizing to everyone and their chief of staff about Tech's "ruffian" fans before all that post-A&M football game smoke finally cleared.

If you feel the plight of your students, do not mouth off lip service to them. Show them. Kill this fee if you are so in tune with what is going on at the campus you are supposed to be leading.

You keep making a fool of this university by making a fool of yourself, and personally, I must admit, you seem a little too happy to have coach Bob Knight here, so when you decide to stop patting yourself on the back for that maneuver, why don't you come back down to reality and start doing your job?

A wise Tech administrator once taught me

perceived reality is reality. They can tell us what they want about how great this fee can be and whatever noble reasons are behind it. But remember, the reality students will live in is the one they perceive. And our perception about this fee is that athletics are more important than academics. Like it or not, this is the message students receive when their administration and athletic department get too close with one another.

If you want to move the money we give to athletics out from under the student services fee, then do so. But do not raise it. Last fall, we agreed to help out with the Jones SBC Stadium renovations. Now, a year later, we are expected to give more money to athletics. When will Athletics Director Gerald Myers get his crap together long enough to have that department run on its own?

Personally, as a student, I am a little offended by this whole thing.

Here we have an athletics department which has an amazing ability to go over budget repeatedly, and the students are repeatedly asked to help them out.

You know what? Not this time. There has to be a line drawn somewhere, and this is as good a place as any. We do enough for athletics, so by all means, do not tell us that you are proposing this fee so more students will show up to the games. It is one thing to want school spirit. It is quite another to try and dictate it. And by making everyone buy a sports pass just so we look like we have a million fans when we are on ESPN, you are forcing athletics down the students' throats.

Now matter how you look at this, it is manipulative and it is wrong. And the students will be resentful. Forcing them to be sports fans and it is a pathetic attempt to try and raise school spirit. It leaves me wondering who in the hell thinks students are going to get more excited about sports when they are forced to pay for them.

When you look at the big picture, the blatantly obvious begins to rear its ugly head. The only people who will be benefited by this fee are sports fans, the athletic department and administrators who allow athletics to take a front seat to academics.

So, I have a message to any Tech regent, administrator and SGA member who supports this fee — you should be ashamed. We see through the spin. Bottom line — you pass this fee, you help set Tech back a few years. You're moving in the wrong direction, and you are making the students pay your toll. How low can you go?

Here's an idea. Put the fee to a referendum. Let the students vote. This is a democracy, so let us vote. Or are you too scared that it will get shot down? Because if that is the case, you're not only manipulative, you're a coward.

Or how is this for an idea — instead of raising the athletic fee another \$15, why not charge every student \$15 and let them decide where it goes. That's right. I bet the student body would be a little less angry with an added \$15 each semester if each student

could pick the department it goes to. That way, the sports fans could give to their favorite sport. And the students who could care less about sports, could give it to the college, school, division or department they would like to support.

If you sit down and think, there are about 15 million better ideas out there than this athletic fee. But to see that, a lot of people would have to get down off their ivory towers and actually see things from the students' point of view.

I know, I know, it sounds crazy.

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It's not the \$50. It's the disrespect, the greed and the public relations crap you wrap it all up in that gets students' blood boiling.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gilbreth columns promote insight

To the editor: Kristen Gilbreth's columns on atheism highlight the greatest problem facing the readers of *The University Daily*: people reading a column and failing to comprehend or misinterpreting the theories presented. The goal of her columns are not to convince Christians or any other religious group that God is evil, and she does not hate you. Instead, her columns may be one of the greatest tools you can have to add value and depth to your views of God. The purpose of her columns, if you have not noticed, is to make you question your faith or political views, instead of simply accepting everything you are told. Open your mind to criticism. You cannot have a clear understanding of the Constitution of the United States if you only read the Constitution. You also need to read history books explaining what happened to the authors, the country and the world at that time. Likewise, do not just read the Bible and expect to find all the answers in life if you do not know ancient Jewish customs, the political landscape of the Bible and its people. Believe in something because you understand it, not because your minister, parents or teacher told you they understand it. Remember there is a big difference between having faith and being someone's drone.

Steve Mullen
junior
finance

Bible myth creates chaos in society

To the editor: I believe that the reason why the Bible is considered a myth in our world today is because of Darwinism. Darwin taught that man was not created but randomly mutated from chaos into order

(which contradicts entropy, by the way). When you take the Bible and falsify it, you run into debates. The Bible has everything you need to know to live by. It contains the concrete foundation of morality for people, yet we have morality debates and business-ethics issues. Everyone today has his or her own opinion of what is right and wrong.

When the Bible becomes a myth, that means the creator is also a myth. No wonder crime is increasing at an alarming rate. When you assume there is no creator, then you have to assume that there is also no judgment and no consequences for your actions. Who wouldn't want to obey the rules if there are none?

I feel that an agnostic and an atheist have basically the same beliefs. God says you are either with him or against him. Agnostics might believe that there is no way to prove the almighty, but is that not the same as saying that he does not exist at all? You cannot assume that something might not exist, yet also believe that it does exist.

This was the Supreme Court's verdict in the case of *People v. Ruggles* (1811): "You have attacked the Bible. In attacking the Bible, you have attacked Jesus Christ. And in attacking Jesus Christ, you have attacked the roots of our Nation. Whatever strikes at the root of Christianity manifests itself in the dissolving of our civil government."

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Homework needed before lectures

To the editor: This letter is in reply to both Lorraine Railsback (2/1/02) and Dustin Dean (2/6/02). These students felt the need to write in and criticize columnists for statements in their recent columns. Perhaps before they point fingers, they should do their own

research.

Railsback criticized Kristen Gilbreth for not investigating Christian beliefs before depicting them as "hateful, evangelistic hypocrites" (which I didn't realize Gilbreth had done). Look at the history of Christianity. The Crusades were a series of wars Christian men started specifically because the enemy did not subscribe to the Christian religion. Pope Urban II told these men (at the Council of Clermont, 1095 AD) that there would be absolution and remission of sins for all who died in the service of Christ while fighting the enemy. These Christian knights pillaged and destroyed both Islamic and Christian villages over the approximately 200 years of the Crusades, unnecessarily inflicting a great deal of suffering on others. These actions seem to support Gilbreth's depiction of Christianity.

Dustin Dean accused Loren Bell of trying to sound too intelligent and of speaking inaccurate opinions. Did he notice that Bell has a background in both biology and environmental studies? You can pick up a scientific journal (*Science News*, volume 161, page 10) or go to the Ecological Society of America's Web site, www.esa.org, and read about the harmful effects of growth hormone, antibiotics and other additives, both in the human body and the environment. Mr. Dean, if you want to put Bell in his place, you should have some support for your own ludicrous and inaccurate opinions first. As it is, you have nothing to give your denouncement any credibility.

If you feel the need to criticize someone else's work, do your own homework on the subject first.

Joy Ferenbaugh
Graduate Student
Biology

March madness: it's time to get out and vote

COLUMN



JENNY
KLEIN

March is just around the corner. "So what?" you may say. Well, allow me to explain.

Many important events will occur this month. One, we Tech students get a long-overdue break. Two, and more importantly, March 12, to be exact, is the primaries for both city and state elections.

On this day, voters decide who will be the

Democratic and Republican candidates for mayor, city council, state board of education, governor, U.S. representatives, state representatives etc.

How, you may ask, are these elections more important than spring break? Well, these elected officials govern your everyday lives. They make the rules. Everything they do affects, either directly or indirectly, the lives of those they represent, which includes you all, my fellow Techsians.

Take for instance the Lubbock City Council. Here you have the governing body of this city. The city in which 25,000 Texas Tech students live for nine months out of the year and sometimes more. They will be the deciding factor in whether or not more than two unrelated people can live together in a single-family residence. They're the ones who mandate people's smoking privileges in restaurants, sports grills and bars.

Now, these are just two examples of the power of city government as it directly affects some Tech students. Look at the state senators and state representatives. These guys set the policies we live by. If they want to raise taxes in the state of Texas, well then, it's in their power to do so. If they want people to drive 55 mph on state highways, they wave their magic wands and it is done. Now, what happens when you're state representatives aren't doing what you, the voter, wants them to do? You have the power to take away that magic wand and select somebody better to fill the position.

It's a privilege — no, a luxury — people tend to overlook. The only responsibility you have is to pay attention to what's going on around you. This enables you to decide what is best. Not everybody will agree, which is also the wonder of democracy. All I ask of you is to take part in it.

In a world full of compromising values and money-thirsty politicians, the only real stronghold we have in this country, in this state and in this city is democracy. But it's fading fast.

As long as people see no point in it, the more in danger we are of losing it. Democracy is the one thing we stand the most to lose if it is lost. Yet, why such apathy? Why do so many pass up the opportunity to stand up for what they believe in by refusing to vote? It is beyond me.

So, here is a challenge for one and all. Take a few minutes once a month, or if you really want to get daring, once a week, to find out what's going on in the world of politics. Investigate. Do a little research about the candidates running for any position in your government. If you do vote, make it an educated decision. Vote because you believe in the values and ideas those people stand for. We're all adults here, and we are all responsible for keeping up the standards of this government.

■ Jenny Klein is a junior journalism major from Canadian and a staff reporter for The University Daily.

Sororities compete for 'Smart Girl' honors

By Whitney Wyatt/Staff Reporter

Farmhouse determined which sorority on Greek Circle has the smartest girls during the 2nd Annual Farmhouse Smart Girls competition Saturday in the City Bank room of the United Spirit Arena.

Kappa Alpha Theta won for the second year in a row.

Jacob Price, a junior political science major from Gilmer and activities chairman for Farmhouse, was in charge of the event.

He said 11 sororities competed against each other for the title of being the smartest sorority.

Members in each sorority answered questions on random trivia, comprising of general knowledge, Tech trivia, movies and television.

The criteria for claiming the title consisted of which sorority came in first place in the trivia questions, which sorority raised the most money and which soror-

ity had the most spirit, including best posters, skit and number of members in attendance.

"After the competition is over, we add up the points," he said. "We make a donation to the sorority who wins."

Heath Cheek, president of Farmhouse, said Farmhouse donated \$1,800 to Theta's philanthropy, Court Appointed Special Advocates, an organization that advocates abused and neglected children. Last year, they donated \$1,250.

Sororities responded positively to the inaugural event last year, said Cheek, a junior history and political science major from Chillicothe.

"There are a lot more girls here this year," he said. "All 11 sororities participated this year."

Cheek said Smart Girls is fun for sorority members and for the members of Farmhouse as well.

"It's our biggest event of the year," he said. "We look forward to Smart Girls."



MEMBERS OF DELTA Gamma compete in the Smart Girls competition Saturday in the City Bank Room of the United Spirit Arena

Cheek's goal for Smart Girls is for all sorority members to look forward to this event.

Shannon Stokes, a sophomore early

childhood development major from Kingwood and a member of Zeta Tau Alpha, said she will be back next year to compete. She said she had fun participating in Smart Girls because it was a friendly competition.

"It's a fair competition between the sororities," she said. "It's good, clean fun."

Stokes said it was nice meeting members of Farmhouse, as well.

"They are gentlemen with manners," she said. "They respect the ladies."

Jeremy Brown, a junior agricultural communications major from Lubbock and chaplain of Farmhouse, was a coach for Kappa Kappa Gamma this year. He said he enjoyed seeing all the sorority members show spirit for their sorority.

"It's fun to watch the sororities compete against each other, but not in a bad way," he said. "They get into it."

Amy Rembert, a freshman interior design major from Dallas and a member of Delta Delta Delta, said this was her first time to participate in Smart Girls.

"I didn't know what to expect, but I'm having a lot of fun," she said.

Rembert said she enjoyed participating in this event because it was a reserved, sit-down competition, which made her think.

"It's a good idea," she said. "I'm learning as we play."

Rembert said because she is a freshman, this event gave her the chance to meet more people.

"It is fun for all of us to come together," she said. "I'm getting to know some of the older girls (in her sorority)."

In addition to raising money for a good cause, Rembert said answering trivia questions was fun.

'Rings' is lord of the theaters

By James Eppler/Staff Critic

After much deliberation and countless hours in theater houses this year, I have chosen my personal favorite films of the year. They range from musicals, fantasies, mind games, cartoons and dramatic thrillers. Here are the top ten with five runners-up:

1. "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring": This film surpasses all other films this year on every cinematic level. An excellent cast, masterful directing and a triumphant score combine to make this the best film of 2001.

2. "Memento": Although this film never arrived in Lubbock theaters, it is one of the most original and brilliant films I've seen in a long time. Guy Pierce gives a rollicking performance, and writer/director Christopher Nolan tells the story in an unconventional way to give viewers a glimpse inside the protagonist's head. It's deliciously twisted.

3. "Moulin Rouge": This pop musical features two actors' finest work to date; Nicole Kidman and Ewan McGregor are astounding as two lovers who find themselves being torn apart by an evil Duke. Director Baz Luhrmann whisks viewers away to Paris and dazzles us with familiar songs and dance. It's a film about truth, beauty, freedom and above all things, love.

4. "In the Bedroom": Todd Field's directing debut is a haunting character-based thriller with wonderful performances from Sissy Spacek, Tom Wilkinson, and Marissa Tomei. The direction is subtle, and the story is completely involving.

5. "A Beautiful Mind": Russell Crowe is unforgettable as schizophrenic math professor John Nash Jr., and Jennifer Connelly gives a breakthrough performance as his wife. Director Ron Howard ties elements together nicely and proves he is still innovative behind the camera.

6. "Amelie": This beautiful and eccentric French film features unique directing and a wonderfully talented leading lady in Audrey Tautou, who is downright Hepburn-like. This film is as richly textured as it is enchanting.

7. "Vanilla Sky": Writer/director Cameron Crowe never ceases to impress me. This remake of "Abre los Ojos" features Tom Cruise giving a first-rate performance as a playboy whose life turns into a nightmare. Cameron Diaz also shows her flair as the femme fatale, and Penelope Cruz reprises her role from the original film. This mind boggler makes viewers feel as if a Freudian bear has mauled them and requires a minimum of two viewings to put all the pieces together.

8. "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone": Director Chris Columbus admirably takes on the task of communicating the ideas and visions of the popular "Harry Potter" series. The set design is breathtaking, as are the performances from some talented child actors, along with an impressive British cast.

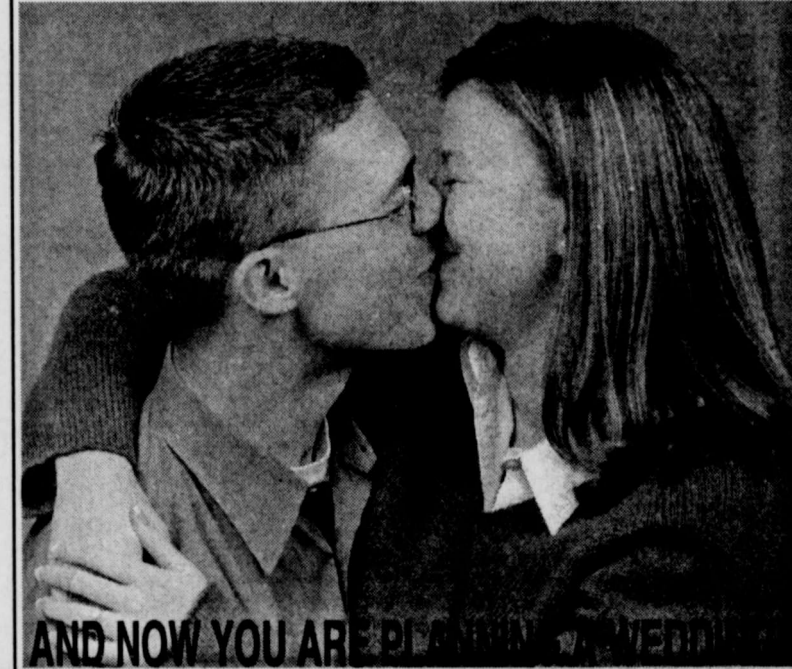
9. "Blow": The late director Ted Demme stylishly tells the story of cocaine dealer George Jung. The underrated Johnny Depp is superb as Jung who just can't free himself of his inner demons. His story is a heart-breaking and tormented one.

10. "Shrek": Perfect voice work from Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz and John Lithgow along with hilarious dialogue and sight gags make this computer-generated cartoon almost more fun for adults than kids. I also loved the many pot shots taken at Disney.

Here are the five films that were removed from the top 10. They are: "Mulholland Drive," "Life as a House," "Bridget Jones's Diary," "Black Hawk Down" and "Monsters, Inc."

Watch later this week for my top ten worst films of 2001.

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ABILENE, Texas (AP) — A weekend fire has destroyed a wing of Abilene Wylie Junior High School and left much the rest of the building with significant water and smoke damage.

The blaze was reported about 6 a.m. Saturday by a school custodian when he arrived. It took firefighters about an hour to extinguish the fire.

Abilene Fire Department officials said arson was a possibility. School officials said they have been unable to determine what triggered the blaze.

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Raiders routed by Jayhawks

The Texas Tech men's basketball team dropped its second consecutive game and fourth consecutive road game when No. 2-ranked Kansas dropped the No. 24-ranked Red Raiders 108-81 Saturday in Lawrence, Kan.

The loss drops Tech to 1-4 in Big 12 Conference road play.

The Raiders (16-6 overall, 5-5 Big 12) had two runs in the first 12 minutes of the first half to put them up 7 points.

Kansas answered with a 32-11 run to close the half and lead 52-38 at halftime.

Tech made one final attempt to close in on Kansas when it cut the lead to 80-71 with just more than seven minutes

remaining, but Kansas responded with a 19-1 run to clinch the victory.

Kansas (21-3 overall, 10-0 Big 12) shot 60.6 percent from the field during the contest and was paced by guard Kirk Hinrich's 28 points.

Tech forward Kasib Powell sprained his ankle in the first minute of the second half and is out indefinitely.

He joins guard Nick Valdez on the sideline. Valdez injured his ankle in Wednesday's loss to Oklahoma State.

Tech returns home to play Baylor at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday at the United Spirit Arena.

Women netters win season opener

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

For the first time in three seasons, Texas Tech women's tennis player Alenka Ovin did not have to say the Texas Tech women's tennis team played well but lost its season opener.

The Red Raiders won their first match of the spring season on Saturday against UT-Arlington 5-2 at the Nautilus Fitness Center.

Ovin had said she was tired of making excuses for losing openers.

"I'm really happy we won," Ovin said. "I hope we can do the same thing next week against TCU."

Ovin helped in the Raiders' win by defeating her opponents in both her matches. Ovin and Kendall Brooks teamed up to beat Maria Stepanova and Jika Vetrovcova. Tech won the doubles competition 2-1 to take the first point of the match.

The No. 1 seeded doubles tandem in the Southwest Region was victorious on Saturday as well. Irina Tereschenko and Beverly Dawson defeated Marketa Cizova and Katherine Warren, 9-7.

Tech won four of the six singles matches to claim victory over the Mavericks. Winning their respective matches for Tech were Tereschenko, Ovin, Barbara Schraml and Noel Ruiz.

Tech coach Virginia Brown said she was happy with the way the team played and praised her players for defeating such a good team.

"I'm really proud of them," Brown said. "They played great, and this was a good match for us because they (UTA) already beat Arkansas and they (Arkansas) are ranked. So this is a big win for us."

Brown said the return of her captains Ovin and Ruiz from knee injuries was a key to the team's success Saturday.

"I'm real excited about having Noel

and Alenka back," Brown said. "If both of them can win, that's two points more than last year. We lost a lot of 4-3 matches last year."

Ovin said the play of Tech's doubles caught her off guard, and the Raiders preparation made starting the season less of a challenge.

"I was surprised in how we played doubles," Ovin said. "We worked really hard on that, and this is the first time we've been really ready for a season."

Although UTA was ranked higher than Tech, the players did not let that fact intimidate them.

"(Brown) always tells us we have to beat the better teams to help put Texas Tech on the map, and we have that mindset," Ovin said. "Arlington is a really good school, and I'm glad we beat them, but we need to do more to get noticed."

Tereschenko said defeating UTA was a big win, but it was bigger because it was the opener.

"I think it was a big win because it was our first match, and a good start is always better," she said.

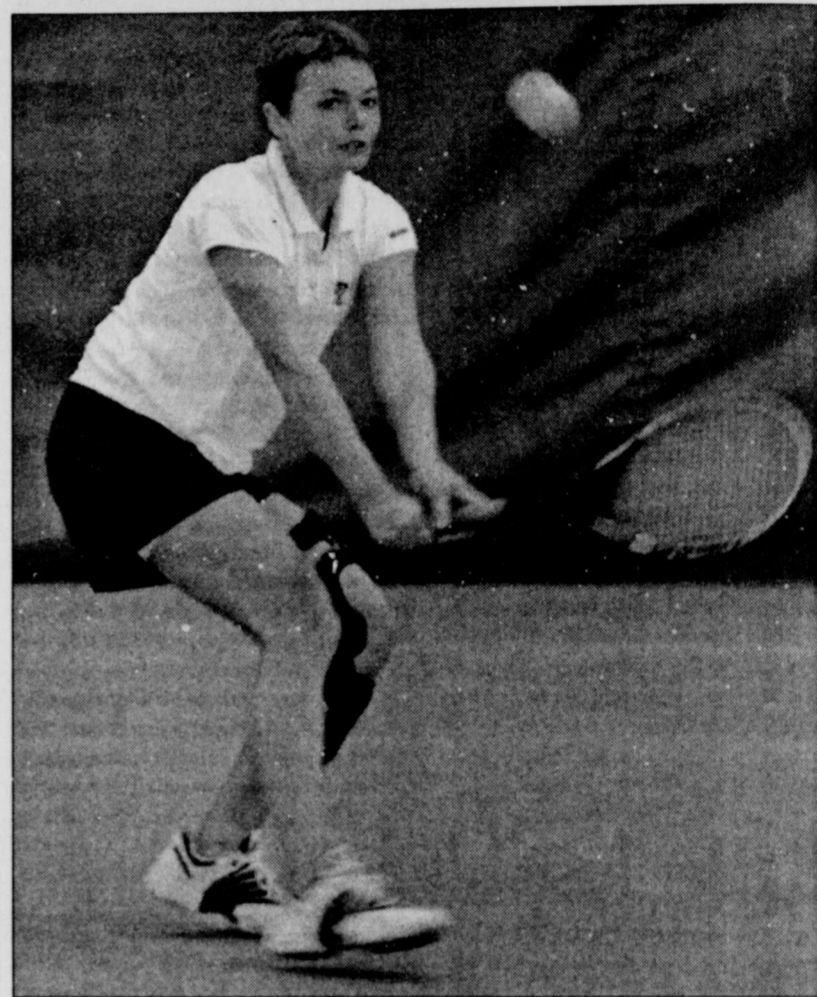
Tereschenko said the win will help boost the team's confidence and show the players what they can do on the court.

"One of our goals was to play good and win good," Tereschenko said. "Now we know what we are capable of, and it will be easier to go into our second match. We need to keep the positive attitude we got today going."

Brown said Tech will be challenged by its next opponents.

"Next week we got TCU and Florida International," Brown said. "And they're tough."

TCU and Florida International are ranked 20 and 32 in the nation respectively.



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer
TEXAS TECH TENNIS player Alenka Ovin returns a backhand during her singles win Saturday against UT-Arlington at the Nautilus Fitness Center. Tech won, 5-2.

Baylor shoots past Tech, 85-69

The No. 10-ranked Baylor Bears avenged an earlier season loss and ended 19-years of frustration with an 85-69 victory against No. 15-ranked Texas Tech Saturday in Waco.

Baylor last defeated the Lady Raiders in 1983 but shot 82 percent from the floor in the second half against Tech Saturday to claim the victory.

Tech led 30-29 at halftime but could not counter the offensive consistency of the Bears in the second frame as Baylor connected on 23 of its 28 shot attempts in the final period, outscoring Tech 56-39 down the stretch.

Baylor shot 61 percent as a team and was led in scoring by forward Danielle Crockrom, who contributed 31 points to the Baylor effort.

Crockrom missed only one shot in the contest, going 14 of 15 from the floor.

Tech guard Amber Tarr led the offensive attack for the Lady Raiders in the loss, scoring 25 points while going seven for nine from behind the 3-point arc.

With the loss, Tech falls to 14-8 on the season and 6-6 in Big 12 action.

Baylor moves to 19-4 overall and 7-4 in the Big 12 play with the win.

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Raider softball team drops five games at Arizona State tourney

The Texas Tech softball team traveled to Tempe and Phoenix, Ariz., this weekend to participate in the Fiesta Bowl Classic. The Red Raiders did not have as much success as they did last week as Tech played four ranked teams this weekend.

Tech struggled in its first game of the tournament with an 11-0 loss to No. 2-ranked UCLA. The Bruins opened the game with eight runs on seven hits and sending 12 batters to the plate in the first inning.

In Tech's second game Friday, the Raiders had an early 4-0 lead until the Mississippi State Bulldogs had six consecutive hits in the fifth inning. The Bulldogs sent 13 batters to the plate and scored 12 of them, defeating Tech 12-4.

In their first game Saturday, the Raiders would leave nine runners on base and score one run against the Minutewomen of No. 24-ranked the University of Massachusetts. In the fourth inning, Tech failed to score with the bases loaded and dropped the game 7-1.

Against No. 8-ranked Arizona State, Tech had trouble getting on base. The Raiders fell 6-1.

The Raiders faced No. 16-ranked Fresno State Sunday morning and lost 7-1. The defeat marked Tech's fifth consecutive game of the tournament. Tech struck out 12 times during the game and fell to 3-7 on the season.

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