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Students voice fee concerns at SGA forum

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

A public forum took place for about an hour before Thursday night's Student Senate meeting where students and administrators discussed the release of the global fee document and its proposed 19 percent increase in tuition and fees next term.

The forum started out slowly when senators asked questions to about a dozen administrators, but the debate heated up when students who are not senators got into the action.

Most debated the transportation fee. Others were against the entire document.

One law student stood up before the Senate and asked, "How about we pass a resolution that says you have to buy me a pizza every night?"

He said his point was not everybody at Texas Tech will benefit from the pizza, so why should he have to pay for the bus system he does not use or the athletic events he does not attend.

"All these fees are fees I don't use," he said. "Ninety percent of them that I pay for, and I don't use. You wouldn't want to buy me pizza or clothes at Dillard's."

Brendan Headd, a graduate student from Richardson studying geosciences, told the crowd he is a firm disbeliever in the transportation fee and other fees, which he called luxuries.

"We are paying for a lot of junk we don't need," he told the crowd. "We can do without a bus service. Transportation is the student's responsibility. People are riding right now only because it is free. If you made

them pay for it, they wouldn't ride."

All of the senators who responded to him disagreed and said the \$50 transportation fee is important. Right now, it is proposed to be optional.

Senate President Jeremy Brown responded by saying most of the students on this campus want the fee, and that is why the Senate voted in favor of it at its last meeting Feb. 6.

"This is the price you pay to go to this university," he said. "If you don't want to have these services, go to a junior college. One day when it is raining, you are not going to walk with rain up to your ankles."

Daniel Swanberg, a sophomore engineering major from Houston, argued with SGA

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VICE PRESIDENT FOR Fiscal Affairs Lynda Gilbert talks with Mike Homer, a doctoral student from Dallas, about why tuition and fees will increase 19 percent next term during a SGA open forum Thursday. **DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer**

Presidential search committee selected

By Kelly McAlister/Staff Reporter

The newly-formed presidential search advisory committee will meet Tuesday to discuss search procedures and the use of an outside firm, said Board of Regents chairman Robert Black.

Smith named 21 people to the committee who are representative of alumni, faculty, staff and students.

Chairman of the committee Brian Newby also was a member of the 2000 search committee, which resulted in the hiring of former Texas Tech President David Schmidly, who resigned in December.

Also, other members of the 2000 committee serving on the new one include Richard Bartsch, chairman of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry; Kenneth Davis, honors professor; and Hershel Mann, professor and chairman of the Tech Athletics Council.

Newby said the committee will seek input from the community and others who wish to offer opinions.

Black said the committee will advise the chancellor by offering him finalists, but the chancellor will select the president, who will be the chief executive officer of the university.

Newby said he is excited about

getting a new president.

"I'm hopeful at the outset that we will have a new president in place by fall semester," he said.

Mann said he assumes the search will take less time than the 2000 search because the committee will not be altering the president's job description.

"Last time, we spent a lot of time rewriting the job description," Mann said. "Identifying candidates will be a major time consumer (this time). Time is not the most critical factor; coming up with the next candidate is."

Newby said he does not know how long the search will last.

"The difficult part is making sure we find someone who is the right person for Texas Tech," he said.

No applications have been submitted to the committee yet because the university has not announced the position, Newby said.

"The announcement must be approved by the committee before it goes out," he said.

During the meeting, the committee will discuss duties and procedures, Newby said.

Faculty Senate President Shane Blum said he is looking forward to

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City traffic accidents steadily decreasing

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

January saw the lowest number of traffic accidents in more than 18 months in Lubbock.

"We're encouraged," Jere Hart, city traffic engineer, said. "They're still too high, but they're getting better."

Last month, there were 753 traffic collisions in the Hub City, compared to 986 collisions in December of last year and 826 in January 2002.

Much of the decrease is in response to the city's Halt Aggressive Driving program, Hart said, which has been in effect for almost two years. The numbers have been dropping since the program was implemented.

The city flooded the market with public service announcements in December 2002, which is most likely a major factor in the significant difference between this January and last January. Of the more than 2,000 ads in 2002, almost one-fourth aired in December.

"That's the 'be nice to citizens; tell them about it' approach," Hart said.

The Lubbock Police Department also increased its enforcement on the streets and became more visible, he said, making people think twice about breaking the rules of the road.

"I think that had a significant impact," he said.

However, despite the good news, two traffic accidents this month have detracted from the city's success. Two pedestrians have been struck by cars while attempting to cross Loop 289, including a local teenager who missed his school bus.

"That's one of those cases where it didn't have to happen," Hart said, adding many pedestrians do not realize how dangerous it is to cross a freeway.

In addition to being illegal, it is difficult to gauge how quickly a car is coming and how much time a pedestrian has to get across the freeway, and often, the judgment is incorrect.

Sgt. Ronnie Sowell said both incidents were unfortunate, and the police department would do what it can to prevent incidents like those. However, the accidents occurred during rush hour with cars going more than 60 mph, and the police can only do so much.

"We're encouraging people to use common sense," he said. "We're going to be cognizant of that."

Police officers will attempt to stop pedestrians who are crossing the Loop or other streets that are dangerous, but Sowell said he does not want the officers to be hazards themselves while trying to prevent someone else from

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JUSTIN NOBLE, A pre-veterinarian major from Estevan, Canada, checks the mucous membranes in Blue's mouth for his horse production lab Thursday at Dub Park Memorial Arena. **DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer**

Survey: Student Senate not doing its job

By Matt Muench and Angela Timmons/Staff Reporters

Student Government Association Internal Vice President Jeremy Brown is not too happy with most of his 64 senators. And Brown is not the only person upset.

Each senator is assigned three to five different organizations to contact on the weeks the Senate meets to discuss school issues, problems and concerns. Plus, the senator is asked to attend at least two meetings a semester.

Brown does not have a way to track if the senators are keeping up their end of the bargain. So his solution was to send out a survey to more than 250 organizations during the Christmas break to gauge if

the program is working, but most importantly, to test if the senators are doing what they are supposed to do.

Only 50 have responded. About 40 of them were upset with their senator, Brown said.

"This is a great opportunity to try and reach the students," he said. "Because if they have a problem, their senator should be there for them. We would get so many things accomplished if we utilize this properly."

"When you have better communication, everything will run better," he said. "Like the transportation fee for example. If senators contacted their organizations and got their feed-

back, we could make a better decision on all constituents."

Brown said if all senators at least attempted to contact organizations, communication would increase, and it would be easier for the SGA to make the best decisions it can.

"It is a simple concept, and I wish all senators would understand how easy it is," he said. "All it takes is a phone call or an e-mail."

Brown said he is in the process of writing letters to let student organizations know exactly who their senator is. In the past, it was only up to the senator to contact the organization.

"It would help because it wouldn't just put it on the senator's plate to do," he said. "I am hoping that will make it work better."

"Sometimes we do not understand what is going on in the Engineering Key," he said. "So we need to know about what their concerns are."

Brandi Grissom, a law senator from Hamshire, is chairwoman of intergovernmental relations, the committee in charge of Contact a Senator.

Grissom said the problem lies with organizations not updating their information with the Center For Campus Life, making it difficult or impossible for senators to contact.

"The senators have been doing a good job with the ones they can con-

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Tech research gets about \$18 million in appropriations

By Kelly McAlister/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech students are uncertain about how more than \$18 million in research money will affect them in their academic careers.

Chancellor Dr. David Smith announced Tuesday that Texas Tech and Tech's Health Sciences Center have received \$18.165 million in federal appropriations.

The appropriations will fund the continuation of current research projects and also allow new pro-

grams to be implemented.

Bill Myers, a freshman engineering major from Houston, said he did not think the research money would have a significant affect on him.

"All in all, it's good for the campus," he said. "For me, personally, it probably won't affect me that much."

Steven Holley, a senior psychology major from Midkiff, said he thought the money might affect him if he were going to graduate school.

"I hope somebody gets to use it," he said. "But I probably won't since I don't plan on going to grad school."

Presidential Chief of Staff Ronald Phillips said federal-appropriated research money allows the university to leverage with the state for additional research funds. He also said the university is looking to incorporate research programs into the undergraduate curriculum, giving students a unique opportunity not available anywhere else.

"It often takes a combination of federal and state money (to fund research)," Phillips said. "The research funding we receive at the federal level is very important because it allows us

to do research we otherwise wouldn't be able to do. It enables (Tech) to expand the scope of our research capabilities."

Phillips said the initiatives funded are programs in which either the university or particular faculty have a specific expertise.

The funds allow Tech to maintain its recognition for excellence, Phillips said.

"(Research) improves our academic and research reputation around

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The Rundown



Suspects return knife to store after murder

MISSION (AP) — After a newly purchased knife was used to stab a man four times, suspects in the attack returned it to a Wal-Mart store and got a refund, South Texas law officers say.

A security officer at a McAllen mall provided information about the suspects' car after the attack Sunday. An anonymous tip led police to a residence in La Joya, said Martin Garza, a spokesman for the Mission Police Department.

Omar Ozuna, 18, and his 14-year-old brother were arrested in connection with a purse-snatching, and a warrant was issued for the arrest of Jason Gonzalez, 19, of Palmview, who is accused of stabbing Jason Meyers, 24, of Mission four times when Meyers attempted to get his mother's purse back.

Professor accused of terrorist ties arrested

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A Palestinian college professor previously accused of having terrorist ties was arrested early Thursday by federal agents. He was one of several people arrested here, in Chicago and overseas, the FBI said.

Television reports showed Sami Al-Arian being led in handcuffs to FBI headquarters in Tampa after the arrest. His indictment is sealed until a court hearing scheduled for Thursday afternoon.

"It's all about politics," Al-Arian told reporters as agents led him inside.

FBI spokeswoman Sara Oates said three people were arrested in Tampa, one person was in custody in Chicago, and an undisclosed number of people were arrested overseas.

States to sue EPA over global warming

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seven states are promising a lawsuit to force the federal government to regulate carbon dioxide emissions from power plants, the latest in a string of challenges by states and cities to the Bush administration's go-slow approach on climate change.

The prospect of a global warming lawsuit by seven state attorneys general, all Democrats, was announced Thursday, based on the argument that the Environmental Protection Agency is violating the Clean Air Act in not addressing the climate issue.

The states contend EPA hasn't analyzed the health and environmental impacts of power plant emissions as it is required to do every eight years.

DINING OUT



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

CLIFF HOLDERIDGE (LEFT), a junior history major from Austin, and Tim Hatch, a junior business major from Austin, prepare to eat at Gardski's Restaurant on Broadway Avenue earlier this week. Gardski's waitress Stacey Bomar, a junior photo communications major from Lubbock, brings them their food.

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Government hits national debt ceiling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Replaying a drama from last year, the government is once again bumping against the debt limit of \$6.4 trillion, and the Treasury Department has begun taking evasive actions to prevent an unprecedented default on the national debt.

Treasury Secretary John Snow informed leaders of Congress on Wednesday that the government would reach the borrowing limit on Thursday and he would begin pulling investments out of a \$48 billion government pension fund to make room for normal public borrowing auctions.

In a reference to the looming possibility of a war with Iraq, Snow urged Congress to act without delay to raise the borrowing limit.

"I know that you share the president's and my commitment to maintaining the full faith and credit of the U.S. government, especially at this critical time," Snow said in his letter. Together we must continue working to enact an increase in the statutory debt limit as quickly as possible to avoid any negative repercussions at home or abroad."

The drama was similar to one that unfolded last year as Congress finally raised the debt ceiling from \$5.95 trillion to the current limit of \$6.4 trillion on June 28, but only after months of debate and brinkmanship with then-Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill having to resort to ever-more elaborate procedures to shift funds in order to clear room for necessary borrowing.

Republicans will push to approve the Bush administration's request for a higher debt limit, citing the need to protect the country's excellent credit rating. U.S. Treasury securities are considered the safest investment in the world because the government has always met its obligations.

Democrats are certain to use that request as a chance to criticize President Bush's tax-cut policies, which they contend have led to record budget deficits and the need for a higher debt limit.

A group of conservative House Democrats promised to oppose any increase in the debt limit that was not coupled with a plan to deal with the rising deficits.

Tech Notes

The open class lists for first summer, second summer and Fall 2003 are available on the TechSIS Web site at <http://techsis.tosm.ttu.edu/student>.

The Native American Student Association will be hosting a free viewing of the film "Atanarjuat" (The Fast Runner) at 8 p.m. Saturday in Room 001 of the English building.

Students for Social Justice is host-

ing David Rovics, a progressive musician, along with Brad Carter at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Amaranth Co-op at 4230 Boston Ave. Admission to the event is \$7.

The application deadline for the Health Sciences Center's Summer Pre-medical Academy is March 1. For more information or to access the online application, visit www.ttuhs.c.edu/medicine, or call Linda Prado at (806) 743-2297.

The College of Visual and Performing Arts will host a scholarship gala at 6:30 p.m. March 8 at the United Spirit Arena. The event will feature dinner, an awards ceremony, a concert and a silent auction. To reserve tickets, call (806) 742-0706, ext. 401.

For upcoming concerts sponsored by the School of Music, visit www.ttu.edu/~music.

Correction

In Thursday's edition of *The University Daily*, "University Day in full force despite overflow concerns," *The UD* erroneously printed the cost of the Career Center as \$1.5 billion. The Career Center, which will be located in the Chitwood/Weymouth area, will cost \$1.5 million. *The UD* regrets these errors.

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Explosion, fire at Kentucky factory injures 26 workers

CORBIN, Ky. (AP) — An explosion and fire at a southern Kentucky insulation factory injured 26 workers Thursday morning, at least 11 of them critically.

Firefighters continued to battle the blaze several hours later, and fire officials said 95 percent of the blaze had been contained.

The cause of the explosion at CTA Acoustics was not immediately known; state labor inspectors were being sent to the site.

Authorities shut down a 13-mile stretch of nearby Interstate 75 for about an hour because of concerns that smoke from the plant contained hazardous chemicals.

But Jim Tomaw, legal counsel for CTA in Corbin, said there were no hazardous chemicals in the plant, which makes acoustical and thermal insulation products for the industrial and automotive industries.

"We don't feel there is any great danger to the public," said Joe Bradshaw, emergency management director for Knox County.

Tomaw said 150 of the company's 561 employees were in the plant at the time of the explosion, which happened near an oven where raw fiberglass is manufactured.

All of the employees were accounted for, said Elizabeth Ash, a spokeswoman for the Madison

Heights, Mich.-based company.

The injured, many with severe burns, were taken to at least five hospitals in the region.

Dr. George Liu, a general surgeon at Baptist Regional Medical Center in Corbin, said at least eight of the injured had burns on more than 80 percent of their bodies.

"We prepare as physicians for disasters — I have never seen this," Liu said. "The best thing people can do is pray for these people."

The Corbin hospital had received at least 15 patients and said 11 were in critical condition. Some were being transferred to burn centers at the University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington and Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn.

CTA worker Rogers Bales told the Times-Tribune of Corbin he was inside the building when the rear of the plant exploded.

"Everybody saw a huge fireball, and everybody started running out," Bales said. "There was smoke and dust everywhere."

Earlier this month, the state labor agency proposed to cite the company for an allegedly serious violation involving safety guards on machinery, agency spokesman Eddie Jacobs said.

The company also was cited in 1989 and 1993, mostly for insufficient safety guards on machinery, according to agency records.

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representatives at the forum.

"I am totally against the entire (global fee document)," he said.

He and SGA President Kelli Stumbo went back and forth discussing the document.

He said he wants the SGA to ratify the document. Stumbo said this is the best it can get for students.

Swanberg asked Stumbo if the SGA would fight to change and decrease the proposed increase.

She said, "No." One student in the background yelled, "Then you are rolling over (to the administration)."

Swanberg's response? "So why did (the Senate) have this forum if you are telling me you will not recommend anything to the administration," he said.

Stumbo quickly rerouted her answer and said she would if he had any suggestions on how to change it. Swanberg had no answer or suggestions and walked out of the forum. He said the forum did nothing for him.

"I felt that there were no answers," he said. "It didn't help at all. Nothing is going to happen. (The document) will stay the same."

Brown said he was happy with the turnout but was upset that the students who spoke did not realize the SGA worked hard to get the increase as low as possible.

"I wish they knew that we have been fighting this, and this is the best it can be," he said. "Basically, (the forum) was just griping. No one brought forth a solution."

The Board of Regents will vote on the global fee document Thursday.

After the forum, the Senate went back to regular business with two resolutions on the agenda.

Resolution 38.20, which called for the impeachment of Arts and Sciences Senator Colby Street, was not approved. Street will remain in office.

Street said people argued against him because the rules state two unexcused absences should impeach a senator. He pleaded his case and beat the rulebook.

"I am very happy," he said. "I am glad it ended with a pleasing resolution."

Senate

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tact," Grissom said. "We have outdated info; that seems to be the problem. There are some organizations we haven't contacted; there's a lack of information, and we have no means to get it."

Grissom said there have been benefits to the Contact A Senator program, such as when the transportation fee was up for debate.

"A couple of senators contacted their organizations to see what they thought and asked them how they should vote," she said. "That's how it's supposed to work, where they're trying to be representative of their college and of every student."

President of Tech Queers & Allies Chris Mitchell, a senior English and history major from Lubbock, said Q&A has had mixed experiences with the Contact A Senator program.

"Our senator made one effort to contact us, and we never heard from her again," Mitchell said.

Mitchell said the organization's senator last year was current Exter-

nal Vice President Leigh Mauer and there was constant contact. This year, however, Mitchell said he believes because Q&A has received much attention from the administration and SGA President Kelli Stumbo, the assigned senator may be leaving much of the contact to them.

"But there's no indication that if I contacted them, we would have any problems," Mitchell said. "Overall the SGA has been very responsive."

More than anything, Brown wants to see everyone take the program seriously: the organizations registering their current information and the senators doing their jobs.

"It is like pulling teeth," he said. "I can ask the senators over and over to please contact the students. But I can't hold their hands and sit there and watch them dial up their organizations."

Brown said he knows everyone is busy, but it is no excuse.

"I wish they'd take it seriously," he said. "It's a very simple process."

"It is making us look bad," he said. "This falls on our plate. If senators are not contacting them, then it hurts the SGA as a whole."

Committee

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serving on the committee.

"I think it will be a really great experience to go through the whole process," he said.

New members include President of the Faculty Senate Shane Blum, associate professor Bonita Butner, Vice Provost Elizabeth Hall, President of the Tech Alumni Association Carwey Hobbs and Regent David Lopez.

Other members of the committee are: associate professor and Associate Dean for Research Elizabeth Louden, Graduate and Professional Student Government Association President Deidre Parish, law professor Marilyn Phelan, professor Eduardo Segarra,

associate professor Sindee Simon, SGA President Kelli Stumbo, member of the Texas Tech Foundation Board of Directors Betsy Triplett-Hurt, law student Celeste Villarreal, Staff Senate President Maurice Welch, music professor William Westney, Multicultural Faculty and Staff Association President Everne Williams and the College of Arts and Sciences Dean Jane Winer.

The first committee meeting is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Llano Estacado room, located in the Student Union building. The committee will discuss presidential search procedures and the possibility of using an outside search firm.

Vice Chancellor for Policy and Planning John Opperman is the non-voting/ex-officio member.

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crossing.

Sowell said the police department is initiating extra traffic patrolers and putting more officers on overtime to watch for traffic violations. The department also received two grants from the federal government to focus on DWIs and speeding.

"We're able to do more because we have federal tax dollars," he said.

Because the grant money is for a specific purpose, they can put officers on the street who are focusing primarily on one problem, such as DWI, Sowell said. The officers will not be expected to make routine traffic stops

or answer dispatch calls unless there is a serious problem.

The department also will use the accident investigation results so the officers can focus on specific, identifiable traffic problems.

The motorcycle unit will be used to work the Loop and residential areas as well.

"We're going to continue to try and get a hold on this problem," he said.

Texas Tech's traffic accidents decreased as well. Major Eddie Huckabee of the Tech Police Department said there were 20 reported accidents last month, compared to 35 reports in January 2002.

Adverse weather may have been a factor in the difference in numbers.

Research

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the country so we are able to attract outstanding faculty and students," he said.

In a news release, Smith said the investment represents recognition from the Texas delegation in Washington, D.C., of the benefits from the research being completed at Tech.

"One of the unique features of Texas Tech is its ability to combine research and academic offerings across a broad range of fields," Smith said. "In this instance, researchers at the academic campus and Health Sciences Center have combined talents to investigate issues of state and national importance."

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest obtained funding for 11 projects totaling \$8.9 million for the university and HSC with backing from representatives in Congress. Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla assisted Combest in his requests.

Dirk Fillpot, Combest's press secretary, said appropriations are given to universities for research projects upon request.

"We try to go through a lot more detail about what the funding will be

used for," Fillpot said.

Current programs at the university that will receive additional funding include Zumwalt-Biological and Chemical Threats, Wind Science Engineering Center and Center for Space Studies.

Lacey Smith, a senior food technology major from Wheeler, said she is glad to hear Tech is receiving additional funding.

"Once they get more money, they can do more research," she said.

New programs include a Center for Natural Resource Management in conjunction with Texas A&M University and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Cherynoble Radiation Program.

The HSC will receive funding to complete the final year of the three-year Center for Diabetes Prevention and Control project, geared at creating a national model for diabetes outreach, care, prevention and education, as well as \$250,000 for training and education of employees at the Geriatric Education and Training Academy.

Funding also was secured for the continuation of the construction to expand the Lubbock Nursing and Wellness Center and the Forensic Sciences Institute. Total new project funding at the HSC amounts to \$1.1 million.

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Perspectives

Take a look at life of enemy

As I sit on my nice, comfortable couch in a nice, comfortable apartment eating a bowl of ice cream, I anxiously wait for "Friends" to return from a commercial break.

I have become a slave to primetime television. I watch all of the shows: "The Bachelorette," "Joe Millionaire," "Celebrity Mole" and even all of the duplicating, conflicting Michael Jackson interviews.

I enjoy this time I spend staring into the tube, but I definitely think, like me, most other Americans are not aware how the world could never even imagine this life I live and love.

In Iraq, I have found many similarities to our home sweet home, Texas. Ironically, out of the states, Texas is actually the closest in population size to Iraq, making my comparison a little easier to visualize. Iraq's population of 24 million barely beats Texas' 21 million.

Like Lubbock, Iraq's most common natural hazards are dust storms, sandstorms and floods. It brings a slight smirk to my face when I hear stories of soldiers complaining about the sand blowing in their eyes. I can completely sympathize with their frustrations because I have been irritated with this very aspect of Lubbock for four years.

Flooding seems to be one undeniable problem in both areas. The "lakeside view" at Olive Garden was definitely not planned.

Other than these few similarities, there are many more differences. Texans' most popular pastimes, like watching television, listening to the radio, reading the newspaper and playing on the Internet, are virtually nonexistent in Iraq.

In Texas, there are currently 94 television stations, whereas in Iraq, only 13 stations are responsible for covering the entire country.

Also, only 7.3 percent of Iraqis actually have a television set in their homes, while 78 percent of Americans own one. Personally, I don't know a single person without a television.

One of my least favorite distractions during these big-dollar shows is the ringing of my telephone. I definitely have a love-hate relationship with my phone. It annoys me when it rings all the time, but when I am a day late on my bill and they turn my phone off, I feel as if I have been isolated from the world.

Out of 100 Iraqi homes, only three actually have a telephone line, whereas in America, 64 would. I know most of us have grown up with a telephone, and even our grandparents did too. But in reality, to most of today's world, our simple necessity of a telephone is basically only imaginary.

Even our most basic form of communication, the radio, is present in America's most poverty-stricken areas, it is barely present in Iraq. Coming from the speakers of Iraq's boom box



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Out of 100 Iraqi homes, only three actually have a telephone line, whereas in America, 64 would.

is a very small selection and variety of music. Iraq has 75 radio stations throughout the country.

Every day after jumping in the driver seat, I search through all 12 speed-station buttons on my radio, and most of the time, I end up listening to a CD because I cannot find a pleasant sound.

In Iraq, being picky with your radio stations is not an option. In Texas, there are 311 AM stations and 420 FM stations to choose from. As we all know, we have a radio station for nearly all types of music, sports, talk shows and news.

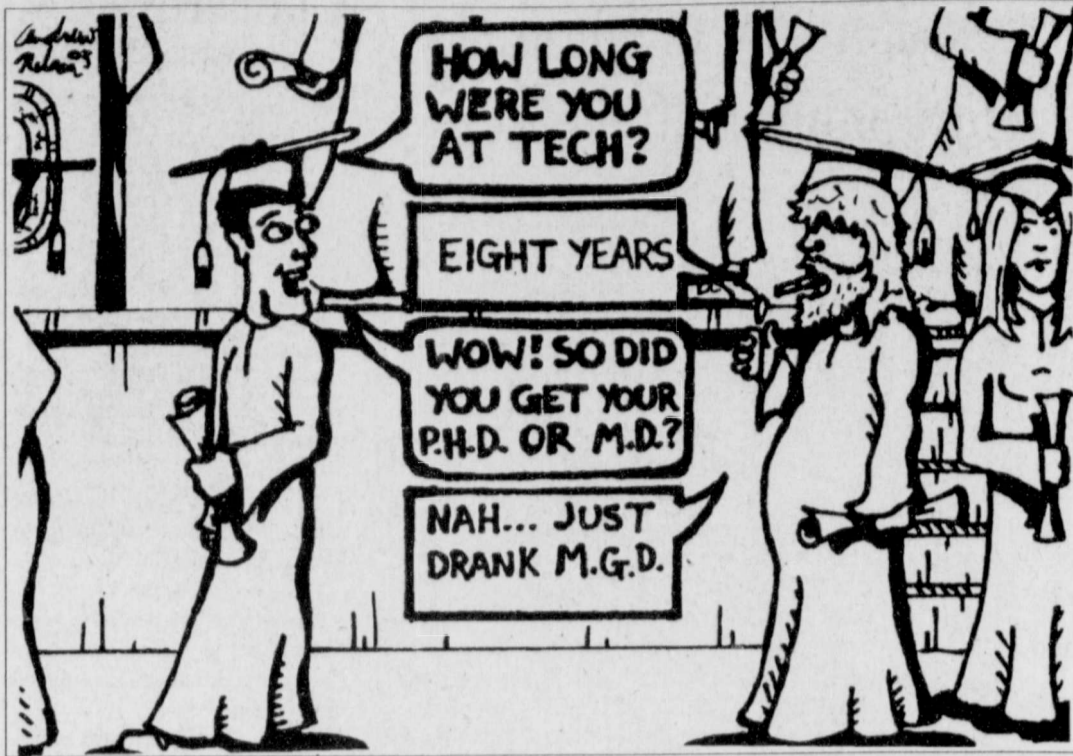
Although 75 stations sounds like a decent number, keep in mind all of these are spread out across the entire country, so the actual number of stations available to the average Iraqi is much smaller.

Iraq lacks daily newspapers and the Internet, too. Saddam Hussein's monopoly ownership of the media is used to keep his people ignorant. He can and does manipulate the Iraqi people to believe in their newspapers because he chooses what the papers will say. They are written under the political regime's bloodcurdling watch.

I am grateful for the life I have been granted. I'm glad journalistic rules are much more lenient, and we have the freedom to write the truth, be it good or bad. I am grateful our nation was created on the belief of a freedom of speech and press, in which we have the choice to read anyone else's opinions and the choice to learn from the collaboration of so many perspectives.

Without the enormous efforts by our forefathers, Americans could be manipulated and ignorant of our God-given rights, just like the country we are fighting against now.

This is the reality of our world, very different from our culture, like a little glance out the window looking out away from our customized culture and self-normality, and into our enemy's lack of essential freedoms.



French give typical reaction to war

I hate France. I've never been terribly fond of the French, and this sentiment was only reinforced upon my arrival in their country during my European grand tour over the summer.

I spent most of my time in Germany and loved every minute of it, but what little time I did spend in Louis XIV's homeland was abysmal, at best. Why do I despise the French so, and why are they so worthy of such putrid loathing?

Here is but one of many examples from my personal experiences. This particular instance was my first impression of France.

Two friends and I had arrived in Paris at 7 a.m. We were supposed to have arrived roughly 12 hours earlier, but the mind-boggling efficiency of the French train system resulted in the delay. This belatedness was to be a recurring theme.

During the course of the trip, the strap on my suitcase broke, making it impossible to roll, and a bottle of whiskey I had purchased before departure also broke and now scented my carry-on luggage.

Upon arrival, we were charged with the task of getting to our youth hostel. We had to take the Metro, which I refer to as the modern-day Oregon Trail, only not as fast.

Ten thousand chattering Parisians crammed into a Metro station, and they all wanted to travel the same direction we did. Like jockeying for pole position at Daytona, everyone tried to get on the trains as they arrived and departed at the lightning pace of roughly one every 20 minutes.

My friends made it on just fine; I did not. As I attempted to board the train by backing in with my baggage, some French @#! pushed me out of the train and back onto the



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platform, luggage and all. If the train had not departed right then, I might have spent the night in a comfy Parisian jail.

We eventually made it to the hotel, showered and went to see the Eiffel Tower. (The Tower is one of Paris' most-visited and most-impressive landmarks, and in the late 1800s, the Parisians, with their renowned foresight, wanted to tear it down because it was an eyesore to them.)

Upon returning to our hostel, we found all of our luggage, including plane and train tickets, clothes, and my broken whiskey bottle, gone. No employees in the building had a clue where it was, but this didn't seem to bother the management. For a shade over two hours, they followed French custom in making a half-hearted effort at helping others.

Finally, they realized, "Oh, Sucre Blue! We put you Americans in the wrong room, and we just moved your luggage for you."

Now let's look at something you don't have to experience to understand: the belittling military history of France. Here are but three of many examples.

World War I: The Germans make a last-ditch offensive in late 1918. French soldiers, not far removed from their recent mass insubordination, an almost yearlong refusal to attack, flee in the face of the German assault. In

a panic, the French begin to evacuate Paris.

Meanwhile, U.S. Marines stand and fight at Belleau Wood, defeating a crack German troop division. They save the embattled and genetically cowardly French army.

World War II: May 1940—although the French could have attacked the Germans during the invasion of Poland roughly nine months earlier, they chose instead to hide behind the outmoded defenses of the Maginot line. The Germans invade northern France via Belgium.

Hitler's only objective was land in the North, especially the port of Calais, for a staging point to later invade England. Much to the surprise of the German commanders though, the French ran away on all fronts and cleared the way to capture the entire country in just six weeks—basically the same amount of time it took the Russians to capture just the city of Berlin.

August 1944: Eisenhower allows Charles De Gaulle to liberate Paris after the Americans did all the work getting there.

The Present Day: The French continue to drag their feet insofar as war with Iraq is concerned. This reluctance exists despite the fact that every other European nation, with the exceptions of Russia and Germany, has pledged their support.

The Russians are too poor to pay their army, so no one can expect them to fight.

The Germans have had a stipulation in their governing document since World War II that says they will never again go to war unless the Fatherland is invaded. This is because the Germans have a tendency to try to take over the world whenever they go to war.

The French, however, are just beating themselves.

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Oil well testing new innovations

Evans named chair of OB-GYN department

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech used its new test oil well for the first time this week, with stellar results.

Tech is working with Trican Production Services Inc. to test a new product. Chris Cox, assistant professor of petroleum engineering, is leading the Tech side of the project and he is approaching it as a research project.

"The purpose of the well is to demonstrate and evaluate innovative oilfield technologies for extending the producing life of oil and gas wells," Cox said.

But that's not all. "One of the primary things it's here for is education," he said, adding that undergraduate students use the well site for observation and laboratory work and graduate students use it for research.

The test well, named Red Raider No. 1, has great potential to bring money to Tech, Cox said. The well it-

self was paid for and dug by corporations in the industry, and like all research projects, companies who want to use it have to pay.

The well, which is just more than 4,000 feet deep and located in east Lubbock, is not a producing well, he said. The oil and gas in the well that comes from a nearby pipe circulates inside the well.

"I was not interested in producing oil," Cox said. "I was interested in having a research test well facility."

The inaugural facility is the deepest well on university property in the United States, he said.

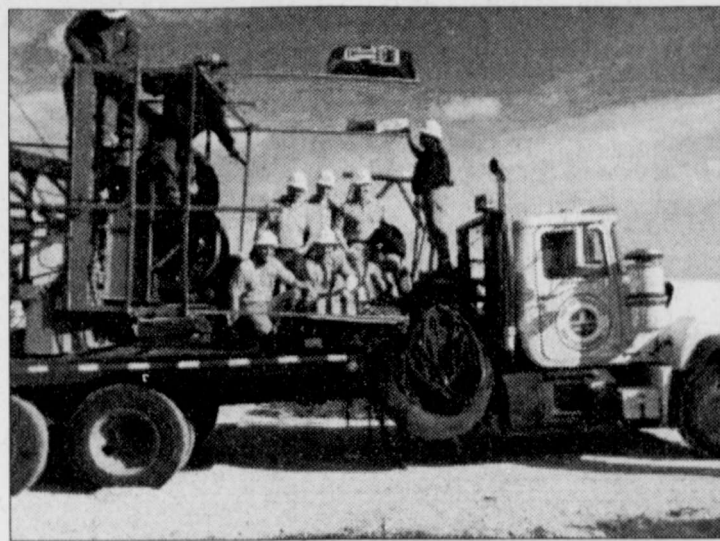
"It's a great achievement for Texas Tech to have a well of this type of capability," he said. "I hope to make this a premier location to develop new technology with the industry and federal government."

Cox is well on his way to his goal. Trican is the first company to use the test well, but it will not be the last. He has a long list of companies in the oil and gas industry who want to use the facility, which can be used for many types of tests.

The current project is testing offshore equipment to be used in the Gulf of Mexico, he said.

"It's kind of ironic that it's West Texas, and we're testing marine equipment," Cox said.

Steve Taylor, general manager of Trican, said the company found out



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about the test well a month ago, which worked perfectly because they had been looking for one to test a new product.

The product, a polyethylene liner, is unique because it can be put into the pipe while the pipe is in the ground, instead of the usual procedure of removing the pipe, putting the liner in and returning the pipe back to the well, Taylor said.

"This technology is especially applicable to the West Texas area because the oil field out there is pretty mature," he said.

"It fits in well with Texas Tech's regional mission."

The product will help to prevent corrosion of the pipe, improving

ductance capability and retaining heat inside the well, all of which will cause the oil or gas to flow better while not altering the fuel in any way, Taylor said.

"You're not changing any physical properties; you're just getting some corrosion prevention," he said.

Taylor, a Tech graduate, said he sees the well as being an excellent thing for the engineering departments and the university as whole.

"Now that you've got the well out there, a lot more companies will be coming in and out," he said. "It's a pretty good deal beyond the commercial aspect of helping companies develop products. I think Tech stands to gain a great deal of exposure and publicity from this."

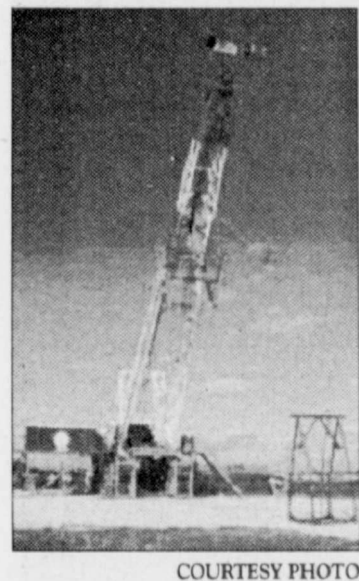
Cox, also a Tech graduate, said he was glad to see Tech alumni returning for reasons like this.

"It's good to see our students leaving here and going to companies, then coming back," he said.

The testing started Monday and will continue all week.

It's a great achievement of Texas Tech to have this type of capability.

— CHRIS COX
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF
PETROLEUM ENGINEERING



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By Felicia Simpson/
Staff Reporter

Dr. Arthur Evans was recently named the new chairman for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Texas Tech's Health Sciences Center.

Along with the new title comes new responsibility. He is responsible for the academic, research and clinical aspects of obstetrics and gynecology.

He said he wants to increase the educational opportunities at the HSC. In order to accomplish this goal, he wants to ensure the medical curriculum is current.

"The medical knowledge basis changes rapidly," Evans said. "It's important to incorporate genetics into the curriculum."

Also, he said it is important for students to learn the financial impact involved with treating patients. Physicians need to recognize how medical tests, hospital stays and prescriptions will affect their patient's monetary status.

"It's not just about practicing medicine," Evans said.

With research, Evans is performing clinical trials on diabetic, pregnant women. He is trying to find an effective oral medication for these women to ensure both the mother and child remain healthy.

"It's popular with patients since they would rather take a pill instead of a shot," he said.

The clinical practice of ob-

stetrics and gynecology is Evans' responsibility. Besides overseeing the department, he continues to treat patients. His specialty is maternal-fetal medicine.

"Maternal-fetal medicine is essentially taking care of high risk pregnancies," he said.

These high-risk pregnancies are associated with mothers who have diabetes, hypertension or premature labor. Also, a high-risk pregnancy can involve babies with birth defects, Evans said.

With his position, Evans said he wants to make the obstetrics and gynecology department accessible to West Texas.

"I want to expand the expertise in the department and make this department a real resource for this community," he said. "In West Texas, there are not a lot of hospitals with neonatal care. I want patients to be referred, managed or consulted on for the community."

Evans said he decided to leave the University of Kentucky to work for the HSC because he wanted to work in a program that could serve a region.

He said the level of expertise in the neonatal, pediatric, obstetric and gynecology departments at Tech ensures a regional program.

"All the essential pieces (for regional care) are in place," he said. "I thought it was an exciting opportunity."

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21						
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AFFIL.	PBS	NBC	CBS	UPN	ABC	FOX
CITY	Lubbock	Lubbock	Lubbock	Lubbock	Lubbock	Lubbock
7:30	Body Elec. Callow	Today Show	News	Tarzan Digimon	Good Morning America	K. Copeland Archie
8:30	Serranain Barney		Early Show	Lightyear	Paid Program	Paid Program
9:30	Frogan Tales Arthur	Today Show	Montel Williams	Judge Mathis	Regis & Kelly	Family Feud
10:30	Sesame Street	Martha Stewart	Price is Right	People's Court	View	John Walsh
11:30	Mr. Rogers Television	Hydred Square Jeopardy	Young & the Realsteas	Paid Program	Access Port Charles	Other Half
12:30	Workshop Arthur	News	News Beautiful	Jerry Springer	All My Children	Good Day Live
1:30	SewNancy Dragon Tales	News	As the World Turns	Jerry Jones	One Life to Live	Caroline Rhee
2:30	Zoom Beh/Lions	InEdition	Guiding Light	General Hospital	General Hospital	Divorce Court
3:30	R. Rainbow Cyberchase	Corinth Maury Povich	Maury Povich	Cross Over	Wayne Brady	Joe Brown Joe Brown
4:30	Clifford Arthur	Dr. Phil	Life Moments	Sabrina Street Smart	Home Impr. Millionaire	News & More
5:30	Liberty Nightly Bus	News NBC News	Judge Judy For Women	Weekend Link	News ABC News	King/Will Simpsona
6:30	NewsHour	News W/Forune	CBS News	Pyramid Extra	News E.T.	News Raymond
7:30	Wash. St. Wk.	Master Sterling	Star Search	UPI Movie: "Dumb And Dumber"	Home Video "PG"	FOX Movie: "Nuttty"
8:30	How w/Bill Moyers	Law & Order: SVU	8th "PG"	Dharma/Greg	Who's Line Drew Carey	Professor Z: The News
9:30	Freedom Freedom	News Tonight Show	News David	King/Will Blind Date	News Nightline	Seinfeld Fraiser
10:30	GED Conn.		Letterman Craig	ChangeHeart Extra	MASH Access	Raymond Shoot Me
11:30		O'Brien Last Call	Kilborn Paid Program	Voyager	Jimmy Kimmel	That 70's Paid Program

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8:30	Zaboomboob Book/Writh		Rugrats "Y Thelberts"	Livir Large	Fillmore Recess	Kirby Foodons
9:30	Green Gables Angelina	M. Stewart Pres. Planet	Chalkzone "Y Hey Arnold"	Paid Program	L. McGuire Proud Family	Ull. Muscle N. Turles
10:30	Redwall Cyberchase	Croc. Files Junkyard "Y9"	Dora "Y Blue's"	Polard Satum Show	Kim Possible Ninja Storm	Cramp Twin Ultraman
11:30	Rick Steves V. Garden	Endurance Scout	Home Show	WWE Wrestling	Wild Force P. Ford	Satum Paid Program
12:30	TI Parks Old House	Strange R. Ford	Paid Program	Movie: "Package"	Four Continents	Big 12
1:30	NY Workshop Hometime	Strand Programs	Basketball: Teams TBA	Skating Champ/ship	Nissan Open	Texas A&M
2:30	Woodwright Antiques		Paid Program	Pyramid	Big 12 Basketball	
3:30	Roadshow Motorweek	Prof. Bull Riding	Basketball: Teams TBA	Pyramid	Big 12 Basketball	
4:30	Fine Art Mexico	Anaheim Open		Livir Large	Texas @ Okla. St.	
5:30	Master Chef Arenues/Styl	Hydred Square NBC News	Paid Program	Hot Ticket Ebert/Roeper	Healthwatch ABC News	Shoot Me Shoot Me
6:30	Viewpoint Windmill	News W/Forune	I Love Lucy	Extra	E.T.	Friends Raymond
7:30	Lawrence Welk	Fear Factor NBC Movie: "Raiders Of The Lost Ark"	News "PG"	Movie: "Jaws"	ABC Movie: "Forces Of Cop"	Copa "TV14" Copa "TV14"
8:30	Appearances Being Served	District Of The		Nature	AMW "PG"	
9:30	Austin City Limits	News "PG"	Agency "PG"		I'm a Celebrity	News OverTime
10:30	EGG	News Blind Date	News "Love Lucy"	Buffy	News Seinfeld M&A TV	
11:30	Independent Lens	Night Live "TV14"	3rd Rock Paid Program	Mutant X	Movie: "Deep"	Andromeda
12:30		Profiler	Urban Latino Showtime	Outer Limits	Cover	Adventure

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23						
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7:30		Sunday Today	New House Health Watch	Paid Program	Fellowship In Search	Paid Program
8:30		Kids Bookworm	TX Reporter 1st	CBS Sunday Morning	Wild Moments Jack Hanna	K. Copeland Eddie Trice
9:30		Methodist Meet the	News Face/Nation	Lightyear Recess	In Touch	FOX News Sunday
10:30	Destine	Press Going On	Robert Schuller	Digimon Tarzan	This Week	Southcrest Baptist
11:30	Latinos Secrets	Que Pass Public	Paid Program	Paid Program	Shooteround Basketball	Paid Program
12:30	Small Bus	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Dallas @ Washington	Subway 400
1:30	Rel/Ethics McLaughlin	U.S. Snowboard	Basketball: Teams TBA	Anxiety		
2:30	Perious Fight	Aaru Football		Beastmaster	Match Play Nissan Open	
3:30			Basketball: Kansas @ Oklahoma	Stargate		Paid Program
4:30	Globe Trekker			Relic Hunter		Paid Program
5:30	Health Diary R/Health	Paid Program	Paid Program	Mutant X	Health Watch	She Spies
6:30	Lawrence Welk	Dateline	60 Minutes	Buffy	I'm a Celebrity	Simpsons Simpsona
7:30	Nature	NBC Movie: "Tel To"	45th Annual Grammy	Movie: "Bodyguard"		FOX Movie: "X-Men"
8:30	Masterpiece Theatre	Die	Awards		Alias "TV14"	
9:30	Concerto			Enterprise	Dragnet "TV14"	News Lady Raiders
10:30	Nature	News InEdition	News	Blind Date Red Raider	News E.T. Weekend	Bob Knight Seinfeld
11:30	Appearances Being Served	Providence		Lady Raider Paid Program	Access	She Spies
12:30		Profiler	Friday	Maximum Exposure	Hollywood Paid Program	That 70's Paid Program

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Lions Club flips for charity

By Harvey Mireles/Staff Reporter

Mix 1,800 bottles of syrup, 5,500 pounds of pancake batter and 14,000 half pints of milk with an anticipated 853 volunteers, which includes members of more than 20 sororities, fraternities and service organizations, and you have the recipe for the 51st Annual Pancake Festival.

The event, hosted by the Lubbock Lions Club, is scheduled from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday in the Exhibit Hall at the Lubbock Civic Center, located at 1501 6th St.

Dave Freriks, president of the Lubbock Lions Club, is looking forward to the chance to improve on the numbers from last year's Pancake Festival.

"Last year, we set the Guinness World record for most pancakes served in an eight-hour period with 30,724," Freriks said. "There was a lot going on campus last year, so we're hoping more students make it out, whether it's before or after whatever they're doing."

He said of the 365 Lions Club members, the largest number in North America and fourth largest in the world, about 200 would be participating. The majority of the volunteers for Saturday's festival will be comprised of Tech students.

"The fraternities and sororities are great," Freriks said. "They're a great bunch of kids, and they have a lot of fun."

Freriks said the event is a chance to experience good camaraderie amongst the students and meet kids from different groups and organizations.

"Every year that they've been doing it, they've been working really hard," he said. "There's no way we could do it without them."

Freriks said as those who attend go through the festival, they will be able to see checks representing money the event has raised over the years.

"People will be able to see where the money is going," he said. "Our motto is 'We share,' and that's what we're going to do. Every penny goes



FILE PHOTO/The University Daily
COURTNEY McVAY (RIGHT), a sophomore nursing major from Odessa and Lindsay McManus, a junior design communications major from Austin, take part in the 2002 Lions Club Pancake Festival.

back to a group that needs it."

Freriks said the most important thing about the Pancake Festival is to have fun.

"Anyone from everywhere is invited," he said. "The doors are open to everyone. Everyone has a great time."

Shane Cook, the Pancake Festival chairman, said he has not had any trouble getting the event together.

"We've been doing this for so many years, so our members know what needs to be done," he said. "I just get out of their way and let them do it."

Cook said he believes the most important part of the festival is community involvement.

"By coming and spending \$4, they are helping children and charities," he said.

"It's the community who is supporting these kinds of projects. We just do the work in getting them together."

Cook said the Tech volunteers add much-needed assistance to the Pancake Festival.

"There is no way we could do this without Tech," he said. "They show up eager and ready to work. It's a hard job, and it really helps to have these guys."

He said by participating, the volunteers are shown the importance of giving back to the community.

"I can only speak for myself, but it gives me a sense of accomplishment,"

Cook said. "I feel good about myself when I get done, and I'm certainly sure they will too."

Katie Comerford, a sophomore business major from Coppell, is the service chairwoman for the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

She said the Pancake Festival is a great chance to help out and give back to the Lions Club and the Lubbock community.

"They do so much for us, and they love having us there," she said. "They teach us how to make the pancake batter and how to flip the pancakes. Me and my roommate had a blast last year."

Comerford said the Pancake Festival was her favorite service project last year, and she is looking forward to this year's event.

"Being there with all the other fraternities and sororities was great," she said. "We were all covered with batter by the end of it. It was real fun."

Tickets cost \$4 in advance or \$4.50 at the door.

"Last year, we set the Guinness World record for most pancakes served in an eight-hour period."

— DAVE FRERIKS
PRESIDENT OF THE
LUBBOCK LIONS CLUB

Students get broad look into future

By Sara Schroeder/Staff Reporter

Norway is known as the land of midnight sun, for the sun stays in the sky for about 22 hours of the day.

It is home to the Vikings, idyllic islands and the Northern Lights. A land populated more by vast waterfalls and mountains than people.

It also is home to Buskerund University, which has a study abroad program for Texas Tech and Norwegian students during the summer session.

The program, now entering its fourth year, is in Honefoss, which is located 50 kilometers from Oslo, the capital of Norway.

The students will travel to Norway May 19 and stay until July 6 and will obtain six hours credit.

Unlike usual study abroad programs, the Norway experience is for both Tech students and students from Norway.

Jeffrey Harper, the director of International Business Education Program, said the students get to interact with each other.

"It's a good experience for them," he said. "It's a great mix of Tech and Norwegian students."

Three classes are offered during the summer from Buskerund University, international finance, international marketing and international management.

"International finance and marketing will be taught by Tech faculty, while the international management will be taught by Sigve Bore, a Norwegian who has great corporate experience," Harper said.

Kare Sandvik, associate professor for Buskerund and coordinator for the study abroad program, said students who attend the university will go to school and learn valuable experiences.

"The study abroad program is a very smooth way of exploring another part of the world," he said. "Norway is a very safe place, and people speak English, so it is easy to communicate."

He also said Norway is a "compact country."

"Basically, Norway is the United States in a nutshell," he said.

Sandvik said students go to class from Monday through Thursday, leaving the weekends for travel. Besides attending classes, students will gain hands-on experience when they visit factories conducting business.

"They will visit the Coca-Cola factory, a glass factory and the TeleNor phone company, which is the leading phone company in the world," Sandvik said.

This is beneficial, Sandvik said, because they "can interact and know the environment, rather than reading it out of a book."

Wade Edington, a junior international business major from Baling, agreed it is important to gain first-hand experience.

"By taking factory tours, we find out what is really going on, instead of just reading books every day."

The students will be housed in equipped apartments, with two Tech students and two Norwegian students per apartment.

"The students will get in touch more this way," Sandvik said.

Harper said "living close by to each other brings lots of activities."

Along with the opportunity to study in Norway, students also can take advantage of the many activities the country has to offer.

"There are over 50 museums, restaurants, shops and nightclubs for the students," Sandvik said. "Norway has everything a major city has to offer."

There is even a pub in the university where students can enjoy frosty pints after a day of class.

"We don't want to lose the opportunity to leave school in order to interact," Sandvik said. "We want to keep the group together."

Students have an opportunity to gain experience in the business field, learn about a different culture, and learn about themselves.

Ben Howl, a junior marketing major from Houston, said he is looking forward to the program.

"It will be a great experience," he said. "And it'll give me a chance to get lots of pictures."

Harper agreed the program is a life-learning experience.

"Students can learn a lot more about themselves," he said. "They will also learn about a different culture and get a living and breathing experience in an international setting."

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Eppler: 'Angels' produces mixed reactions

Texas Tech Theatre finishes its run of Tony Kushner's award-winning play "Angels in America, Part One: Millennium Approaches" this weekend.

The play began last weekend and sold out nearly every show. An understatement would be to say this play has sparked just a little bit of controversy.

On the surface, Kushner's play deals with homosexuality and the outbreak of AIDS in the mid 1980s. The play mainly concerns two couples—one gay and one straight—as they each tackle these issues in their own ways.

Louis (Eric Skiles) and Prior (Eric Skiles) are gay lovers who have been together for quite some time, but Prior has just learned he has the dreaded disease.

Joe and Harper Pitt (Adam Zarowski and Jennifer Marshall, respectively) are a married couple suffering from problems in their marriage. She is a pill-popping delusional, and he is dealing with a possible truth about himself.

There's also Roy Cohn (Patrick Donnelly), a shrewd lawyer who is also stricken with AIDS but refuses to be labeled as a homosexual.

Act One is just excellent. The dialogue is both witty and heartbreaking, the characters are fascinating, and the story is intricate without being complicated.

Possibly the best scene in the play is when Prior meets Harper in a

PLAY REVIEW



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dream, and the two are able to point out truths about the other in ways that are both hysterically funny and solemnly shocking.

I thought to myself, "If the entire play goes like this, I will just be blown away."

But much to my dismay, it isn't. The beginning of Act Two still continues with things that were good about Act One, but new issues are introduced. Some scenes are still interesting, but some are tiring.

By the time Act Three rolls around, it is obvious Kushner minimized his characterization and story in exchange for tackling issues. It is no longer just a message about homosexual oppression and AIDS. Kushner goes after racism, anti-Semitism, Reagan-omics, partisanship, drug addiction, insanity and a whole mishmash of issues. He could have re-titled the play "Everything That's Wrong with America."

This is demonstrated in one particularly annoying scene between Louis and his gay friend named Belize (Kai Ferguson). Louis rambles on and on about different political issues while Belize (much like the audience) sits in a perpetual state of boredom. Then the two get into a heated discussion about these issues.

The scene just doesn't fit, and it demonstrates what is wrong with this play. In writing the script, Kushner lost his focus and bit off way more than he could chew.

Overall, this play looks like a collection of duet scenes and monologues. Some of them are extremely powerful, and some are not. It's the kind of play that actors look at to get monologues and duet scenes for auditions.

But on the positive side, my problems with the play are no fault of the production itself. Director Jonathan Marks made strong decisions throughout, and the performances are all commendable.

Standouts in performances include Skiles' heartbreaking and brave performance as Prior, and Donnelly as the bitter and authoritative Cohn. Nearly everyone in the cast plays more than one character, and each succeed, although I do question some of the cross-gender casting.

The set design also is impressive with no less than eight acting areas and a rotating center.

Overall, the production is very crisp. My problem is not with Tech's production of the play, but rather with



JOE PITT (ADAM Zarowski) and Louis Ironson (Scott Gryder) meet for a quick lunch outside their workplace, the Brooklyn Hall of Justice, in the Texas Tech Theatre production of "Angels in America, Part One: Millennium Approaches."

the play itself. Audiences will leave the play with mixed feelings and probably wondering what they should have gotten from the message.

Herein lies the problem: If Kushner had stuck to his original point, it would have been much more effective.

So after all of these contradicting critiques, all amounts to a very good production of a so-so play.

SHOW INFORMATION

- WHERE: Charles E. Maedgen Theatre
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Festival to focus on culture, film making

By Harvey A. Mireles/
Staff Reporter

Sometimes the best way to understand a culture is through the way it tells a story.

The Black Graduate Students Association, the Black Faculty and Staff Association, and BLE Entertainment are presenting the first Texas Tech African-American Film Festival on Saturday in the Student Union Allen Theatre.

Felix Moore, manager of the Allen Theatre and technical director and vice-president of the Black Graduate Students Association, said he is hoping the festival will develop avenues for African-American students to see different kinds of entertainment and cultural subjects.

"These films will have something

many of them will already know, but it will also have something they didn't know about African-American culture," he said. "Hopefully, this will get students to pursue filmmaking themselves."

African-American directors such as Dawn Lewis, Stacy Hollman and Delman Moore, a Tech student, will be in attendance to discuss their work, which Felix Moore said is a rarity.

"I don't think many African-American filmmakers make it to Lubbock," he said. "This will give them the opportunity to discuss the concepts of production and screenplays and other things that went into the filmmaking process."

Felix Moore said the audience will be exposed to other environments through the films shown.

"It will enlighten them to different areas around the country," he said. "It will also show how African Americans deal with certain issues that face them in different communities."

Felix Moore said the festival, a whole new world.

"People, in general, look at a film in deep of actors," he said. "We will dig terms into the concept and ideas of what goes into the films. The content has to come from somewhere."

He said many people have been supportive of the project.

"The Tech family has been very supportive in getting this together," he said. "Not just financial but in giving ideas. They've been wanting to see something like this happen, and hopefully, this will become an annual thing."

Delman Moore, a senior telecommunications major from Los Angeles, Calif., will be presenting his independently produced movie "Steppin' Back," discussing the similarities and differences between African-American fraternities and gangs.

He said after showing a clip to Felix Moore, the two decided they should do something to promote filmmaking at Tech.

"We're hoping to display the African-American arts and trying to promote Tech," Delman Moore said. "We are hoping that this will be an indirect pitch to the university to look into making a film department."

He said he is hoping the next African-American Film Festival will be larger and possibly able to offer scholarships to those involved.

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BARS ON A BUDGET

Students create discount entertainment club

By Harvey A. Mireles/
Staff Reporter

So three guys walk into a bar. This may sound like the start of one of many jokes. This, however, was the beginning of a business venture by three Texas Tech students who may be laughing all the way to the bank.

HubClub Entertainment, started by two Tech students and a recent Tech graduate, is a new business concept aimed toward the college community of Lubbock. The program revolves around a card given to members, which provides student discounts and free admittance to various entertainment venues.

Chris Harden, a December 2002 Tech graduate from Eules, said this was an ongoing thing he and some buddies thought up about a year and a half ago.

"We just wanted to incorporate night clubs and bars with the college group," he said. "You know, stuff included in the coupon book that Tech students receive. We just wanted to gather all these separate things together."

Harden said he considers the discount VIP card an entertainment guide.

"It's got some big merchant discounts so someone who gets the card saves some money," he said.

Randall Welsh, a junior business major from the Woodlands, is a member of the HubClub. He said since receiving his card, he has been everywhere the club offers discounts or free admission.

"It's been very useful," Welsh said.

"It's been very useful. All the benefits are for clubs and restaurants that a Tech student would go to."

— RANDALL WELSH
JUNIOR BUSINESS MAJOR
FROM THE WOODLANDS AND
HUBCLUB MEMBER

"All the benefits are for clubs and restaurants that a Tech student would go to."

Welsh said for college students, saving money anywhere is important, and the card is a great idea.

"I can walk from club to club and not have to worry about paying money on high cover charges," he said. "At places such as Static, I've been able to go to the front of the line. People then start constantly asking me where they can get a card. It's savings on nightlife expenses we will spend anyway."

Harden said one of the best parts of the HubClub is its interactive Web site.

"It gives the visitors reviews of local places, links to them and drink specials," he said. "It really helps keep everyone in-tune with what's going on in Lubbock."

The main difficulties in developing the business were getting the cross

promotions and finding a win-win situation with merchants, Hardin said.

"We overcame a lot of obstacles," he said. "People saying it couldn't be done or that we were just incapable of getting this together. It's looking pretty good as of now."

Hardin said the HubClub program will be up and running in about four or five months.

Carson Miller, a 1999 Tech graduate, is currently in charge of sales and marketing for the project. He said promoting and merchant relations have been a struggle in bringing discounts to the students.

"In starting any young business, we log a lot of work hours no one ever sees," Miller said. "When you have a concept as we have and you're finally about to bring it to reality, it's a great feeling."

He said prospective members have been difficult to win over since this is a concept many consider too good to be true.

"It's so beneficial to the students and entertainment gurus," he said. "The VIP card is so much of a privilege, it's remarkable."

Miller said he is excited that a concept he and his friends have been building is finally here.

"The project has really been going since December, and we've been getting some great feedback," he said.

"Both the members and the partners have been thoroughly enjoying the savings on stuff they have already been planning on spending. The merchants also have been treating members like real VIPs, which creates great customer loyalties, which is the most important thing for the merchants."

Five movies open this weekend

By James Eppler/Staff Critic

Five very different movies will open in Lubbock this weekend. They comprise of a foreign Oscar nominee, a Civil War epic, a thriller, a cop drama and a comedy.

"Talk to Her (Hable con ella)"

It's now time to raise a toast to Cinemark for doing an excellent job in bringing the Oscar nominees to Lubbock. Last weekend, Movies 16 opened "The Pianist," Oscar nominee for best picture, and now, "Talk to Her," the wild-card best director nominee, will open today.

Director Pedro Almodovar beat out "Lord of the Rings" director Peter Jackson for the last nomination, and this film is getting excellent reviews.

It's the story of two men whose love interests are both suffering from comas. They are encouraged to talk to their respective comatose women.

The two men become friendly as they help each other cope, and there is said to be a twist ending. The film is spoken in Spanish with English subtitles. Rated R; playing only at Movies 16.

"Gods and Generals"

This Civil War epic is a prequel to 1993's "Gettysburg" and features the same director and some of the same cast members. This film is said to focus on the rise and fall of Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson (Stephen Lang). The film also stars Jeff Daniels as Lt. Col. Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain and Robert Duvall as Gen. Robert E. Lee.

The film clocks in at 229 minutes, and Movies 16 is only able to show it two times per day because of this. According to the Cinemark Web site, however, there will be a 12-minute intermission midway through the film. Rated PG-13; playing only at Movies 16.

"The Life of David Gale"

This mystery stars the reliable Kevin Spacey as David Gale, a teacher in Texas who also is one of the state's leading death-row abolitionists. He is soon convicted of murdering a fellow activist and is sentenced to death. Days before his execution, he relies on a journalist named Elizabeth Bloom (Kate Winslet) to investigate the murder to prove his innocence.

The film is told through a series of flashbacks. It will be a race against time to prove his innocence and will

likely come down to the wire where there is supposedly a twist ending. Rated R; playing at Tinseltown USA and Movies 16.

"Dark Blue"

This cop drama takes place in 1992 in Los Angeles just days before the acquittal of the four white police officers that beat up Rodney King. Meanwhile, a renegade cop of the Special Investigations Squad (SIS), played by Kurt Russell, is using his own ruthless street tactics to solve a quadruple homicide. Ving Rhames plays Assistant Chief Holland who stands up to the SIS and wants to end Russell's career. The issue of race will play a heavy factor in this cop drama. Rated R; playing at Tinseltown USA and Movies 16.

"Old School"

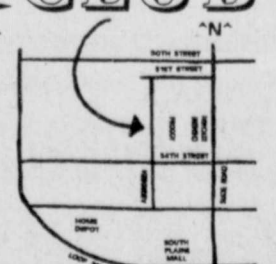
The trailers for this comedy are hilarious. Luke Wilson, Vince Vaughn and Will Farrell star in this comedy about three men who decide to start a fraternity at their old college. The film will center on the hazing of applicants and the drinking and partying to follow. Movies like this don't need much in the arena of plot. Direction is by Todd Phillips ("Road Trip"). Rated R; at Tinseltown USA and Movies 16.

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THE JAZZ III ensemble plays the David Sharp arrangement "Black Coffee" under the direction of Dutch Ode during the first of three concerts for the semester at Hemmle Recital Hall on Thursday.

Eating GREEN

Vegetarian lifestyle can produce lasting benefits

By Sara Schroeder/Staff Reporter

Imagine a world in which no meat or animal products are ever eaten. No greasy burgers, no T-bone steaks, no chicken nuggets. No beef, sausage or breaded chicken sandwiches, either. Enter the non-traditional life of a vegetarian, a person who willingly gives up eating animal products. People who decide to become vegetarians do so for many reasons. Rosie Saenz, a dietician for Lubbock-Pediatric, said there are various reasons people choose a vegetarian lifestyle. "They may choose it for a health reason," she said. "It really just depends on the person." The Vegetarian Resource Group Web site listed other reasons including ecological problems, religious beliefs or a person's compassion for animals. Kristen Rupert, fitness coordinator for Fitness and Wellness at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center, was inspired to become a vegetarian after reading the book "Diet for a Small Planet." "It talked about the health risks of meat and the relationship of meat with world hunger," she said. There are varying types of vegetarians, said Juli Benson, health educator for Student Health Services. "There are those who only eat fish and no warm-blooded animals," Benson said. "Others stick mainly



Veggie Lifestyles

The lifestyle of the vegetarian has positive aspects as well, said Janda Ibbetson, assistant director of recreational sports for fitness and wellness. "They get more fiber," she said. "And a wide variety of nutrients also." Saenz agreed the lifestyle can be a good thing. "Their diet is also low fat," she said. However, with any lifestyle, there are always drawbacks. "It is difficult for a vegetarian to get all the protein they could be getting from meats," Ibbetson said. "Vegetarians don't get complete proteins, so they need to take different protein supplements to complement what they miss." Saenz also said they lack some supplements that are found in beef and chicken. "There are ways vegetarians can get their complete proteins," she said. "Combining certain products like rice and beans gives them what they would be missing." Ibbetson said vegetarians have to be careful about the nutrients they take in. "They really need to concentrate on the variety of stuff they need to take in, since they lack in protein," she said. Sources of protein that vegetarians can include in their diet are soybean products, tofu and veggie burgers. Ibbetson said the vegetarian lifestyle is a safe and effective one as long as individuals get their needed amount of nutrients. "This diet is positive as long as it is done correctly," she said.

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Valdez MIA, Emmett still silent on matter

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

It is still uncertain whether Texas Tech guards Andre Emmett and Nick Valdez will play against Texas A&M at 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

The two were suspended Monday morning and did not play against the Texas Longhorns later that night.

Valdez is nowhere to be found, and he has missed practice the last two days.

Emmett has attended practice both days. On Thursday, Emmett walked slowly into the lobby with his head down.

When asked if he wanted to do an interview, he said, "You know I can't."

However, Tech men's basketball spokesman Randy Farley said Emmett said he did not want to talk to the media.

With or without Emmett and

Valdez on the floor, Tech still has an important game in its hands Saturday.

Tech forward Kasib Powell has a message to all the Red Raider men's basketball critics. Powell said he wants the negative fans to be quiet. He said he wants to prove to them Tech has a shot at reaching the NCAA Tournament.

The game against the Aggies (13-9, 5-6) is the first of five remaining on the schedule.

History says Tech (14-8, 4-7) has to win all five remaining games to reach the Big Dance. No Big 12 Conference team has earned a bid to the 64-team field with an 8-8 conference record.

"I talked to somebody (Tuesday) that said we didn't have a chance," Powell said. "They said we are playing for the NIT. I let them know we still have a chance at the NCAA

(Tournament). A lot of fans are not too sure about the situation."

What is it going to take to make it to the tournament?

"Running the table would be good," Powell said. "We don't have any room for error."

However, to make it even tougher for the Raiders to focus on March Madness is the controversy of the suspension of Emmett and Valdez.

Tech guard Mikey Marshall said it does not matter who plays and who does not against the Aggies on Saturday. He said he believes Emmett may not play Saturday.

"This will affect our team a little bit by not having some of your good players out there," Marshall said. "But you have to go out and play with what you have."

He said Tech has to forget about what happened in Austin and move on.

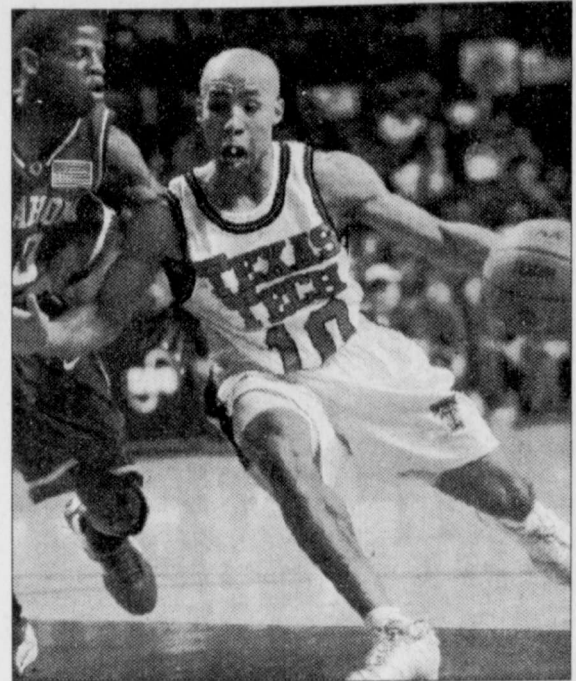
"We can't sit here and dwell on things that happened in the past," Marshall said. "We have to get ourselves together collectively as a team."

The Aggies enter the contest having won two of their last three games.

However, like Tech, they have struggled on the road. They are 0-5 in Big 12 play away from College Station and have not won in Lubbock since 2001.

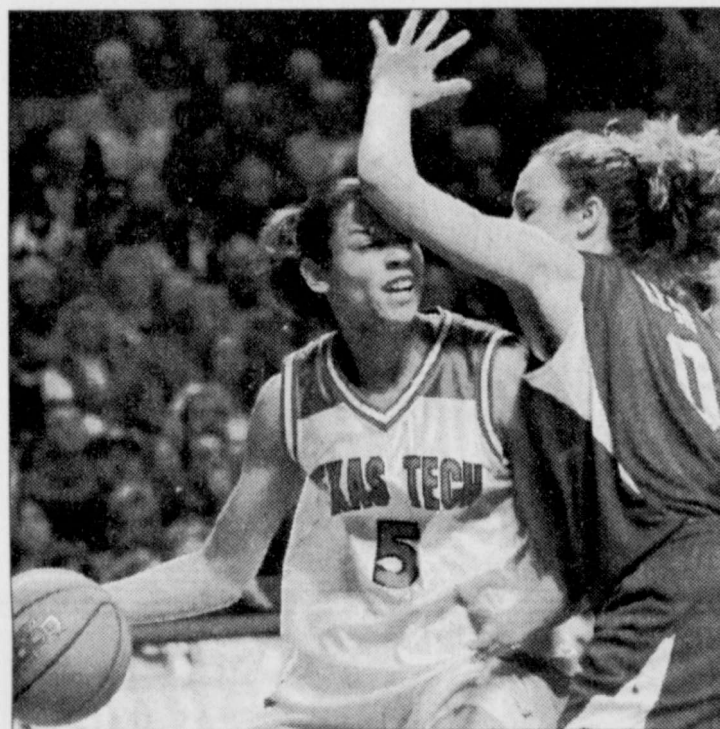
Powell said the game against the Aggies is the first step to see what Tech's fate will be.

"I hope fans don't give up on us," he said. "We still have a good chance. We are not down and fighting with each other because that is not how it is. We are all teammates and a family. Sometimes we have problems. It is not going to stop us."



GUARD WILL CHAVIS dribbles past Oklahoma's Hollis Price during last Saturday's game at the United Spirit Arena. Chavis and the Raiders play host to Texas A&M at 12:45 p.m. Saturday. JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

Lady Raiders face off with improved Oklahoma State Cowgirls



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

FRESHMAN GUARD CHESLEY Dabbs takes an elbow to the head from Oklahoma's Chelsey Welch while driving to the basket during Tech's 59-48 win over the Sooners on Wednesday night at the United Spirit Arena. Tech will play at 7 p.m. Saturday at Oklahoma State.

By David Wiechmann/Sports Editor

The Texas Tech Lady Raiders picked up win No. 500 for coach Marsha Sharp, but the important thing now is to get No. 501.

Tech (21-3, 10-2 Big 12) travels to Stillwater, Okla., to take on the Oklahoma State Cowgirls (6-17, 2-10). The Lady Raiders know OSU may be at the bottom of the Big 12 Conference barrel, but the Cowgirls have improved greatly since Tech handed them a 50-point loss Jan. 18.

"I'm sure they've improved a lot since we played them here," center Cisti Greenwalt said. "We know they probably worked hard, and they're playing hard right now, but we've improved a lot, too."

The improvement the Cowgirls have made has been evident by the scores of some of their more recent games. Oklahoma State defeated Baylor Wednesday night in Stillwater 64-55.

OSU trailed Kansas State by one point at halftime in Manhattan, Kan., on Saturday, and lost to Texas by just two points.

Tech, KSU and Texas are all ranked and share the Big 12 Conference lead, and OSU sits at eleventh.

Greenwalt said OSU's victory Wednesday goes to show how competitive the Big 12 is.

"That just proves that on the road in the Big 12, you can't overlook anybody," she said. "Coming from last year, too, we go down there and expected to win, and all of a sudden, they upset us. We know how it felt last year; we know we can't overlook them or think that it's going to be an easy game because at OSU, it's never an easy game."

Sharp said OSU is one of the hard-

est venues to play at in the Big 12 because of the atmosphere created in Gallagher-Iba Arena.

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— CISTI GREENWALT
LADY RAIDER CENTER

Raiders need to think about staying on top of the conference standings.

"I'm sure to coach Sharp, 501 is just as important as 500 or 400 or any other game just because she really is in it for the team and for the conference championship and everything we want to accomplish this year," Ayers said. "I think it's just as important as any other game because it was a great honor and something we're lucky to be a part of ... at the same time it wasn't our goal for the year."

Ayers remembered one of her team's goals for the year. "We really need to win our next four games and get a piece of the conference championship," she said. "It's gonna be a huge game in the respect that we have to get a win if we want to have a piece of the conference championship."

Ayers said overlooking OSU should not be a problem because it is a different team Tech will be playing this time around, and even if it were not, the Lady Raiders would think of it as one.

"That makes no difference now," she said. "The score is 0-0, and we're on their court now."

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Smirnoff Vodka 11⁹⁵ 80° 750ml	Keystone Light "18-Pack" 18-12 oz. cans 9⁹⁵ "Tall Boys" 24-16 oz. cans 14⁹⁵ "30-Pack" 30-12 oz. cans 15⁹⁵
Bacardi Limon or Orange 12⁹⁵ 80° 750ml	"12-Pack" Shiner Bock Zigenbock 10⁹⁵ "New" Mexicali Dos Equis Corona Heineken 14⁹⁵ 12-12 oz. bottles

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