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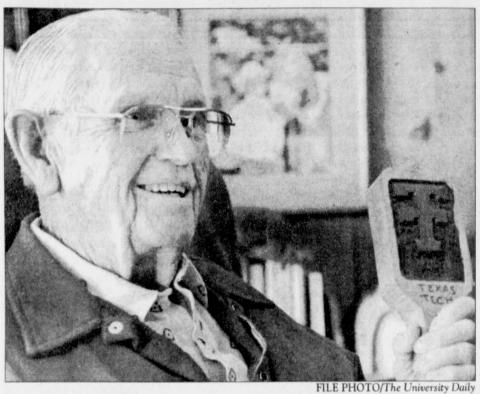
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Saddle Tramp founder Lamb dies at 91



SADDLE TRAMP FOUNDER Arch Lamb holds his saddle tramp paddle at his Lubbock home last fall. Lamb died Thursday at the age of 91. Lamb founded the Saddle Tramps in 1937.

By Beth Aaron/The University Daily

Arch Lamb, founder of the Saddle Tramps, died at about 1 p.m. Thursday at University Medical Center. Lamb was 91 years old.

J. Ross Lacy, Saddle Tramp president, said Lamb's spirited attitude toward Tech was in-

"In the short time I knew Arch I learned more from him my love for Tech traditions," he said. "For every active member of the Saddle Tramps, he was like a father to us."

Lacy, a junior business and finance major from Midland, said though he and his cohorts knew this day would come, he said everyone was hoping it would come later than sooner.

"As a Saddle Tramp he meant the world to me," he said. "He gave me the courage to become president of this organization."

Tyler Key, a freshman philosophy and English major from Dripping Springs, said he is sorry he did not have an opportunity to get to know Lamb well.

"He was probably the most influential man in the organization of spirit organizations," he said. "He was a pretty awesome guy."

and was consistently enthusiastic about anything involved with the university.

"Even though he'd been out of the organization for 60 years," he said, "he was constantly in touch with us."

Lamb established the Saddle Tramps in 1937 with the intentions of bettering the university. Traditions associated with the organization include Carol of Lights.

Lamb told The University Daily in March 2003 he had made a living in the dairy industry before sustaining an injury in a milk strike. After the injury Lamb decided to enroll at Tech.

After obtaining a job at Tech, Lamb took a position at a barber shop shining shoes to make ends meet where several patrons insisted Lamb should become a yell leader at the university.

Lamb eventually became a vell leader after being urged to on several occassions.

At the time the Tech student body was on probation for unruly behavior at football games and the Tech administration asked Lamb for his help in quelling the students outbursts.

Lamb eventually started the Saddle Tramps to lead cheering at games. He developed the name of the group from a childhood memory Key said Lamb was in love with Texas Tech of cowboys who visit farms for a short time, per in memorial of Arch Lamb.

fix a problem and leave. He believed his Saddle Tramps would stay at Tech a short time, fix problems and move on.

Members of the Saddle Tramps were collectively shocked when they heard of Lamb's death.

Brent Hibbs, a senior landscape architecture major from Belton, said he was close to Lamb and his family.

"I've known Arch since before I was born,"

Hibbs said his mother worked for Lamb's wife, and for a time, he and his family moved into the Lamb household.

Lamb was instrumental in programs such as the Masked Rider program and Tech's victory bells tradition, Hibbs said.

"It's a great loss not only for the Saddle Tramps and those who knew him personally," he said. "It's just a great loss for Texas Tech in

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made, but Lamb's family is expected to arrive in Lubbock on Friday.

Thursday evening, the Saddle Tramps wrapped Tech's Will Rogers and Soapsuds statue in Memorial Circle in black crepe pa-

VOICES against LENCE

Tech students rally to end sexual abuse

By Nikki Siegrist and photos by David Johnson and Hutch Stilgenbauer/The University Daily

or Mia Hall, the Take Back the Night rally was a tearful event. ■ "I have been touched by domestic abuse, so it's something near and dear to my heart," the junior political science major from Amarillo said. "I think the event was cool. It raised awareness that this happens in the community a lot more than people think it does, and on campus."

Before the rally, the participants wearing purple ribbons and carrying signs marched from the Student Union to Memorial Circle chanting, "Many people breaking the silence. Demand an end to sexual violence!"

Five hundred luminaries were lighted around Memorial Circle in memory of rape survivors and in support of the event.

As supporters entered the circle, Hall read different rape and assault statistics from the rape, abuse and incest national network online.

She said in the United States, 1.3 women are raped every minute. That comes out to 683,280 women every

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TEXAS TECH students rally at the Take Back the Night event in Memorial Circle. BELOW: Tech students march to Memorial Circle from the Student Union. LEFT: Shannon Posern, a political science major from Pasadena, lights a candle in a luminaria at a vigil in Memorial

Circle.

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Student Affairs

Al-Qaida tape urges Pakistanis to ovethrow government

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the past killed innocent men, women and children. And so one has to recognize that."

The tape comes as Pakistani troops along the Afghan border in South Waziristan, a longtime hiding place and stronghold of Islamic militants from al-Qaida, Afghanistan's Taliban and their Pakistani supporters.

After Musharraf spoke hopefully of

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Student Affairs

SGA examines funding for student organizations

By Andrew Bell/The University Daily

Pink Floyd once sang money is the root of all evil. However, many Texas Tech student organizations require money from the Student Government Association to conduct the business and activities of the organizations for the next fiscal year.

Before the deadline for funding in two weeks, the Student Senate discussed this topic and others, at its meeting Thursday night in the Lankford Lab of the Electrical Engineering Building.

Every organization at Tech can receive funds from the SGA. If a senator cannot be contacted, organization leaders are encouraged to visit the SGA office on the third floor of the Student

Currently, 140 organizations are included in the funding bill. Organiza-

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Student Affairs

Masked Rider selection process in final stages

By Michael Castellon/The University Daily

The judging phase of the process to determine who will reign next year as Texas Tech's Masked Rider has concluded, and Center for Campus Life officials have begun to narrow the pool of qualifiers.

The Masked Rider, Texas Tech's cloaked and horse-bound symbol of pride and spirit, has been the university's official mascot since 1954, but the tradition of the Masked Rider dates back to the 1930s, when student volunteers would dress in a cape and mask and randomly appear on horseback during home football games.

Masked Rider publicist Heidi Nagy said two finalists were judged Thursday, and if all goes as planned, the candidates will appear before the Masked Rider Committee today. The committee, made of Tech and Wells-Fargo representatives, will make the final cut.

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FILE PHOTO/The University Daily

JESSICA MELVIN, TEXAS Tech's former masked rider, rides atop 'Midnight Matador' during Tech's first home football game of 2003.

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SADDLE TRAMP BRAD Billings, a junior international business and finance major from Seagraves, and former Saddle Tramp Zeb Wright, a senior business management major from Hondo, wrap Will Rogers in memory of Arch Lamb, Saddle Tramp founder, who died Thursday.

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The Rundown

Woman accused of Three Cuban refugees Bin Laden's No. 2 murder to stand trial rescued off Fla. coast man may still be alive

SEYMOUR (AP) - A woman charged with killing her 10-year-old autistic son and staging his death to look like a car accident has been found competent to stand trial.

pleaded innocent by reason of insanity. She is accused of slashing her son's wrists, his Achilles tendons and his throat in a Seymour motel room in

The next morning, Dickson was found sitting next to her vehicle in a 15-foot ravine. The body of her son, Mitchell, was pinned beneath the wreckage in what authorities believe was a faked accident.

Dickson had identical slash wounds to her son's, including an almost fatal cut on her neck, authorities said. Bloody razor blades lay near the vehicle, and she had one in her purse, authorities said.

Dr. Richard E. Coons, an Austin psychiatrist, testified at a competency hearing Wednesday that Dickson was rational, able to discuss her case with her attorney and understand the charge against her. He said her suicide attempts were triggered by substance abuse and bipolar disorder but that medications stabilize her.

State District Judge David Hajek then ruled that, under state laws,

Dickson was competent to stand trial. The trial is set for April 26 in Fredericksburg, a change of venue from Baylor County, defense attorney Michael Payne said.

LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, Fla. (AP) — The Coast Guard and beachgoers pulled three Cubans to safety from the treacherous surf Thursday after they were spotted bobbing Melanie Rochelle Dickson, 33, has offshore on rafts made of lashed-together inner tubes.

> As many as five others were missing from a group that left Cuba for the Florida coast about three days earlier, said Deputy Fire Chief Mark Conn.

> "The first man rescued said an hour before the rescue, he only knew of three that were alive," Conn said. "At least five had dropped off somewhere."

A Coast Guard diver rescued one of the Cubans, a woman, from a black inner tube connected to three other tubes with white sheets. She was later hoisted into a helicopter. The two other Cubans, both men, were pulled to shore by people on the beach who were among a crowd of about 100 on-

All three were dehydrated and disoriented from about three days at sea and were taken to the hospital, authorities said.

The Cubans were spotted offshore on two rafts, about a mile apart, amid 6- to 8-foot waves and wind gusts of more than 30 mph.

During the rescue, beachgoers plunged into the water to help one of the Cubans and were joined by a firefighter, according to Jerry McIntee, another firefighter. They battled "an undertow that would pull your clothes off," he said.

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High gas prices catch attention of campaigns

presidential campaign season, gasoline sure on the expense of getting around. prices are climbing, and the challenger and our consumers hostage.'

publican challenger George W. Bush 1993 and spoke in support of a 50-cent accusing a Democratic administration tax increase on a gallon a year later. of failing Americans by letting prices "Voters who are concerned about to open your spigots."

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's the mer driving season puts yet more pres-

Already, the debate is forming in is demanding that the president get the presidential contest, with Demomore oil on the market and stop for- crats in Congress testing themes John eign suppliers from "holding our nation Kerry can use against Bush, and Republicans reminding voters Kerry backed So it went in 2000, with the Re- a 4.3-cent increase in the gas tax in

could become combustible if the sum- 50-cent increase, proposed by another profits and prices.

senator for deficit reduction, did not come to a Senate vote.

This time, prices have climbed on Bush's watch and his words against President Clinton and Al Gore from 2000 hang out there to be used, in turn, against him: "What I think the president ought to do," Bush said then, "is he ought to get on the phone with the OPEC cartel and say, 'We expect you

go so high. Today, not much has higher gas prices certainly will be Kerry is mining a similar vein. He troubled by a candidate who has sup- said Bush and Dick Cheney "cam-The cost of a gallon of gas has hit ported an astronomical increase in the paigned promising to make energy a record-breaking heights. Prices have price per gallon," Bush campaign centerpiece of their administration's entered a political discomfort zone that spokesman Steve Schmidt said. The agenda," only to see record industry

> Gas prices are about 8 cents higher than their peak in 2000.

The idea that jawboning OPEC can bring back cheap gas is dismissed by oil analysts as an oversimplification of the reality of the marketplace, where prices are moved by supply, reprocessing and distribution matters too complex to form a campaign sound bite.

Bush spokesman Scott McClellan offered no sense Wednesday that pressure on OPEC is a magic pill, saying blandly, "We continue to engage in ongoing and regular consultations with major producers from around the

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Rider

Senate

attendance policy.

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resolution passed.

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The process of making it through Masked Rider auditions is notoriously

Applicants are required to have comprehensive equestrian skills, be enrolled as a full time student and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75.

"Applicants are expected to take a test that measures their knowledge of

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tions could receive anywhere from \$200

to almost \$1,000. According to the bill,

there is still \$34,000 that could be given

to organizations for the next fiscal year.

ate was including amendments to the

bill for organizations to receive funding.

As of press time, the Student Sen-

Also discussed was a campus-wide

Because of the small percentage of

Tech students who do well in classes

without attending a majority of the

course, Craig Campbell wrote a resolution to revise the attendance policy of

ricultural Sciences and Natural Re-

sources said. "They get good grades but

policy for student absences. When absences affect the standing of an individual in a course, the responsibility is on the professor to report the absences

to the dean of the student. However, the

instructor does not have the right or responsibility to negatively alter the grade of a student based on attendance, accord-

Once the dean is informed, he or she

can drop the student from the course or suspend the student from the university if the absences result in a failing grade, according to the resolution. After a sec-

ond, standing vote by the Senate, the

tion Advisory Congress meetings. In a prior resolution, the Senate agreed attendance at SOAC meetings should be mandatory. However, the Sen-

ate could not decide who should punish the organizations for not attending. Through Senate Resolution 39.38, the Student Senate would give the responsibility to the SGA Supreme Court,

which would have jurisdiction over the registered student organizations that fail to attend the meetings, according to the resolution. The punishment could in-

c'ude suspension of SGA funds for the organization or exclusion from the SGA's university activities. The resolution passed through the Student Senate.

As new senators begin to prepare for their position in the coming months, the

Student Senate discussed the removal of a senator. A senator can be called for impeachment by having two unexcused

absences, four excused absences or a

According to the resolution, Sen. Nicholas Genzer has two unexcused absences from Student Senate meetings. According to the SGA Code of Conduct, the absences are considered a ne-

After not showing to the meeting to plead his case, the Student Senate passed the resolution for impeachment.

Any students who have questions or

concerns or one who would like more information on the legislation of the Student Senate can contact the SGA office at (806) 742-3631.

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In regard to attendance, the Student Senate also discussed the consequences of student organization representatives who do not attend Student Organiza-

The resolution proposes instructors at Tech clearly state in their syllabi their

"This is for students who don't necessarily learn through classroom methods," the senator for the College of Aghorses, and they have to make 80 percent or better on that exam to move to the next stage, which involves being judged on horse handling, riding, driving a truck and hitching the trailer,"

The Masked Rider's identity will be revealed April 23 at the Transfer of Reigns ceremony at Frasier Pavilion, where 2003-2004 Masked Rider Ben Holland will retire.

The Masked Rider's appearances are no longer limited to just football games.

The Masked Rider and his or her equestrian-companion, Midnight Matador, tour year-round, making public relations appearances throughout Texas.

"We already have 13 to 15 appearance requests for the new rider," Nagy said. "The Masked Rider will appear at schools, parades, rodeos and other functions to promote the university. Football isn't the only thing the Masked Rider has to be at, which is why our rider has got to be a great PR representative of Texas Tech."

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capturing a "high-value target," there was speculation that al-Zawahri might be in the rugged border area where local tribes have more power than the Pakistani federal government.

Pakistan Interior Minister Faisal Saleh Hayyat said Thursday that more than 50 terrorists have been killed in the operation. More than 150 suspects have been captured, said Brig. Mahmood Shah, chief of security in Pakistan's tribal areas.

It was not known when the tape was made, but the speaker appeared to be referring to the conflict in South Waziristan when he said, "I call on the Pakistani army: you, poor army, what a miserable state Musharraf has put you in ... Musharraf ruins your natural fences — those tribes on the border — by engaging you in a fight with them. Then he removes your nuclear weapons.

"Will you stay silent until Pakistan is divided again?"

The speaker repeatedly named the Pashtun and Baluch border tribes and

Rally

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One in seven women will be raped by her husband, one in six American women have been the victims of an attempted or completed rape in their lifetimes, and one in eight rape victims

were male. About half of the 50 people in attendance at the event were

Hall said she was excited to see such a good turnout.

"It's not what we expected. We wanted it to be a community event, and it is," Hall said. "It was awesome to have everyone come out. It was great."

Karrah Peña also was happy to go to the event. She said she was a sexual assault survivor and was glad to come out and support this group taking a stand against domestic violence.

"I feel proud to be able to come out here ad have a chance to say 'No,' " the sophomore

education major from Lufkin said. "It's nice to know there are other people that are letting their voices be heard."

Peña said she was glad to have the university and the community come out to the event and were willing to talk about a situation she said is usually so taboo.

"A lot of people talk about alcohol abuse and drug abuse, and this is just as important," she said. "It's a very personal issue that's not been talked about as much as it should be."

Chuch Innocent also was there supporting the event.

'Sexual assault is not cool," the sophomore English major form Richardson said. "It's a problem around here, and it hits close to home. Several of my friends have been molested or assaulted and rather than react violently, I thought this was better."

At the rally, Cathy Ransom, a writer from Houston who also is a representative of Texas Association of Aggravated Assault told her

Seventeen years ago, she was

raped at a fraternity party after one of the "nice guys" drugged her drink and took her to the pool

Then he brought back four of his friends.

She said it took her about six years of therapy to begin speaking about her experiences.

"Every step of this journey has been unbelievably difficult," she said. "I didn't have any other choice, and it was absolutely worth

She said she was excited to see the number of people turn out for Take Back the Night. She said she hopes everyone involved was educated and touched by the things said at the event.

"This isn't just a women's issue," Ransom said. "Each person will derive something different and everyone's experience is unique, and I hope each one will take something away. I've yet to go and speak somewhere and not lock eyes with someone and help them. There is one special person when I speak that I know I touch in a special way."

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Just say no to the tanning booth trend

Don't follow the crowd — Everybody isn't doing it

nce upon a time, fair beauties like myself could be proud of our Casper-esqe skin. Long ago, our European counterparts powdered their face with white lead powder. Granted, that wasn't the healthiest thing to do, but clear pasty was the rage.

Things took a turn for the worse, though. Lazy days on the lawn with a parasol and kid gloves disappeared. However, people still held onto that fairskinned dream. That is until Coco Channel ruined it with her modern social phenomenon. In the 1920s she decreed tan your risk of deadly skin the new black.

Coco, a fashion icon, was not to be The risk is even greater taken lightly, and the fashion industry for those in their 20s. went from "pale is pretty" to "the tanner the better." The bar was set, and since then fashion savvy people have been laying outside with foil collars, baking in tanning beds and slathering on goop that makes you look more "orange zebra" and less tropical goddess.

I have nothing against playing outside and getting a nice natural tan - or sunburn in my case. I have nothing against those lucky people who are blessed with the ability to bronze beautiful and naturally. I have nothing against those that have the natural advantage of being dark skinned.

portantly, why do people try so hard to be what they are obviously not?

UV rays cause skin cancer. That fact cannot be denied. Large concentrations of UV that tanning beds do have large concentrations of UV rays. Logically, tanning beds cause more cancer than your normal every- help but join the club.



A study published in the Journal of the the results are sometimes disastrous, usu-National Cancer Institute shows that fake ally funny and possibly orange. It may

'n bakin' more than once a month can increase I do have quite an aversion with cancer by 55 percent. for people that are willing to will eventually Their risk increases 150 percent as compared to vanity. Why would anyone 20-somethings who don't tan.

So why do people voluntary risk their health for what soci-

> be what they are obviously have no idea. That's why I

risk their health for their

risk associated with tan-

I do have quite an aversion for people many people do know the risk, but tan anythat are willing to risk their health for way. Perhaps they cave under the pressure to their vanity. Why would anyone be will-fit into what society tells them is "in" or "beauing to give themselves cancer? More im-tiful." Perhaps they look at their pale selves and think that whiteness is ugliness. Perhaps they do not realize that there are fair skinned role models out there. Perhaps they think that Nicole Kidman and Juliann Moore with their rays are apt to cause more cancer. Please note creamy white skin and freckles are just not pretty enough to imitate. Perhaps they walk around campus and see so many tans they can't

I understand tanning has some cosmetic benefits. I will be the first to admit a nice tan is quite slimming. It hides cellulite and evens out skin complexions. Sadly enough for us pale people, a nice tan does look attractive. If tanning made you grow a third arm and gain hundreds of pounds, it would be a lot easier to "just say no."

But there is always tan in a can. True,

take several tries several brands, but you find that special skin color-changing lotion that is right for you. Tanning salons are be willing to give themselves now also offering airbrushed tans: cancer? More importantly, They spray on glimmer and glow why do people try so hard to so you don't end up with orange

And there is always that other alternative-the clasasked the question. I can sic idea that "pale is pretty." I am here to only speculate that they reassure you. You do not have to tan just perhaps don't realize the because all your friends are. You do not have to tan because all the models in all the magazines have deep and gorgeous But, I have a sad feeling tans. You can have fair, pale, pink, white or any other not-dark color of skin and be proud. You can accept your natural skin tone and be happy who you are even if you're pasty.

> I won't smoke cancer sticks, and I wont fake 'n bake. You can have your beautiful bronze glow and your sun-kissed cheeks. My name is Sarah Looten and I am pale.

> ■ Looten is a senior sociology and political science major from Panhandle. E-mail her at sarah.n.looten@ttu.edu.

Dude, where's my parking spot

f you have ever played the game "Musical Chairs," you can appreciate the Lparking situation facing commuter students every morning — too many cars chasing too few parking spaces.

As a result, Traffic and Parking must routinely oversell permits for the commuter lots. This system works, since, they assume, and rightly so, that college students don't go to class every day. (Who would have thought?) Thanks to our own laziness, we create a parking nightmare every semester in the first two weeks of school that eventually resolves itself after all the syllabi are out and student apathy sets in.

What we face in the fall semester, however, will truly be a nightmare. According to Buddy Knox, director of Traffic and Parking, with the upcoming construction on Indiana, Tech will face the loss of approximately 1,000 parking spaces in the commuter lot near the United Spirit Arena. A slightly larger lot currently under construction just west of University Medical Center will recoup this deficit.

The main problem is not this move. Though it will increase park-and-ride time for many students, these "satellite parking" permits will come at a much cheaper cost to encourage students to park in the new lot. The real issue is the concurrent loss of "free" parking in the median of Brownfield Highway and the Hastings parking lot. These areas will be under construction by the start of the fall semester, thus removing nearly 1,000 parking spots that will not be replaced. There simply isn't room.

now, just wait. It's going to get worse before it gets better.

of this column is not to bring charges against our Traffic and Parking personnel. I think they are doing what they can in a bad situation.

Ido, however, agree with SGA Graduate Student Sen. John

Hanson's resolution on creating adequate parking for each newly parking lots in this area that: No. 1 are generhow the administration is not required by any internal procedures to provide appropriate parking facilities when budgeting for new building proposals.

Currently, if a parking lot is removed to make room for building construction, the university is responsible to replace those spots with another parking lot. However, if a new building is constructed that does not take away current parking space, no additional parking facilities are required, even though they would logically be necessary. It is incomprehensible to propose the construction of an Experimental Sciences building and a Carpenter Wells No. 2 and provide no plans for adequate parking facilities.

Additionally, this resolution calls for a representative of Traffic and Parking to be appointed to the Master Planning Committee for the university to ensure that qualified personnel adequately address parking issues.

Even though this legislation is important, and should be given its due review by the administration, it won't be able to have its full impact by the questions at seth.l.phillips@ttu.edu.



So, if you thought parking was bad now, just wait. It's going to get worse before it gets better.

start of the upcoming fall semester.

There must be a fitting solution. The first would be for the administration to take to heart the spirit of Hanson's resolution and provide plans and funding for parking facilities with every construction endeavor that the university proposes. I would encourage Tech students to contact their senators through the SGA Web site at www.sga.ttu.edu and voice their support of this legislation. Parking should be in the budget, right up there with water and electric facilities, as an essential element of any building project. Parking doesn't come out of thin air; it has to be strategically planned from blueprint to painting stripes for individual parking spaces.

Secondly, to address the immediate and growing concern this issue elicits for many students, and as I face the pitfalls and perils of commuter parking myself next semester, I propose a partnership to get Tech through these construction years. All parties involved, from adminis-So, if you thought parking was bad tration to SGA to Traffic and Parking should convene a roundtable meeting to look at the issue of contracting parking facilities from the Surprisingly, as you will see, the intention businesses and churches surrounding Tech.

> One issue that should be at the forefront of this meeting is to negotiate with the major churches on Broadway to lease from them, or to ask them to start parking programs, to address this immediate concern. There are several major

constructed building. It is to be proposed at ally unused from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday the next Student Senate meeting and cites through Friday and No. 2 are perfectly situated for Park and Ride bussing to the heart of Tech campus. A Citibus route could easily be established to go down Broadway to Avenue Q and loop around Memorial Circle.

Mainly, I believe communication is the main issue. We face a problem that does not seem like it is being given its due attention. Maybe a perfect solution exists in the minds of our administrators but no one has told the general population of Tech. Many students will face having their parking spot of the past few years taken away from them in the fall, and we need to start telling students the changes that will be made and where parking will be available. I mean, I want to know where I'm going to park, too.

Basically, the university should look at this issue as soon as possible. If they don't, do you think I could get a reserved spot in the R-7 lot next to the president or chancellor?

Phillips is a junior communications studies major from Tyler. E-mail him

End the turf battle — Both liberals and conservatives full of contradiction, extremism

more adamant in their views.

Then, they begin existing

and end up acting like idiots.

By Michael Rossi/Daily Targum

(U-WIRE) NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. - President George W. Bush's "you're either with us, or against us" approach to combating global terrorism has apparently taken a firm root in American domestic politics. American voters are increasingly being forced to choose between two ever-growing camps seeking to be as ideologically different from the other as possible.

I'm not even speaking of Democrats and Republicans anymore. I'm speaking of the more activist camps of Liberals and Conservatives, two buzzwords evoking feelings of brotherly comradeship or raw vehemence - depending on which side you're on. Each side is vying for your vote and desperately, desperately wants to convince you they truly represent "mainstream" America. Each side becomes more and more adamant in their views. Then, they begin existing solely to discredit the other side and end up acting like idiots. Liberals are pro-choice but against the death penalty.

Conservatives are pro-life but for the death penalty. Lib-

erals read Al Franken and watch Michael Moore movies

to learn about "liars" and "imperialists." Conservatives

Ronald Reagan. Conservatives venerate Reagan and tried to impeach Clinton. Conservatives want a missile shield in Washington, D.C. Liberals sent "human shields" to

Baghdad. Conservatives will say the war in Iraq was justified because we removed a modern-day Adolf Hitler and brought freedom and justice to an entire nation. Liberals say this alienated us from nearly all of Western civilization. Liberals will say Bush acted "unilaterally." Conservatives say Bush acted without the French.

Liberals will vote for a "veteran" in 2004 but supported a "draft-dodger" in 1992 and 1996. Conservatives want to halt the rise in fundamentalism around the world but support prayer in American schools. Liberals want to kill Big Tobacco but legalize marijuana. read Ann Coulter and listen to Rush Limbaugh to learn Conservatives say "Buy American!" but send jobs over-

about "traitors" and "femi-Nazis." More generally, Con- seas. Both sides agree the media is too biased, but while public should serve as a wake-up call to the silent servatives control the radio waves while Liberals own Liberals point the finger at Rush Limbaugh, Sean majority of centrists and moderates out there who the Internet. Liberals idolize Bill Clinton and demonize Hannity, Bill O'Reilly and pretty much all of Fox News, simply want to keep our country safe from terror-Conservatives blame Oprah Winfrey, Dan Rather, Diane Sawyer and all of CNN.

Amid all of this, the remaining members of the free-

thinking American community are apparently tak-Each side becomes more and ing refuge in their partisanfree fallout shelters and sitting dumbfounded at just how black and white the socio-political spectrum has solely to discredit the other side gotten over the last 10 years. The sad news is it's not going to get better anytime soon. This presidential elec-

tion is shaping up to be nasty, brutish and long, as the quest to "save America" is pursued by both sides with blind adrenaline. Be prepared to be bombarded with television ads and radio broadcasts extolling the virtues or the crimes of the Bush administration and whether the Democrats will take back America or hijack it.

This attempt to polarize the American voting

ists, have affordable health care, have a decent-paying job that's not in danger of being moved to Asia or Mexico and not be taxed into poverty because the government can't handle its money. These should be the focal points - not simply byproducts next to wedge-issues such as gay marriages, Iraq or what the presidential candidates did 30 years ago.

To the Conservatives: We don't need a constitutional amendment prohibiting an apparent civil liberty. Jack marrying Jim is not going to affect my love life. To the Liberals: The war in Iraq is over. Weapons of mass destruction or not, the Iraqi people are better off without Saddam's reign of terror. Get over it. And to both sides: I could care less what my candidate did 30 years ago during the Vietnam War. I care what they will do in the present and where they hope to lead this country for the next 30 years. If this is an election seeking to "take back America," I, as a centrist, seek to take back America from the activists, pundits, extremists and spin-doctors who have turned intelligent political debate into immature turf-battles and onesided sound bytes that are repeated ad nauseum.

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Finding hope amid the darkness

Conquering an eating disorder and the underlying problems



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tal role in recovery, Thompson said.

Tech associate professor of health,

exercise and sport sciences, said

people should be cautious when con-

fronting a loved one they suspect has

'would you just eat?"" she said.

"The worst thing you could ray is,

According to the National Eating

Disorders Web site, anyone wanting

to help someone with anorexia or

bulimia nervosa or compulsive eating

should learn as much as possible about

eating disorders and honestly speak

about the issue with the specific in-

dividual, as well as other important

people in the specific individual's life.

people wishing to aid friends or fam-

ily dealing with an eating disorder compliment the person's personality

and accomplishments.

The Web site also recommends

Thompson said people with eat-

ing disorders are blind to what they

have to offer in life. She said they are

often organized, diligent and con-

ing disorders are normally extremely

intelligent, extremely motivated and

"The ones that struggle with eat-

an eating disorder.

Marilyn Massey-Stokes, Texas

TECH'S CENTER FOR the Study of Addiction and countless other institutions offer help for people suffering with addictions or eating disorders.

By Beth Aaron/ The University Daily

(Editor's note: the names of the individuals recovered from eating disorders have been changed.)

nstances of eating disorders in America are rising, and it is im L possible to develop a vaccination to prevent them. Ann Thompson, a nutritional

consultant, said eating disorders are not diseases that people can talk themselves out of, or into.

"No one ever starts an eating disorder saying, 'OK, today I'm going to have an eating disorder'," she said.

Anyone suffering from an eating disorder must seek help to begin recovery; no one can fight them alone.

Thompson said councilors work with patients to combat feelings of worthlessness and to correct distorted

"You try to stop the destructive behavior and replace it with one that will be positive so that they can see themselves," she said. "The whole team works on improving self-es-

Friends and family also play a vi- very high achievers, and they just

can't see all the good that they have,"

There is an anonymous recovery support group on Tech's campus open to anyone who needs help staying on a healthy track, Thompson said.

Meetings are held Monday and Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Serenity Center.

For more information about the group, contact the Center for the Study of Addiction at (806) 742-

Kitty Harris is the director of the Center for the Study of Addiction. She said eating disorders run a close second to drug and alcohol addiction, but treatment options are becoming more available

"Our eating disorder meetings on campus have tripled in the last year," she said. "People are getting more of what they need; meetings are becoming more available.

Thompson said there are quite a few psychologists, psychiatrists and medical doctors working in Lubbock who specialize in eating disorders.

"We've had a lot of people come to Tech for this treatment program," she said. "There is help."

Student Health Services at Thompson Hall also provides help with eating disorders. Thompson said some physicians working for Student Health Services start patients on the proper medication and offer counsel-

The Counseling Center on campus and the psychiatric department at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center also work with people suffering from eating disorders.

With so many efforts to combat eating disorders and the known result of what impact eating disorders have on peoples' lives, it is hard to believe there are efforts made in the opposite direction.

Massey-Stokes said harmful Web sites promoting anorexia and bulimia as a way of life rather than a crippling disorder are frustrating.

"It's very frightening," she said. "It's unfortunate because you're going to have girls in a highly vulner-

Because there is no Internet regulation, such Web sites are able to give skewed impressions of eating disorders, Massey-Stokes said.

Sue, a junior human development and family studies major, has been in recovery from bulimia for three years. She said she used to visit similar sites.

'When I was really into my disease I used to visit those a lot," she said. "I look back on it now, and it amazes me.'

Sue said she saw the sites as an unhealthy means of rationalizing her

Tina, a junior English major from Clyde, is a recovered anorexic. She said anyone desiring to get help for their addiction should do so as soon as they are ready.

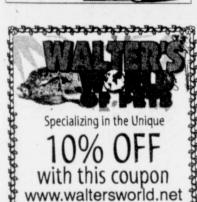
"I kind of realized one day I could do this for the rest of my life," she said, "or I could just stop."

However, Tina said anyone with an eating disorder should not expect recovery to be perfect.

"My recovery wasn't the most graceful one," she said. "It's stabled off for me since then."

EATING DISORDERS





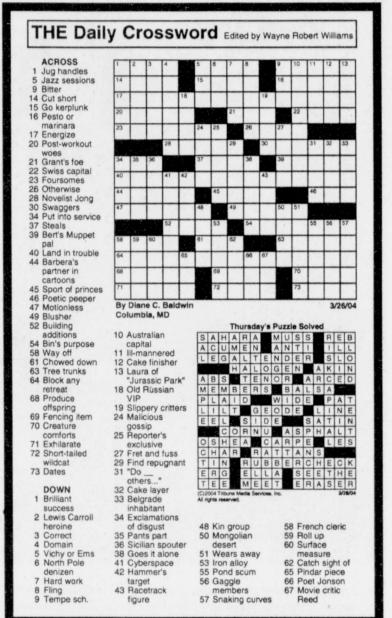
Tina said though they are somewhat corny, affirmations really helped her through tough days.

She also worked through her disorder by focusing on her hobbies, especially her artistic tendencies.

"Express yourself more, and don't

feel bad about it," she said. "If you can be happy and proud of who you are, then it can't be a bad thing.'

For more information about eating disorders and how to deal with them and other addictions, visit www.nationaleatingdisorders.org.

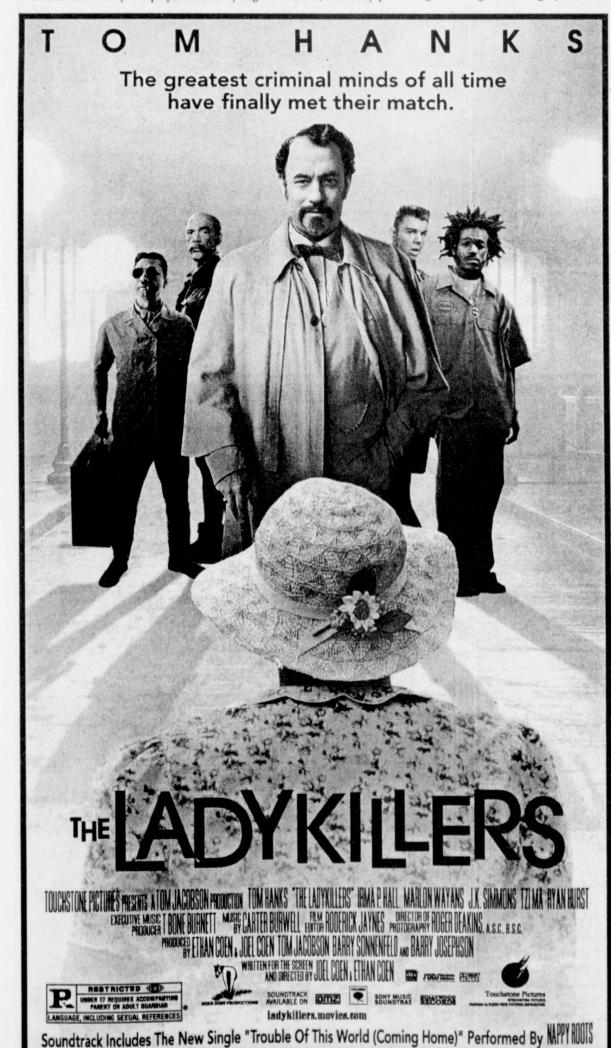




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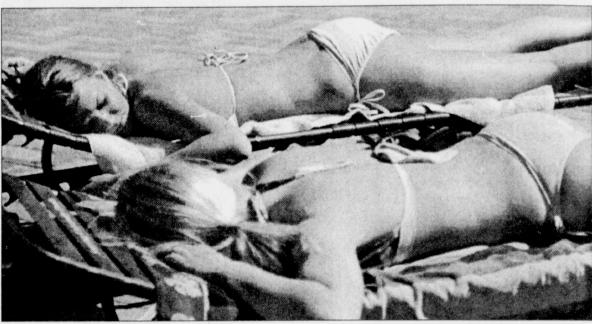
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Majority of skin damage done during childhood; 80 percent of skin damage done before age 18



LINC ARMES/The University Daily

CATLIDDAY

SARA PABEN (FRONT), a sophomore early childhood major from El Paso, and Julie Schandua, a sophomore physical therapy major from Fredericksberg, soak up some sun as they tan by the pool at Sterling University apartments Wednesday afternoon.

By Megan LaVoie/The University Daily

he deep bronze hue some students are sporting from their spring break of basking in the sun carries a deeper meaning than just a brown color.

Most students know repeated exposure to sunlight can have serious consequences, but what students may not know is those consequences may be darker than previously thought.

Dr. Tommie Farrell, an assistant professor of the Texas Tech medical school and the clerkship director for the family practice department at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, said the majority of skin damage is done when one is a child.

"Studies have shown that if an individual had two bad sunburns when they were young, they have a much higher chance of developing skin cancer as an adult," he said.

According to the American Academy of Dermatology, 80 percent of individuals' skin damage is done before the age of 18.

Farrell said most people do not know they have skin damage until they are middle-aged.

"When you're young you are able to hide skin damage," he said. "It is like cigarette smoking; when you're young the damage doesn't show up, but when you hit 40 you have to start dealing with the different cancers and the effect that years of

smoking had on you — skin damage has the same

Juli Benson, health educator with Student Health Services, said it does not take a sunburn to get skin

"Any time the color of your skin changes that is skin damage," she said.

While frequent exposure to sunlight is harmful, some exposure can be good.

"We need the sun for our skin," Farrell said. "Sunlight is used to metabolize the vitamins in our body, especially vitamin D."

According to the AAD, little amounts of sun are required to get the recommended dose of vitamin D.

The common belief is tanning indoors via a sun lamp is safer than tanning outdoors, but Erin Snodgrass, a tanning consultant with Body Bronze tanning salon said that belief is a myth.

MADOLLOZ

WARNING SIGNS

What to look for in

skin abnormalities

if it is odd shaped

jagged or edgy

multi-colored

D - Diameter

change in color or

source: Dr. Tommie Farrell

A — Asymmetry

B — Border

C - Color

SUNDAY

"There are certain rays that a tanning bed blocks out, but tanning indoors is not better for you," she

According to the Web site cancer.org, the only benefit of tanning indoors is sunlamps do not leave

Tanning indoors is similar to tanning outdoors because one's skin is still susceptible to the molecular changes that lead to skin cancer, according to the Web

According to the American Cancer Society, Melanoma, the most deadly form of skin cancer was diag-

nosed to more than 51,000 Americans in 2001.

Farrell said students can catch signs of skin cancer in its early stages by examining their skin using a method called the ABC's.

Each letter stands for something one should look for when examining skin abnormalities, he said.

"A stands for Asymmetry, B for border, C for color and D for diameter - if they notice any discrepancies, they should visit their doctor," Farrell said.

Weary of increased chances of skin cancer and premature aging, some students are turning to the new trend of a spray-on tan.

Snodgrass said some people like mystic tans and self-tanners, but most people are apprehensive because of the orange hue many self-tan-

ners leave you. "I have done mystic tan and it left me orange," she said. "It wasn't natural looking, and it only lasted for

Farrell said while spray-on tans are a good alternative to tanning in the sun, some people are fooled by the imitation tan.

"People need to remember that sunless tanners do not protect you from the sun," he said. "They are fooled that they are really tan and don't need as much protection from the sun — which is not the case."

If someone has to be in the sun, they should wear a sunscreen, Benson said.

"A little SPF goes a long way," Farrell said. "If someone wears sunscreen every day, their risk of catching skin cancer drops 80 percent."

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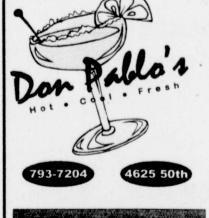
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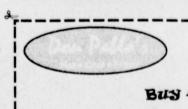
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Testing will silence critics

s children we are told that cheaters never win. But now with the use of steroids and avoiding the topic of honesty, cheaters can become heroes and homerun kings in Major League Baseball.

America's pastime is in jeopardy of putting itself in the biggest public affairs disaster since the Clinton administration because it will not buckle under the pressure of the fans to test the players for illegal steroid use.

How would this be a bad thing? Homeruns have been flying out of the ballparks like crazy over the last few seasons, and it could be credited to a diminishing pool of talent to select from for pitching created by over expansion. It may be the hitters are better than they were decades ago, but when the players are getting big-

. And the baseball fans want answers. Baseball was once loved for its purity and the mystique of the game. It had an aura about it that made everyone a baseball fan. Now I don't

ger every year it raises questions.

Who wants their children to cheer for a man who hit 213 homeruns in the last four seasons,

blame people for not loving baseball.



This problem and the image of baseball cannot be saved until the smoke is cleared. Steroid testing needs to be in baseball as a major entity. It is the only way we can keep our game's integrity and purity.

which is 32 percent of his career

Yes, Barry Bonds has taken baseball by storm with his quick swing and sudden power he didn't have when he was 22-years old. He is entering his 19th season in the big leagues and is bigger than he was as a young gun in Major League Baseball. He weighs more (muscle mass mind you) and is taller than he was as a rookie. Men are not supposed to grow at that age. Bonds is now a 6-foot-2, 228-pound

So the reason Bonds is questioned is obvious. That and the fact that his personal trainer was busted for having and distributing THG, a new type of performance enhancing drug recently banned by MLB. Bonds denied using illegal steroids.

Finger-pointing is everywhere. Sammy Sosa is being ridiculed. His corked bat incident didn't help him in this situation much either. He became the first player to hit 60 or more dingers in four consecutive seasons.

Jason Giambi weighed in at spring training at a significantly lower weight than last season. Why? Ponder that.

Commissioner Bud Selig issued a gag order on the matter, and when it didn't go over well, he and head of the players' union Donald Fehr spoke in front of Congress on the matter.

Now Fehr says he would not be surprised if more stringent testing rules appeared before long. Currently, MLB tests twice in a one-week period. Not very often is it?

Some players have volunteered to test to end criticism and reveal the truth. Then why haven't they? Why don't they stand up to their word and test with another party and announce the results at a press conference to clear their name?

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baseball cannot be saved until the smoke is cleared. Steroid testing needs to be in baseball as a major entity. It is the only way we can keep our game's integrity and purity. Give baseball back to America.

Take the test. Don't cheat. Hit homeruns by the physical talent you were blessed with not the muscles drugs give you.

Babe Ruth is rolling over in his grave right now, and it's for good reason.

Wiechmann is a senior journalism major from Lubbock. Send your comments on the matter to david.m.wiechmann@ttu.edu.

Stars' Turco suspended four games

FRISCO (AP) -- Dallas Stars goalie Marty Turco was suspended for four games without pay Thursday by the NHL for high sticking in a game against Edmonton.

The All-Star goalie won't be eligible to play again until the regular season finale April 4 against Chicago. The Stars clinched a playoff spot with their 4-3 overtime win at Edmonton on Wednesday night. In the game, Turco hit Edmonton forward Ryan Smyth in the face with his stick.

Turco left the Stars' workout in Vancouver, where the team plays Saturday, and flew home to Texas. He said the hit on Smyth wasn't intentional.

"On my end, there was no intent, not even to stroke anyone," Turco said Thursday before catching his flight. "It was just an instinctive play after blocking the puck, just pushing my hands up and it was an unfortunate incident, something that I do regret now. I have to live with my mistake."

A double minor penalty was assessed against Turco at 11:09 of the first period.

Turco is considered a repeat offender because was suspended for one game for a high-sticking incident against Colorado's Peter Forsberg in January 2003. Turco will forfeit \$195,000 in



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Raiders open conference play at A&M

Junior Josh Brady hasn't had the opportunity to play in College Station,

but he has heard the stories. "I heard it gets pretty crazy down there," the first baseman said.

The Texas Tech baseball team other game." opens Big 12 Conference play at Olsen

Field against Texas A&M this weekend. Knowing the tradition and loyalty of Aggie fans, Brady said A&M will have the home field advantage, but the Red Raiders can overcome the heckles of the fans.

"Everybody does (chants) to an extent, I believe," he and A&M. It is a matter of deciding said. "You just have to block it out and what is more important. play the game like it needs to be played."

the nation, head coach Larry Hays said Tech will not let that get ahead of it.

"We're not worried. We'll play the game like it's the first weekend of the season," he said. "It's a level of competition we have prepared for."

With the majority of the Raiders

the crowd may faze them, but they have to overcome that aspect.

"Most of our guys are new, and it's results mean a whole lot more." their first time to visit A&M," he said. "They have to handle the crowd and deal with the game, just like every effect the entire Tech baseball team.

coming into the threegame series after losing to No. 4 Rice, 15-10, Tuesday. Tech is going to College Station with a 16-7 record, before playing any Big 12 games. In this conference, Hays said there is a lot of rivalry, especially between Tech

"I hope there's the rivalry between end against Clemson.

these two teams," he said. "I know play-Although A&M is ranked No. 12 in ers do this, but I hope they don't just play harder to beat them because of that. That is very high school-ish."

Senior pitcher Steve Gooch said the rivalry factor extends throughout all sports, but the Raiders have other things on their minds.

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily in their first year with Tech, Hays said baseball, school and school fight to win a certain game," he said. "We're not gonna get wrapped up in that. The

> One hindrance Gooch said might get in the way is the fans, which will

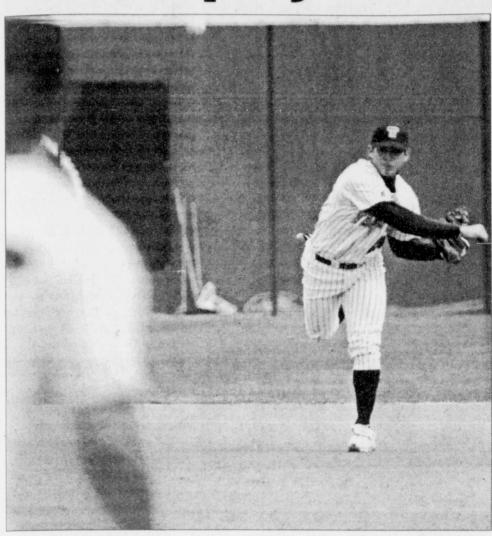
"A lot of guys hadn't experienced The Aggies (21-5, 1-2 Big 12) are Big 12 play and the fans," he said. "I'm waiting to see how they react to the fans, and we have to feed off the intensity they give. It's gonna be interesting."

> As of now, Tech is one homerun behind reaching last season's total of 38. An added advantage for the Raiders is behind the swing of junior Madison Edwards, leading the team with a .409 batting average, five homeruns and 24 RBIs.

Gooch said as well as the offense being solid and steady, the pitching has to be as good as it was this past week-

"We got guys that can hit. We have guys that can pitch," he said. "It's a whole different level now, and we have to keep it going."

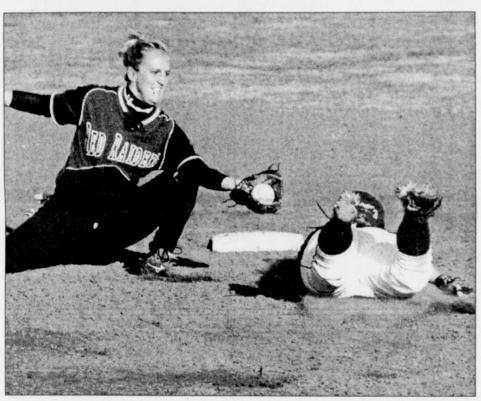
The Raiders will begin at 7 p.m. Friday against the Aggies for game one of the series. Game two starts at 7 p.m. Saturday, and the final matchup is at 1 "Even from football, basketball to p.m. Sunday in College Station.



JOSE DELGADO throws out a runner at first base during Tech's home series against Clemson last weekend. The Red Raiders travel to No. 12 Texas A&M to open Big 12 Conference play for the season. They will return home next weekend to face No. 1 Texas.

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Softball's hot bats anxiously await start of conference play



SHORTSTOP HEATHER PARKER attempts to tag out a baserunner during the Raiders' home series against Texas State. Tech lost both games of the series. The Raiders begin Big 12 Conference play this weekend by hosting Iowa State. Game one will be a 2 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday at Rocky Johnson Field.

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

Senior Elyssa Sigala has had things going her way as of late. She said she hopes it stays that way.

After setting the school record for consecutive games with a hit against New Mexico March 19, Sigala was able to shatter it with two extra games, bringing the new record to 19.

"We'll see what happens. I just have to be at the bat on time to be successful," she said. "I trust in my abilities."

Head coach Bobby Reeves believes in the hitter's abilities as well. He said Sigala's senior year is becoming one to remember. "Last year, she batted about a .240," he said.

"It's unbelievable to break that record, especially in a game where it is mostly pitcher dominated." Sigala is not the only Red Raider making

a mark in the 2004 campaign. Junior outfielder Kelly Rhyne is on track to join her teammate, with a current 10 game-hitting streak. Reeves said in college softball, both of these batters are doing things most players do not get to ball at the Cyclones is sophomore Erin clones are the same as any team.

"In this sport, you get more failure than success," he said. "It shows what kind of team we are, and we play to win."

- the Big 12 Conference. The Raiders begin surprise them." their conference play against Iowa State this weekend at Rocky Johnson Field. Reeves said Tech has a chance to renew its winning ways and start a new season.

"We can turn it around in this second season," he said. "Anything can happen."

When you look on paper, Reeves said, Tech probably wouldn't fare well in half the games left in the season.

"(The other teams in the Big 12) are considered the most athletic teams over us, but that's why you play the game," he said. "Anything can occur when you're trying to hit a round object going 65 miles per hour with another round object. It makes a difference."

One of Tech's pitchers that will throw that Crawford. She said she agreed with Reeves that the Raiders will have a chance no matter how down they are in the schedule.

"We're just getting started. I think we're Tech (16-19) now faces its next challenge gonna give people a good run," she said. "We'll

people on the field, and we'll

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Tech has done that in the past 14 games, earning 11 victories. Earlier in the season, Crawford said it was like a roller coaster, but now it has leveled off, and the only way to go is up.

"Big 12 play is gonna be new to so many people," she said. "It's gonna be good experience for them, but it's not

gonna be a roller coaster Sigala said the uphill battle begins against Iowa

State, looking to move up in motivation. "On any given day, a

team can beat anybody else, ranked or not," she said. "If we play to our ability, we could be No. 3 or even up to No. 1 in the conference. That's

exactly how it goes."

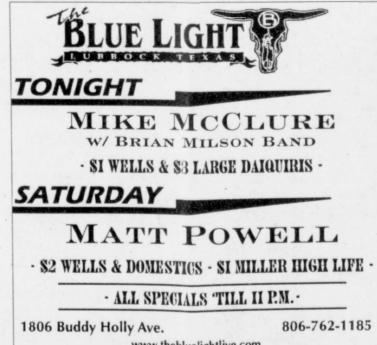
With a 7-16 record, Reeves said the Cy-

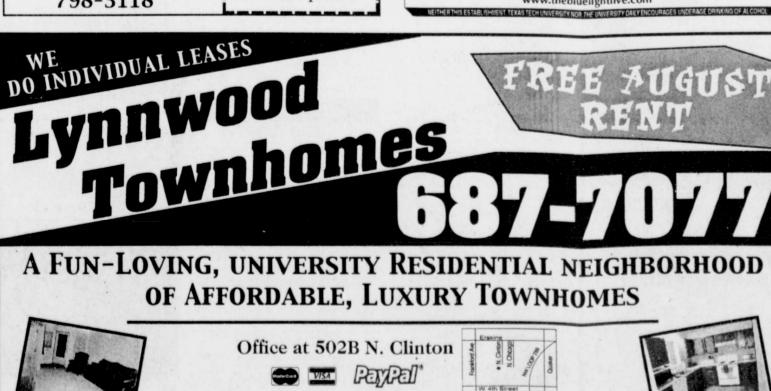
"They can be underestimated," he said. "We don't look to the records in the Big 12. They've struggled, just like us, but that don't mean they won't play."

Tech will host Iowa State in two games. definitely threaten a lot of The first will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday and the second is set for 11 a.m. Sunday.



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