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Body of missing North Dakota student found

By Dave Kolpack/Associated Press

CROOKSTON, Minn. (AP) — The body of University of North Dakota student Dru Sjodin was found Saturday, revealed by the spring thaw in an area volunteers had searched several times during the five months she had been missing, searchers said Saturday.

Sheriff Mark LeTexier sobbed as he told

volunteers, "Dru is home." An official identification and autopsy were scheduled, he said.

Scores of volunteers had joined the search on Saturday for the 22-year-old University of North Dakota student, who had last been seen Nov. 22 at the Grand Forks, N.D., mall where she worked.

While a handful of Sjodin's relatives continued searching through the winter, official

searches had been halted in December because of severe weather and resumed this month.

Bob Heales, a private investigator who has coordinated search efforts for the Sjodin family, said the body was found in a ravine near a country road northwest of Crookston.

Sjodin's father, Allan, said it had been "a devastating day."

"We were waiting for that call, and when

that call came, we all stopped living for a second," he said at a press conference.

Volunteers had been near the ravine "probably a dozen times," but the area had been covered with snow, Heales said.

Chris Lang, Sjodin's boyfriend, said he remembers searching the area, but "the drifts were five feet high."

"It just kind of feels numb," Lang said after

learning Sjodin's body had been found. "I woke up this morning, and I just knew for sure it was going to happen today."

"Now I know she's been at peace for a long time," Lang said.

Lang was the last person known to have heard from Sjodin, when she spoke to him by

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Campus News

Program pairs Tech students with children

By Andrew Bell/The University Daily

Hundreds of children from the Lubbock area enjoyed making play dough, reading books and participating in a number of activities Friday morning at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. They even got the opportunity to meet Raider Red.

The children were on campus as a part of the Jumpstart Program. The program works with four Lubbock area early learning centers and provides the children with classroom space and materials to help them with language, literacy and social skills. Essentially, the program aims to serve Lubbock one child at a time, according to the program's mission statement.

Also, the national nonprofit organization pairs highly trained college students with preschool students to provide one-on-one tutoring in school readiness skills. The organization accomplishes this through one-on-one reading sessions, active group learning experiences focusing on language and literacy and play sessions with college students to help with social skills, according to the Jumpstart Basics document.

The event, sponsored by American Eagle, Starbucks, Target and United Supermarkets, provided stations for the children to have fun and learn. Each station included a book to coincide with the activity.

"We try to tie all stations in with a book," Stephanie Orr said. "It's a great way to get Tech kids involved with the community."

Orr, a junior public relations major from Midland, said the favorite activity for most of the children involved Oobleck. The funny name comes from the Dr. Seuss' Bartholomew and the Oobleck.

Combining glue, cornstarch and water into bowls makes the sticky creation. Then, the children could play with it by means of a stick or with their hands. The creation feels like clay, but begins to run right through the fingers, and some of the children could not get enough of it.

The program coordinator, Dawn Burke, said many Texas Tech student organizations helped the event. In particular, Alpha Chi Omega, Farmhouse, Saddle Tramps and the Women's Service Organization attended the event and set up stations for the children.

At one station, the Saddles Tramps set up boxes and let the children play

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ERICA MEDINA (LEFT), a senior journalism major from El Paso and Kelly Criswell, a sophomore history major from Crosbyton, play with the Dr. Seuss cornstarch mixture "Oobleck" during a Jumpstart program workshop with the Lubbock Early Learning Centers Friday morning in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

NEED A HAND?



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MEMBERS OF THE Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity riding a retro fire truck through Greek Circle stop to ask firemen in a Lubbock Fire Department truck if they need a hand. The LFD truck was also driving through the circle when the two vehicles passed each other.

Pigskin Preview



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

TEXAS TECH SAFETY Joe Garcia tackles receiver Brian Bishop while defensive end Tyler Yenzen closes in on the play during the annual Red-Black game Saturday at Jones SBC Stadium.

Red-Black game puts finishing touch on spring preparation for 2004 season

By David Wiechmann/
The University Daily

Questions were answered at the annual Red-Black Game on Saturday at Jones SBC Stadium, and perhaps another was asked.

The defense had nine sacks and nine pass break ups. It was a performance linebacker Mike Smith said he was proud of and showed how much the defense has worked to prepare for the 2004 season.

"We're getting better every day," he said. Smith did not play in the scrimmage because of an injury suffered in practice Wednesday.

With the defense having high totals in sacks and batted passes one might think the offense had trouble, but that was not the case as the Air Raid offense surmased 490 yards.

Senior quarterback Sonny Cumbie totaled 198 yards and was 17-of-20 passing. He tallied scores of 12 and 26 yards to running back Johnnie Mack and wide receiver Joel Filani, respectively.

He said it was a solid performance he be-

lieves helped push him closer to the top in the fight for the starting quarterback job in the fall.

"When you've got great receivers and a running back like Taurean (Henderson), it makes it a lot easier," he said.

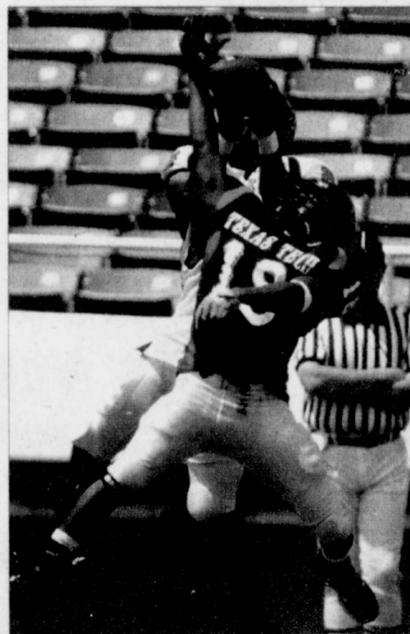
Head coach Mike Leach said he will not make a decision about who will start at quarterback until practice starts in the summer, but Robert Johnson pleaded his case for the starting nod with his performance in the game.

Johnson was 11-of-12 for 100 yards with a 33-yard touchdown throw to Hicks. Johnson spent much of the day working with the second string offense against the first string defense. Late in the scrimmage he worked with the first offense as it matched up against the first defense, which is when he threw the touchdown to Hicks.

So with the offense and defense giving solid performances, fans may have wondered which unit had the better day.

A question not lingering after the game was the one about finding a replacement for wide

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TEXAS TECH RECEIVER Jarrett Hicks catches a touchdown pass while being covered by cornerback Jamaal Jackson.

Health Sciences Center

HSC president Wilson outlines plans for future at symposium

By Beth Aaron/The University Daily

Texas Tech Health Sciences Center President Dr. M. Roy Wilson outlined his vision for the future for the HSC at the Lighting the Path to Pre-eminence symposium on Saturday.

Wilson opted to put on the symposium in lieu of a traditional inauguration. Chancellor Dr. David Smith laid out the Path to Pre-eminence initiative on the main Tech campus. Wilson's plan for the HSC is a collaborative effort with the general academic campus.

Smith said Wilson's goals are appropriate, and he is impressed with Wilson's vision for the HSC.

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RED RIBBON EVENT



TRAVIS GLOTT/The University Daily

MEMBERS OF THE Tech athletic department, football team and administration cut the tape during the dedication ceremony for Tech's new football training facility. The facility includes the team's locker rooms, coaches' offices, training room, weight room, players' lounge and film rooms.

Many Tech students say they are not likely to vote in upcoming city elections

By Sally Gunter/
The University Daily

While the Student Government Association has made an effort during the past year to increase the number of Texas Tech students registered to vote, results of an unofficial survey indicated many do not plan to take the initiative cast a ballot.

Two out of 30 Tech students told *The University Daily* on Friday they would vote in the Lubbock city elections on May 15.

The remaining 28 said they would not or probably not be participating in local elections for City Council members and the Lubbock mayor.

With certainty, Jentry Powell said he will vote in May. The junior chemical engineering major from Greenville said some students might be more motivated to participate in local elections if they were more informed about the candidates and voting process.

"I like to have a say in what's going on, voice my opinion," Powell said. "They should realize the long-term impact of voting."

Looking a year in the future, Powell said the candidates voted into office in May would be the ones voting on important issues that affect Tech students, such as the housing ordinance.

Lubbock precincts 49 and 50 encompass the Tech campus. On-campus living provides a maximum of 6,300. In precinct 49, there are 648 registered voters while precinct 50 has 780, according to the Lubbock Registrar's Office.

Thirty-three percent of the Tech stu-

dents surveyed said they were registered to vote in Lubbock.

SGA External Vice President Colton Batchelor said the results of the unofficial survey shocked him, especially since 10 of those surveyed said they were registered locally.

"It surprises me that only two said they would," Batchelor said.

While she is registered to vote in Lubbock, Benita Dix said she will not be exercising her right in May.

The Lubbock native and a freshman pre-veterinary major said she it would be difficult to vote in the election when she has not paid attention to the city elections. The decision is made more difficult because Dix said she does not know anything about the candidates and their background.

During the survey, *The UD* polled the 30 students about who the current Lubbock mayor is. Seven participants were able to recollect Marc McDougal as mayor while the remaining 23 did not know.

This is an area that needs improving, and it will be a focus during the next

school year if future SGA External Vice President Anne Hunninghake has her way.

Bringing the candidates for local office onto the Tech campus would increase awareness and bridge the gap.

"A lot of students feel a separation between the city and campus," she said. "It would give students the chance to get to know them on a personal level."

Hunninghake said registering voters has been focused on but will do no good unless students get out and vote in the local elections.

The larger the turnout by Tech students at the local polls next month, the more serious Lubbock officials will take the issues the student body cares about.

Then issues such as the housing ordinance and drinking regulations can be addressed with seriousness, Hunninghake said.

"City elections are just as important as national elections," she said. "Those are the ones that affect us directly. The local officials implement everything in our area."

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The Rundown



Texas colleges turning down more applicants

DALLAS (AP) — A flood of applications for colleges is prompting more rejection letters.

"Demographics tell us there are a growing number of college-bound high school graduates for the next seven to 10 years," said Ron Moss, executive director of enrollment services and dean of admissions for Southern Methodist University. "There continues to be a growth in the number of students applying to schools, but more schools aren't being created."

Many universities have reacted by being more stringent in their admissions policies.

Applications from first-time freshmen at SMU reached about 7,000 for the fall semester, but only 3,500 of those will be accepted. The others will be denied or put on a waiting list, Moss said in Sunday's edition of *The Dallas Morning News*.

Similarly, about 7,000 students applied to the University of Texas at Arlington last fall. Only about 4,400 were admitted, said Hans Gatterdam, director of undergraduate admissions at Texas-Arlington.

"Many universities are unable to handle the growth of high school classes, so they have to raise admissions standards or cut back on the number of students they accept," Gatterdam said. "Universities want to get the right students in, those who will succeed."

Hunley crew buried after almost 150 years

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Thousands of men in Confederate gray and Union blue and women in black hoop skirts and veils escorted the crew of the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley, the first sub in history to sink an enemy warship, to their final resting place Saturday.

In what has been called the last Confederate funeral, the coffins of the crew members, draped in Confederate flags, were first taken to Charleston's Battery and placed in a semicircle, a wreath set in front of each.

Then, a column of the uniformed reenactors stretching a mile and half took the crew of the Hunley, which sank outside Charleston Harbor, to their final resting place in Magnolia Cemetery, about five miles north. It took the column more than an hour to file into the cemetery.

After horse-drawn caissons brought the coffins to the breezy, oak-shrouded plot, rifles crackled and cannons rumbled across the marsh.

"These men taught us and they will teach future generations the meaning of words like honor," said state Sen. Glenn McConnell, chairman of the South Carolina Hunley Commission. "Their spirit will live beyond the horizon of time."

Commission member Randy Burbage said it was a testimony to the crew that so many people had come to pay tribute to "eight Americans who died for a cause they believed in so long ago."

New Iraqi leaders have few ties to U.S.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A new batch of Iraqi leaders has sprung up in the latest spasm of violence in Iraq — people with grassroots support but few or no ties to the U.S.-led occupation.

The new players include an association of Sunni clerics, "the Prince of the Marshes" from southern Iraq and an outspoken Shiite leader.

The rise of these new figures is largely at the expense of politicians with links to the U.S.-led occupation. Their arrival comes as Iraqi leaders are wrangling over who will make up a government due to take power from U.S. administrators on June 30.

On that day, the U.S.-appointed Governing Council — a 25-member body that has served as Iraq's interim government since July but failed to win the trust of many Iraqis — will likely be dissolved.

U.N. envoy Lakhdar Brahimi, who was asked to come up with a plan for Iraq's transition, has proposed the council be replaced by a caretaker government of "men and women known for their honesty, integrity and competence."

Brahimi did not say who he had in mind.

But many Iraqis are starting to see those qualifications in the new rising stars: the Sunni Clerics Committee — a Sunni group — and Shiite Governing Council members Abdul-Karim al-Mohammedawi and Salama al-Khufaji.

Texas' zero tolerance policy causes concern

KATY (AP) — Since school districts across the nation have been enforcing state and local "zero tolerance" policies, stories of students being suspended for bringing nail files or butter knives to school have become common.

Jewel Cailet, a 16-year-old in the Katy Independent School District, experienced the crackdown first-

hand. She was accused of drinking at a high school football game and the district assigned her to the district's discipline school for 3 1/2 months.

Cailet said she was not drinking and was refused a breathalyzer test. A municipal court judge threw out her case, but the district sent Cailet to discipline school.

As schools nationwide have tried

to curb violence in high schools since the Columbine shootings five years ago, schools also have increased the number of offenses that constitute suspension, expulsion, tickets and even arrests, the *Houston Chronicle* reported in its Sunday editions.

Last November in Goose Creek, S.C., police charged into a high school with their guns drawn and forced students to the ground as they searched for drugs. They didn't find drugs.

Student searches have become more common since Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold killed 12 of their Littleton, Colo., classmates, a teacher and themselves on April 20, 1999, at Columbine High School.

In Katy schools, throwing food, carrying a pager and having a skateboard are listed in the student code of conduct as offenses that can warrant calling in the police.

This school year, KISD police have ticketed or arrested students in nearly 4,300 cases. Twenty-one percent of the infractions were classified as disorderly conduct, disruption or assault, the last of which includes anything from a shove to physically injuring someone.

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2004-05 SGA officers sworn in

By Andrew Bell/
The University Daily

Tears, hugs, smiles and laughter. Members of the Student Government Association experienced many of these emotions at their banquet Friday night in the Market Alumni Center.

A passing of the torch also occurred, as old executive officers swore in the new. In particular, Mitchell Moses was sworn in by his predecessor, Jeremy Brown, as the new president of the SGA.

Now, Moses swore, to the best of his ability, to preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the Student Senate and aim to make Texas Tech better for the student body.

In his closing remarks, Moses

quoted two senators, Scott Graves and Koby Reed, for the work to be done in the next year.

"Let's get 'er done," he said. Also, Moses said he would try to do his best every day he is in office. By having the goal of doing the best for the university and the students, he said he would leave Tech a better place at this time next year.

After being sworn in, Moses turned to his executive officers, Anne Hunninghake and Nathan Nash, and swore them in. Nash, SGA internal vice president, said he believes the next year will be successful for the Senate, the SGA and Tech students.

"Our vision is clear," he said. "We are going to strive to serve the students to the best of our ability and, when the students believe that, I

think we'll make great progress."

Hunninghake, the new SGA external vice president, said she is ready to hit the ground running. She is ready to begin implementing her ideas one day at a time.

The first office-holder for the newly created vice president of graduate affairs, Alisa Abuzeineh, was unable to attend the banquet, but Moses will swear her in as soon as possible.

Although the banquet involved the swearing-in of officers, there also were awards given.

Each year, the SGA presents an award to the outstanding senator of the year. This year, the SGA and Student Senate chose Senator-at-Large Chris Carr.

Also, the SGA took the time to award a member of the freshman

council for outstanding work in the first year associated with the SGA. Senator-at-Large Heather Smith presented the future senator and previous president of the Freshman Council Daniel Brown with the award.

The last award to be given was the presentation of the Double T award. Former SGA President Jeremy Brown presented Seth Phillips the award for the hard work and diligence Phillips brings to the SGA office every day. Although the awards are meant for the students, the SGA decided to give an award to the leader of Student Affairs at Tech.

Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Shonrock and his wife were surprised when the SGA presented them with a two-day getaway to Fredericksburg for the endless work



TRAVIS GLOTT/The University Daily
FORMER STUDENT GOVERNMENT Association President Jeremy Brown, left, swears in newly elected president Mitchell Moses at the Market Alumni Center Friday night.

he accomplishes for the benefit of Tech students.

After the formalities of the banquet, Moses realized he would be the one who would need to work in the

next year for the benefit of the student population. Despite the responsibility of the job, Moses said he is ready to begin.

"Let's get started," he said.

Two U.S. police officers, one Jordan citizen killed in prison shooting in northern Kosovo

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Serbia-Montenegro (AP) — A shootout at a prison in Kosovo killed three international police officers, including two American women, and wounded 11 others, a U.N. spokesman said. At least five Americans were among the wounded, a doctor said.

Witnesses and international sources in the divided city of Kosovska Mitrovica told The Associated Press that the U.N. police officers started shooting at each other and that the shootout lasted for about 10 minutes. The information could not be immediately confirmed.

Four Jordanian police officers were

arrested in connection with the incident, a NATO source told AP on condition of anonymity.

"It is absolutely too early to draw any conclusions with regard to what happened there," the head of the U.N. police, Stefan Feller, told Associated Press Television News minutes after visiting the prison shooting site. He said among those killed was a member of the prison's management staff and a member of a Jordanian special police unit.

The body of a police officer, covered with what looked like a jacket, lay for hours in the yard of the prison compound where the shooting occurred. Police officers sealed off the area with yellow tape.

U.N. spokesman Neeraj Singh said that "police are currently investigating the circumstances of the incident."

Milan Ivanovic, a doctor in the hospital in the Serb-held part of Kosovska Mitrovica, told AP that five American officers and one Austrian officer were being treated at his hospital. It was not clear where the other wounded officers were being treated.

"Their wounds are predominantly in the chest and abdomen," Ivanovic said. "They were caused by firearms and possibly explosive devices."

It was not immediately clear what caused the shootout in the prison in Kosovska Mitrovica. The city has long

been the scene of ethnic violence between Serbs and ethnic Albanians, including riots that broke out a month ago, killing 19 and injuring 900.

Kosovska Mitrovica is divided between ethnic Albanians on the southern side of the Ibar River and Serbs, who live in the northern part of the city, 25 miles from the capital, Pristina.

Kosovo became a U.N. protectorate in 1999, after NATO launched a 78-day air war to stop former President Slobodan Milosevic from cracking down on ethnic Albanians seeking independence.

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cell phone after leaving the Victoria's Secret where she worked.

Convicted sex offender Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., 51, of Crookston, has pleaded not guilty to kidnapping Sjodin, of Pequot Lakes, Minn. He was arrested in December and is jailed in Grand Forks, about 25 miles north-

west of Crookston, on \$5 million bail.

Prosecutor Peter Welte declined to comment Saturday. A judge has ordered lawyers involved in the Rodriguez case not to speak with the media.

Neither Minnesota nor North Dakota has capital punishment, but federal law allows the death penalty for murder committed during a kidnapping. Minnesota U.S. Attorney Tom Heffelfinger and his North Da-

kota counterpart, Drew Wrigley, said Saturday that it was too early to discuss whether federal murder charges would be pursued.

At a court hearing last month, investigators testified that blood matching Sjodin's DNA was found in Rodriguez's car. Police said they also found a knife in the car that matches a sheath discovered near Sjodin's car.

Before the sheriff's announcement, Lang arrived in tears at the

school where volunteers had gathered for the search. He and Allan Sjodin joined authorities in a trailer serving as a makeshift command post.

Heales said Sjodin's friends and family felt relieved Saturday that Sjodin had been found.

"Dru's coming home and that's what we've wanted from the beginning," he said. "We never wanted to go through life without knowing where she was."

Deadline for ethics survey extended

Texas Tech officials have extended the time available for respondents to offer feedback on how the university can reinforce its position on ethics.

Earlier this year, the Quality Enhancement Plan Committee approved the implementation of a Website where Tech students, staff, faculty and administrators can offer feedback on how the university can better meet the needs of the accreditation process.

"The original deadline for those wanting to respond was April 15," said Sue Couch, professor of family and consumer sciences education and committee chairwoman. "We've decided to push that deadline back until the end of the month so we can get a better idea of the feedback we need to obtain."

The committee intends to use the information gathered from the survey to correlate how ethics impact learning.

A second online survey strives to establish a definition of ethics.

"We'd really like to see more students respond, but the survey is available to anyone who wants to take it," she said.

Next year, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools will conduct an accreditation review of Tech. Every 10 years, universities are required to undergo the accreditation review.

The survey, Couch said, represents the university's commitment to identify areas of improvement and engage in ongoing assessments of progress.

The university will be required to meet 12 requirements and 53 comprehensive standards, in addition to eight federal mandates in order to satisfactorily pass the accreditation process.

Access the survey at <http://www.irim.ttu.edu/sacs/qepethics-othersSurvey.htm>

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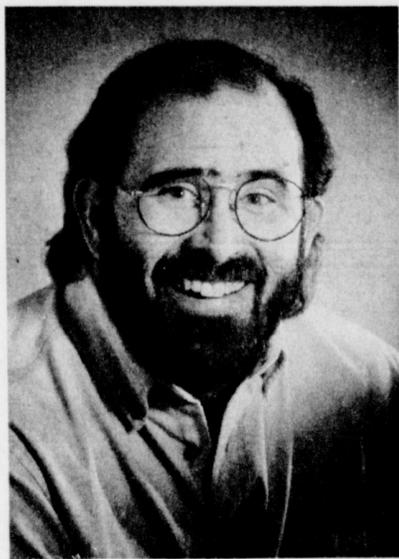
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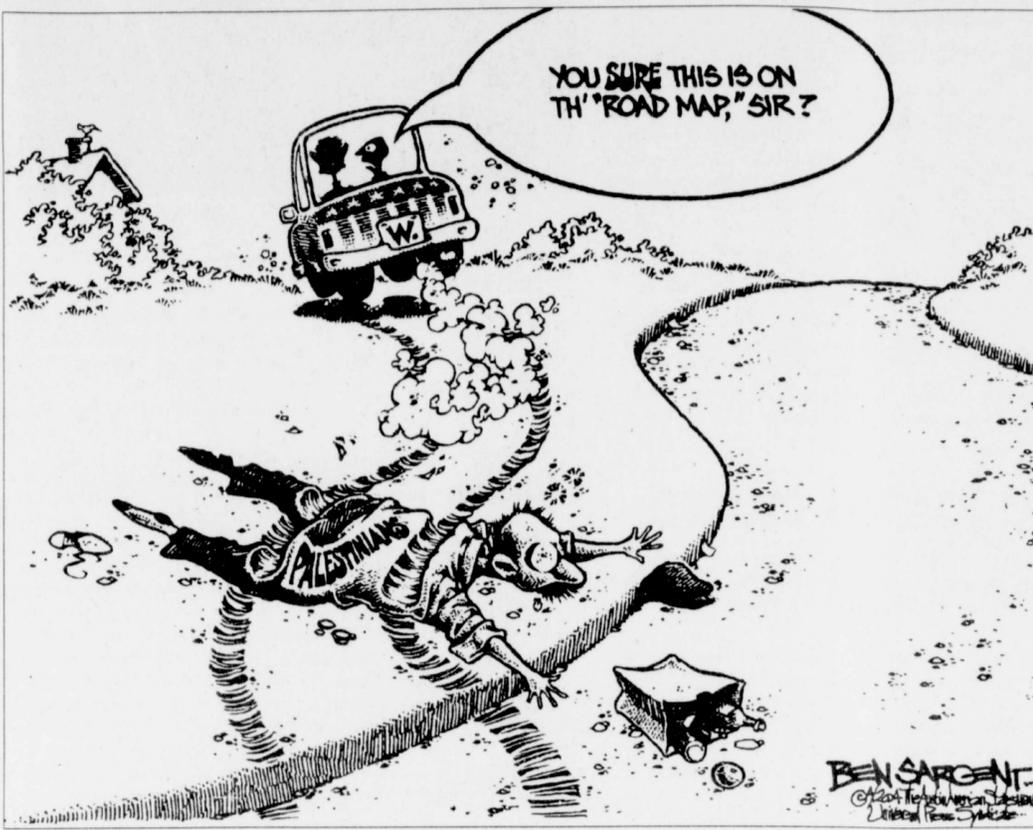
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Guest Column

Tech students passionate, not apathetic

Conventional wisdom tells me most Tech students major in apathy with a minor in indifference. So what were they doing out in the hot sun in between the Library and the Student Union building?

Sitting behind a table, passing out fliers for "Take Back the Night" or signing people up for the March of Dimes. Every day I walk through that area, near the Free Speech hexagram, and see the same thing: Students offering me information, asking me to join this or that.

There's no teacher organizing this, no authority directing their activities by cell phone or walkie-talkie. These people are out there, doing the most mundane work of recruitment for whatever cause they serve. What does this tell you about the personal and participatory lives of Texas Tech students.

I've been at Tech for a couple of years now, and the one refrain I've heard time and again is that students are filled with apathy, apathy, apathy. Students don't care, don't do anything, don't give a damn. Tuition rises and students do nothing — therefore, logically, students are indifferent or just lazy.

The percentage of people voting for SGA representatives is small, so that must mean students are unconcerned with their university. A majority of students don't show up for some political cause, thus they don't care about anything. This is what the conventional wisdom says. But conventional wisdom in this case is dead wrong.

In most healthy societies, like Texas Tech or the United States, there are two different levels of public interaction.

First, the official, "political life," the one where we pay our taxes, go to the DMV, elect representatives, go to court, get drafted, etc. There's a lot of rules in that one, and a lot of paperwork, so that means there's a lot of numbers there too.

If students are apathetic about the political life of their campus, it's because they've learned from experience to put their effort where they can have real effect.

Political life is the most public, the easiest to see and to count. And if you look at this system, you can see where the argument comes from: if people aren't participating in official life, they must be self-absorbed and shallow.

But community is so much more than what is "officially" done. There also is what is called the "civic life," which is basically everything that goes on between citizens freely and voluntarily. And this is really what society is: tax returns don't make a village, bake sales and neighborhood picnics and Little League teams do.

Civic life between ordinary people is vastly more important than political life. A constitution without a civic life behind it is like Iraq. As one famous sociologist argued, it's not voting districts that tie people together, it's bowling clubs. Americans vote in low numbers, go to church in high ones. Americans are fond of a bumper sticker that tells readers they love their country but don't like their government.

The same thing applies to us here at Tech. We may not actively dislike the SGA or the administration, but in general we don't believe we have a voice in the matter. We're aware the real decisions regarding how much we pay in tuition or books are made down in Austin, or by big corporations. Two headlines reflecting

this were in *The UD* on April 13: "Report indicates textbook prices are vastly inflated," and "Senate allocates \$262,280 for student organizations." That's the supposed "apathy" story in a nutshell: students have learned college government and red tape is something they have to endure for four years, not fight.

So, instead of raising hell, they requested funds for this school of theoretically disenfranchised people, 160 organizations battled for a share of the pie, 20 organizations for more than before. Some apathy! Tech students are heroic joiners: fraternities and sororities, of course, but also for religious groups, juggling societies, philosophical and professional clubs, intramural sports.

A gentleman named Tom Benitscheck just started up a Hackysack Club, here at Tech. What kind of indifference produces a such varying products as a nationally-crowned meat-judging team, year-round full stadiums and arenas, and something like the Saddle Tramps? The non-existent sort.

If students are apathetic about the political life of their campus, it's because they've learned from experience to put their effort where they can have real effect. And there's the psychological aspect, too: when people reminisce about college, they don't talk about going to every Senate meeting or voting for SGA members; they'll speak instead about that cool rugby team they joined freshman year that they never left. And rightly they should.

Finders of fault when it comes to the passion of Tech students are looking in the wrong places. Off the official ledger, they're a marvel of commitment, and passion. As Roger Daltrey once sang, the kids are all right. As for the rumors of apathy? I couldn't care less.

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View from another university

Kerry must be more than not Bush to win

By Jesse Hicks/*The Pitt News*

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH—Who is John Kerry? This is the man Democrats and Descartes-reading Liberals are pinning their November hopes on. Does he live up to the hype? The answer is, of course, "it depends." It depends on what you think this election is about.

One thing it's about, for many on the left, is beating George W. Bush. Who can send the Cowboy back to his hobby ranch? The chant of "electability, electability," is spoken in quasi-mystical tones as, beginning with the Iowa primaries, Democrats divined Kerry has the best chance of defeating the president.

They're probably right — Kerry has lost only one election in his career, when a member of Nixon's dirty tricks crew sabotaged Kerry's first run at Congress. After that loss, in which his opponent tried to turn Kerry's service in Vietnam against him, Kerry left politics to complete law school and become a district attorney.

Ten years later, the political bug struck again, and Kerry ran for lieutenant governor. He won, and has been winning ever since. He has a knack for winning, an innate ability to recognize where and when to make the decisive move.

John Kerry is fond of resisting labels — I hope in this campaign he'll resist the 'Anti-Bush' label and define himself as a winner.

The back-story gives hope to those who want Bush gone. For them, the coming election is about winning, and Kerry is a proven winner. He's refused to criticize the situation in Iraq except in the most general terms, letting the Bush administration slowly bleed approval points without getting his hands dirty. Instead, he's focused on the economy, the huge deficit Bush has run up, and tax cuts that benefit the rich (including Bush and Cheney).

Yet, when I asked my friend what he thought about Kerry, he replied, "Well, he can't be any worse than Bush." Indeed. And it sounds as though, if Kerry is in need of a slogan, he might consider, "John Kerry: The Lesser of Two Evils."

This is the problem with running a campaign solely to beat the other guy, as many on the left want Kerry to do. Voters have two choices: Bush and Anti-Bush. That works for voters already rabid about overthrowing King George, but it won't bring in those who normally don't vote.

After doing more research, digging below Kerry's managed persona, I think he's a pretty good guy. As a prosecutor, he put mobsters behind bars. He investigated the Bank of Credit and Commerce International money-laundering ring, which got him in hot water with Democrats whose friends got caught in the dragnet. In the past he's had the support of Kurt Vonnegut and John McCain, and that's good enough for me.

John Kerry is fond of resisting labels — I hope in this campaign he'll resist the "Anti-Bush" label and define himself as a winner. Because in this election, I want something more than the more popular of two mediocrities, I — and the half of Americans who don't vote — don't want another human advertisement; we want someone who'll bring substance back to politics.

Americans should dial 9/11

When questioning this war on terror, we must recall what got us here

When emergencies occur, we Americans have a phone number that we can call anytime, to report the crisis and get help. That national number is the familiar 911. Almost everyone knows this fact: When you're in trouble, you need to dial 911.

I'd like to suggest that there's another, similar number that everyone in America needs to remember. It's the number 9/11, which represents the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001. This is a number we need to dial, regularly and frequently, so we don't forget what happened on that day.

Looking at what has happened in the world since that horrible day, I'd say there are numerous reasons for us to dial 9/11.

We need to dial 9/11 when we lose sight of what the world is really like, when we fantasize about human nature changing. Humans, by nature, always have been, are now, and always will be evil. Overcoming evil requires civilizing influences and enormous, continuous effort over time. To meekly assume that all people have only love in their hearts for all other people is to be willfully blind to reality. There are hate-filled killers out there. They want to kill us. And if we let them, they will.

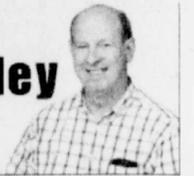
We need to dial 9/11 when we get so engrossed in "multiculturalism" and "diversity" that we think all cultures are alike, or equal in value. Some cultures build and achieve, others tear down and destroy. It isn't hard, looking at the world today, to tell which is which. Cultures steeped in tribalism, and facile murder are not the equal of more advanced cultures, despite the sins and mistakes of the more enlightened.

We need to dial 9/11 when we're tempted to appease evil, as the Spaniard voters did after their own "3/11" terrorist attack. "Just leave them alone," some think, "and they won't bother us." If history teaches us anything, it tells us appeasement NEVER works. Just ask the Saudis, who are now reaping the bitter harvest of 200 years of appeasement with the violent Wahhabi extremists. American appeasers, though they ought to know better, are making the same mistake.

We need to dial 9/11 when we are motivated by political bias to overlook what was happening in Iraq before the brave American army liberated it. When we do what David Geletter calls "the Holocaust shrug" — turning away from monstrous evil just because we would rather not look at it — we are committing the same sin as did the Germans who ignored the Nazi death ovens. Liberating Iraq from Saddam "Adolf" Hussein would have been justified even if there had never been a 9/11.

We really need to dial 9/11 when we spend time and energy trying to decide who to blame for 9/11. The fact is, not one American president, not one administration, has dealt effectively or competently with Muslim terrorism. Condoleezza Rice said it best: "For more than 20 years, the terrorist threat gathered, and America's response across several administrations of both parties was insufficient." I'd say more like 30 years. Where's

Tim Hadley



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Teddy Roosevelt when we need him?

It does no good to blame Americans for what happened TO us on 9/11. That's blaming the victims. The blame for 9/11 is on the killers who did the evil deeds of 9/11. They — not Clinton, Bush, Bill Gates, or Enron — bear the blame for 9/11.

I had a professor years ago, a German Jew, who had survived the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. He said people were always asking him, "Why didn't you leave Germany before it was too late?" In response, he spoke of "the limits of man's mind before Auschwitz." He stated emphatically there was no way anyone could have predicted what Hitler's idiotic policies would eventually lead to.

We are now in a similar situation. This clumsy casting looking for someone to blame is symptomatic of what got us here in the first place. There was no way anyone could have foreseen the horrors conjured up by the insane, hate-filled minds of the Islamic fanatics.

Our task now is not to vent (against scapegoats) but to prevent (another attack). The only way we will successfully do this is to put away the petty partisan inanities that inevitably accompany an election year (and that have become a sad staple of the 9/11 Commission), cast off the blanket of denial that is so comfortable in the short run, and achieve crystal clarity about our situation.

We are in a war, and if we do not win it, it will be the end of our civilization and the return of a new Dark Age. Muslim terrorists have declared war on the rest of the world. To ensure the survival of freedom, liberty, and liberal civilization itself, we need to dial 9/11, and keep dialing it as often as necessary, until we generate and maintain the resolve and unity needed to win this war.

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Letter to the editor

Two thumbs down for Eppler

For as many years as I have been here, Eppler has been giving reviews for new movies. In most of the reviews I would not agree with his views on the movie or why the movie was "bad."

His recent review on "The Alamo" in Wednesday's paper has finally broken the last straw. Too many times my friends and I read these reviews in disgust and wonder what could make him dislike a movie so much. "The Alamo" was a great movie for all viewers and turns out to be historically accurate in some but not all times and was a very entertaining.

It's too bad Eppler forgot that movies were supposed to be entertaining and not just for artistic or cultural values. I am sure many other students regret having him represent our paper with his column every time a new movie comes out.

What ever happened to movie critics that actually liked movies and gave them good representation? I have some words of advice for Eppler ... graduate and leave so that the next movie critic, who can't do any worse than his predecessor, can take over. It is time for a change, and he needs to go.

— Kenneth J. Kanipe, senior civil engineering from Houston.

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Public areas could be new source of STIs

PUBLIC PROBLEM: Toilets, tanning beds could transmit infectious diseases to users.

By Beth Aaron/The University Daily

Condoms have been proven to help prevent sexually transmitted infections while engaging in sex, but not many would think to use a prophylactic to protect themselves from diseases lurking on toilet seats and gym equipment.

It is physically possible to contract a sexually transmitted infection from public property if it has not been cleaned properly.

Dr. Kelly Bennett, medical director for Student Health Services at Thompson Hall, said it is possible to contract infections from surfaces such

as tanning beds, workout benches and toilet seats.

Molluscum contagiosum is a virus related to smallpox and monkey pox, Bennett said. Molluscum is a benign STI that is treated by physically removing the blisters associated with the virus, she said.

"It's probably one of two to three things you can get off of a tanning bed or a workout bench," he said. "It spreads just through sweating; which you do in a tanning bed."

Other viruses which can be transmitted in the same manner are mi-

croscopic lice, scabies, pubic lice and wart viruses, Bennett said.

"None of the things you can catch from this are dangerous," she said, "just nuisance."

More serious STIs such as AIDS/HIV, herpes, gonorrhea and chlamydia cannot be contracted through using public equipment after an ailing person, Bennett said.

Bennett said anyone who frequently uses tanning beds or gym equipment, or any other sweaty public surface should take caution and make sure what they are about to use is clean.

"As I was told in medical school: 'Trust no one,'" she said. "If you want to be protected, you've got to do it yourself."

Brad Woodward, owner and man-

ager of Aalon Salon located at 2422 Broadway Ave., said tanning salons are generally counted on to regulate themselves.

The Lubbock Health Department assists Woodward in making sure his salon is in compliance with health codes, he said.

"The inspections on tanning salons are pretty slack," Woodward said. "It's something that has to be consistently and correctly done to ensure you are getting the high level of sanitation."

Woodward said at his salon, he has two full-time employees who make sure that the tanning beds are clean at all times. He said he also provides his customers with the tools needed to clean the tanning beds for themselves.

Two different products are used to

clean the acrylic surface inside a tanning bed, Woodward said. The first and most important is a disinfectant similar to Lysol that kills 99.9 percent of bacteria. The second removes residue left by the disinfectant.

"When we're busy, we use disinfectant only," he said. "I know there's a couple of salons that allow people to clean their own beds — they don't clean them first."

About 200 people a day tan at Aalon, Woodward said. The majority of the clientele is female.

Woodward said he has never had a customer complain about contracting an STI from a tanning bed at his salon, but he has had complaints about allergic reactions to the disinfectant.

Suggestions Woodward made to

salon customers were to wear a bathing suit while tanning. If trying to avoid tan lines, he suggested clients use a towel to lie on when in the tanning bed.

"I think a lot of people, at least half, ask for an extra towel," he said, "so they can put one down to sit or lay on."

Still, Woodward said, the bottom line of protection is cleanliness.

Tanning in stand-up beds is an alternative, Woodward said. Aalon Salon will have stand-up beds next year, he said.

"Stand-up beds you would think would be much less likely; you only have to touch the handle," he said. "Another reason for us to buy stand-up beds — if people get leery of lying in a bed."

Spring

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receiver Carlos Francis. It was answered with authority by Filani.

Filani stepped into the role of a go-to guy in spring workouts and established himself as a force during the scrimmage. Filani pulled in nine receptions for 113 yards and a touchdown.

Cumbie said Filani will be a receiver to keep an eye on during the season because of his size. He is 6-

foot-3 and will be playing on the opposite side of another sophomore receiver Jarrett Hicks, who is 6-4.

"(Filani's) an impact player," Cumbie said. "And having a guy like him to compliment Hicks on the other side makes it tough for guys to defend us."

The defense may not have forced any turnovers, but linebacker Brock Stratton said the defense proved its worth on Saturday. Even if the defense did play well, it cannot be happy and grow complacent.

"We have all summer to get even better and get ready for next season," he said. "Coach Setencich is always challenging us to not be content with a little bit of success. It's easy to be humbled."

The Raiders are now one step closer to the start of the 2004 season Sept. 4 in Dallas against Southern Methodist, and Stratton said the defense, along with the rest of the team, has to continue to raise the bar higher and higher.

"Coach Setencich is always saying, 'high expectations,'" he said.

"You can't sit back and watch and not work hard if you have high expectations. You have to plan on meeting and exceeding those expectations."

Prior to the annual scrimmage a ribbon cutting took place to commemorate the opening of the new football training facility.

The facility is the new home of the football team's locker rooms, coaches' offices, training room, weight room, players' lounge and film rooms.



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/The University Daily

GREG DAVIS, A freshman mechanical engineering technology major from Lubbock, and Josh Stevens, a freshman education major from Farmersville, interact with Lubbock Early Learning Center's children at the puppetry booth Friday at the Student Rec Center.

HSC

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"It picks up on the overall desire to continue to propel both universities forward on academic enterprise," he said. "(Wilson) is deeply committed to the four areas he talked about."

Wilson said working toward goals of increasing funded peer review research, improving the health of the West Texas community, decreasing health disparities and increasing minority participation in HSC programs will bring the HSC closer to its potential.

"I challenge each school to critically examine their practices," he said. "No school is at an acceptable level."

Tuition deregulation has made it difficult to raise a large number of funds, Wilson said, and money may have to be reallocated because of a lack of funding for state education programs.

Nationally, \$900 million from National Institutes of Health is given to medical schools. HSC receives approximately \$5.5 million in NIS funding. Wilson said he would like to see at least a doubling of these numbers within the next five years.

"We deserve more than that," he said.

Students, professors and the Lubbock community must play an integral part in achieving these goals, Wilson said. He also challenged regional campuses in Amarillo and El

Paso with such tasks.

"The Health Sciences Center can become a major symbol of academic achievement," he said, "not only for Texas but the entire Southwest region."

Wilson said he would like to enhance the quality of students applying to HSC, attract more patients and recruit more faculty. Diversifying the faculty and student population would break stereotypes, improve classroom discussion and prepare students for the real world, he said.

"If Texas could close the gaps among racial ethnic groups," he said, "the socioeconomic impact would be huge."

Minority health students are more likely to work with underserved populations, Wilson said. Because there are so many underserved areas in the West Texas community, producing quality phy-

sicians in this capacity is important, he said.

"Unless there is a dramatic increase in Mexican-American (health students)," he said, "the incongruity in the Texas health workforce and general community will continue to widen."

Steven Berk, regional dean of the School of Medicine in Amarillo, said diversity should be a high priority, especially in Amarillo.

"To us it's very important because we really agreed to meet the health care needs of such a diverse population," he said.

Berk said though other efforts will take some time to get rolling, steps toward diversity can happen rapidly.

"I'm really optimistic about these goals," he said. "Some will happen more quickly than others."

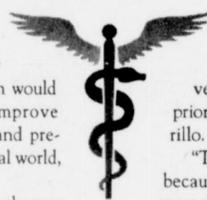
Alexia Green, dean of the

School of Nursing, said bringing together faculty from other El Paso and Amarillo enabled she and her colleagues to share common concerns and interests, she said.

"The most exciting thing to me about the whole day is that it brought together faculty and community from regional campuses," she said.

From a nursing prospective, Green said she is focused on the health disparities. However, this matter, as well as the tasks Wilson assigned to HSC, will be a challenging, she said.

"I think we're getting the vision, now we just have to find the resources," she said. "We have to allocate resources to these areas and resources are always short."



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LEFT: ALBERT MORALES, a senior design communications major from Levelland, views the work of Jennifer Buell at a dual art show at the Sara Waters' Studio/Gallery in Slaton.

THE MYSTERY OF DREAMS

Do dreams have underlying messages, reveal individual desires?

By Megan LaVoie/The University Daily

Once upon a time in Raiderland every student had a 4.0, tuition was a dollar and classes didn't start until noon — then you woke up. Nightly dreams have long been an essential part of sleep and society.

According to dreammoods.com, dream interpretation dates back to 3000 B.C. when humans' dreams were documented on clay tablets. Some experts believe early civilizations were incapable of making the distinction between their dream world and reality.

According to the Web site, the Greek and Roman empires ordered dream interpreters to accompany military leaders into battle. The Greeks and the Romans believed dreams were important signs sent to them by their gods and occasionally sent striking and significant dreams to the Senate floor for analysis.

Like many people today, ancient civilizations also turned to their thoughts at night looking for signs of warning or advice.

Dr. Randolph Schiffer, chairman of the department of neuropsychiatry, said dreams are an essential part of normal sleep architecture.

"Dreams are important to REM sleep (Rapid Eye Movement) and the human psyche," he said. "The content of dreams often represents what is important to people — even if they seem like nonsense, they usually have some underlying meaning."

Sigmund Freud, a famous psychologist in the early 1900s, believed dreams were an individual's subconscious desires coming to the surface. Freud believed nothing occurred by chance, and dreams gave one's unconscious desires the opportunity to act out.

Schiffer said most experts do not believe in Freud's theories.

"I don't believe dreams are a window to our unconscious," he said. "Dreams

signal thoughts and memories, and by dreaming, we are able to process those ideas."

Most experts agree dreams have meaning, but the exact meaning has yet to be determined.

"Dreams aren't magical," he said. "Some people think dreams are predictions which is bologna — they are an important process in our body, but they don't predict the future."

Abby Warren, a sophomore biology major from Houston, said she occasionally looks into her dreams for hidden meanings.

"You always hear about things in your dreams having underlying messages — I think that's true to an extent," she said. "I think some people get carried away, but its fun to read books about what your dreams mean."

According to Dreammoods, dreams are indispensable, and a lack of dreaming can imply a protein deficiency or a personality disorder.

Most dreams are pleasant and an escape from reality, but occasionally some people experience a more traumatic type of dream, often referred to as a nightmare.

According to the Association for the Study of Dreams, a nightmare is defined as a distressing dream that forces partial awakening for the individual.

Nightmares can induce a variety of feelings for the individual, but most often one feels fear and anxiety. According to ASD, nightmares are often caused by illness, medication, change in surroundings or a traumatic event.

While most nightmares are traumatic, statistics show that 50 percent of people who experience nightmares find they are fascinating and creative, not an emotional burden.

Some experts suggest keeping a dream diary to aid in interpreting and remembering dreams.

According to dreammoods, five minutes after the end of a dream half the content is forgotten and after 10 minutes 90 percent is lost.



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Tarantino cuts deep in 'Kill Bill Vol. 2'

Don't expect heads to roll and limbs to fly in every direction with "Kill Bill Vol. 2," the continuation of the violent revenge film writer-director Quentin Tarantino began with "Kill Bill Vol. 1" last year.

Tarantino has done something remarkable with this film.

While "Vol. 2" was filmed at the same time as "Vol. 1," it manages to almost be a completely different film.

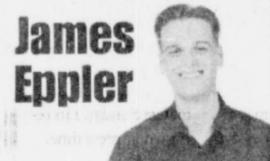
"Vol. 1" was a masturbatory exercise in gore and stylish filmmaking, but it lacked much of the characterization or sharp dialogue for which Tarantino has become known.

"Vol. 2" is a different experience. While it retains the elements of the first film in paying tribute to certain genres of film, the new movie is more concerned with story and characterization rather than a gore-fest.

As a memory-refresher, Uma Thurman plays The Bride (whose real name is always bleeped out when spoken), a former assassin who has abandoned her life in the Deadly Viper Assassination Squad to pursue a normal life complete with a husband and a baby that is already on the way.

Her former boss, Bill (David Carradine), and four other members of the squad crash the wedding dress rehearsal and kill everyone present.

Bill puts a bullet in The Bride's head, despite the fact that the baby growing inside of her is his. She wakes from a coma four years later and sets out on a mission of bloody ven-



geance.

She has a Death List with the names of five people — O-Ren Ishii (Lucy Liu), Vernita Green (Vivica A. Fox), Bud (Michael Madsen), Elle Driver (Daryl Hannah) and of course, Bill.

The Bride's mission does not get any easier in "Vol. 2" — which is saying a lot after she made chopped liver of the Crazy 88 fighters in "Vol. 1."

She has already crossed the first two names off her list in the first film, and is now after the final three.

At the beginning of the film The Bride assures the audience she's "killed a helluva lot of people," and got "bloody satisfaction," but when she gets to her final destination, she is going to kill Bill.

But she'll have to get past Bill's kid brother Bud, and the eye-patched and vicious Elle, both of whom are ready for The Bride to walk down their aisle.

Indeed, we wonder if The Bride will survive at all as Bud buries her alive in a small coffin. Those who suffer from claustrophobia will find horror as the screen goes black and all we hear are piles of dirt being dumped onto the coffin. When she finally

turns on the flashlight, the true terror of the situation sets in.

There's also a nasty catfight between The Bride and Elle, which ends with something that is equally hilarious and horrifying.

But as the story continues, Tarantino provides back-story in a series of flashbacks to better explain the characters and the reason behind The Bride's actions.

We are taken to the small church in El Paso, where The Bride's wedding rehearsal ends in a massacre.

There's also a flashback involving The Bride's training by the white-bearded monk Pei-Mei (Gordon Liu is terrific), who hates white American women, but finds white in his new pupil as he strokes his long beard with pleasure.

The surprises come one after the other as we learn The Bride's real name, the reason Elle Driver wears an eye patch, and what became of The Bride's daughter.

Insight is slowly revealed throughout the film about the relationship between The Bride and Bill like a person slowly stripping off his or her clothes piece by piece.

"Vol. 2" is more focused on the drama of this journey rather than the carnage necessary to complete it.

Uma Thurman is brilliant as The Bride who suddenly becomes human in this new film. Her reaction to a startling twist toward the end of the film contains equal measures of fury, joy and heartache.

David Carradine is deliciously sardonic as Bill, (a role originally intended for Warren Beatty), and Tarantino has written this fascinating character so well he almost becomes a sympathetic character.

We start to wonder if, indeed, The Bride will actually go through with it.

Tarantino has written some exquisite dialogue in this film that often brings huge laughs in the face of a tense situation.

He also toys with different styles by shooting certain scenes in a beautiful black and white, and he even changes his aspect ratio to 4:3 in one important scene to further convey a trapped feeling.

This is certainly a movie-geek's movie as we film nerds in the audience just love to nudge each other and savor the inside jokes, and Tarantino gives us more than a few jabs in the side.

"Kill Bill" in its entirety is a fantastic achievement in film. "Vol. 1" was a terrific action film, and "Vol. 2" adds depth and emotion to the story, giving audiences that final feeling of bloody satisfaction.

EPPLER'S RATING



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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- Dove's opposite
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By Doug Peterson
Pasadena, CA 4/19/04

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- Sphere of influence
- Nocturnal raptor
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- Lake near Plano
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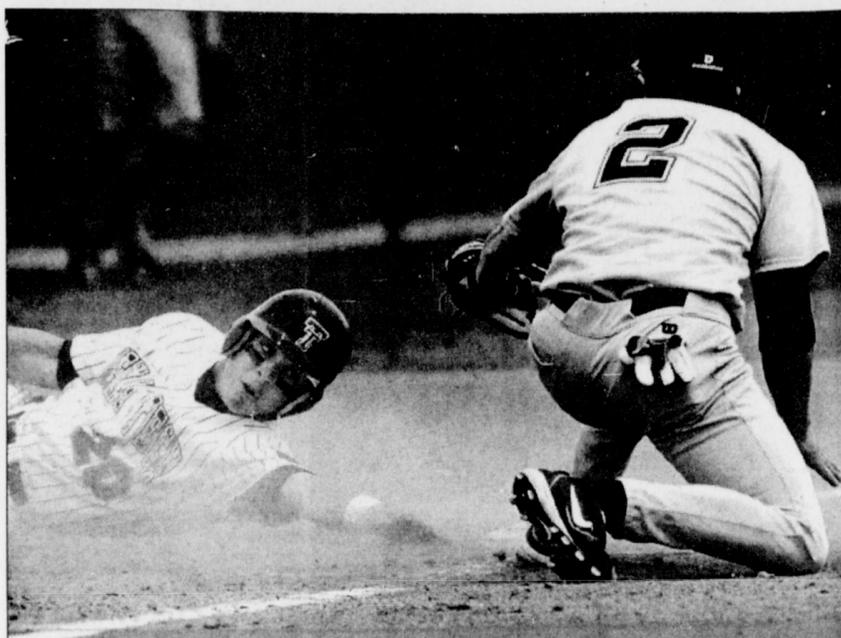
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Red Raiders sweep Wildcats over weekend



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SECOND BASEMAN JOSE Delgado reaches back for third base after sliding past Kansas State third baseman Zach Saunders during Tech's 8-2 win Sunday at Dan Law Field. The Raiders swept the three-game series and will play host to Abilene Christian at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

Like parents with a newborn child, Texas Tech head baseball coach Larry Hays said he had to give a name to the Red Raiders' new streak of conference wins.

"Good pitching," he said. "That's the name of the weekend if I had to give it one."

Tech (24-12, 6-5 Big 12) swept the series against Big 12 opponent Kansas State this weekend. Hays said with the Tech bats doing their part, the people on the mound had to step up.

"We pitched a good 27 innings in the three games, and that's something we hadn't seen in a while," he said. "And we did what we had to do offensively and defensively."

In the first two games, the Raiders took the series win, with an 8-3 victory on Friday night and a 3-0 shut-out on Saturday. The last game played on Sunday was no different from Tech's two prior outings.

Starting on the mound Sunday was junior pitcher Michael McGowan. He gave up two hits in the third inning to Kansas State. Senior Corey Gerstner took over, allowing one runner to score, putting them ahead of Tech 1-0.

Gerstner finished with the win, only allowing one more run in the sixth inning. He pitched five of the innings in relief, giving up seven hits and striking out two batters.

Gerstner said he did not reach his comfort zone stepping in for McGowan in the third inning.

"The bases were loaded after giving up a couple of hits, and I wasn't comfortable," he said. "But I got some run support from our offense, and the innings really do go by quicker."

With the win on Sunday, Gerstner

said the significance of the Raiders' second conference series win is put into perspective.

"It is real big. And I think the importance of the wins are often understated," he said. "We beat these guys, and we should."

In the fourth, the Raiders tallied four hits, setting up three runs and giving them a two-run lead going into the fifth inning. Junior left fielder Michael Mask led off with a single, and reached second on a stolen base. Senior third baseman Josh Haney got to first, putting runners on the corners.

A bunt by junior second baseman Jose Delgado enabled Mask to score before junior right fielder Madison Edwards hit an RBI single, bringing Haney home. Junior center fielder Cody Fuller hit a line drive double through the gap between the shortstop and third baseman to give Tech another run in the inning.

Fuller said finishing the day with two RBIs on a single and a double has been something he has been waiting on for a while.

"It has taken a long time to get hits like that," he said. "It feels real good, and it's been a long time coming."

Fuller said coming back from a 1-0 deficit in the third to lead 4-1 in the fourth is something the Raiders have learned to do from past situations.

"We know we can score runs when

we're behind, and that's good," he said. "It puts more pressure on them to come back, and it makes us more relaxed."

Tech scored once again in the bottom of the fifth, when junior designated hitter Dallas Braden reached home plate on a Wildcat wild pitch.

Kansas State answered back in the sixth with a run scored after an error by junior catcher Cooper Fouts, cutting the Tech lead to 6-2.

Tech came back to blank the Wildcats in the top of the seventh. The Raiders then put two more runs on the board with an RBI triple by Haney, bringing around Mask. Delgado knocked a single, sending Haney to score the

second run of the inning. Both the Wildcats and Raiders failed to score in the eighth, leaving Tech to take the 8-2 victory and the sweep of the series.

Hays said Tech felt more relaxed in the third game, coming off a five-game winning streak.

"We're the same team, and when you're more relaxed, you experience more success," he said. "When things aren't going well, you get in those slumps. We got to going over that, and we're in a new direction."

Tech faces a non-conference matchup against Abilene Christian at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Dan Law field before hosting Oklahoma this weekend for the Raiders' fifth conference series.

"We pitched a good 27 innings in the three games, and that's something we hadn't seen in a while."

— LARRY HAYS
Texas Tech Baseball Coach

Throwers dominate in Waco

The Texas Tech track team split up this weekend with the majority of the team traveling to Waco for the Michael Johnson Invitational where the team had 19 regional qualifying marks in its final competition before the Big 12 conference championship meet in two weeks.

The throwers highlighted the weekend as Jason Young turned in a dominating performance, taking home the gold in the discus and the hammer throw.

Young won first in the hammer with a throw of 183-5, giving him his second regional mark of the season in the event. Young won the discus, with a regional mark of 195-6. It brings his total of regional qualifying marks to seven, more than any other Red Raider.

Freshman Brad Kring had his first regional mark of the season with a third-place finish in the shot put with a mark of 54-8.

On the women's side Olivia Clardy took second place in the hammer, with a throw of 163 feet and Megan Schuessler scored a second-place mark of her own with a discus throw of 150-1.

Freshman pole vaulter Kelley Schulz broke her own school record she set two weeks ago, and turned in a regional qualifying mark with a height of 13-2 to take home first place.

On the men's side three vaulters had regional qualifying heights as Sage Thames and Bobby Most both jumped 17-10 as Thames took first in the event, having less attempts. Jared Thornhill also set a regional mark with a fifth-place finish of 16-10.

Tech's two competitors in the 3,000-meter steeplechase qualified for regionals as Stefanie Calhoun won first with a time of 10:44.08, a school record. Katie Leonard finished third, and recorded the second best time in school history with a time of 10:50.76.

Tyree Gailes finished third in the 100,

with a time of 10.40, a regional qualifying mark as well. Shawon Harris finished in second place in the 110-hurdles with a regional qualifying mark of 14.25.

A handful of Tech athletes traveled to the Mt. Sac Relays in Walnut, Calif., which showcased distance and mid-distance runners.

Brionne Yosten had a regional mark and set a personal best in the 5,000 turning in a 10th place finish with a time of 16:47.79.

Jonathan Johnson was scheduled to run the 800 meters Sunday. His results were not known at press time.

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Longhorn pitcher dominates Baylor

AUSTIN (AP)—J.P. Howell struck out 12 batters and Chance Wheelless went 2-for-3 with a pair of RBIs as Texas beat Baylor 11-1 in seven innings on Saturday.

The Longhorns (38-5, 11-3 Big 12) took a 4-0 lead in the second and scored four more in the fifth.

Baylor's Michael Griffin hit a solo home run in the fourth for the Bears' only run.

The game ended after the seventh because of the conference's 10-run rule.

Howell (8-1) got the win, allowing one run on four hits in seven innings.

Jared Theodorakos (3-2) took the loss for Baylor (16-21, 6-8), giving up four runs on one hit with two walks in two innings.

MYSTIC STARS

By Lasha Seniuk

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK ... Almost 14 months of slow business progress and social indifference is now ending. Friends, relatives and close colleagues may ask to participate more fully in your personal life. Welcome all such changes and expect expanding social involvement over the next eight months.

Aries (March 21-April 20). Over the next few days, friends and lovers may react strongly to new opinions or social changes. Group expectations and romantic passions are high. Take extra time to explain last-minute cancellations and long-term intentions.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Financial facts, permissions or paperwork are vital to the success of business ventures. Carefully research new ideas and check sources for misinformation. At present, workplace partnerships and complex projects will benefit from cautious planning and a relentless commitment to small details.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). New romantic proposals are passionate but unreliable. Enjoy compliments from potential lovers but wait for valid promises, public displays of affection or firm commitments. Love affairs and sensuality will be ongoing distractions. Remain determined and respond quickly to sudden reversals.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Love relationships will challenge your need for privacy. Someone close may wish to bring greater spontaneity into his or her lives. Creativity, romantic expression and group behavior may be key issues. Welcome all social changes.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Family decisions are unnecessary. Although loved ones may press for quick home revisions; this is not the right time for newly established routines or heated group discussions. Encourage patience and opt for light social encounters. Close relatives will soon follow your example.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Social habits and repeated emotional patterns are sources of private tension. Group activities may provide the needed relief. Plan outdoor events or explore new forms of entertainment. Loved ones will adopt renewed optimism and challenge unproductive behaviors.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Listen closely to the social needs and family expectations of loved ones. A long-term friend or relative may require added group support. Areas affected involve addictive behaviors, complicated relationships or unusual power struggles between friends.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Romantic partners may demand increased access to private family decisions. Community involvement and group awareness are key concerns for loved ones. Encourage a fresh perspective. Important relationships will eventually require dramatic emotional growth and serious choices.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Younger relatives may be temperamental or quick to anger. Don't be derailed. Close friends and family members will need extra time to explore a fresh social perspective or new family behaviors. Provide optimism and reassurance.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Friendly or innocent flirtations deepen. Expect rare complications between business partners or long-term friends. Although new attractions are rewarding, minor delays concerning dates, times or romantic promises may still be bothersome.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Someone close may reveal a powerful need for social or romantic change. Boredom, emotional withdrawal and long-term doubt may need to be publicly addressed. Loved ones need your continuing support. Offer constructive ideas and watch for steady changes.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Important business decisions are best avoided over the next eight days. Authority figures may feel briefly threatened by public announcements, probing questions or changing routines. Remain cautious, but respond quickly to valid opportunities for candid discussions.

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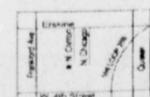
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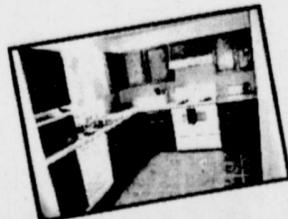


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Red Raiders slide in series with Aggies

By Adam Boedeker/
The University Daily

Texas A&M sophomore right fielder Rocky Spencer staked a claim this weekend that Rocky Johnson Field was hers, and to prove her point she pounded the Texas Tech pitching staff in a series sweep of Tech at The Rock.

Spencer came to Rocky Johnson Field and in two games went 5-for-7 from the plate with two homeruns, six RBIs and three runs scored.

"It'd be nice (if Tech renamed it)," she said. "To tell you the truth it's just cool to come to a field with 'Rocky' in the name. I like it; it's my new favorite place. It's my good luck field."

By Spencer's own admission she had not been hitting well recently, but that all changed this weekend. Her performance was capped off Sunday when she hit two homeruns in her first two at-bats.

"Everything started clicking," she said. "I got my pitch and swung as hard as I could, and it worked both times."

Spencer's homeruns were just the beginning of the problems for

Tech's team (19-30, 1-11 Big 12) as the Raiders lost both games to the Aggies (28-16, 10-1), 11-1 on Saturday, and 12-5 Sunday.

A & M jumped out to a 5-0 lead after two innings Sunday, but Tech would attempt to make the game competitive as the Raiders scored four runs in the bottom of the third inning.

Tech led off the third with four consecutive hits, hitting the cycle as a team with a single, double, triple and homerun.

Right fielder Ashley Parker led off the inning with a single, and Tech's next batter, center fielder Natalie Enderlin, tripled to right centerfield, bringing Parker home.

Elyssa Sigala took Aggie starter Lindsay Wilhelmson's (13-5) next offering to centerfield for a double, driving Enderlin home. Left fielder Kelly Rhyne ended the scoring run with a two-run homerun, giving Wilhelmson the exit.

Things would go the other way for Tech after that. After a scoreless fourth inning, the Aggies would add five more runs in the fifth inning as they batted through their entire order off a walk, four singles and a homerun by second baseman Sherah Atkins to bring the score to 10-4 in

the first of Tech's three miscues, bringing the team's total to 15 errors in the past three contests, something that Enderlin said must change.

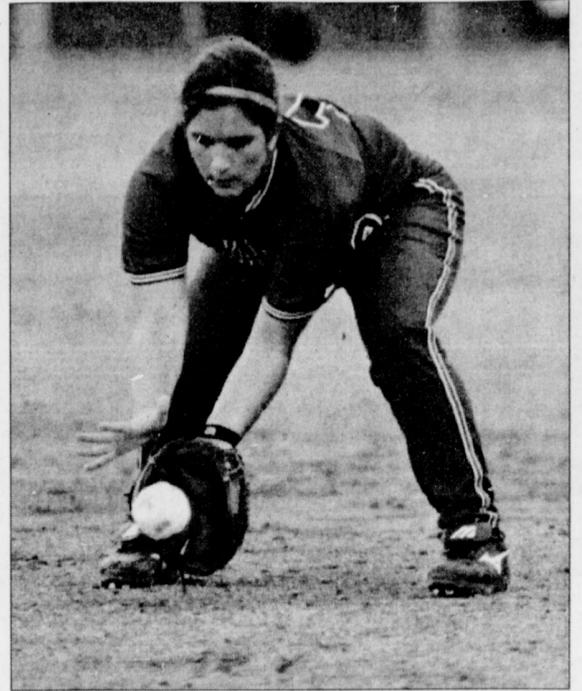
"I think it's just mental toughness," she said. "I think everyone goes out there and busts their butts, but if we get one error we have to let it go. Lately we haven't been able to do that, it just ends up snowballing on us."

Sigala added the mistakes could be a result of being physically tired after playing six games in five days.

"I don't know if it's a lack of focus or just being tired," she said. "But that doesn't matter, we should bring everything we've got, every day."

Since Tech has one conference win with four conference games remaining, some may feel the team has called it quits on the 2004 campaign, but the players feel differently.

"I don't think the word quit has ever crossed anyone's mind," Sigala said. "We're just in a lull right now. We're focusing too much on how to do things instead of just doing them. When you think too much it can hurt you, that's what I see going on right now."

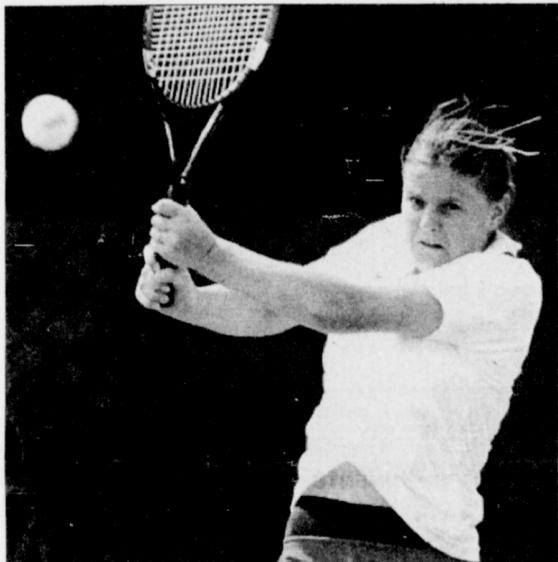


TRAVIS GLODT/The University Daily
SECOND BASEMAN BRITNEY Stolle fields a groundball during Tech's 12-5 loss to Texas A&M on Sunday at Rocky Johnson Field.

"I don't think the word quit has ever crossed anyone's mind. We're just in a lull right now. We're focusing too much on how to do things instead of just doing them."

— ELYSSA SIGALA
Texas Tech
Designated Player

No. 18 Oklahoma sweeps through Tech at McLeod 7-0



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/The University Daily
IRINA TERESCHENKO RETURNS the ball to her opponent in Tech's 7-0 loss to No. 18 Oklahoma on Sunday at McLeod Tennis Center. The Raiders will finish their season on the road at Texas this weekend.

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

Even though she was given flowers to commemorate her four years at Tech, senior Kendall Brooks said material things do not prove her worth to the Red Raiders' effort on the court.

"I don't need them to give me roses to feel appreciated," she said. "They appreciate me the same way I appreciate them."

The Texas Tech women's tennis team (11-8, 4-6 Big 12) lost to the No. 18-ranked Oklahoma Sooners (17-3, 6-2) on Sunday at the McLeod Tennis Center, 7-0, leaving the Raiders with one more match to play before the conference tournament. But finishing their home schedule with a loss is something Brooks said she was upset about.

"I'm disappointed in my play. I hoped to go out with a win," she said. "You win some or you lose some. We came up short today, and we have to put it all together on the same day."

Brooks fell in her match in straight sets at the No. 2 position for Tech.

With the loss, she said it hurt her status in singles, but also the team's points in the final results.

"We all play individually, but we play for everyone in the end," Brooks said. "We'll do what we always do, and we'll learn from it."

But with only one match left in the regular season, Brooks said there is not much the Raiders can learn from the loss, except to keep playing at the level they have been.

"This late in the season, there's nothing technique-wise you can change, or just changing things you can do," she said. "We just have to keep strong, especially against Texas, and that match is a new day."

Head coach Cari Groce said Tech needs to find an overall consistent play-

ing level on the courts throughout the entire lineup in order to be successful.

"I'm pleased with the play today, but not everybody had great days," she said. "We were stronger at some positions than others. We need a sustained level of play, and it will give us hope."

The Raiders were faced with a tough team in Oklahoma, but Groce said there were a few things from the Sooners that enabled them to come out on top.

"OU is a great team. I give credit to them," she said. "We would make a push, and they would push back harder. Good teams do that."

Senior Irina Tereschenko lost two close sets against a nationally ranked opponent from Oklahoma. But those few points make the difference in the

match she said.

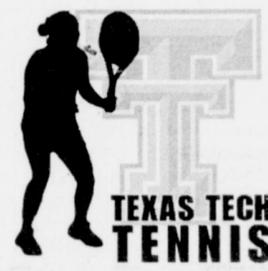
"I think I'm able to compete at the Big 12 level, but it is only a few points in the match that determine the result," Tereschenko said.

Those results were not in favor of the Raiders. Tech finished the match losing two of three doubles matches, and all six singles matches.

Since the season began, Tech has done nothing but turn the program around, Tereschenko said. With a 3-17 finish last season, she said there are not enough words to convey her gratitude toward Groce and the rest of the team.

"The season has been great, and I want to express my appreciation of the coaches and the players," she said. "We've turned around the program, and each loss we get, we incorporate the things we learn into the next match."

Tech hits the road to face Texas at 1 p.m. Saturday in Austin for the Raiders' last match of the regular season. The Big 12 Championships will take place beginning April 28 and continuing through May 1 in Norman, Okla.



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Stars eliminated from playoffs in first round

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars are heading into the NHL's uncertain offseason with legitimate questions about their own future.

Owner Tom Hicks has to be tired of paying one of the league's largest payrolls and getting so little back on his investment. Dallas has won just one playoff series the last three years.

The latest knockout came Saturday, when Colorado ended a first-round series in five games. The Avalanche outscored the Stars 19-10 overall, with nine goals coming in first periods to put them in control of every game.

"I'm surprised," captain Mike Modano said. "I thought we had great plans in store for us last fall to look forward to. I thought we had assembled a team that could be competitive and play deep into the playoffs."

Hicks spent \$68 million on this season's roster and already has \$44 million committed to just 10 players for next season. How he builds around those players, or if he even keeps them all, will soon be major issues.

He also must decide whether general manager Doug Armstrong and coach Dave Tippett are the people he

wants shaping and guiding the club.

Problem is, all NHL business could soon be put on hold. With labor issues looming, teams are likely to sit tight until they know what the new rules are.

That could leave the team and its fans plenty of time to stew about this first-round flumeout.

"Who would have thought this," said Bill Guerin, a \$9 million forward who failed to score a goal this series. "It was our worst nightmare."

The Stars started slowly this season while adjusting to the absence of defensive leader Derian Hatcher, who left as a free agent. They hit their stride midway through the season and even had a chance to get home-ice advantage in the first round until goaltender Marty Turco was suspended.

Through it all, Dallas never really gained an identity.

The Stars lacked the consistency and depth to be considered an offensive power. Without Hatcher, they couldn't even pretend to be the defensive-oriented club they once were, no matter how well Turco played at times during the regular season.

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Perkins selected by Charlotte

Former Texas Tech Lady Raider Jia Perkins will get to play basketball professionally as she was drafted by the Charlotte Sting in the third round of the WNBA draft on Saturday.

Other players joining Perkins on the Sting this year are Stanford's Nicole Powell, who was selected third overall, and Penn State's Kelly Mazzante, who was picked up in the

second round. Jenni Benningfield of Vanderbilt was also selected in the second round by the Sting.

Perkins led Tech in scoring with 16.1 points per game before leaving the team for undisclosed medical reasons in mid-January. She was named first team All-Big 12 her junior season.

Other notable selections from the Big 12 Conference are: Nicole Ohlde

(Kansas State), sixth overall pick to the Minnesota Lynx; Maria Villarroel (Oklahoma) in the third round to the Phoenix Mercury; Evan Unrau (Missouri) in the third round to the Washington Mystics; Toccara Williams (Texas A&M) in the third round to the San Antonio Silver Stars; and Stacy Stephens (Texas) in the third round to the Houston Comets.

Men's tennis closes season, await Big 12 tournament

The Texas Tech men's tennis team traveled to Oklahoma for two matches to close out the regular season against Oklahoma State and Oklahoma.

In their match in Stillwater on Saturday the Red Raiders came up one point short with a 4-3 loss to the No. 29 Cowboys. Tech's three points

came in singles competition with Jakob Paulsen beating the 25th ranked player in the nation Mark Van Elden. Freshmen Bjoan Szumanski and Dinko Halachev tallied Tech's other two points.

The doubles team of Teddi DiBlasi and Michael Innerbner defeated the duo of Juan Felipe Diaz and Tomas Bohunicky, but no other Raider team

could get a victory to claim the win for Tech.

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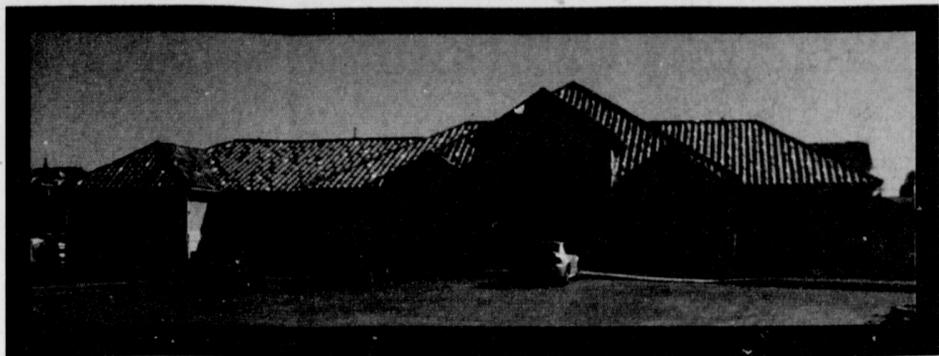
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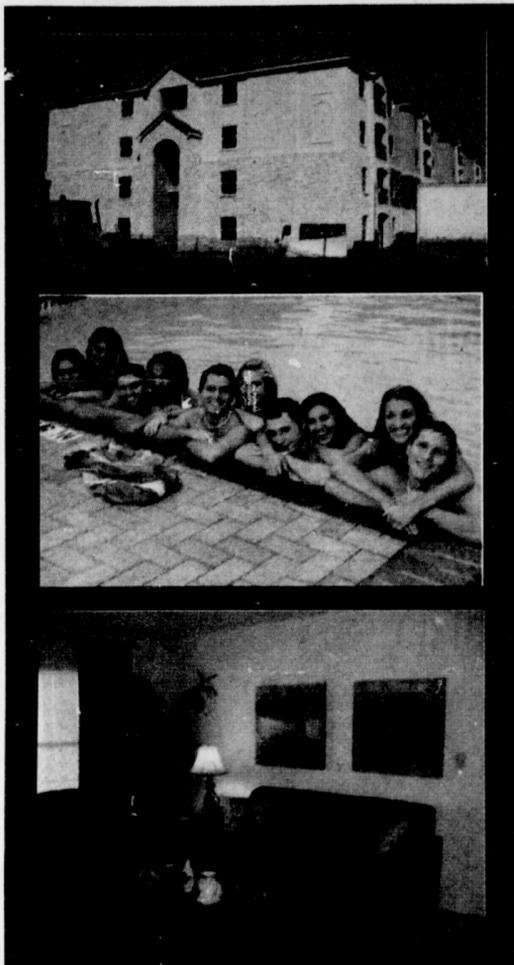
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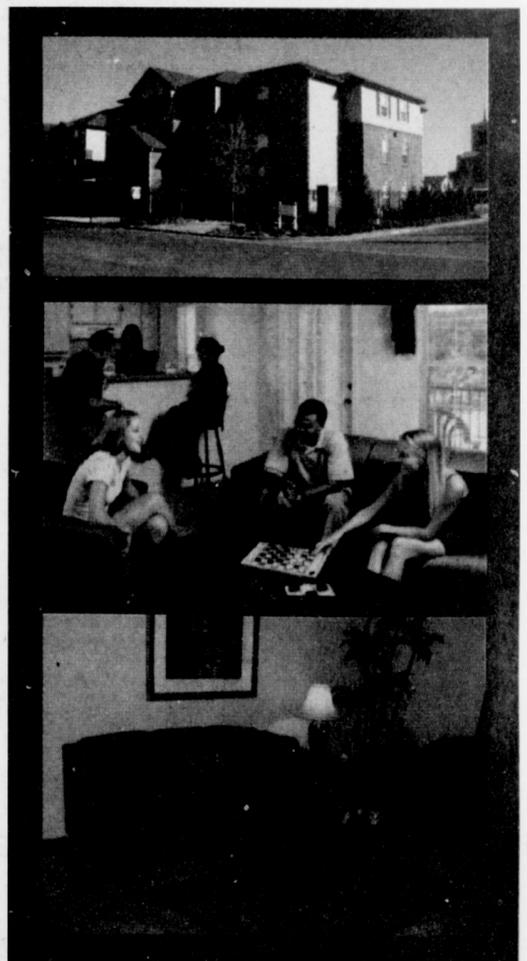


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A look at where sportsmanship is heading in the Big 12



CROSSING ?

the line.

Officials discuss the positive ways students can support their teams

By Joey Kirk and photos by Jaime Tomás Aguilar /The University Daily

It may be protected under the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution, but the use of four-letter words at sporting events can cause consequences.

So, with that information does freedom of speech include all areas of "speech?"

Texas Tech athletic director Gerald Myers said it does to an extent.

"I think, like anything else, the freedom of speech has limits on what you can say," he said.

A situation in the Atlantic Coast Conference caused concern at college campuses throughout the nation. After numerous Maryland students chanted explicit comments and wore shirts reflecting a certain four-letter word during a basketball game against Duke, several other conferences, like the Big Ten Conference, have threatened to take away student seating because of the continuing problems.

Myers said similar events can be prevented, but action must be taken by the fans in the crowd.

"Cheering can be done with some class other than using profane and vulgar language," he said. "There's nothing wrong with testing a guy's mentality, and sometimes it fires the teams up. It's all out of good fun."

When those derogatory remarks are directed toward an opposing team, Myers said the fun is taken out of the game, and the spirit of the game has been violated.

"Fans are supposed to be there to create a great home atmosphere, not to be hateful to the other teams," he said.

As for Tech fans, Myers said they have been fairly reasonable with the use of language at games. The Raiders' opponents however, especially in men's basketball, tend to single out certain targets to chastise, such as head coach Bob Knight.

"Knight takes more abuse than anybody, I think," he said. "With signs and comments, he handles it well, but we do get negative reception in those areas when we travel."

One thing the Big 12 Conference has done since its inception in 1996 to keep problems from arising, assistant commissioner Bo Carter said, is keeping a close watch on what fans say to the opposing teams and players.

"We have tried to diffuse the use of language and razzing opposing players by using a buffer zone," he said. "It's just one way we've monitored the situation and maintained crowd control around the conference when it comes to free speech."

At Tech, the buffer zone at basketball games is created by the Saddle Tramps, Carter said.

Although the fact the issue is gaining momentum, Carter said the Big 12 has not discussed any other action toward curbing inappropriate speech at sporting events.

"We haven't gotten into the language deal as of yet," he

said. "We work on things during an annual basis, and that will probably be one of the issues this year. In our first eight years, it hasn't been a gigantic problem."

Carter said he appreciates the good fortune the Big 12 had had as opposed to other conferences.

"It's minor, isolated things here, not major episodes that were in the Big 10," he said. "It's very unfortunate for them, but we've been fortunate that 98 percent of the fans here set good examples, while the other two percent scream obscenities."

Robert Cameron, a project manager for Tech's facilities, planning and construction department and a football official in the Western Athletic Conference, said he is privy to derogatory comments by fans but has learned to ignore the comments yelled.

"Some people are idiots. I hear the boos and that kind of thing, but we have it ingrained that we don't listen to those, and they don't bother us," he said.

Although he is a member of an officiating crew, Cameron said he would not care to hear some comments if he were only a spectator.

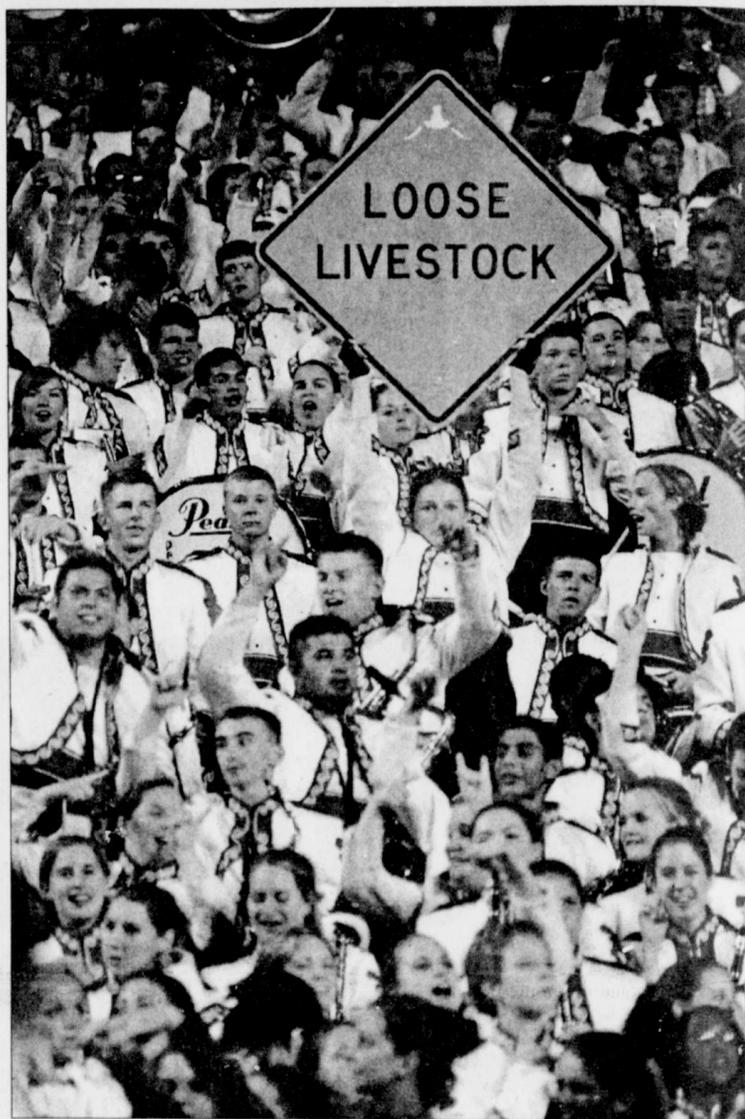
"I don't want to hear slanderous comments," he said. "In the U.S., people are able to have some measure of free speech, but sometimes it crosses the line. When it gets into the realm of slander, I suppose action should be taken."

Myers said there is a fine line that explains what can be said at games and what should not be said.

"As long as it is not infringing on other people's rights, it is not harmful or unlawful to anyone," he said. "But if it goes over that line, it presents a bad image for the school."



TOP: TEXAS TECH fans give the 'Horns down sign' as a child watches while Texas takes the court for its Big 12 Tournament game. RIGHT: The Goin' Band from Raiderland cheers during Tech's loss to Texas in Austin. ABOVE: An errant tortilla lays on the Reliant Stadium turf during Tech's Houston Bowl win against Navy.



FINAL?

destination

How too much fanfare can hurt a team

By Joey Kirk and photos by Jaime Tomás Aguilar /The University Daily

The sportsmanship of fans can often have an effect on how a game is played, as Texas Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith pointed out.

"There was an incident at the Cornell-Harvard hockey game, where Cornell players were benched for their fans throwing dead fish on the ice and for yelling derogatory remarks," he said. "It left them a little short-handed, and it gave them a minor disadvantage."

Freedom of speech has been a heated issue surrounding national college conferences during the past few months. The question at hand is what is going to be done about the incidents, such as the one listed above, and what can be done to prevent it from happening again.

Smith said instead of punishing teams for their fans' behavior, another compromise should be made.

"We should reward good sportsmanship by students and by conferences," he said. "If we reward people for doing things the right way, they will embrace the issue more than they would if we punished them for doing wrong."

Even with the idea of rewarding fans and teams for their good sportsmanship, Smith said officials have to look at both sides of the issue.

"We can look at ways to enforce it, where it can hurt the team, like I stated before," he said. "And you can look at how we can contain it. It is an open debate that will be part of this and other campuses in the future."

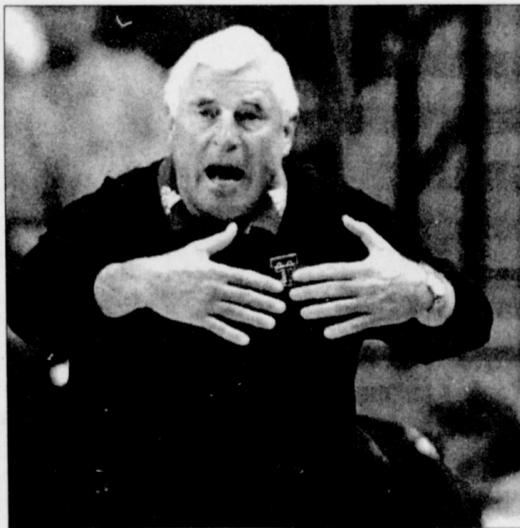
The Big Ten conference has enforced a "three strikes and your out" theory about freedom of speech at sporting events, and Big 12 commissioner Kevin Weiberg said the conference is still determining how to deal with the problem, but it is not a major discussion at this point.

"We will definitely discuss it in our upcoming meetings, but we're not overemphasizing it, and it's not at the top of our agenda," he said. "We're watching to monitor national development on the subject, but I don't think the fans are any worse here than they are in any other conference."

Weiberg said for some time he has noticed a negative trend among fans and student sections in the Big 12, but it is not a new development.

"I think there's a general sense of a growing hostility at these events from the fans," he said. "But the Big 12 isn't the only one who has noticed. It's a national concern."

With no conference policy set in stone or on pace to be, Weiberg said the Big 12 wants universities to stress the impor-



ance of the issue.

"We're trying to work back through institutions and student groups," he said. "We have to have students buy in to it, and they have to be willing to self-police themselves for the common effort."

A student committee established by the Student Government Association at Tech to address some of the factors leading into the discussion of freedom of speech at games and contests.

SGA President Jeremy Brown said improving fan conduct has to start somewhere, and it begins with the first days on campus.

"Where we're going to improve is having a more positive attitude," he said. "We're talking about starting at Red Raider camp as an avenue for this, that way, we don't see anything detrimental to students, like taking away seating at those events."

With the threat of removing student seating by the Big 10, Brown said Tech has worked on ways to keep it from happening here.

"We've found ways to steer away from those chants and yells," he said. "We try to leave as little down time as possible, by having the band play and the cheerleaders out on the field or courts."

So what is Tech going to regulate speech deemed inappropriate at games? Athletic Director Gerald Myers said he does not know.

"That's a good question," he said. "I see changes throughout the nation to try and clean up college athletics. There have been a lot of reforms as conduct is concerned."

Already, Tech and the Big 12 have issued policies to keep fans from rushing the fields or courts, and Myers said the athletic department will continue to make similar decisions.

"Changes are being made in the NCAA to the conference level to filter down to the schools," he said. "We took steps by not letting fans on the field. We beefed up security to ensure safety of the fans. This is just another step."

Although Myers said Tech is making moves to address the issue, the Big 12 and Tech have not determined any way of preventing problems from occurring. But Myers said the officials are trying to be proactive in the manner.

"We just want an environment that people can enjoy," he said. "And people don't enjoy a hostile situation."

'No Pass Out' policy stays out of Raiderland

No changes will be made to the policy inaction for the 2004 football season, but Texas Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers said fans leaving at halftime can expect to undergo the same security procedures when they re-enter.

The concept of the "No Pass Out" policy was discussed throughout the Big 12 conference and at Tech.

The idea of the policy is fans leaving the game at halftime would not be able to return to the game prior to the end.

Myers said although it was created and presented to all universities within the conference, it will not be initiated because of unpopularity.

"It was brought up at the conference level, and it would make it that everybody would have it," he said. "But a lot of the schools didn't like it, and fans are not in favor of it."

The primary reason the concept was developed in the first place, Myers said, was to ensure a safe environment for all of the attendees at the events.

"The main thing is we're concerned about the safety, the environment and the well-being of our fans," he said. "There will still be strict security at the games and the gates before they start."

Consumption of alcoholic products is another reason the policy was constructed by the Big 12. Myers said fans or students that appear to leave and "tailgate" during halftime will probably have a hard time returning into the walls of Jones SBC Stadium for the remainder of any game.

"If someone appears to be intoxicated, they probably won't get back in," he said.

Additionally to these rules and regulations, Myers said during halftime there will be a few selected gates that are open for people returning to the games.

"There'll only be a couple of gates open," he said. "The entire issue is trying to gain control of the crowd and eliminate problems, incidents and undesirable behavior."

Although the policy is dormant now, Myers said it may arise at any time.

"If it becomes a problem again, I think we might see it come back as an issue we have to address," he said.

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WHAT THE TICKET HOLDERS HAVE TO SAY

Kyle Clark



Free speech protected in stadiums

Freedom of speech is all we have. The words beckoned to me while I was in bed watching Comedy Central's "Tough Crowd."

The panel of comedians on the show was debating the decision by Clear Channel Communications to pull Howard Stern off the air and raise the fines for inappropriate speech on the radio waves.

A comedian bellowed the remark about free speech being the only thing Americans have left. The audience began the obligatory clap in appreciation for the best point made during a three-minute rant by five comedians.

But unlike most instances on the show, his point was immediately overshadowed when the other comedians asked if one could say whatever they want on the air. Then they asked where the line should be drawn. Confusion ensued.

And confusion is ensuing in the world of college athletics. The question is whether fans have the freedom to bellow insulting, inappropriate words and phrases during sporting events.

The answer, no one knows the answer.

It is a topic, much like the one surrounding Stern's show, that was bound to surface sooner or later.

The United States was founded on the belief that everyone should have the freedom to say what they believe or, in a less honorable instance, what they want.

At the time this more than likely meant any white man could say President Woodrow Wilson, or any other public official, was out of his mind for making some decision.

Things change though. As Americans, we have become different. Better or worse? Maybe a little of both. As a public we are less racist, sexist and more understanding of alternative lifestyles, but we are also more vulgar, less intelligent and much more lazy.

Not that I'm criticizing society, because I am extremely vulgar, dumb and lazy.

The point remains, though, through the First Amendment citizens of this nation are allowed to say what they believe or want.

Having the freedom to criticize a public official for an unfair decision is no more protected under the law than calling a coach, player or official any four-letter expletive that comes to mind.

So there's a kid sitting in the crowd. So what? It doesn't say anything about youngsters in the First Amendment.

People at sporting events have the right to say whatever they want, especially students, because they are herded off into their own sections where their jeers are away from the ears of youngsters altogether.

What if all these students join together and yell obscenities as a group? Then everyone can hear the inappropriate speech. Well, it doesn't say anything about group chants in the First Amendment either.

So should there be any steps taken to prohibit what can be said by fans at sporting events? Not unless the United States wants to change the law.

The conferences, aside from the Big Ten, which has implemented a three-strikes-and-you're-out policy, and the NCAA continue to rely on universities to police fan behavior. The universities as a whole are continuing to rely on fans to police themselves.

The Big Ten sets an interesting precedent in this situation. Its decision, which would do away the student section at universities that are warned three times for singling out a single player and chastising them punishes the student body for something that is not illegal.

Until the United States government decides the First Amendment does not apply to contemporary society fans should be allowed to police themselves.

Basically the vulgarities spilling from the mouths of fans at sporting events are wrong and inappropriate, but not illegal. When at a game and I hear an obscene comment I shudder, but I don't chastise the individual for their comments. It's their right to say what they want.

Freedom of speech is still all they have, at least for now.

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the FANS' perspective



Red Raiders discuss when taunting goes too far

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

Heckling at sporting events is part of the game, but Chris Snead said he has a unique way of doing it without ruining the reputation of Texas Tech and the Tech Hecklers.

"Our motto is that anyone can say you suck. The Hecklers tell you why you suck without using that word," he said.

The four-letter word is not commonly associated with foul language at the college level, but Snead said even the slightest bit of derogatory remarks can hurt a school's reputation.

"We're here to represent the university," he said. "The first thing you say builds or ruins a reputation. You lose credibility by using filth and vulgarity."

The Hecklers carry a strict code of conduct, Snead said, and if one of the members break it, they are confronted. The reason for such strict guidelines is other fans are there to enjoy the game, not to hear disparaging statements, he added.

"When you buy a ticket, you have to understand that other people are there," Snead said. "There are rules, and we try to be clever and funny in the process."

Instead, Snead said the Hecklers create new ways to razz players on opposing baseball teams.

"There are other techniques to be intimidating without using foul language," he said. "We don't make it personal."

Garrett Luft, a senior exercise and sport sciences and history major from Midland, said as part of the Student Heckler Association, he undergoes the same concepts and ideas as Snead. An instance of vulgarity at Tech he noticed this basketball season occurred during the final game against Texas in the United Spirit Arena.

"If anyone was at the UT game or even watching it, you could tell clearly that the students adjust the fight song," Luft said. "Just sing the fight song. There's no need to pervert it with that stuff."

The No. 1 reason Luft has for eliminating the vulgarity and foul language at games is because the youth of Lubbock are at those events.

"That is why there is no place for it," he said. "Don't screw it up for the kids, and it's even worse when their father does. I've seen it happen."

Like Luft, senior Randy Miller said he agreed that freedom of speech can get out of line when small children are involved.

"If I had kids, I wouldn't want to take them to a game and hear that," he said. "I think to a certain point, it is okay. But cheering should be loud and create a good environment for spectators."

The only way to correct the problem before it worsens, Snead believes, is by students self-electing themselves as leaders.

"It probably wouldn't be as bad if one or two students stepped up, and put a stop to it," he said. "It can't be an adult, because college kids won't listen."

A situation in the Atlantic Coast Conference arose concern at college campuses throughout the nation. After numerous Maryland students chanted explicit comments and wore shirts reflecting a four-letter word during a basketball game against Duke, several other conferences, like the Big Ten Conference, have threatened to take away student seating because of the continuing problems.

Snead said he thinks students at the Duke versus Maryland game is indicative of what is going on throughout the nation.

"The same situation happens everywhere, but Maryland is a big topic now," he said. "They were given more leeway, and if they don't self-police themselves, the situation at Maryland could happen anywhere."

The only lesson Snead said he got from Maryland's problems is the fact it is all right to do whatever he pleases.

"It tells me I have the right to cuss," he said. "I believe in the freedom of speech, but I still watch what I say."



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Raider Rant

Should fans in student sections be able to say whatever they want at sporting events, or should they be punished for saying certain things?



Jennifer Sheridan, a junior public relations major from Sherman

"I think it's disrespectful, and it doesn't show a lot for the school. I don't think it can be enforced though."



Seth Green, a senior journalism major from Lubbock

"It's a state-supported institution. They can't deny the students their freedom of speech and First Amendment rights. But I think it shows a lack of maturity on the students part. The administration could do whatever they want to enforce it, but I don't think it would be right."



Lisa Smallwood, a sophomore chemistry major from New Braunfels

"I think people should be classy. There's a mature way to be upset. You can get into the game but there's a difference in just getting into the game and being obnoxious. Students should be mature about it."

PLAYER PERSPECTIVE



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/The University Daily

FORMER TEXAS TECH receiver Carlos Francis slaps hands with fans after Tech's loss to Oklahoma at Jones SBC Stadium.

Big 12 athletes share views on what fan behavior is appropriate

By Adam Boedeker/The University Daily

A player gets verbally attacked by an opposing fan; another hears chants of curse words from a sold-out arena. These scenarios may remind one of a Chicago White Sox home game, but they are examples of what has happened recently in college basketball.

These incidents have brought concern from many parties about students rushing the court and cussing at college sporting events.

An incident occurred on Jan. 5, 2002, when then-Texas guard T.J. Ford dove for a loose ball out of bounds and knocked over a pregnant woman at Oklahoma State. He was subsequently choked by her husband.

OSU forward Ivan McFarlin was present and said all fault fell on the fan.

"I love our fans, but first of all the woman was pregnant at the time," he said. "I think the husband took it out of hand and thought he meant to do it, and came at T.J. and attacked him, but the lady shouldn't have been (that close to the floor)."

The issue of fans being too close to the action has also been brought up regarding fans rushing the court after victories.

McFarlin said fans should wait until the opposing team leaves the floor if they want to celebrate with their team.

"There's some cases with players getting hurt and fans getting in fights and things getting out of hand with people rushing the floor," he said. "There's nothing wrong with fans supporting effort, but there is a boundary to how much our fans can really support us. They should really talk about it because the last couple of times fans have run out on the court some things haven't been too good."

Another incident occurred Jan. 2 in College Park, Md., where Duke was facing its Atlantic Coast Conference rival Maryland.

Fans wore T-shirts saying "Fuck Duke" and at the end of the game when Duke star J.J. Redick was at the free throw line, fans began chanting "Fuck You J.J."

Recently, some officials from various conferences have begun looking to see if First Amendment rights include the right to yell profanities at sporting events.

A decision reuling against cursing at games would not bother OSU guard Daniel Bobik. He said he could do without the cussing.

"I think profanity is uncalled for," he said. "With some of the stuff said to players, I mean, they're just players, and I don't like it when they do it to me."

Texas forward Brian Boddicker said he gets harassed wherever he goes, and that is the great thing about college basketball. He thrives on it.

"They can say whatever they want," he said. "Some of the stuff is pretty creative and funny. Sometimes I laugh with them, it's all in fun."

Kansas guard Aaron Miles agreed fans should be able to cuss if they want to.

"Cussing is fine," he said. "Man, we're grown men. You hear cuss words everywhere. You've gotta be able to take that. I think we should be able to say whatever we want back to them though."

Miles was a target of a famous recent "heckling campaign" last season when a photograph was obtained from the Internet of teammate Kirk Heinrich and him, on the court, with the two players in an awkward position.

At opposing teams' arenas the Jayhawks traveled to fans were holding up signs with the picture, but Miles did not mind.

"Stuff doesn't really bother me too much," he said. "I think it's funny. They had a picture of me standing behind Kirk when he was bending over, and that's funny. It's funny stuff, you know."

While cussing and embarrassment tactics may not be a problem for Miles, he said there is a line that can be crossed.

"There's some things that can be inappropriate," he said. "Like last year, coach (Roy) Williams' family member was sick, and they



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TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Taurean Henderson points to the sky after a touchdown run during the Red Raiders' loss to Texas in Austin.

had a sign saying something about it. That's out of line."

He said the line of talking about someone's family should never be crossed.

"Basically, just talking smack is cool," Miles said. "But talking about serious situations like family members dying, that's where you gotta draw the line."

Miles' fans were an object of discussion on Jan. 25 when the Jayhawk faithful at Allen Fieldhouse heckled Colorado center David Harrison to the point of him getting in a shouting match with the student section.

Harrison has a history of letting opposing fans get into his head, and this was no different. Miles said it is part of college basketball.

"I don't know what they said to the big man, but as long as it wasn't about his family members or something it's cool with me," he said. "If they say like 'hey big man, whoop whoop' or whatever, it's cool."

Missouri guard Rickey Paulding said while cussing may be a problem, there is nothing that can be done to fix it.

"I think sometimes it crosses the line," he said. "But you can't really control that. For the most part, the student section is what makes us go, it makes college basketball. People are gonna do whatever they want to do, so there's not much that can be done."

Texas coach Rick Barnes said the problem of fans getting out of line should be stopped, and can.

"I think people are coming to games now thinking it's a license to do whatever you want to do," he said. "You want people to get excited for their team and have a great time, but there's a line that you can't cross."

Barnes said there is a way acts of profanity can be addressed.

"You know what? If people would pretend their parents were in the stands, and act that way, I think we'd be a lot better off," Barnes said. "It goes back to treating people the way you want to be treated. What they don't realize is that you go on the road and their team is getting that. It's definitely something we've gotta look at."

Barnes said both problems can be fixed, and the violations are enforceable. However, he said, it will take adjustments.

"I think it's enforceable," Barnes said. "But I think it's gonna take work. There's gotta be more than security getting involved and game control. It's gonna take the athletic departments getting the message out to students saying 'there's a way we're gonna do things, do it a certain way, that's the way it has to be.'"

Man on the Field

Tech athletes respond to accounts of inappropriate fan behavior

What are some of the issues involved with sportsmanship and free speech at sporting events?



Erin Grant, Lady Raider, point guard

"I really don't hear anything the fans say. I've taught myself to tune everything out except my coaches. I don't think you can regulate free speech. It's what this country is all about, and if they do anything it will be up to the (NCAA) officials."



Daniel Loper, football, offensive lineman

"I've heard people at Colorado, young girls, saying some very naughty things that they shouldn't have been saying, and I'm not going to repeat it. As far as our fans go, I love our fans; our fans are good. I've never heard anything out of line from our fans."



Adell Duckett, football, defensive end

"Sometimes it's offensive, sometimes it's funny, nothing too bad that really bothers me. I'm easy-going and can laugh with the best of them."



Ronald Ross, basketball, point guard

"It doesn't really bother me that much. I don't pay attention to that stuff really. I just try to keep my focus inside the lines for 40 minutes and tune everything else out."



Vincent Meeks, football, safety

"I think it's all fair game. You're gonna hear cussing on the field, if you mic up a player or a coach you're gonna hear cussing. It doesn't really bother me, I mean people can say 'Oh criminy!' or 'oh damn!' or something and I'm just like 'what!?' I think it's funny."



Fred Threweatt, football, defensive lineman

"I think everything's fair game. With us players, I personally like it. It's our motivation. Everything's fair but one thing is to go into someone's family and talk about someone's mom and that's a whole other thing, that's not cool."



Jolee Ayers-Curry, Lady Raider, forward

"I definitely think doing away with a student section is a bad idea. It's part of the game; they can get out of line sometimes but it's all part of the game. It makes it more exciting and a better atmosphere and obviously when there is that kind of an atmosphere things can get out of hand."



B.J. Symons, football, quarterback

"I hear a lot of stuff and it doesn't offend me. It all comes with the territory. In a way I sort of enjoy it and get a nice laugh out of it. Occasionally I'll even respond if we're winning. If we're up big I'll interact with them a little and sort of egg them on. You probably couldn't print what I've heard directed at me, but fans will show spirit, and without that you'd be taking something away from the game."

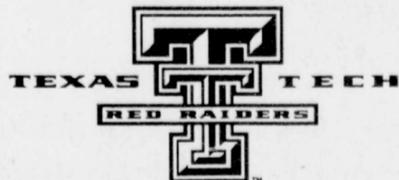


Andre Emmett, basketball, forward

"I feel like the fans are the reason for a home advantage and give you that big edge at home. These kids, and fans in general, pay money to support the university. I think they should be allowed to say whatever as loud and as proud as they want to."



BIG 12 CONFERENCE



GOOD SPORT



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/The University Daily

TECH TENNIS PLAYER Lakann Wagley (right) shakes hands with Baylor player Daria Potapova after Potapova beat Wagley March 21 at the McLeod Tennis Center.

COACHES' CALL

Coaches provide insight into possible punishment for unruly fans

By David Wiechmann and photos by Jaime Tomás Aguilar/The University Daily

They yell and scream commands at their players every night, but sometimes the yelling in the stands can get out of hand. With freedom of speech at sporting events becoming a more heated topic, what do coaches think about the issue?



Oklahoma women's basketball coach, Sherri Coale, said attempting to control what is said by fans at basketball games or any sporting event may be an effort in futility.

"I don't know how much action you can take legally with a group of people who are paying to come watch a game," she said. "I would certainly like to see it cleaned up, but I don't know how far you can go. It's the old story; you can't legislate morality."

More instances are being heard of where fans cross a line many think should not be crossed. The question of where the line has been asked by many, and at Texas Tech, women's basketball coach Marsha Sharp knows where it is and is not afraid to take action against those who cross the line. "We've been in a situation where things have been inappropriate," she said. "There was a cheerleader that was thrown out of our game at Oklahoma for a comment they made about one of our players. There were some things that happened at K-State that were inappropriate and uncalled for."

Is the problem really that bad? Some men's coaches do not think so. In fact, some of them believe there are more important things to worry about.

"I don't think anybody at any of the schools we went to got out of line," said Oklahoma State head coach Eddie Sutton. "When there's a big win, I think the conference is concerned about people running on the floor, and nobody's gonna get hurt doing that. I am very opposed to people throwing things on the floor. (Inappropriate) things we just haven't seen this year."

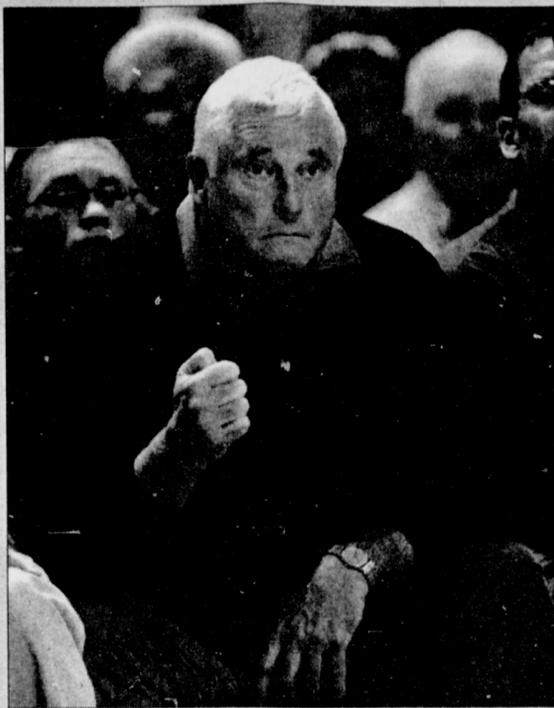
During a game at Gallagher-Iba Arena between Tech and Oklahoma State, a water bottle was thrown onto the court in protest of a call. Sutton quickly grabbed the microphone and pleaded to his fans to refrain from throwing objects on the court.

He said he does not believe the Big 12 Conference or anybody else can really keep an eye of the issue of free speech at sporting events and truly enforce it. He also added that the fan interaction and enthusiasm at games is what separates his sport from any other.

"That's what makes college basketball the greatest sport in the world because there is so much enthusiasm," he said.

For many coaches this is not a new issue. Tech's Bob Knight has been coaching for decades, and he said he is hearing and seeing nothing new out of student sections these days.

"Probably every student section gets carried away from time to



ABOVE: TEXAS TECH basketball coach Bob Knight clenching his fist during a Red Raider basketball game this season. ABOVE, RIGHT: Oklahoma basketball coach Kelvin Sampson points at a player during his team's Big 12 Tournament loss to Texas in Dallas. RIGHT: Tech football coach Mike Leach gives a signal for his offense during Tech's 2003 loss to Texas in Austin.

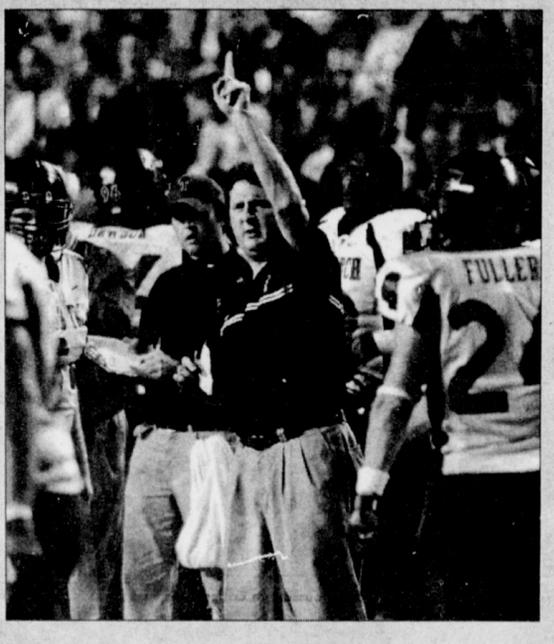
time," he said. "But I would say the student sections we encountered over the course of the year aren't any different than the ones I've seen for 25 years."

But does action need to be taken? And how do you go about it? Coale said she wants to see changes because her young children hear the things that are said at sporting events.

"Yes, I would like to see it differently," she said. "I have two young children, and I had to teach them very early about what you can say and what you can't say when you go to an OU-Texas football game. They were 4-years-old, for crying out loud. The entire 75,000 people were screaming it, but you can't say it."

Sharp said she does not believe action can be taken on an entire group, but if an individual gets out of line, like at Oklahoma, she is in support of removing that individual.

"I think that our culture is such that we got to really protect athletes and coaches and other fans from that type of behavior," she said. "I am all about great atmospheres and letting people yell and make comments and chants, but I think there's a line there you cross when you say things that are inappropriate to be said in public or might be a racist or sexist statement, and that's totally uncalled for. In that situation, I do feel people should be removed from the arena."



Big Ten Conference begins 'three strike' policy for students

By David Wiechmann/
The University Daily

In baseball it's three strikes and you're out. The Big Ten Conference has taken a similar stance with its student seating.

In light of the growing controversy about free speech at sporting events, the conference put a new policy into effect last summer.

The Big Ten is trying to get its students to not single out players during sporting events for heckling purposes. Cutting back on vulgarities is a request from the conference as well.

But how do you enforce a policy that restricts what fans can say at a

game? And how do you create a buffer zone between visiting benches and fans as desired by the conference?

A buffer zone has been created by moving bands away from the visiting benches and opening the tickets directly behind the



benches for sale to visiting fans, much like Texas Tech does with its tickets.

But as far as enforcement goes, the conference has an

original plan for its students.

No seats.

Upon a first offense for singling out athletes, the Big Ten delivers a private warning to the school in violation. If a second violation occurs, the school is given a public warning.

If strike three comes, the school must do away with student seating.

Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany told USA Today taking away student seating has nothing to do with the First Amendment and is a suitable punishment for violating the policy.

"That's not a free speech issue," he told the paper. "No one has a constitutional right to attend a basketball game."

At least two schools from the Big Ten have received private warnings for their student sections.

One such instance in which students singled out a player for heckling was Jan. 17 when Iowa visited Illinois. Students chanted, "No means no!" every time Iowa player Pierre Pierce had the ball. Pierce had

originally been charged with felony sexual assault before pleading guilty to a lesser charge of misdemeanor assault.

Iowa coach Steve Alford reported the incident to the conference.

With similar comments being made, administrators are looking into what they can do to keep inappropriate comments from being made at sporting events.

But where is the line of inappropriateness, and where does restriction cross the line of restricting free speech under the First Amendment? It is a debate to which many are trying to find an answer.

The Big Ten Conference has drawn the line with stated penalties for violations. Other conferences have yet to make similar decisions.

FIRST AMENDMENT OF FANFARE

Bill of Rights — Amendment I

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Tech Athletic Event Public Address Announcement

Texas Tech basketball public address announcer Rick Gilbert asks fans at the Tech versus Texas game to cheer respectfully after fans began to chant "UT sucks."



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The University Daily

"Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to Dan Law Field/United Spirit Arena/Jones SBC Stadium on the campus of Texas Tech University. Texas Tech and the Big 12 Conference promote good sportsmanship by student athletes, coaches and spectators.

We request your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner.

Profanity, racial or sexist comments, or other intimidating actions directed at officials, student-athletes, coaches or other team representatives will not be tolerated, and are grounds for removal from the stadium.

Also, consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Thank you for your cooperation."

Official Opinion

Big 12, Tech officials respond to sportsmanship issue

What are some of the issues involved with sportsmanship and free speech at sporting events?



Judi Henry, Texas Tech Senior Associate Athletic Director

"When it comes to freedom of speech at sporting events, there's a very fine line to draw that determines what is acceptable and what isn't. It is really a judgment call, and there have been situations that caused some concern to the sportsmanship of teams and to reputations of universities."



Gerald Myers, Texas Tech Athletic Director

"The issue of freedom of speech at games is when a person comes to an event, buys a ticket, they have the right to do anything they want to do. We just don't want a hostile situation for the visiting team or fans. We want to treat them with courtesy instead of presenting negative actions."



Dr. David Smith, Texas Tech Chancellor

"Freedom of speech is a tough issue, and it is often argued as a constitutional issue. But whatever is said, it represents the university as a whole, and it sometimes includes comments directed at other individuals who have rights as well. I think the entire issue is wrapped up with sportsmanship."



Kevin Weiberg, Big 12 Conference Commissioner

"Freedom of speech at these sporting events is going to be a topic of discussion in all areas of the country. It is not just happening in the Big 12, but it is shared across the country. These kinds of things include inappropriate chants, obscene words being yelled out and explicit language on T-shirts."

