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Explosion destroys Baghdad weapons building

By Bassem Mroue/Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A suspected chemical weapons warehouse exploded in flames Monday moments after U.S. troops broke in, killing two soldiers and wounding five. Jubilant Iraqis swarmed over the Americans' charred Humvees, waving looted machine guns, a bandolier and a helmet.

In Fallujah, U.S. troops battled insurgents in the latest violation of a tentative cease-fire for the besieged city.

One Marine and eight insurgents were killed.

Tank fire demolished a minaret from which officials said gunmen were firing.

> The U.S. troops met "a real nasty bunch," said Lt. Col. Brennan Byrne, commander of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment. But he said the viotrols in the city.

Marines fought Sunni guerrillas around a sort of chemical munitions were believed to to Iraqi insurgents, but did not elaborate.

mosque in Fallujah's Jolan district, a poor be produced at the Baghdad warehouse. After neighborhood where insurgents are concen- the blast, there was no sign of precautions trated. Helicopter gunships joined the battle, against chemicals. "Chemical munitions could which sent heavy black smoke over the city. mean any number of things," including smoke grenades, he said.

The cause of the blast was unclear. Kimmitt said a large number of explosives were in the building in the northern neighborhood of Waziriyah.

Asked about reports that the search team included members of the Iraq Survey Group — the U.S. team looking for weapons of mass lence would not deter plans destruction - Kimmitt said only: "The into begin joint U.S.-Iraq pa- spection was by a number of coalition forces."

He said the owner of the site was "suspected Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt did not say what of producing and supplying chemical agents"

The blast leveled the front half of the onestory building and set ablaze four Humvees parked outside. A U.S. soldier was seen being taken away on a stretcher, her chest and face severely burned. Several Iraqis were pulled from the wreckage, including a woman who wept as she was carried over a man's shoulder to safety.

Afterward, dozens of cheering teenagers started to smash the abandoned Humvees. One child climbed on a hood of one of the vehicles and beat it with a stick. A man held up a photo of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. Iraqis stripped the vehicles of equipment, one carrying a heavy machine gun, another waving a U.S. helmet. One man sported military headphones.

"This is for the madman Bush, for the mad-

man Bremer!" said one youth as he waved a rifle, referring to President Bush and the top American administrator in Iraq, L. Paul

Outside Najaf, Shiite militiamen in cars fired rocket-propelled grenades at a U.S. position, witnesses said. Apache helicopters and U.S. troops opened fire and set the cars ablaze.

Around 200 U.S. troops and Military Police made their first deployment inside Najaf, moving into a base that Spanish troops are vacating about five miles from holy shrines at the heart of the city.

U.S. commanders have said they will not move against the shrines in order to capture

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MURDOUGH RESIDENCE HALL residents, Jake Howard, a sophomore petroleum engineering major from Wichita Falls, J.C. Pacheco, a sophomore pre-pharmacy major from Clovis, N.M., and Andy Carthel, a freshman civil engineering major from Friona, attempt to catch a football while playing a 'jackpot' football game with friends outside Murdough.

Campus News

Path to Pre-eminence plan being intensified

FINANCIAL FOCUS: Tech officials trying to counter poor economy with fundraising.

By Michael Castellon/The University Daily

Texas Tech officials are kicking a grassroots campaign into high gear to generate millions of dollars for the university amid a dramatic state and federal economic downturn.

In an effort to establish more funding for research programs, faculty hiring and a greater academic standing, Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith and Tech President Jon Whitmore drafted a plan dubbed the Path to Pre-eminence, which allows for the university to generate greater funding through

One component of this plan, the Regents Professorships, is geared specifically toward improving the number and quality of faculty through endowed positions. The program received a \$20 million investment from the university, which will match donor gifts made to the university and the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

"The wonderful thing about these kind of donations is that they bring together this plan for endowed chairs, and that's an important gift to the university," Whitmore said.

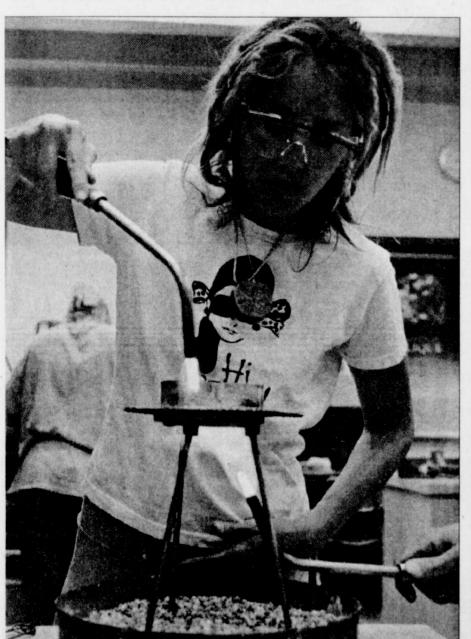
In the midst of decreased state and federal funding, which has resulted in dramatic tuition hikes and simultaneous cuts in the amount of financial aid available to students, private funding has become a welcome source of revenue to university officials.

The tuition increase, which will be implemented next fall, will result in tuition costs of \$76 per credit hour, up from \$56 per credit hour. For a student enrolling in 15 credit hours, the hike will result in a \$300 increase per semester. The increase will have raised tuition more than \$500 since the fall 2003 semester.

The increase will generate about \$15 million in additional funds each

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HOT FASHIO



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/The University Daily

CASEY LARKIN, A senior fashion design major from Houston, heats her metal piece for soldering in a beginning jewelry class in the Art building Monday afternoon.

Student Affairs

SGA urging students to join government committees

More students will be needed in the next

year for the RaiderGate committee than ever

before. The SGA is looking for five under-

By Andrew Bell/The University Daily

The Student Government Association seeks input from Texas Tech students on a number of issues and concerns involving the university. Now, the SGA is asking for stu-

dents to become involved with the organization by joining a SGA committee.

The Presidential committees include the Big 12, Spirit, RaiderGate and Cultural Diversity. SGA Communications Director Seth Phillips said a transfer students' com-

mittee has also been included into the list of presidential committees. Since transfer students do not currently have representation in the SGA, the organization decided to give them a committee.

Association

graduates, two graduate students and one law student to join, according to the committee application. Each student would work to coordinate the events comprising RaiderGate. Also, six students are

needed to join the cultural diversity committee. The group would examine the aspects of making the university a diverse area, whether through race, gen-

der, religion studies or student organizations, according to the committee application.

SGA President Mitchell Moses could not be reached for comment.

Students who are interested can join the

transportation, intergovernmental, city issues, communications or campus events committees of the SGA external vice presi-

External Vice President Anne Hunninghake said students who would like to get involved with the university and make a difference should consider applying for a committee.

With external committees, students would get the opportunity to work with leaders outside the Tech community, such as City Council members, business owners and the mayor, Hunninghake said.

One way students could become more involved with the SGA is to join the city issues committee under the external vice president. During the next year, the committee plans to

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Student Affairs

E-mail scams part of increasing problem of identity theft

By Sally Gunter/The University Daily

Notification of winning the lottery through an e-mail is too good to be true, but do not be fooled because an e-mail from the bank claiming an overdraft may turn out the

The lottery and bank scams are part of an increasing trend of e-mail scams that rob people of money and personal information, said Sam Segran, assistant vice president for Texas Tech's Information Technology division and chief information officer for the university.

Telephone scammers previously used social engineering tactics to fool people into doing something they would not normally do, but Segran said the convenience of the Internet and e-mail have made it easier for scammers to trick people using the same tactic.

Scammers choose to use the Internet because of availability and anonymity, said FBI spokesman Paul Bresson.

"As computers become more and more common in everyday life, along with that the by-product is that it creates crime," Bresson said. "It is important for computer users to educate themselves."

Those unfamiliar with technology become more susceptible to the schemes.

"Computers are new to them," he said.

"They don't know what it's all about." The exact number of types of e-mail scams

is unknown. "There's a lot of everyday type schemes and

others are more advanced," he said.

A scam that gained a lot of attention and victims was the Nigerian Advance Fee Fraud. It is a letter from the family of a Nigerian government official letter requesting the recipient to aid the family in transferring funds out of the country. The letter requests a minimal fee in return for a portion of the total funds transferred. In some instances, the letter re-

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Supreme Court refuses to hear case of banned prayers at military school

Supreme Court said Monday it will not consider reinstating mealtime prayers at a state-funded military college, turning aside an appeal from Virginia officials who wanted to preserve the tradition.

Justice Antonin Scalia blasted his colleagues for refusing to hear the case, arguing that it raised important church-state questions. Leaving those issues unresolved is unfair to Virginia Military Institute, Scalia wrote in a dissent joined by fellow conservative Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist.

A lower federal court had found VMI's mealtime prayers violate the Constitution, and the high court's action means that ruling will stand.

VMI, part of the state university system in Virginia, lost a previous Supreme Court battle over its all-male admissions policy. The high court forced VMI to admit women in 1996, as Scalia noted dryly in his dissent Monday.

"VMI has previously seen another of its traditions abolished by this court," he wrote. "This time, however, its cause has been ignored rather than will be just the same."

WASHINGTON (AP) - The march into the mess hall. The prayers, John Paul Stevens said although one for each night of the week except the case raised important issues, it Saturday, mentioned God but not Jesus or other religious figures. All the other problems prayers concluded with the phrase, "Now, O God, we receive this food and share this meal together with thanksgiving. Amen.'

VMI's students, called cadets, were not required to recite the daily prayer, or even to listen to it, lawyers for the school argued in asking the Supreme Court to intervene. Virginia Attorney General Jerry Kilgore also argued the ruling against VMI threatens prayers at other institutions, including the Pentagon and the Naval Academy.

"This far-reaching decision ... disregards the fact that prayer before meals, and prayer in military ceremonies, are part of the fabric of our society," Kilgore argued.

It takes the votes of four justices to agree to hear an appeal. The written, back-and-forth comments among the justices that were released Monday shows that, at most, Scalia and Rehnquist collected just one additional vote to hear the case.

The justices in the court's ideologirejected — though the consequences cal middle, Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony M. VMI's nightly prayers were recited Kennedy, did not reveal why they did by a student chaplain after cadets not want to hear the case. Justice

has significant procedural and

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals found that VMI's suppertime prayers violated the principle of separation of church and state. In its ruling last year, a three-judge panel of appeals judges pointed to VMI's military culture of "obedience and conformity."

"In this context, VMI's cadets are plainly coerced into participating in a religious exercise," the appeals judges wrote.

The full Richmond-based appeals court later divided 6-6 over whether to reconsider the panel's ruling. The tie vote meant the panel's ruling stood.

The case arose when two cadets asked the school to change the prayer ceremony, and sued when VMI refused. The American Civil Liberties Union represented the students.

"In short, these are official school prayers," ACLU lawyers argued to the Supreme Court. "It is difficult to see how the school could not be seen as endorsing the religious sentiments expressed in

Polish film producer convicted of traud

WARSAW, Poland (AP) - Lew Rywin, the Polish co-producer of the Oscar-winning "Schindler's List" and "The Pianist," was convicted of fraud Monday in a bribery scandal.

Rywin remained free pending an expected appeal of the Warsaw provincial court's verdict which also included a \$24,830 fine.

The court ruled the 58-year-old producer falsely claimed he represented Prime Minister Leszek Miller when he allegedly sought a \$17.5 million bribe from Agora SA, publisher of the Gazeta Wyborcza newspaper, in 2002.

His offer in exchange to lobby for changes to a proposed media law that would enable Agora to buy a nationwide broadcaster also was a misrepre- in high places and cost Miller and his

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sentation, the three-judge panel ruled.

Judge Marek Celej said the court had concluded that Rywin approached Agora president Wanda Rapaczynska and sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison and Gazeta Wyborcza editor Adam Michnik "in order to achieve financial

> He "misled them because he claimed against the facts that he represented Miller and a group holding power," Celej said.

Rywin shook his head and smiled as the details of the verdict were read by the judges.

The scandal led to Rywin's fivemonth trial and an investigation by parliament. Neither managed to shed much light on what happened, but they generated speculation about corruption governing Democratic Left Alliance party public support.

Prosecutors had pressed charges of influence peddling, claiming Rywin acted on behalf of Miller and political power brokers when he made the alleged offer, which was revealed by Gazeta Wyborcza.

Rywin has denied the charges, claiming he was set up by Agora, and his lawyers said they planned to appeal Monday's verdict.

Miller, who testified at the trial, vehemently denied any involvement.

The prosecution's main piece of evidence against Rywin was a poorquality audio recording made by Michnik in which Rywin is heard making his proposal.

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The Rundown



shootings not related for November vote

HOUSTON (AP) - Two people have been killed and three have been wounded in shootings on Houston-area roadways over the past few days, but authorities said Monday there is no evidence they are related.

The latest shooting occurred just before 3 a.m. Monday as three of six men riding in a truck were injured by bullets, deputies say. Harris County Sheriff's Lt. Danny Billingsley said at least 22 rounds were fired and 10 hit the truck. He said there are no known motives or suspects.

On Sunday, Houston police investigated the deaths of motorists in two shootings on opposite sides of the nation's fourth-largest city.

Police said it at first seemed Robert Reyes, 19, was involved in an accident, but further investigation revealed he had been fatally shot in the head before, said HPD homicide investigator Curtis

Hours earlier, Fernando Garcia Santos, 36, was shot in the head after panicking and driving away from the scene of an accident with a truck, police said. The driver of the truck is believed to have chased Santos and fired into his vehicle with a rifle, Houston police homicide investigator Phillip Guerrero said.

In Monday's shooting, Billingsley said the six men in the truck, believed to be relatives between the ages of 18 and 20, had left a bar and were traveling south on a northwest Harris County

He said two people in another vehicle began firing from the passenger's side of the vehicle.

Officials: Houston Marchers optimistic Crisis worsens as

WASHINGTON (AP) - Energized by a turnout of hundreds of thousands on the National Mall, abortion-rights activists are looking to the November presidential elections to reverse what they see as the gradual chipping away of women's city's jails. reproductive rights.

From across the nation and from nearly 60 countries, women cycle begins again. marched Sunday with their daughters, mothers, husbands and others in support of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that made abortion legal.

That ruling, they say, is under attack by the Bush administration. So too, they worry is a broader scope of women's health issues, including equal access to birth control and sex education.

The rally stretched from the base of the U.S. Capitol about a mile back to the Washington Monument. While authorities no longer give formal crowd estimates, various police sources informally gauged the throng at between 500,000 and 800,000 people. That would exceed the estimated 500,000 who converged on Washington for the last major abortion-rights rally in 1992.

Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York urged marchers to vote in big numbers on Nov. 2 to evict an administration "filled with people who disparage sexual harassment laws, who claim the pay gap between women and men is phony ... who consider Roe v. Wade the worst abomination of constitutional law in

Nepalese protest king

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) -Nearly every day, angry people fill the streets of Katmandu, demanding a return to democracy in their Himalayan kingdom. Nearly every evening, hundreds of those same people pack the

Most are freed after a few hours under arrest. And the next day, the

Nepal, a country famous for its high mountain peaks, has turned into a place known for chaos, where protesters routinely shut down the capital and Maoist rebels control wide swaths of the hinterlands.

On Monday, police in the capital arrested more than 300 protesters rallying against King Gyanendra and demanding the restoration of democracy in the Himalayan kingdom.

About 10,000 people marched in the center of Katmandu chanting slogans denouncing the king for his October 2002 dismissal of Nepal's elected government. On Friday, the five largest parties

backing the protests rejected an appeal for talks from the king, calling it a ploy to make the demonstrations "We have decided that the king is

not serious about resolving the issues," said Madhav Kumar Nepal, leader of the United Marxist Leninist Communist Party of Nepal.

The protesters are demanding the king remove the monarchist Cabinet he installed after dismissing Parliament in 2002, and restore a government by the people.

Hostage's relative says family is being kept in dark about situation in Iraq

HOUSTON (AP) — A relative of at least one worker for a Texas-based the dark about hostages' status.

But KBR-Halliburton's president denied on Sunday that the company is withholding information about contracted employees working in the wartorn country. Seven employees of KBR, formerly known as Kellogg, Brown & Root, had been missing since a convoy attack earlier this month. Bodies of three workers have been identified.

Two soldiers also went missing April tacked near Abu Ghraib, west of Baghdad. Videos of two of those captured have raised hopes that some hostages remain alive. The first showed KBR truck driver Thomas Hamill, 43, American soldier.

thy E. Bell of Mobile, Ala., said she wants fore leading hundreds of Halliburton military contractor's subsidiary abducted KBR to provide her family with more employees in the March of Dimes' anin Iraq says the family is being kept in information about the status of the 44- nual WalkAmerica fundraiser. "For sevear-old father of two.

"We know absolutely nothing, absolutely nothing," Bell's sister, Felicia Carter of Mobile, told the Houston Chronicle in Monday's online edition. "We'd love to have information, but they haven't provided us with anything. We ask them on a daily basis." Carter said her brother's 45th birth-

day is Monday.

9 when the KBR fuel convoy was at-same day," she said. "It's not going to be a good day."

Bell was abducted in the April 9 attack on a truck convoy in which Hamill was taken hostage, Carter has said.

Randy Harl, who heads the subsidof Macon, Miss. A second video was iary of Houston-based Halliburton, said released showing Pfc. Keith Maupin, an he does not know whether hostage takers have set demands for the release of the KBR hostages.

"You hear the same thing we do. The ambushed, Harl said.

A relative of KBR truck driver Timo-military is handling that," said Harl becurity reasons, they aren't saying much. We haven't heard anything in regard to

> those negotiations." He contends the company keeps in daily contact with the hostages' fami-

> "We are in constant contact with those families," said Harl, "and they know everything we know."

Harl also discussed truck convoy se-"His mother's (birthday) is on the curity in Iraq and the claim that KBR, the Pentagon's largest contractor in Iraq, has overbilled the government for its work there. KBR is under investigation for possibly overcharging the U.S. military for fuel supplies and faces the withholding of millions of dollars for allegedly overestimating costs of supplying meals to troops.

> The U.S. military has tightened security considerably since the convoy was





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Importing drugs could be key to rising prices

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from Lubbock

By Beth Aaron/ The University Daily

America has the highest prescription drug prices in the world. Rising prescription drug prices are correlated with the rising cost of American health

To combat the costly problem, Republican and Democratic representatives have written a bill allowing the legal importation of Canadian prescription drugs.

According to a June 2003 Public Policy Institute Issue Brief by the American Association of Retired People, interest in Canadian drug prices largely stems from the substantial difference that often exists between prices charged to cash-paying American consumers — those without drug coverage — and prices charged for identical drugs in Canada.

The Bush administration and the Food and Drug Administration have not approved legislation to legalize the importation of prescription drugs or loosen regulations pertaining to drug importation. Purchasing prescription drugs outside the United States is illegal

However, organizations such as the AARP believe if government policies toward the importation of prescription drugs were changed, the implications would be far reaching and beneficial for many Americans.

Texas Tech students waiting in line for prescriptions to be filled at the Student Health Services pharmacy in Thompson Hall had opinions on the issue.

Chrissy Hennesay, a senior psychology major from Lubbock, said if the importation of prescription drugs was allowed, she would like to see strict regulations set in place to pro-

"I think that we might have to put stipulations on it," she said, "to weed out the loopholes.'

Without government regulation, Hennesay said she believes it would be easy for foreign drug companies to foist off ineffective ordangerous prescription drugs.

"If it's the same drug but cheaper," she said, "there's no reason you shouldn't be able

to get your medication if you need it." Jennifer Wallace, a graduate student

studying crop science, said she did not see a problem with prescription drug importation if the quality of the drugs was comparable to

> what is found in U.S. markets. "It's the same, probably," the Lubbock native said. "It's the same

way as generic drugs; they're the same as the name brands - most of them."

issue tends to focus on elderly Americans, Wallace said col-

prescription drug

Though the

lege students are affected because of their limited funds.

"When you're a college kid," she said, "it's kinda hard to find the money to buy prescriptions."

According to the AARP study, cash-paying customers pay the highest prices for prescription drugs.

Compared to Canada, patented drugs are 69 percent higher in the United States, frequently dispensed drugs are 81 percent higher, and generic, brand name and over-the-counter drugs are 55 percent lower in Canada.

Keith Moore, a pharmacist at University Medical Center's outpatient pharmacy, said from a pharmacist's point of view, the importation of prescription drugs from countries such as Canada, though it would drive down the cost of prescription drugs, threatens American business.

"Being a pharmacist in the U.S., that's a challenge to our jobs as pharmacists," he said. "You're hurting people that live and work in the U.S."

The reason for the high cost of prescription drugs in America, Moore said, is because of government regulations that keep prescription drugs safe for consumers.

"There are reasons that the drugs are a little more expensive in the U.S. — because there's a little more control," he said. "If you want that protection, then it's going to cost you more."

Moore said the dangers of purchasing prescription drugs from other countries outweigh the benefits of low prices. He said consumers run the risk of unexpected interactions if no qualified pharmacist is available for consultation.

"There are all kinds of things that could happen there. There's no way to have a good reference," he said. "There are people opening stores that have prescriptions from Canada and they don't even have a pharmacist's license.'

Committees

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focus on student housing due to the city ordinance and an alcohol policy for the city. Hunninghake said city issues would not be limited to just the two topics, but the alcohol issue is something the SGA is going to push

Other committees could allow students to work directly with Citibus and the SafeRide program at Tech. Also, students who are interested in becoming involved with city and national elections could join the intergovernmental committee to register students and promote student participation in future elections, according to the committee application form.

Community service also is an outlet for SGA committees. In particular, the campus events committee or-

ganizes and participates in events such as Take a Kid to the Game Day, Drowsy Driving Day and Tech Lubbock Community Day, Hunninghake

said. Although the presidential and external vice president committees require hard work and determination, the general standing committees need the help of the Tech student body.

There are 17 committees within general standing, including Code of Student Conduct, Convocation, Internal Affairs, Masked Rider, Sexual Harassment and Student Publica-

According to the committee application, the general standing committees were created to have a student representative on every appointed committee that deals with several important decisions facing the

All of the committees are admin-

istration based and would give students opportunities to attend meetings with administrators and SGA members on a continuous basis, according to the application. Each committee is in need of one student or more and undergraduate and gradu-

ate students are needed for positions. Students who have opinions on parking at the university can join the parking violations policies committee. The committee requires one student to help recommend policies relating to parking on Tech property, according to the application.

In all, there are 30 committees that need student representation. A list of committees and applications are now available in the SGA office on the third floor of the Student Union Building. The applications for presidential, external vice president and general standing committees are due at 5 p.m. May 7.

Endowments

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semester. Thirty-three percent of that revenue will be earmarked for scholarships, while the rest will be allocated toward initiatives like creating 30 more faculty positions at the university. Six percent will be allocated to student services and advising.

But not all of the university's needs are met with the hike, thus the need for private funding.

Tech is not alone in facing financial challenges. Students at the University of Texas are facing a \$361 tuition hike next fall, and Texas A&M officials are also negotiating tuition hikes expected to be in place by the fall

A study conducted by the

College Board and published last year found average tuition and fees at four-year colleges and universities is \$579 more than last year, representing a 14.1 percent increase since 2002.

Last week, Smith and Whitmore announced the first wave of gifts secured through the program, one of which was a \$6.5 million bequest to the College of Agriculture and Sciences and the Virginia Murray Sowell Center for Research and Education in Visual Impairment in the College of Education.

The deferred gift, made by an anonymous donor, will provide at least \$2.7 million for graduate scholarships.

Similarly, a \$500,000 gift was made by the San Antonio Livestock Exposition Inc. to create the first endowed chair in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural

Resources to focus specifically on food safety and consumer issues.

Smith said the endowments are just a peek into more endowments that will be announced in coming

"What we're expecting to see is diminished return from the state," he said. "And at the same time, we need to be hiring more faculty and retaining the quality faculty that we have. The important thing to recognize about the Path to Pre-eminence is that it gives donors the opportunity to have their donations matched. This is a sweeping investment for Texas Tech."

And Tech officials have more need than ever to secure private funding. State officials are currently wrestling a massive \$10 billion state deficit and are warning leaders of institutions to prepare for no relief for at least a few years.

Scams

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quests the recipient travel to another country to complete the transfer. In June 1995, an American was murdered in Lagos, Nigeria, while pursuing the scam. Numerous other foreign nationals have been reported as missing, according to the U.S. Secret Service Web site.

It is difficult to track down the culprits behind the fraudulent acts because a mail server could be out of the country while the perpetrator could be in the United States somewhere, Segran said. Most often the ones that are captured are the less knowledgeable scammers that do not tend to be as good at fooling people.

"The people you don't catch are the ones you need to worry about," Segran said.

The FBI created the Internet Crime Complaint Center in 1999 to aid citizens who have been victims of e-mail scams. A 2002 report found the online site received 75,063 complaints, and 48,252 of the complaints were referred to as frauds. The number of complaints increased three-fold from the previous year's report, according to the Web site.

In the report, Texas ranked fourth in the United States for reported perpetrators and third in the number of complaints.

Auction fraud made up 46 percent of the fraud complaints, so Bresson said users of E-bay and other online auction sites should be wary when purchasing items.

The information from the Web site is packaged together to determine any

commonalities, Bresson said. If any trends are found in particular locations of the country, then the information is reported to local authorities in the

The penalties for e-mail scams vary on the type of crime. Bresson said a monetary fine of \$5,000 and/or five years imprisonment is the most common penalty.

Vehicle drivers fasten seat belts before pulling out of a parking lot, and Bresson said computer users should understand the risks involved in using the Internet and practice steps to minimize the chances of becoming a

While the 2003 ICC report is not complete, Bresson said he expects to see an increase across the board of

To help educate computer users of preventive measures, Segran said Tech will begin offering a safe computing practices course in either the summer or fall. Until the course is established, Segran said computer users should use caution when opening anything from an unknown source and never release personal information such as credit card or Social Security numbers.

Iraq

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aware doing so could turn al-Sadr's limited revolt into a wider anti-U.S. uprising by Iraq's Shiite majority.

In Baghdad, however, Bremer heightened warnings about the reported stockpiling of weapons in "mosques, shrines and schools" in Najaf - and his spokesman noted that such actions make the sites fair targets for military action.

"The coalition certainly will not

Bremer's spokesman, Dan Senor, would not elaborate on steps the coalition was ready to take to do so. He noted that in the case of military action, "those places of worship are not protected under the Geneva Conven-

other cities.

Militiamen ambushed Spanish





al-Sadr. The Americans say they're

tolerate this situation," Bremer said in a statement addressed to residents of Najaf. "The restoration of these holy places to calm places of worship must begin immediately.'

tion" if used to store weapons.

Shiite militias remain a threat in

troops in the city of Diwaniyah, south of Najaf, and in the ensuing battle, six Iraqi gunmen were killed. Insurgents in Karbala fired at Bulgarian President Georgi Parvanov's motorcade Sunday as he made a brief visit to his country's troops. No one in the

motorcade was hurt. The deaths of the two soldiers in Baghdad and the Marine in Fallujah brought to 114 the number of U.S. troops killed in combat so far this month nearly as many as the 115 Americans killed during the invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein a year ago.

The fighting in Fallujah was the latest violence to shake a two-week-old

Still, U.S. officials said they wanted to press forward with a political track, a day after abruptly toning down threats to launch a full-out assault on the city.

U.S. troops and Iraqi security forces to start patrolling most parts of the city, except the Jolan area, probably on Thursday. There was little guarantee that

guerrillas, who Marines say have not abided by other parts of past negotiated agreements, won't attack the patrols.

In Najaf, the Spanish base is pockmarked with shells and shrapnel from earlier attacks. The golden domes of the Shiite shrines at Najaf's center a no-go zone for the Americans were visible from inside the compound. Spanish troops are due to leave within days, and the Americans moved in to ensure al-Sadr militiamen

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Anticipating, dreading graduation

t's difficult to imagine, but after two years as a columnist for The University Daily, ▲ I have to bid everyone adieu. I have been at Texas Tech for the past five years of my life, and now I am supposedly going to graduate in less than three weeks.

Typically, as a farewell piece, a columnist would write about all the knowledge he or she has garnered and all the lessons impossibility, mathematically speaking, he or she has learned while at Tech. I, how- in any given semester. ever, shall tell you some of the things I still have not learned.

mechanical pencils, I still do not know After two weeks, any semblance of motiwhat one should do on this campus if the vation had vanished, regardless of lead on a pencil breaks. Lacking a por- whether an attendance policy was in table sharpener or a knife, there is no place. Yet somehow, my academic record means by which to make the pencil remains unblemished. write-worthy again.

for two years, I still have no idea how to imagine it would fill up rather quickly,

from the west side and make my way through the hallways to successfully reach a classroom on the east side. Though I only ever had one class in the building, I admittedly attempted this feat of navigation on more than one occasion, and each time I wandered aimlessly for a minute or so until shamefully giving up and walk ing around the building.

The Education building has its anomalies as well. The one that comes to mind first is the elevator. How could a brand new building have an elevator that is so utterly slow? If memory serves, I once waited five minutes for the elevator, and this is in a building with a meager three floors and a basement. I think two guys on the roof with a winch could move people more quickly from floor to floor.

I am also unsure as to how I have managed to have two final exams scheduled at the same time during two different semesters, when we are told that it is a veritable

Jason

Lenz

I also wonder how I was able to pass each and every one of my 8 a.m. classes, For instance, not being a big fan of and I had three of them over the years.

I still don't understand women either. Though the building has only existed Although if there were such a class, I enter the English/Philosophy building and many professors would probably try

to enroll as well. As to how I've successfully made it home, or simply to bed, every time, I am equally as befuddled. I have learned to enjoy the morning-after detective game though, wherein I try to figure

out what transpired the

previous evening using the few clues available to me in my memory, the highly biased testimonials from my friends, and whatever physical evidence remains. It's like a meaningless

form of forensic science. Speaking of the friends issue, that is without question what makes me the most apprehensive about graduation.

During the span of a five-year collegiate career that somehow seems to have lasted an eternity and yet also seems to have begun only yesterday, I have met quite a few wonderful people. The term conventionally used to refer to any one of these individuals is friend, a word that,

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as far as I'm concerned, is woefully inadequate *to the task of describing their impact on me.

Though we speak munificently of future meetings and not losing touch with one another, I admittedly fear losing contact with that semi-privileged group of people, students and faculty alike, who have been so instrumental in molding me into who I am today.

The laughter, the heartache, the parties, the hangovers, the camaraderie, the anger, the gossip, the complaining, the laziness, the tenacity, the cram sessions, the study groups, the confusion, the epiphanies, the excitement, the disappointment, the bars, the great classes, the boring classes, the achievements, the failures and, most importantly, the relationships all combine to create the college experience and, consequently, the college graduate.

The much anticipated and much dreaded day of graduation is nigh, and although a brave new world is laid out before us seniors, one almost can't help but feel pre-emptively nostalgic. My time at Tech has run its course, and I am prepared to commence a new chapter of my existence. But, and I am certain many of my fellow seniors would agree, these are years that will never be forgotten.

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View from another university

Grades are not everything

By Aaron Hill/The Oracle

(U-WIRE) TAMPA, Fla. — Despite Bob Woodward's new book putting the Bush administration on the defensive, the most critical concern to most students on campus is the dreaded final exam week.

Sure, these exams are a rite of passage to advance in your academic career, but it's important to put the situation into perspective. To quote one of my instructors: "You are not your test."

I'll admit, the first time I heard this statement I was a little skeptical, but the "you are only as good as your next test" concept was supposed to infuse drive and determination to be as successful.

That perfectionism has become a predominant theme in the world of academia. For too many students, nothing short of an A+ is acceptable. But for those who find the perfect grade elusive during their college years, a fulfilling life both in and out of their discipline can still be achieved.

This drive for numerical perfectionism is exhibited in grade inflation, which plagues many institutions throughout the country. The most notable and recent example is seen in the news is Princeton University. As the Daily Princetonian reported earlier this month, Dean Nancy Weiss Malkiel has proposed to "limit the number of A-range

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grades to 35 percent of the grades in undergraduate courses."

Reading about the opposition amongst students and even some professors concerning the proposal only highlights the problem that grade inflation poses. After all, many could argue that 35 percent of undergraduates receiving an A in their courses is still quite high. While this proposal may seem like a drastic measure to address rising undergraduate grades, something certainly needs to be done to place more emphasis on learning — whether it be out of a textbook or a less formal method — than on simply achieving a score.

Reflecting once again on what my instructor said about the dichotomy of tests.

It is important to remember that the intangibles of who you are transcend any momentary multiple choice or essay exam. Your value to potential employers and society in general hinges more on your integrity, perseverance and demeanor than on your GPA.

A National Association of Colleges and Employers study, referenced in Thursday's USA Today, lists a GPA as 17th out of 20 factors employers consider when hiring college graduates. Certainly it is important to strive to do your best, but if you are not striving to achieve the best intangible qualities, a deficit in character may hinder you more than your grades.

Long after the semester is over, some students will have achieved high grades, while others may have fallen short of their goals and aspirations. For some students this journey will be the beginning of their college experience, while for others the institution will honor them as having graduated.

No matter where you happen to be on the path toward your academic goal, it is important to realize your grades are not who you are as a person. The traditional academic environment is only one portion of the educational experience that is life.

So, keep a healthy perspective on the approaching finals as you prepare to deprive yourself of sleep, cramming for your next test. And always remember what Mark Twain once said: "I have never let my schooling interfere with my education."

Marsha, free me from your freeway

Take my house out of the construction zone

s the beat reporter covering the Lady Raiders for two years, I have Adeveloped a pretty good relationship with Marsha Sharp. It is time that I use that connection to ask a favor of her please get your freeway out of my front yard!

Since this problem is affecting my neighborhood so much that all three streets leading to my house are blocked off, I figured I'd go straight to the top with my complaint. years in a row, garnered more than 500 career wins and won a national title. So, why wouldn't she be able to get the bulldozers out of my yard?

I recently moved into a nice town home with Spanish tile floors, two stories, lots of room and no dryer vent.

Then, two weeks later my street became construction site for the Marsha Sharp Freeway.

I didn't mind it at first. There were bulldozers and electricians working in what used to be more houses to get ready for digging and such. However, after a short while those trucks and dirt movers multiplied. I don't know what those Caterpilars do at night, but they work fast, like rabbits.

Now I am awakened by loud backhoes and the beeps as they move back and forth, back and forth.

My roommate and I tell friends who have not been to our place yet, "if you until 10:15. I don't have class until 11 find yourself in a construction zone, a.m. any day. Why do I need to wake up you're in the right place." And it's the at 7:30? So we can have a freeway in five truth because following are a few tales of years, that's why. my adventures in home sweet construction zone.

find something new in my street — a giant—would it hurt for them to wait until I mound of dirt 12 feet tall. It blocked the graduate and move to start building in whole right side of the road, so turning onto my neighborhood? Is that so much to ask?

my cul de sac meant turning & into oncoming traffic, if it was coming. And the traffic is hard to see because of a tree at the corner.

and parked their big ass truck in the turn. Giant dirt pile and giant truck in the intersection. I drove through the dirt field and went through the alley, and my Contour is not exactly fit for off-roading.

I even asked the gentlemen if they could move their truck so I could go to class, and they had the gall to say no. You're in my neighborhood, tearing up my road, blocking my way to school, waking me up and you have the nerve to tell me no you can't move your truck? I don't think so.

I mentioned being awakened by all the noise. You may think noise is not a big deal, but I would really like it if these guys would work around my schedule. They start at 7:30 in the morning. My alarm is set for 8:30, and I don't wake up



So, Marsha, can you She's been to the NCAA Tournament 15 please help me out? Anything you can tell these boys who wake me up and block every entrance to my street would

> be much appreciated. See what kind of leverage you have with the folks at city hall. I want these bulldozers out of my front yard, pretty please with a cherry on top, and sprinkles and whipped

> > cream, too.

Lubbock is a growing town, and the freeway will do some good in the future I come home for lunch one day, and I when it is big enough to need it. But

> I make the point where in the

near future. This is pre-emptive road con-Speaking of trees, Asplundh came to struction and throughway expansion. For cut branches away from the powerlines, right now Lubbock functions just fine with Brownfield Highway, the Loop and I-27. It takes a max of 20 minutes to get anywhere in town, and I can go to the strip in 15.

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Michael Jackson replaces attorneys days before arraignment

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Less than a week before his next arraignment, Michael Jackson said Monday he has replaced his highprofile legal team in his child molestation case because "my life is at stake."

Attorneys Mark Geragos and Benjamin Brafman "decided to step down" from representing the pop star, Brafman said Sunday: He would not reveal exactly what prompted

Jackson said he had terminated their services.

"Contrary to reports, this is a decision that I have personally made," he said in a statement issued by spokeswoman Raymone K. Bain.

Jackson did not give a specific reason for dismissing Brafman and Geragos. However, Geragos has been busy with the Scott Peterson murder case in Northern California.

"It is imperative that I have the full attention of those who are representing me. My life is at stake," Jackson said. "Therefore, I must feel confident that my interests are of the highest priority. I am innocent of these false charges, and will aggressively seek to clear my name."

Thomas Mesereau Jr., Jackson's new lawyer, represented actor Robert Blake in his murder case until they recently parted company, citing irreconcilable differences.

Mesereau has met with Jackson in the Orlando, Fla., area, where the singer is staying with his children. He said he would join the singer in court when Jackson is arraigned on child molestation charges outlined in an indictment handed down last week.

"I'll have no comment on the developments until I appear in court Friday,"

Geragos said he, Brafman and Mesereau would notify Santa Barbara County Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville of the substitution of counsel during a conference call Monday. He and Brafman would not discuss reasons for the change.

"It was a decision that sort of has been happening over time, and I think at the end of the day it is probably better that it is resolved this way," Brafman said Monday on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Dana Cole, an attorney who has worked closely with Mesereau on cases including Blake's, said Mesereau was approached by Jackson soon after he was charged with child molestation, but Mesereau was initially unwilling to take the case while he was tied up with the impending Blake case.

"Michael Jackson has always been very impressed with the pro bono work and contributions Tom has made in the African-American community," Cole said.

Mesereau provides free legal services at the predominantly black First A.M.E. Church in

Los Angeles, where he was honored recently for his contributions to minority communities. And every year he chooses a death penalty case in Alabama to defend at his own

Loyola University law professor Laurie Levenson said the change could mean Jackson lost faith in his attorneys, or they in him. She also noted that Geragos' representation of Peterson could be a liability in trying to find an unbiased jury, and that Mesereau would bring less baggage to the case.

"Prospective jurors would be asked how they feel about Jackson being represented by someone who represents Scott Peterson," she said. "And Mark is also going to be very busy with the Peterson case."

Santa Barbara District Attorney Thomas Sneddon had no comment, according to Jason Karpf of Tellem Worldwide, a firm handling media inquiries for Sneddon in the Jack-

lackson is free on \$3 million bail.

lackson, 45, was originally charged with seven counts of lewd or lascivious conduct involving a child under 14 and with administering an intoxicant, reportedly wine, to a child under 14.

In his ABC interview, Brafman turned aside suggestions there was conflict between Jackson and his lawyers over antics such as the dance he performed atop an SUV in front of the courthouse at his first arraignment, or over the reported influence on Jackson from advisers in his family or the Nation of Islam.

"I don't think there is tension," Brafman said. But he did say of Jackson's advisers: "I think the team has to understand that it is not business as usual. They have to be focused. They have to understand if you win this case, nothing else matters. If you lose this case, nothing else matters."

Cosmetic pioneer Estée Lauder dies at age 97

NEW YORK (AP) — Cosmetics pioneer Estée Lauder, whose pots of potions and tubs of moisturizers have turned the clock back for millions of faces across the globe, has died. She was 97.

Lauder, who helped launch product lines that included Estee Lauder, Clinique, Aramis, Prescriptives and Origins, died of cardiopulmonary arrest Saturday at her Manhattan home, said Sally Susman, a company spokeswoman.

In 1998, Lauder was the only woman on Time magazine's list of the 20 most influential business geniuses of the century. Her company placed No. 349 in the 2003 ranking in the Fortune 500 list of the nation's largest companies, with revenue at \$4.744 billion.

In explaining her success, the cosmetics queen once said: "I have never worked a day in my life without selling. If I believe in something, I sell it, and I sell it hard."

"Beauty is an attitude. There's no secret. Why are all brides beautiful? Because on their wedding day they care about how they look," she said. "There are no ugly women — only women who don't care or who don't believe they're attractive."

She was born Josephine Esther Mentzer in the working-class Corona section of Queens. Lauder never disclosed her birth date, but a company spokeswoman said she was 97. Her family always called her Esty and when a school official spelled it Estee, it stuck, Lauder said.

During the 1930s, she began selling face creams her uncle John Schotz, a chemist, mixed in a makeshift laboratory in a stable behind the family house. And she began experimenting with mixes herself.

Lauder went to beauty salons where she gave free demonstrations to women waiting under hair dryers. More often than not, they became customers. Sometimes she stopped women on Fifth Avenue to

"If you put the product into the customer's hands, it will speak for itself if it's something of quality," she declared.

Lauder sold her products primarily through department stores — Saks Fifth Avenue, Bloomingdale's, Marshall Field's, Neiman-Marcus, Harrods in London, Galeries Lafayette in Paris — the tonier the bet-

A favorite selling tool was offering a gift with a purchase.

In 1930, Lauder married a garment center businessman named loseph Lauter (later changed to Lauder), and they had their first son, Leonard, three years later.

In 1939 she got a divorce and moved to Florida. Years later, she explained why: "I was married very young. You think you missed something out of life. But I found out that I had the sweetest husband in the world."

She and Joseph remarried in 1942, had a second son, Ronald, and went into business together. Her persistence in selling paid off in 1948, when she persuaded a buyer at Saks to place a sizable order.

She and her husband filled the order themselves, cooking up the creams in their factory, a converted restaurant, and bottling them in attractive jars. In two days, Saks sold out and the company was on its

While her husband handled the business at home, she traveled to each new store that took her line and personally selected and trained the new saleswomen.

Packaging developed by Lauder in a delicate shade of greenish blue became a trademark.

Estee Lauder became a household name in 1953, when the company debuted Youth Dew, a bath oil and perfume. Over the years she added new lines and new products, fragrances such as White Linen and Cinnabar, the Aramis line of men's toiletries and the Clinique line of fragrance-free, allergy-tested products. She dueled with archrival Charles Revson, who built the Revlon empire. "She was the one competitor he set out to beat but couldn't," wrote Revson biographer Andrew Tobias.

Man found guilty of trying to have judge murdered

CHICAGO (AP) - White supremacist leader Matthew Hale, whose gospel of "racial holy war" was linked to a follower's deadly shooting rampage five years ago, was found guilty Monday of trying to have a federal judge

Hale, 32, was found guilty of four of the five charges against him. He was found innocent of one of two counts of soliciting the murder of a federal judge. The judge was not attacked.

Prosecutors said Hale was furious after U.S. District Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkow ordered him to stop using the name World Church of the Creator. Lefkow had ordered Hale to stop using the name because it had been trademarked by an Oregon-based religious group with no ties to Hale.

Hale sat with his hands clasped on the table as the verdicts were read. He dipped his head slightly but showed no other reaction.

Hale never testified during the twoweek trial, and chief defense counsel Thomas Anthony Durkin called no

The defense argued Hale never asked anyone to kill the judge and that the FBI used an informant to draw him into a murder plot.

During the trial, jurors heard more than a dozen tapes of Hale using racial slurs, including one in which he laughs about the 1999 shooting rampage by one of his followers, Benjamin Smith. Smith targeted minorities and killed two people, including former Northwestern University basketball coach Ricky Byrdsong.

Smith's three-day rampage across Illinois and Indiana left nine people wounded and only ended when he shot himself as police closed in, bringing the death toll to three.

In Hale's trial, prosecutors focused on one tape of a brief, veiled exchange recorded Dec. 17, 2002, when the FBI informant, Anthony Evola, showed up unannounced at Hale's East Peoria home. Lefkow had issued her order a month earlier.

"Are we gonna exterminate the

"Well, whatever you want to do, basically," Hale replied.

Moments later, Hale added: "My position has always been that, you know, I'm going to fight within the law and, but, ah, that information's been provided if you wish to, ah, do anything, yourself, you can. So that makes it

"Consider it done," Evola said. U.S. District Judge James T. Moody did not immediately set a sentencing

Solicitation of murder carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. Hale could also get a maximum of 10 years on each of three counts of obstruction of justice.

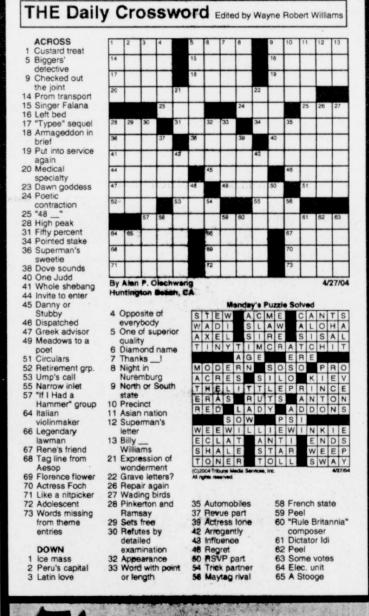
After the verdict Durkin, who said he planned to appeal, said he believed prosecutors targeted Hale after that in-

"I think they set out to get Hale the day of the Ben Smith shootings and they've accomplished that," Durkin

U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald said the trial's outcome sends the message "that we will not wait for the trigger to be pulled."

Evola testified that he was introduced to Hale while working as a pizza delivery man and that Hale wanted him to distribute pamphlets to schoolchildren. Instead, he testified, he called the Chicago Public Schools to warn them about the racist material.





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'Jerry Springer' to arrive on Broadway

NEW YORK (AP) - "Jerry Springer — The Opera" is coming to Broadway but not until the fall of

The raucous, raunchy London hit about the American talk show host will open Oct. 20, 2005, at a theater to be announced, producer Jon Thoday said Monday in a telephone interview from London.

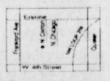
But first, the \$13.9 million production will play San Francisco's Orpheum Theatre for six weeks starting at the end of February or the beginning of March 2005, the producer said.

"Going to San Francisco, gives us a chance to work on the show if we need to improve it," Thoday said. No cast has been set for the American production, and Thoday has not ruled out hiring Michael Brandon, an American who originated the role in London.



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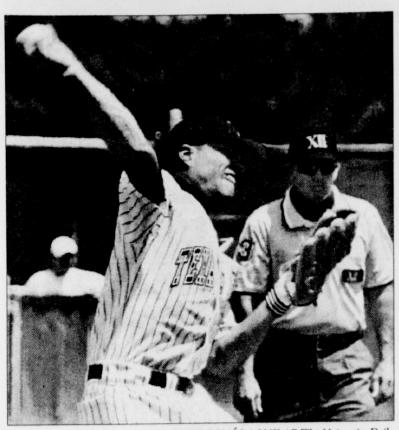
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Raiders still looking to prove themselves



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THIRD BASEMAN JOSH Haney throws the ball to second base for the first half of a double play during Tech's 6-5 win in extra innings against Oklahoma on Sunday. The Raiders take on New Mexico at 6 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

Or at least that is what he said the Red Raiders are willing to prove.

"They'll see when time comes," the good for all of us," senior pitcher said. "We think we're he said. "It helps the best, and we are."

The Tech baseball team has put guys and us old some belief behind Gerstner's state- guys. When sement after geting 10 wins in its past niors take charge 12 games, with series wins against Big of the field, it's 12 opponents Nebraska and Okla- hard to stop homa. The Raiders (27-13, 8-6 Big 12) them." have more games to be played in both the Big 12 and non-conference, but . Gerstner was on Gerstner said the excitement has just the mound during

"I don't think we have peaked to tory on Saturday our best performances on the field," he said. "There's always room for improvement, and I think we'll keep rolling. So get ready to see more."

Gerstner was called from the bullpen during both the Saturday and hits with no runs allowed. With up- some hits."

perclassmen stepping up like Gerstner are made of.

"I think it's out those young

While Tech's 14-4 vicand 6-5 win on Sunday, Hays said another senior took to the plate with intensity.

"(Senior third baseman Josh) Sunday games against Oklahoma to Haney had an unbelievable weekfinish off the Sooners. In four total end," he said. "He redeemed himself, innings of pitching, he struck out three and I think he was just fed up with batters, walked one, and allowed four everything, and determined to get

Haney got some hits against the did against Oklahoma, head coach Sooners, going 7-for-15 in the three There is no doubt in Corey Larry Hays said it shows the fans, games with a homerun, seven RBIs Gerstner's mind Texas Tech is the best. coaches and players what the Raiders and three runs scored. But Haney said the weekend is over, and the workweek has begun.

I don't think we

have peaked to our

best performances

on the field. There's

always room for

improvement...

— COREY GERSTNER

Texas Tech Pitcher

"We have to work on Tuesday, and get on top fast," he said. "Then we can take the advantage over New Mexico."

But the task of overtaking New Mexico may not come easy for the Raiders. Both teams have met once before this season, and the Lobos took the 4-1

victory in Albuquerque, N.M., on March 16. Aside from the win against Tech, New Mexico is also coming off 10 wins in 12 games in the Mountain West Conference. The Lobos (17-20-1, 13-5 Mountain West) also lead their conference.

Havs said the statistics are impressive, and that worries him.

"We have to worry about Tuesday," he said. "It's gonna be a big struggle. It will definitely be a gut-check."

Although there may be cautious thoughts in their minds about New Mexico, Hays said the Raiders have not changed since taking the field the first game of the season.

"We're the same team we've been all year," he said. "We've been unlucky with injuries and a few of our games. We got guys hurt, and they're like ducks flopping around. We have to get them better."

Even though the team has stayed consistent, Hays said the way they play has improved.

"If we have one or two of these guys step up this weekend, it will definitely be a different game," he said. "I hope we do well. We have to come out and pitch against a very tough New Mexico team. This weekend proved to me we could do it."

Tech will host the Lobos at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Dan Law Field before continuing Big 12 play against Kansas at 6 p.m. Friday in Lawrence, Kan., for the first game of a three-game series.

Manning valuable to Giants, Chargers

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. think it's a once-in-a-generation opcoming a man about town in New that strongly about." York City.

of the future was courtside for the back with the NFL pedigree, Manning Knicks-Nets playoff game at Madison didn't like them. Square Garden on Sunday night, and he has a television appearance with lic what they had been told by David Letterman lined up for Mon- Manning's family through their agent,

The Big Apple is his, for now. To make Manning theirs, the Giwith a first-round draft pick in 2005. luctantly holding a Chargers jersey.

"When I see a player that I believe that strongly in, I'm going to do ev- ers coach Marty Schottenheimer said. erything I can to get him," New York "Take the player who had the most general manager Ernie Accorsi said value. He had the most value in a Sunday night. "I'm just that way. I trade."

(AP) — Eli Manning is quickly be- portunity to get somebody you feel the scene on television, they also had

While the Chargers had the same The New York Giants' quarterback feelings about the Mississippi quarter-

> Last week, the Chargers made pub-Tom Condon — that Eli didn't want to play in San Diego.

Despite the warning, the Chargants had to have patience, persever- ers made him the No. 1 pick. There ance and the willingness to sweeten followed an awkward nationally telethe pot for the San Diego Chargers vised photo session with Manning re-

"The strategy was simple," Charg-

As the Giants brain trust watched a belief that "It's not over yet," coach of the draft was complete. New York Tom Coughlin recalled of their sent Rivers, a third-round pick this chances to get Manning.

After Oakland picked tackle Robert Gallery and Arizona picked receiver Larry Fitzgerald, the Giants were on the clock for 15 minutes.

In that frenzied span, Accorsi spoke with one club — supposedly Cleveland — about possibly moving down in the draft. He turned it down.

The longtime NFL executive also remembered a rumor — he wouldn't say how he heard — that the Chargers might be interested in a trade for Carolina State quarterback Philip Riv-control. What do you want to do?" ers and draft picks in return.

Rivers with the fourth pick overall.

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The phone rang shortly after that. Within minutes, the biggest trade season and first- and fifth-round picks

next year for Manning. "The one thing that was the most inaccurate in this whole story was that there was any progress or any element of an intimate deal at any point," Accorsi said of the trade talks before

Accorsi spoke with Chargers general manager A.J. Smith at the league meetings late last month without exchanging any proposals.

"What are your rules?" Accorsi re-Manning if they could get North membered telling him. "You are in

Smith told Accorsi to call him 10 So Accorsi and the Giants took days before the draft and to make an offer for the top pick.

Texas in lead without A-Rod

ARLINGTON (AP) - After Palmeiro and two-time AL MVP

Now the American League MVP's former team is tied for the AL New York Yankees are struggling.

The Rangers, built around a core of young players, are 11-8 after the opening stretch of the season against division opponents. of runs (5.8 per game) despite the They're even with Anaheim for first departed power hitters, and lead the place — and Texas won five of majors with a .315 batting average seven against the Angels.

"Us being young and everything said about us, we came out and just jors three of the last four seasons, has wanted to play well," catcher Gerald Laird said Monday. "It's just chemistry. Our team is really open and we our young guys," manager Buck

like to have fun and do a good job." just before spring training, having played 19 games out of a 162-game

three straight last-place finishes in Juan Gonzalez, there were plenty of Texas, Alex Rodriguez wanted out. dire predictions of a 100-loss season.

Imagine the thoughts after the Rangers lost their first two games. West lead, while Rodriguez and the But three weeks later, Texas tops the division after a three-game weekend sweep of Seattle that culminated with a 14-6 win.

> The Rangers are still scoring a lot — the only team over .300. Their pitching staff, the worst in the ma-

"We have a lot of confidence in Showalter said. "I'm not intention-When Texas traded Rodriguez ally low-keying. It's reality. We've already let go of sluggers Rafael schedule. So far, so good."

a 4.34 ERA, fifth-best in the AL.



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Cecil, Peters, Welker sign as free agents

A day after the NFL draft and years. He is the career leader at Tech at Tech this season with 12. seeing two Red Raiders get picked in games played and started, 50. up, three more former Texas Tech

football players signed free agent contracts with NFL teams.

Center Toby Cecil signed a deal with the NFC champion Carolina Pan-

thers. As the anchor of the offensive line at Tech, Cecil helped lead the

Receiver Mickey Peters signed a

contract with the Tennessee Titans. He holds the career touchdown receptions record at Tech with 22. He also totaled 2,318 vards receiving. In his last two vears as a Raider. Peters led the nation in recep-

tions and yards Raiders to being the top passing team for tight ends. He tied the single seain the nation for two consecutive son record for touchdown receptions

Inside receiver and punt returner Wes Welker came to an agreement with the San Diego Chargers. In his final year at Tech Welker re-wrote the NCAA record books for punt returners. He had 1,761 yards in punt returns as a Raider, he also set the NCAA record for career punt returns for a touchdown with eight. He owns two single season records as well with the most punt returns (57) and yards (752). Both those records came in 2002.

As a receiver at Tech, Welker holds the career record for receptions with 257. He is atop the career receiving yards list with 3,069 and is the only Raider to tally 1,000 yards receiving in two seasons.

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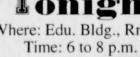
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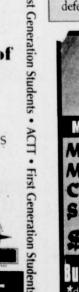
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Johnson to chat live The second fastest man in the

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Texas Tech's Jonathan Johnson will be featured on the site during the evening. A specific time for the chat was not determined as of press time.

Johnson ran the second fastest time in the world this year in the 800-meters at the Mt. Sac Relays last week. His time of 1:46.32 was good enough to qualify him for the Olympic Trials scheduled July 9-18. The junior also will race in the Big 12 Conference Championships this weekend, where he is two-time defending champion in the event.



San Antonio's Bowen, Duncan named NBA all-defense teams

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio NBA's All-Defensive Teams. Spurs' Bruce Bowen, a pesky perimeter defender, and

Bowen was a member of the All-Defensive first star forward Tim Duncan were named Monday to the team, while the 7-foot Duncan was on the second team.

Longhorns lead Men's Big 12 Championship after first round

champion Texas shot a 7-over-par 287 to lead Kansas State by three strokes after Monday's opening round of the Big

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) — Two-time defending 12 men's golf championship at Prairie Dunes Country Club. Kansas State's A.G. Elgert shot a 1-under 69 to lead the individual competition.

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Raiders qualify for NCAA West Regional

By David Wiechmann/ The University Daily

Texas Tech women's golf coach Stacey Totman said the addition of the Rawls Course would help the golf programs improve, and her players have done so by qualifying for the West NCAA Regional.

The Red Raiders are ranked No. 47 in the nation and are headed to the regionals for the first time since 2001, Totman's first year as head coach. The trip to the post season is something the team is excited about.

"We're just really excited about the opportunity we have, and we're playing some really great golf right now,"

confident, and we're going to a golf course we've all played.'

The course the Raiders are familiar with is in Palo Alto, Calif., home of the Stanford Cardinal, and Tech's course has prepared its team for the tough competition it has faced all year.

gotten a lot better over the last couple of months, and a lot of that goes to regular basis has our new practice facility we have at the Rawls Course," Totman said. The team finished seventh in last

week's Big 12 Conference Championship, but the result may not indicate Tech's ability.

The Big 12 has eight teams ranked:

Oklahoma (19), Missouri (27), Texas A&M (33), Baylor (38) and Kansas State (45).

Totman said "I think their short games have all playing competition like that on a more than prepared her team for the level it will see in the regional.

> "I think we play in probably the best conference leading the team to some of its suc-

> which will play in Tech's Regional, NCAA event than playing in the Big

12 Championship," she The Rawls Course,

the strength of the Big 12 and one other thing from the rest, she be-"I think the team

chemistry is awesome with this group," she said. "The girls are all pulling for each other."

One of her players

looking forward to finishing her Tech career strongly.

"I am incredibly excited. I haven't been to a regional since my freshman year," she said. "My last year, I wanted separate Totman's crew to go all the way. I'm hoping we'll put it all together and we can make it all the way to nationals."

> Ey said the team has been playing well lately, a positive she likes carrying into the postseason, but she and her teammates have to remember what got them to this point.

"I think we have a different mindset than when we came into in the country, and I don't think you cess is senior Jackie Ey. She said she the semester. We're just keeping fo-

Totman said. "I think the girls are very Oklahoma State (11), Texas (15) could get any more prepared for an has been wanting to get back to an cused on our game, and especially NCAA Regional for two years and is the mental game," she said. "The important thing is to-go out there and stay focused and be 100 percent confident in every single shot you hit and don't have any doubts in

> Tech will face No. 2 UCLA, California (3), Georgia (7), Washington (12) and Texas in the Regional. Fifteen of the 20 teams are ranked in the top 50. It may be a strong field, but Totman is confident and would take on any team with her squad.

"It's a tough region, but I'll put my girls up against anybody right now the way they're playing," she said.

Parker twins stick together as package deal for Tech softball

By Adam Boedeker/ The University Daily

A year ago, Texas Tech softball coach Bobby Reeves received a First Class parcel from Lindale, a town 15 minutes outside of Tyler. The package was comprised of a shortstop and a catcher and came in the form of the Parker twins — Heather and Ashlev.

The two freshmen knew they would never be split up, and Ashley explained, without hesitation, their reasoning for coming to Lubbock.

"We really liked coach Reeves," she said. "The way we saw it was here's a Division I school offering us both scholarships so we were like 'yeah, take that." Many Division I schools wanted

not have it that way. "We didn't even have to say 'you have us; we were lucky," Ashley said. "If someone wanted one of us we wouldn't go.

you have to have the other."

Reeves said he never had a doubt about taking both Ashley and

"Their physical capabilities were the main thing I noticed," he said. "Just the strength they have in their bodies, their speed and everything. But also their competitiveness; they love to win and they hate to lose.'

Reeves said initially the only problem he had with the identical twins was telling them apart.

"They're a lot alike in a lot of ways. A lot of people can't tell them apart, but when you've had them for two or three months it's not hard to tell them apart just by the way they act."

If the way they act is the distinthem apart?

"Ashley is a little more rebel-like, more laid-back type."

The sisters agreed with the as-

"I'm more vocal," Ashley said. "I what we've always done. She's caught say a lot more. We're completely different personality-wise. I'm more outspoken and outgoing."

The girls played many sports in high school besides softball, including volleyball, basketball and track, but they made sure of one thing.

"We don't compete against each other," Heather said. "We don't wanna know who's better. Like we'll talk crap and say like 'oh, I'm better than you' or something, but we've never done anything against each other. We never tried out for the same position, ever. We don't want to beat each other out. We just want to always play together."

Although Ashley played catcher in high school and still plays some behind one or the other, but the twins would guishing factor, how do people tell the plate for Tech, she has delved into a new position in college, outfield.

Heather has a favorite aspect of to take both of us.' He just took both of I guess," Reeves said. "Heather's the being on the field at the same time she calls it the "Parker Connection."

"I love it when she's catching and I'm playing shortstop," she said. "It's where together. Not in the same house

and I've played shortstop. When we throw someone out it's fun. You get excited."

Ashley has teetered around .350 in conference batting and is third on the team for the season. She utilizes her speed and left-handed batting by bunting and slap hitting. She has hit only a handful of balls out of the infield but usually manages to beat out throws.

"She's hitting like .350 in conference. So she's doing really good," Heather said. "I'm so happy for her, but it's a little frustrating when I'm struggling, but all I can do is get better."

What does the future hold for the twins? Heather said whatever they end up doing, they will be close. They have never spent more than 24 hours apart minus one trip Ashley took for four days.

"It would be so weird (being apart)," Heather said. "We've talked about it. I mean even when we're done with college we have to live some-



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/The University Daily

PARKER TWINS ASHLEY (left) and Heather (right) refused to play college softball apart and are a double threat for the Red Raiders.

or anything, that would just be weird be in the same place for three more years. and gross. I can't see us moving on. We've been together for almost 19 years. I can't even imagine going somewhere different without her."

Luckily for Reeves, the sisters will like them."

"I'm real excited to have them here

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Gordon soaked up the moment after than with any last-lap drama — it by tossing beer, soda cans and whatever his first win of the season. Dale proved the fan favorite doesn't get all else was handy onto the Talladega track.

"I'm real glad that one of these calls don had his fun with the scene, eas-When NASCAR declared Gorfinally went against me," Earnhardt said.

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And his fans voiced their opinion The normally straight-laced Gor-

ing around the track and spinning his wheels in a victory celebration. "I know it's going to be controver-

sial, but I don't care," he declared in the winner's circle.

He seized the lead from Earnhardt with six laps remaining, setting the stage for a scintillating finish. It didn't happen. Earnhardt was making a strong bid

for the lead coming off turn four of lap 184 in the 188-lap race when rookie Brian Vickers and Casey Mears collided. That brought out the 11th caution flag of the race.

Just like that, Dale Earnhardt Inc.'s string of five straight Cup wins - four by Earnhardt and one last fall by Michael Waltrip — at Talladega was over.

Earnhardt questioned NASCAR's ruling that Gordon held the lead when the caution started, but last fall's rule change means the field is frozen when the yellow comes out rather than letting the competitors race to the flagstand.

"I just feel like I was ahead of him, that's my only argument," Earnhardt said. "Other than that, I thought it was a great race."

It was Gordon's third win on Talladega's 2.66-mile oval and the 65th of his NASCAR career, and just as satisfying even with the anticlimactic finale.

"It seems like a long time since I've won any race," said Gordon, whose last win came at Atlanta in October 2003, a 12-race drought. "I can't think of a better one to win."

The first ruling had Earnhardt's No. 8 Chevrolet ahead. Gordon said he knew he had a slight lead.

"When I got to turn 2 they said the No. 24 was ahead of the No. 8," Gordon said. "And I said, 'Really? OK."

"He rode next to me because obviously he wanted to fight the call. Neither one of us really knew."

Earnhardt had another brush with controversy at Talladega in the 2003 spring race, getting the benefit of the decision that time. His No. 8 Chevrolet was clearly below the yellow out-of-bounds line when he passed Matt Kenseth for the lead with five laps to go, but NASCAR let the win stand despite the rules violation.

