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U.S. hostage Thomas Hamill escapes

By Bassem Mroue/Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — American hostage Thomas Hamill, kidnapped three weeks ago in an insurgent attack on his captors, was found by U.S. forces Sunday south of Tikrit after he apparently escaped from his captors, the U.S. military said. An official said he was in "good health."

Hamill, 43, of Macon, Miss., was discovered when he approached a U.S. patrol from the 2nd Battalion 108th Infantry, part of the New York National Guard, in the town of Balad, 35 miles south of Tikrit, a spokesman for U.S. troops in Tikrit said.

He identified himself, then led the patrol to the house where he had been held captive. The unit surrounded the house and captured two Iraqis with an automatic weapon, said spokesman, Maj. Neal O'Brien.

Hamill, a truck driver working for a subsidiary of the contractor Halliburton, had a gunshot wound to his left arm that appeared to be infected, and was flown by helicopter to Baghdad, O'Brien said. Video images released by Hamill's captors a day after his abduction showed his left arm in a sling, suggesting he was wounded during the attack on his convoy.

"Mr. Hamill apparently escaped from a

building," Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt told reporters in Baghdad, saying Hamill was in "good health."

"He has spoken to his family. He is now ready to get back to work."

In Macon, Hamill's wife, Kellie, said she received a call about 5:50 a.m. telling her her husband had been found alive. She said it was "the best wake-up call I've ever had."

She said one of the first things she did was wake up their children.

"There has been a lot of praying, and I am so grateful to everybody," Kellie Hamill said. "We're all so relieved, so excited."

She said she had no idea when her hus-

band would be returning home or when she would be able to see him.

"I want everybody know he's been found," she added. "I'm going to be shouting it from the rooftops."

There had been no word on his fate since the video released on April 10, which showed Hamill standing in front of an Iraqi flag. A spokesman heard on the video threatened to kill him within 12 hours unless the United States lifted the Marine siege of the city of Fallujah.

Hamill re-appeared about 50 miles north of the Abu Ghraib region, west of Baghdad, where he was snatched on April 9 during an

attack on a supply convoy he was driving in.

His abduction came amid a flare-up of kidnappings of foreigners during the intense violence that began in early April. Up to 40 people from a wide range of nationalities were abducted, though most were later freed. One hostage, an Italian, was executed by his captors, who filmed the slaying and sent a video to Arab television stations.

An American soldier, Pfc. Keith M. Maupin, remains in the hands of kidnapers, as do three other Italian security guards.

Maupin and Hamill were in the same con-

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Student Affairs

Tech to begin building \$24-million residence hall

By Andrew Bell/The University Daily

By Aug. 1, 2005, Texas Tech will have a new residence hall that will house more than 500 students. The university is racing against the clock on the project, though construction workers do not break ground on the project until May 13.

The new structure is a \$24-million residence hall that will be completed 15 months after the project begins. In the past, the Office of Housing and Dining learned from the construction of the Carpenter/Wells complex that it is crucial to have the facility open to students by the projected completion date, said Sean Duggan, director of Housing and Residence Life.

The driving force for the construction crew will be to finish by the anticipated date, Duggan said. However, financial consequences also are in place in case the project goes past schedule.

Paulo Peres, the project manager for Facility Planning and Construction, said the contractor would be penalized \$100 per bed for every day the project is not completed after Aug. 1. With 513 beds, he said it would be incentive enough to complete on schedule without having to pay more than \$51,000 per day.

When the university decided to build another residence hall on campus, Tech allowed architects and contractors to present their ideas for the structure. Then, the architect or contractor presents the proposal, cost and design and is given the leverage to begin the project, Peres said. The only problems once the project begins are those that cannot be helped.

"Usually, the only problem we can't help is the rain," he said.

The 178,000-square foot residence hall will be located south of Thompson Hall in between the Carpenter/Wells complex and the R.P. Fuller Track. The complex will include 122 four-person suites, four three-person and 13 single rooms for the live-in student staff, according to the project synopsis.

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Student Affairs

Campus vehicle burglaries causing student concern

By Sally Gunter/The University Daily

Lock the car doors. Stash CDs and valuables in the trunk. Take precautions because during the past two months the number of vehicle burglaries on the Texas Tech and Tech's Health Sciences Center is at a record high.

Since March 1, the Tech Police Department received 48 reports of vehicle burglaries, said Maj. Richard Foster of the Tech PD.

The estimated property loss is more than \$1,000 in mainly stereo equipment, but Foster said there is good news.

"Through the cooperative effort of individuals on campus and police officers, seven individuals have been arrested over the last four to six weeks," he said.

The number of arrests also was a record high for one given period of time.

The arrests cleared 23 of the 48 reports and reflect an almost 48 percent clear-

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PLANTERS' PARTY



TOP: ERIC BURNETT, a junior accounting major from Argyle, and Erin Leedy, a senior biology major from Arlington, help load mulch with shovels during Arbor Day festivities at Memorial Circle Friday afternoon. ABOVE LEFT: Chancellor Dr. David Smith plays football with Raider Red and some students during the event. ABOVE RIGHT: Jerek Hart, a senior civil engineering major from Rowlett, N.M., helps Ayotunde Phillips, a senior computer science major from Lubbock, rewind her kite during the festivities. Wade Bowen performed during the event and students began planting trees, plants and flowers at 1:30 p.m.

Student Affairs

City Council approves water ordinance

By Sally Gunter/The University Daily

Before turning on the sprinklers to liven up dull grass this summer, look at the clock or pay a maximum of \$500.

The Lubbock City Council approved a water ordinance for the city beginning May 15 that restricts watering time to before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. It also restricts the usage of irrigation during freezing weather and rainfall, as defined as one-fourth inch of rain within 24 hours.

An irrigation device is any manually operated or automated sprinkler, sprinkler head, hose, faucet or any other device capable of irrigating landscapes or lawns in whole or in part, according to the ordinance.

The rules do not apply to people owning personal wells or to Texas Tech, as it is under state jurisdiction.

Violations of the ordinance are considered a class C misdemeanor, but Ches Carthel, water planning engineer for Lubbock, said the citation is a last resort.

Water conservation education throughout the city is a goal Carthel said he hopes can be reached due to the passage of this ordinance.

Water resources have been the topic of conversations at several City Council meetings as viable solutions are reviewed.

"We need to start conserving water," Mayor Marc McDougal said. "The peak water use times are between

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UD PHOTOGRAPHER JAIME TOMÁS Aguilar profiles the blues scene of Lubbock with a look at the music through a documentary photo study of musicians and concerts in the Hub City on pages 8 and 9.



SWORN STATEMENT



TRAVIS GLOTT/The University Daily

KANDY BULLAJIAN, LEFT, a senior nursing major from Waco, Kristen Lathem, a first-year physical therapy student from Odessa, and Lameace Salmon from Arizona are sworn in as the new officers of the Tech Health Sciences Center Student Government Association by Elizabeth Preston Friday night.

Supreme Court justice assaulted while jogging

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court Justice David Souter suffered minor injuries when a group of young men assaulted him as he jogged on a city street, a court spokeswoman said Saturday.

The attack occurred about 9 p.m. Friday, court spokeswoman Kathy Arberg said.

Supreme Court police took Souter, 64, to a Washington hospital, where he was examined and released about 1 a.m. Saturday, Arberg said. She did not detail his injuries

except to say they were minor. Souter was not robbed, Arberg said.

She gave no other details about the assault, or about any police investigation or arrests.

Metropolitan Police Dept. spokesman Sgt. Joe Gentile refused to comment. A spokeswoman for Washington Hospital Center also would not talk about the incident because of privacy rules.

Souter was running alone when he was attacked. He lives in a city

neighborhood not far from the Supreme Court building on Capitol Hill, but it was unclear whether the assault occurred near his home.

Souter is among the youngest justices and is a regular jogger.

He is not the first justice to be injured while exercising.

Justice Stephen Breyer was thrown from his bicycle several years ago and suffered minor injuries.

Souter was named to the bench by the first President Bush in 1990.

The Rundown



Former Midland priest indicted for sex abuse

MIDLAND (AP) — A former priest at a Midland church has been indicted on child sex abuse charges.

The Rev. Domingo Gonzales Estrada was arrested Friday after being indicted by a Midland County grand jury. The 61-year-old is charged with aggravated sexual assault of a child and three counts of indecency with a child by contact.

The indictment alleges sexual acts on a boy occurring during four consecutive days in June 1990.

His attorney, Tom Morgan, said Estrada will plead not guilty.

"He looks forward to trial and getting this matter behind him," Morgan said.

Estrada, who worked at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church from 1986-1996, is a member of the religious order of Oblates of Mary Immaculate and not a member of the San Angelo Diocese, Bishop Michael Pfeifer said.

Pfeifer said he had not received reports of any such allegations when Estrada was working within the diocese.

"I didn't hear any reports of this nature," Pfeifer told the Midland Reporter-Telegram. "If I'd known about it, I'd have taken immediate action."

Pfeifer said Estrada lives in San Antonio. Records show Estrada secured a \$50,000 bond after his arrest.

Feds consider effects of higher interest rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — A report of 1994?

That's one question facing Federal Reserve policy-makers when they meet Tuesday and try to determine how an economy accustomed to super-low interest rates will react to rising rates.

A decade ago, shock waves from rate increases contributed to financial disasters in Mexico, Orange County, Calif., and elsewhere.

Analysts do not expect that Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues will start raising rates this week. Many expect the central bank will start preparing the country for higher rates, in large part to avoid the mistakes of a decade ago.

"They want to be very cautious this time around because they want to avoid an outcome like 1994," said David Jones, who has written four books on the Greenspan Fed.

In 1994, the Fed began a yearlong series of seven increases that would double an important rate to 6 percent. Since midyear, the Fed had kept its target for the federal funds rate — the interest that banks charge each other — at a then-low 3 percent.

The first increase came Feb. 4, 1994, and led to a huge sell-off on Wall Street. Before the Fed was done raising rates, the financial market fallout helped sink Orange County, the Mexican peso and a venerable Wall Street firm, Kidder Peabody & Co.

25 die after tankers explode in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Two fuel tankers exploded Sunday in a bustling marketplace in western Afghanistan, killing at least 25 people in what appeared to be an accident, the Afghan government said. A provincial official said 32 were killed.

Up to 40 more people were reported injured in the blast in Azizabad, a town 360 miles west of the capital, Kabul, in Herat province.

Herat provincial government spokesman Ghulam Mohammad Masoum said repair work on a tanker truck appeared to have triggered the devastating blast.

"The driver stopped in Azizabad to get some welding done on the vehicle," Masoum said. "It must have ignited the gas. There was another fuel tanker parked nearby, and it exploded too."

The blasts ignited more fuel at a nearby gas station. The explosions destroyed cars and shops, and bodies were scattered across the marketplace.

Most of the injured were rushed to hospitals in the city of Herat, 50 miles to the north.

Masoum said 32 people were killed and 35 injured.

In Kabul, a statement from President Hamid Karzai's office said at least 25 people were killed and 40 injured and that the president was "deeply saddened by the news of the terrible accident."

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Schwarzenegger helps dedicate museum of tolerance in honor of Holocaust victims

JERUSALEM (AP) — California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger paid tribute Sunday to the millions of Jews killed in the Holocaust and helped dedicate a planned museum of tolerance during a whirlwind visit to Jerusalem.

In an emotional speech at the museum site, Schwarzenegger said in a world of violence and suicide attacks, the museum would stand as a "candle to guide us."

"The world should know we are not building a bunker. We're building something that breathes with life, just

as God breathed life into us," Schwarzenegger said. "We look past the suicide bombers, the terrorists, past the blood. ... We look ahead to the time people can live side by side."

Schwarzenegger's speech came just minutes after Palestinian gunmen ambushed and killed a pregnant Jewish settler and her four young daughters as they were driving from the Gaza Strip into Israel. Two Palestinian militant groups claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it was retaliation for Israel's recent assassinations of two top

Hamas leaders. Schwarzenegger, wearing a yarmulke, later laid a wreath at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, a ceremony in which he also rekindled the memorial's symbolic eternal flame.

The governor bowed his head and stood in silence for several minutes in the vault-like chamber, which has the ashes of Holocaust victims buried beneath its marble floor.

Though Schwarzenegger's father was a member of the Nazi party, the actor-turned-politician has always sought to distance himself from that part of his Austrian background.

Israelis, many of whom feel isolated after 3 1/2 years of violence with the Palestinians, were thrilled with Schwarzenegger's visit.

He was cheered at every stop in his busy day, whether by office workers in government buildings or the crowd at the museum ceremony.

Many wore Schwarzenegger T-shirts and some shirtless men scrawled "We Love Arnold" on their chests.

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Keeping the flame alive

Tech instructor one of more than 11,000 people nominated to participate in the 2004 Olympic Torch Relay

By Bristi Arnold/Contributing Writer

It will travel by boat, helicopter and car on a 78,000-kilometer route over a 78-day period, during which it will be seen by 260 million people and carried by 11,300.

The 2004 Olympic Torch Relay began March 25 in ancient Olympia, Greece, in the same stadium that will host the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games beginning Aug. 13.

This relay symbolizes the unity the Olympic Games bring to the world and for the first time is a truly global relay traveling five continents.

While the Olympic flame is seen worldwide as a symbol of friendship, peaceful co-existence, noble competition and the

Olympic idea, Susie J. Bullock sees it as the ending of a rewarding journey, not the beginning.

Bullock, a 2004 Olympic torchbearer nominee and instructor at Texas Tech, started her doctorate degree program as the 2000 Olympics ended. She said there was a direct parallel between the Olympics and her life.

"Everything that I could see that we were doing in the way of the teamwork or cohort effort matched everything that I had just seen in the Olympics," she said.

Bullock said the torch relay has always been a special event for her and, as she started her doctorate, she thought of it as a race. She said she sets fun goals along with her career goals.

"I thought 'In four years, I am going to be finished just about the time this torch

comes back through the United States,'" she said.

According to athens2004.com, each torchbearer is chosen through a nomination process. Nominees should be individuals who unite their communities and inspire others through unity, human scale, celebration, participation and heritage.

Cindy Akers, agricultural communications professor at Tech, said Bullock is an amazing woman and displays the nomination characteristics on a daily

basis. "No one is more deserving," she said.

Bullock has a bachelor's degree in agriculture education and communications, a master's in agriculture and extension education and is now pursuing a doctorate in agricultural education.

She is married and the mother of two, Sarah, 10, and Jeffery, 15. She is involved in Girl Scouts of America as an adult leader, Dunbar Parent-Teacher Association and Texas Tech Ex-Students Association.

Akers said that she is astonished at what Bullock can accomplish with so many obligations and time constraints.

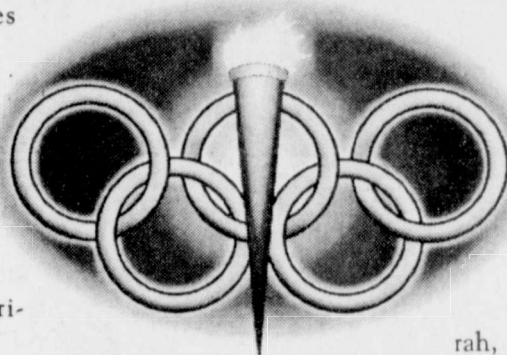
"I know it's a struggle, and you want to be everywhere," she said. "You have to be organized, and she is."

Courtney Carter, an agricultural communications major in Bullock's technical writing class, said she was not aware of Bullock being nominated to be a torchbearer.

"I'm surprised, but proud that someone from Tech could do it," she said. "She's an awesome teacher and deserves that type of recognition."

The torch will be in the United States from June 16-19 and will go through Los Angeles, St. Louis, Atlanta and New York.

"I don't know what will happen," Bullock said, "but it's been a great journey."



Study: Obese children more likely to be victim, aggressor

CHICAGO (AP) — Overweight adolescents are more likely than normal-weight children to be victims and perpetrators of bullying, a study found, bolstering evidence that being fat endangers emotional as well as physical health.

The results in a study of 5,749 Canadian youngsters echo data from British research and follow a U.S. study published last year in which obese children rated their quality of life as low as young cancer patients' because of teasing and weight-related health problems.

While not surprising given the stigma of being overweight, the new findings underscore the importance of enlisting teachers and schools in the fight to prevent and treat obesity in children, said lead author Ian Janssen, an obesity researcher at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario.

"Anybody's who's ever been on a playground would know" that overweight children are among those who get picked on, Janssen said, adding that in some cases, that may lead the youngsters to become bullies themselves.

The study appears in the May edition of Pediatrics, released Monday.

Janssen said obesity rates in Canadian children tripled from the 1980s to 1990s and show no signs of slowing down, similar to rising rates in other developed nations and in the United States, where 15 percent of school-aged youngsters are obese and are increasingly plagued by related health problems.

The toll on emotional health is just as worrisome, the researchers said.

"The social and psychological ramifications induced by the bullying-victimization process may hinder the social development of overweight and obese youth, because adolescents are extremely reliant on peers for social support, identity and self-esteem," the researchers said.

Their data is based on a national survey of Canadian youngsters, ages 11 to 16, conducted in 2002.

Among normal-weight youngsters, almost 11 percent said they were victims of bullying, compared with 14 percent of overweight youngsters and nearly 19 percent of obese youngsters.

About 8 percent of normal-weight children said they were perpetrators, compared with 11 percent

of overweight youngsters and 9 percent of the obese children.

Obese boys and girls were more than two times more likely than normal-weight youngsters to be victims of "relational" bullying — being intentionally left out of social activities. Obese girls were about twice as likely to be physically bullied on a weekly basis than normal-weight girls; among obese boys the risk was slightly lower but still substantially higher than for normal-weight boys.

Obese girls were more than five times more likely than normal-weight girls to physically bully other youngsters at least once weekly. Among boys the risk of being physically aggressive was only slightly increased, but they were more than twice as likely to make fun of others and spread lies and rumors than normal-weight boys.

Cleveland child psychologist Sylvia Rimm, author of "Rescuing the Emotional Lives of Overweight Children," said many schools with anti-bullying programs don't specifically address overweight youngsters.

Rimm said reducing bullying could help youngsters overcome their weight problems. Bullying perpetuates those problems because it isolates them, and "the only thing left for overweight kids is food and television," she said.

Smith publishes paper on importance of vaccinations

By Michael Castellon/
The University Daily

A disturbing trend of parents who are opting out of protecting their children with vaccinations, coupled with the resurgence of outbreaks of deadly viruses from Asia and Europe, has Texas Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith concerned.

"One of the key issues is that more parents are looking to opt out of vaccinations," he said. "This has created some major issues among children's health."

Media and Internet-based reports have created misperceptions about childhood ideas among parents, Smith said, including a supposed linkage between vaccinations and autism and diabetes.

Texas ranks near the bottom among states that provide resources, legislation and checks and balances that allow for childhood immunization, Smith said, and more effort needs to be made to generate awareness among parents.

"We're in about the bottom 10 percentile," he said. "It's been said Texas immunizes its cattle better than its children."

Smith, an experienced pediatrician who has served as senior vice president of Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas and chief executive officer and medical director of Parkland's Community Oriented Primary Care Program, has authored a second edition of a paper that underscores the importance of childhood

immunizations.

But children who are not fully vaccinated may be susceptible to measles, of which new strains and outbreaks have been imported from Asia.

In his paper, first published in 2001 and titled The Promise of Vaccines: The Science and Controversy, Smith details and outlines the widespread public health benefits of childhood and adult vaccinations.

The paper will be presented to the American Council on Science and Health.

Smith said inner-city populations are at an increased risk for measles outbreaks, due primarily to dynamics that are favorable to the spread of viruses like measles, as well as lower rates of vaccinated children.

Nationally, immunization coverage rates are at all-time highs, disenfranchising parents who are unable to pay for immunizations. In 2002, the

immunization rate for the basic childhood immunizations was 78 percent.

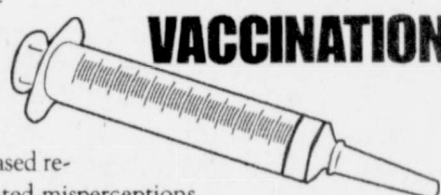
In Texas, the rate ranges from 64 to 89 percent, depending on the region.

In most cases, however, children from families below the poverty line are less likely to be fully immunized.

Federal officials have committed to improve vaccination rates, especially in light of increased international travel and immigration, but Smith said

more needs to be done to reimburse doctors for immunization costs, many of which come directly out of the pockets of healthcare providers.

"In the context of bioterror, officials may be in the position to be fighting a two front battle, like fighting terrorism and measles," he said. "We now know there are new vaccines out there that are capable of doing some incredible things, like fighting cervical cancer."



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6 soldiers die in mortar attack

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A mortar attack killed six U.S. service members and wounded about 30 on Sunday near Ramadi in western Iraq, the U.S. military said.

A military spokeswoman gave no further details and did not say whether the victims were Marines or Army soldiers. However, most of the Americans stationed in the Ramadi area are Marines.

Ramadi is about 60 miles west of Baghdad in Anbar province, which also includes Fallujah.

The deaths raised the U.S. death toll to 151 since a wave of violence began on April 1. At least 753 U.S. troops have died in Iraq since the war began in March 2003.

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When opinions reflect who you are

Philosopher John Stuart Mill once said, "Truth emerges from the clash of adverse ideas."

As the opinions editor of this constantly fired up freedom-of-speech page, I have learned when opposing ideas clash the truth about the writer is what most often emerges.

For three years I have written columns for *The University Daily*. I started with almost a personal vendetta against fundamentalist guaranteed-to-condemn-you-to-hell Christians. Since Texas Tech is centered in the Bible Belt, I wanted to write in such a way that forced students to think outside of their brainwashed boxes. I wanted to convince our generation to think critically.

But, instead, I learned how much I needed to think critically, how much I need to branch out of my bitter-from-bad-experiences box. And, ironically, I'm now seriously dating a conservative Protestant Republican, who is very much contrary to my liberal left-winged ideology, but still is the most open-minded, accepting man I've ever met.

During this past year, I've worked with writers who are 100 percent convinced they are right in whatever belief they hold. Many of them pretentiously present their opinions as if there is no perspective outside of their "wise" words. But, as I leave my position and pass the privilege to next year's opinions editor, Angela Timmons, I leave a metaphoric mirror behind, hoping future writers and readers will gain more than entertainment from page 4. Hopefully, they will begin to see themselves in a new, more accurate way.

Working with people with strong personalities and even stronger opinions has shown me that what we dislike in others is actually a reflection of who we are and what we secretly can't stand about ourselves. When you think your traditional conservative counterpart is being closed-minded, look in the mirror, because you most likely are holding just as tightly to your narrow-minded mode of thinking about issues.

When you think you are being judged

Kristen Gilbreth



Working with people with strong personalities and even stronger opinions has shown me that what we dislike in others is actually a reflection of who we are and what secretly we can't stand about ourselves.

unfairly by someone who is "intolerant" of your alternative lifestyle or wild-n-crazy ways, look at how often you criticize the religious as "hypocritical."

When you want to scream out to this campus calling an action racist or prejudiced, analyze how often you group people together when it meets your own needs.

It is this type of duplicity we often don't want to see in ourselves. But until we stop spouting our opinions at the top of our lungs, we can't see the truth. Sometimes it takes putting down the pen and looking within to recognize we are putting the same type of hatred, intolerance and aggression into the world that we preach against.

I've heard many feminists complain about how unjustly they are treated by the male sex. And then, in the same breath, they try to control, demean or verbally abuse their boyfriend.

I've heard many "independents," including myself, criticize the Greek community on Tech's campus, categorizing them as materialistic, shallow or stupid. Yet, in their own day-to-day lives, comments are always made degrading these sororities and fraternities for su-

perflous reasons — for wearing a trendy shirt, too much make-up, or a valley girl voice.

I've learned we don't have to look far to find each of the negative qualities we detest in the world — They dwell within our own hearts. We will never move a step closer in bringing more good into the world until we seek to change what is evil in our souls.

There are not just two sides to every story — there are a multitude of sides spewing in a million different directions. This is the greatest lesson anyone can take away from a job in journalism.

Only when you search objectively to see another side can you grasp a piece of the real "story" of any situation.

Through falling in love with a conservative Christian who is loving beyond measure, I learned many of my previous assessments are wrong — not all Christians are out to convert the rest of the world to their way of thinking.

Through meeting Sally Gunter, a reporter at *The UD* and a member of a sorority, I learned "Greek" girls are more than their sorority letters — they can be highly intelligent, down to earth, and pleasantly personable.

If you are convinced you are right about any group or idea, force yourself to find someone who will prove you wrong. When we begin to see and understand the other side, we can truly become a more tolerant nation.

More than anything, remember although we are all vastly different, there are many more similarities tying us together. *The UD* has shown me I would learn to love people I once imagined I would never want to be in the same room with. As I move into the same house with two women who are my polar opposites in opinions and lifestyle, I know I've learned what I hope all of you will: It is truly our differences that brings us closer and in the end all that matters is how we treat one another. I love you, Heidi and Angie, exactly as you are.

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Wanted: Students with courage to speak out

Homosexuality. Reproductive rights. Liberals versus conservatives. War. Religion. Gender. Relationships. Texas Tech issues.

The opinions page of *The University Daily* has changed this year. It has adopted a new look that has made it more vibrant and interesting to read than in years past. The columnists whose pictures have become familiar to Tech students have not only written about diverse issues but spanned diversity itself.

This is a tradition as opinions editor for *The UD* I seek to continue. Diversity is often overlooked on this campus, and page 4 is the one place I do not want to overlook the many types of individuals that people this campus.

I don't know if the majority of the students on this campus realize it, but everyone has something to say. I hear students of all types voicing their opinions all the time — and I think, "Why don't you write about it?"

We are still looking for additional people who want their voices heard. You don't get paid, and your recognition might not go past the reaches of University and Brownfield.

However, for all of you who have ever thought of issues you consider important and aren't being addressed, this is your chance to reach out to your fellow students, faculty and staff. If you're a member of the College Republicans who feels the media is too liberal, write for us. If you're a feminist who feels gender issues aren't getting enough at-

Angela Timmons



This is your chance to do the one thing I know liberal or conservative, religious or atheist, agree on: exercise your first amendment rights.

tention, write for us. If you're a full time student who works full time to support yourself and a family, tell us how you manage and how the tuition increases will affect you.

We have a big year coming up. We have a presidential election. Americans and Iraqis are divided on. We have tuition hikes that might make college harder than it already is. Students are under pressure to graduate sooner. While students are trying to get into the very classes they need to graduate, the university is enrolling a record number of students. Lubbock is experiencing a mayoral election, and I know there are local issues that affect students — beyond bringing the Strip into the city limits.

I know page 4 is what I see Tech students reading most often. I've overheard students discuss columns many times. As a columnist myself, I've seen the emails — both in agreement and disagreement — flow in like crazy. I know people out there have things to say that some of us have not even considered yet.

Universities have the reputation of speaking out during heated times in history. I fear college students, especially in America, are losing footing in this area. I don't know if students are unaware of issues, don't have time to really think about where they stand or if American apathy is really taking over.

We are asking each of you to not let that happen. If you step up, students will be forced to think about where they stand.

We are looking for all viewpoints. I encourage students on this campus to have the courage to voice their opinions regularly. If you can think of something you would like to write about every week or every two weeks, let us know. If not, write letters to the editor.

Don't roll over and let your voice go unheard. The campus needs your perspective. This is your chance to do the one thing I know liberal or conservative, religious or atheist, agree on: exercise your first amendment rights.

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Living with purpose

You can't get where you want if you don't know where you want to go

What is life but an endless journey going from an imperfect nowhere to an unknown somewhere followed by an unseen anywhere?

Turn on the news, talk to some people walking aimlessly through the mall, listen to the songs on the radio. So many people are wandering directionless through life. They don't know why they're in college. They don't know why they're in a specific line of work. They're in a relationship, job or situation they hate and are miserable in, but won't leave it. Each has succumbed to a life without a vision.

OK, maybe that's what life is. But that's not what life has to be. Life isn't a murky sea with all of us floating around amid the flotsam. Life is a series of choices, of paths that we either take or don't take, a set of actions that affect us.

There are two ways you can take life — you can keep floating until you arrive at the unknown somewhere, that you won't even recognize because you don't know where you're going, or you can take control, have a vision for your life, and fight against the obstacles to attain that vision, never knowing where each step will lead you but knowing that someday, somehow you will reach your goal.

But having a vision is not enough. You can't reach a goal without making one, but nor can you reach a goal without walking toward it. The next step is acting on your vision. Find a way to get there. Pick your road, find a map and start walking.

Then realize every road has curves the map doesn't show. Roads have dips and roadblocks and mirages you can't foresee and may distract you from your vision. Hold onto the vision and where you want to end up. Just remember your path won't always lead straight to the end.

The neat thing about life is you never know where it's going to take you. One move you make could completely shift you onto another path, it could cause something to happen in your life or the life of somebody else that probably would not have without your unwitting catalyst, or it could do nothing.

Life would be too easy if we knew what would happen each day. That's not the point. We grow by making the best decisions we can and dealing with the consequences, good and bad.

Life also is too short to waste time overanalyzing our decisions. A little critical thinking is good, but dwelling on coulda-shoulda-woulda will get you nothing but regrets. We don't always know what our decisions cost us. Embrace what you gained from each choice, and leave the rest behind. Too much baggage on the journey to your vision only slows you down.

You don't know the outcome of the race until it's run. You don't know what someone will say until you ask. You never know the effects of something

Heidi Toth



It doesn't matter what you have now, or what you are.

What matters is where you're going and how hard you're working to get there.

It's up to you if you want to drift aimlessly until you reach 'somewhere,' or fight tirelessly to reach your vision, regardless of how bendy the road is.

until you do it.

For that is the final step. We have to publish our works in our lives. We have to be willing to take that chance, talk to that person, go to that event, get up on that stage and sing, dance or tell jokes to the best of our ability. We have to apply for that scary job and stand up to someone with whom we disagree passionately. To quote a Texas phrase, we have to "grab the bull by the horns." That's why we're here.

Of course, we'll never reach our vision unscathed. We'll take wrong turns, we'll choose different paths, obstacles will be thrown in our way. That's not important. What's important is that each individual has an individual vision, that each person takes the necessary leaps without needing to know exactly what's around that next bend.

I'll close my final column of the year with a thought from Albus Dumbledore, the wise old headmaster of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, the school famous boy wizard Harry Potter attends. At the close of Harry's second year, as he agonizes over his connection with the most evil wizard in the land, Dumbledore tells him, "It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."

It doesn't matter what you have now, or what you are. What matters is where you're going and how hard you're working to get there. It's up to you if you want to drift aimlessly until you reach "somewhere," or fight tirelessly to reach your vision, regardless of how bendy the road is.

After all, the bends in the road are what make the road worth traveling.

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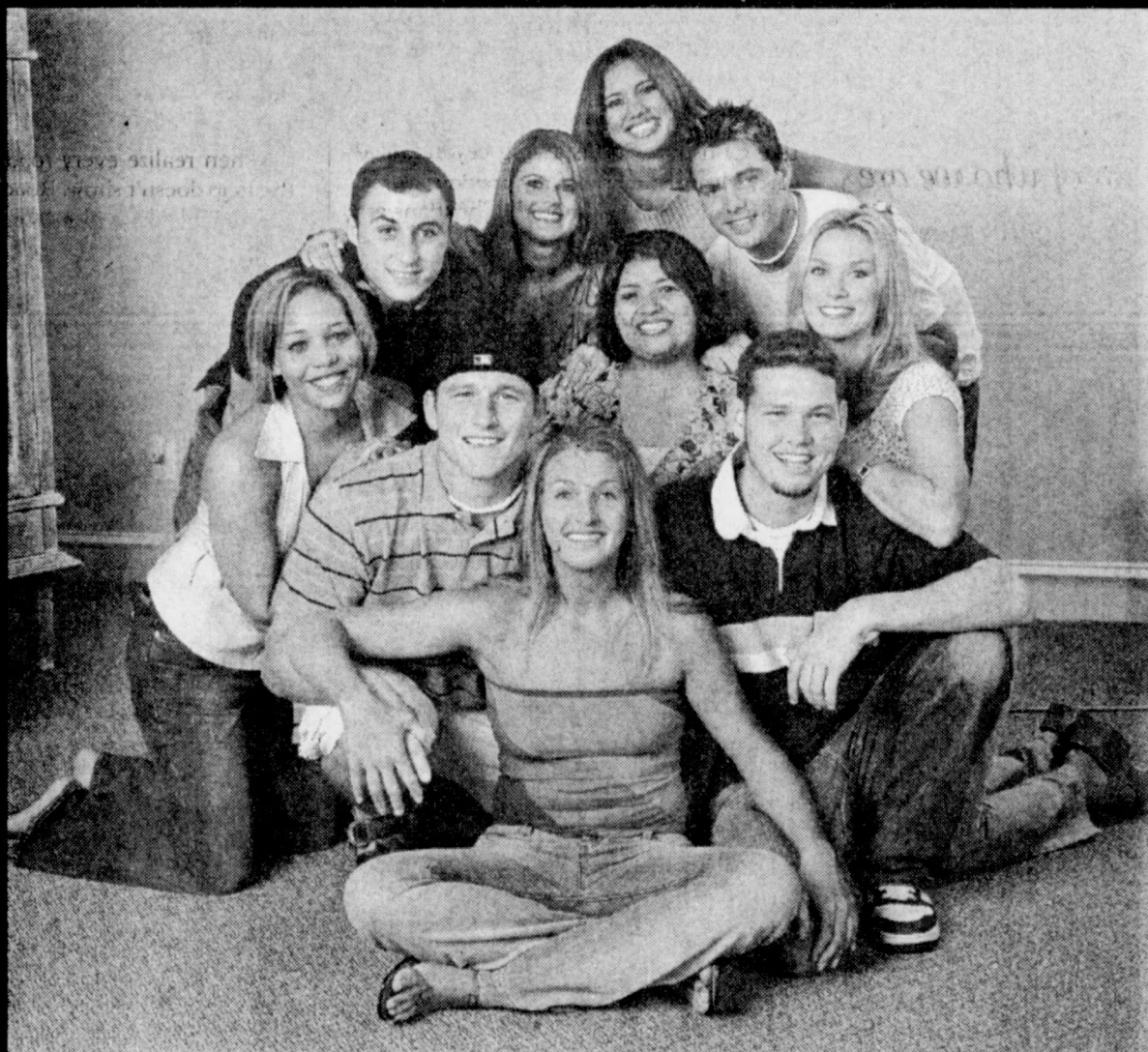
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Water

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April and September."

The shortage Lubbock is experiencing is because of a yearlong drought in the Texas Panhandle. Lubbock receives the majority of its water from Lake Meredith through the Canadian River Municipal Water Association.

CRMWA is a political entity developed by the Texas Legislature to regulate water allocations from the lake, and it reduced the Lubbock water supply from Lake Meredith by 5 percent in 2003 because of the drought. The level of the lake is decreasing by 9 percent per year, and it has from an 18-month to four-year supply remaining.

Residents of Lubbock have an average annual demand of 39 million gallons of water a day that can reach 81 million gallons a day during the summer months.

The Council passed the ordinance in an effort to promote water conservation and prolong the available resources.

Aside from the time restrictions, the water ordinance also addresses the design of irrigation systems and the Water Board of Appeals. Citizens who feel they cannot comply with the ordinance can appeal to the Water Board of Appeals.

Commercial entities that install irrigation systems after May 15 are required to have a separate irrigation meter, a rain sensor and a freeze sensor, according to the ordinance.

The ordinance does not have an

expiration date on it; however McDougal said another Council could pass an ordinance revoking it.

Since the Council began addressing water usage in November, McDougal said he has already seen an increase in water awareness.

"I think it's an awakening," he said. "You don't educate and change people's habits overnight. It takes time to do that."

People tend to over water yards, but Carthel said one easy way to conserve water is to cut back on the amount used. Yards require three-fourths to one inch of rain a week.

Using buckets and one hose while washing a vehicle also can help conserve water easily, he said.

"We look forward to lots of cooperation from the public to reduce the water demand," Carthel said.

Hall

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Each four-person suite would contain two bathrooms, and every student in the building would have access to a private bedroom with Ethernet connections, a ceiling fan and cable television.

Although the occupants of a three-person suite would have to share a bathroom, each suite would have a furnished living room, a full-size refrigerator and a microwave, Duggan said.

The residence hall will become a replacement for Gaston Hall apartments and Doak Hall beds that are scheduled to come off line in fall 2006.

The aim is to replace the tra-

ditional beds for a modern facility with private bedrooms, according to project synopsis.

The lobby of the building will contain a 7,000-square-foot Sam's Place Mini-Market.

Peres said the contractor would also have stiff penalties for late completion of the convenience store.

"There are also penalties for Sam's Place," he said. "If the dorm is done and Sam's Place isn't, that causes problems."

Unlike other residence halls at Tech, students at the new facility will not be expected to go downstairs to do their laundry.

Duggan said each floor would have laundry space.

Although there are no plans for a parking structure for the building,

the C-5 commuter lot north of Thompson Hall will be a designated residence hall parking, according to the project synopsis.

The C-5 lot contains approximately 280 spaces.

Students who are interested in living in the residence hall have the opportunity to give feedback on what furniture should be placed in the new building.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, the Office of Housing and Dining will have the furniture displayed at the Wall/Gates complex.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the residence hall will take place on May 13.

The event will take place south of Thompson Hall between Carpenter/Wells and the track.

Methodist court reviewing case of lesbian pastor

PITTSBURGH (AP) — United Methodists ordered their top court to review the case of a lesbian pastor after the court ruled Saturday that gay sex violates Christian teaching.

The denomination's General Conference voted 551-345 to direct the Judicial Council to review the case of the Rev. Karen Dammann, whose avowed homosexuality led to church charges of committing practices "incompatible with Christian teaching."

In March, a jury of 13 pastors in Bothell, Wash., acquitted Dammann. But the Judicial Council, in a 6-3 vote Saturday, said being a practicing homosexual clearly violates Methodist law, and that such a violation could

be cause for removal from church office.

The Rev. Maxie Dunnam, president of Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky, asked for the General Conference vote in light of the judicial panel's ruling.

It was unclear what action the high court could take in Dammann's case. Methodist law does not allow for an appeal in church trials. However, the council had retained jurisdiction over Dammann's case when it ordered Dammann to be tried, and traditionalists hope that will allow the council to revisit the case.

"There's nothing in (church law) that physically outlines what their op-

tion could be but there's nothing that specifically prohibits them either," said Mark Tooley, a conservative with the Institute on Religion and Democracy. "Regardless of the jury verdict, she should still not be appointed as a pastor."

Dammann, reached by phone in Washington, said she would consult with her lawyer Lindsay Thompson to learn what actions the Judicial Council could take.

"This thing just never ends," she said. "I'm disappointed. I can't believe it."

Thompson said asking for the review was an effort "to rewrite the rules."

"The people who are upset about this clearly are inclined to stop at little if anything to undo it and prevent it from ever happening again," he said.

The Judicial Council is expected to rule sometime during the conference, which convenes on Monday.

Dammann was put on trial after she told her bishop she was in a committed relationship with a woman. She married her partner in Portland, Ore., in March, after county officials there began allowing same-sex marriages.

Dammann is now on family leave. The debate over homosexuality is expected to dominate the agenda of the conference, which is held every four years and runs through May 7.

No one believes that the 8.3 million-member denomination is about to break apart. Delegates have rejected proposals more accepting of sexually active gays by about 60 percent to 40 percent over the years. That voting trend is expected to continue among this year's 1,000 delegates.

Hostage

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voy that came under attack on the western outskirts of Baghdad, one of many amid an insurgent campaign against supply routes around the capital.

The April 9 attack had a particularly heavy toll: besides Hamill and Maupin, six other employees of the Halliburton subsidiary KBR — formerly known as Kellogg, Brown & Root — and another U.S. soldier were missing.

The bodies of four of the KBR employees were later found in a shallow grave near the attack. The body of the soldier, Sgt. Elmer Krause of Greensboro, N.C., was also found and identified on April 23.

Two days after the attack, video footage given by insurgents to Arab television showed the bloodied bodies of two other Western civilians who had been seen being dragged out of a car during the same attack.

Hamill — a dairy farmer who signed on with KBR in Iraq to pay off debts — was also filmed as he

was being abducted. The insurgents allowed an Australian camera crew to film him in the back seat of the gunmen's car. Hamill identified himself before the car sped off, winking him away.

The next day, the Arab television station al-Jazeera showed the video of Hamill standing in front of an Iraqi flag.

"Our only demand is to remove the siege from the city of mosques," a spokesman said in the tape. "If you don't respond within 12 hours ... he will be treated worse than those who were killed and burned in Fallujah."

Burglaries

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ance rate by the police department. Foster said there also was substantial property recovery.

The seven individuals were not Tech students and in no way connected with the university and could possibly be responsible for more of the 48 burglaries.

"It's not just a group," Foster said. "It's a combination of individuals and half the people working together committing these crimes."

Two of the people arrested Thursday traveled from Hereford with the sole intent to commit the burglaries on the Tech and HSC campuses, Foster said.

The campus may be appealing because of the high number

of vehicles and foot traffic in the area. Foster said the busyness of the campus allows criminals to blend in easier with students, faculty and staff.

Foster said he expects the number of vehicle burglaries will decrease with the onset of summer vacation.

"When you get one or two of them, it seems one or two take their place," he said. "That's why we really want to encourage people to report suspicious activity."

Foster attributes the clearance rate to helpful input by citizens act-

ing as additional eyes and ears for the department.

Witnesses to a crime should report it at (806) 742-3931 promptly, he said.

Before calling police and without jeopardizing safety, Foster said to get a description of the vehicle and suspect by the quickest means possible.

"I encourage people to report suspicious activity, and re-emphasize people taking safeguards by locking valuables in the trunk," he said.



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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- Leopard feature
- Blue-green color
- Actor Sebastian
- Explosive one
- Ballet wear
- Elasticized binding
- Young adult
- Used transactions
- Superlatively sore
- Like many redheads
- Delineate
- Disney frame
- Disgust
- "My Fair Lady" director
- Embrace
- Winter white
- Cycle or sex lead-in
- Brownish gray
- Wind dir.
- Sicilian rumber
- Samovars
- Milk by-products
- Vehicles drawn by canines
- Turndown vote
- Pestrain
- Ships' loads
- Strong feeling
- News story
- Ruth of baseball
- Dairy product
- Folksinger Ives
- Dueling sword
- During a broadcast
- Dispatch a dragon
- Set up for a drive
- Turney and Turner

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- Neck wrap
- Worried walker
- Way
- Smoking mixture
- Cat on the prowl
- Spurious
- Cold War letters
- Byte or buck starter
- Make impossible
- Now and then
- Last Stuart monarch
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- Mother of one's cousin
- Jodie Foster film
- Word on a towel
- People, places and things
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- Female sheep
- Signaled
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Last-minute releases before summer hits

Before the big summer blockbusters start to arrive in May, the last weekend in April sometimes serves as movie studios' last chance to release more moderate films and/or empty their garbage can.

"Laws of Attraction"

Pierce Brosnan and Julianne Moore star in this romantic comedy about opposing divorce attorneys who fall for each other. Moore is the uptight Audrey Woods and Brosnan is the unkempt Daniel Rafferty.

Both are good at what they do — Woods is sharp and intelligent, and Rafferty uses his charm and theatrics to win cases. They're both vicious attorneys, which makes them perfect for each other — or at least, deserving of each other.

They go get drunk one night and end up sleeping together, only so Rafferty can use Woods' panties as evidence in court the next day.

It's things like this that make this romance so frustrating. Rafferty publicly humiliates Woods no less than three times, (four if you count eating food off of her face

James Eppler



in court), and she never gets revenge. Not only that, she keeps letting him off the hook and, eventually, going back to him.

It's so demeaning to the female lead.

The film starts out as moderately charming, but who wouldn't be charmed with the likes of Moore and Brosnan?

But by the time the two jet off to Ireland to see a castle owned by clients they are representing in a divorce, the film starts its downward slip. In Ireland, the two get lost in the woods, go to a party, get drunk (which is the only way this movie can get its two leads to do anything), and wake up the next morning married.

Rafferty is happy with the marriage, but Woods wants a quick annulment.

The film continues to annoy as the two

characters keep trying to deny their love for one another, and worse, try to make us care about them by having Moore cry softly into a pillow and Brosnan make really sad faces.

The film itself is also sloppy with the editing looking more like cut and paste, and some atrocious montages late in the film with characters being sad as teenybopper music plays over it.

Brosnan and Moore both deserve better material, but maybe they were both drunk when they inked the deal for this mess.

EPPLER'S RATING



"Bobby Jones: Stroke of Genius"

They could not have picked a worse time to release "Bobby Jones: Stroke of Genius," a very good film that will most certainly be lost in the barrage of summer movies headed toward theaters this month.

Jim "Jesus" Caviezel stars as Bobby Jones, the only golfer in history to have

won all four major tournaments — the U.S. Open, the British Open, the U.S. Amateur and the British Amateur in the same year (1930) before retiring from the game at age 28.

Not even Tiger Woods has accomplished that feat.

The film chronicles Jones' life including his childhood where he first became fascinated with the game and his rise to success.

Caviezel plays the grown version of Jones with an ear-to-ear grin matched with a fiery temper when the ball doesn't go his way.

Malcolm McDowell is wonderful as a biographer who follows Jones, and befriends the young golfer. "Money will ruin sports," he admonishes.

Although he refused to turn pro, Jones faced many famous opponents as his fame gained more momentum, not the least of which is the lecherous lush, Walter Hagen (Jeremy Northam is terrific).

One of the best scenes in the film is a conversation between Jones and Hagen as the latter realizes that he has lost his original love of the game in lieu of dollars.

The film is not necessarily about Jones' entire life. There is the inclusion of his falling in love with and marrying Mary (Claire Forlani), but she is soon reduced to the stereotypical sports movie wife as she stays at home and complains that Jones is working too hard or neglecting his family.

The film is more interested in Jones' golf game, which may be pleasing to fans of the game, but is never intimate or moving.

That said, the film moves at a leisurely pace, and is often beautiful to look at with crisp cinematography. It also aptly captures the 1920s, one of my favorite time periods for movies.

"Bobby Jones: Stroke of Genius" is a nice semi-biography of an exceptional athlete.

EPPLER'S RATING



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'Mean Girls' rules weekend box office numbers; 'Man on Fire' comes in second

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Maybe nice guys finish last, but "Mean Girls" came in first at the weekend box office.

The comedy starring Lindsay Lohan as a student who gets swept up in the backstabbing politics of fashion, love and popularity among high school cliques earned \$25 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Although it starred 17-year-old Lohan, the presence of "Saturday Night Live" star Tina Fey, who also wrote the screenplay, appealed to grown-up moviegoers. Overall, "Mean Girls" got its strength from girl power.

About 75 percent of the audience was female and about half the audience was under 18, said Wayne Lewellen, head of distribution for Paramount, which released the movie.

"The teenage girl audience has a lot of clout and a lot of discretionary income from somewhere. They've got a lot of fun money and go to see movies in groups," said Paul

Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

Two of last week's top movies continued to perform strongly. The Denzel Washington thriller "Man on Fire" fell to No. 2 in its second week with \$15.2 million, and "13 Going on 30," which starred "Alias" TV actress Jennifer Garner as a child in an adult body, ranked third with \$10 million.

"We've got a new breed of female stars," according to Dergarabedian, who said the success of "13 Going on 30" and "Mean Girls" establishes Garner and Lohan as major audience draws. "These movies work because they don't talk down to teen girls," he said.

Three new films debuted with modest results. "Laws of Attraction," a romantic comedy with Pierce Brosnan and Julianne Moore as feuding lawyers who fall in love, earned \$7 million to come in fourth.

"Godsend," a horror-thriller starring Robert De Niro as a scientist who

clones a dead boy, collected \$6.9 million, while "Envy," with Ben Stiller as a suburbanite who covets the success of neighbor Jack Black, had \$6.1 million. Both films overcame critical pummelings to rank fifth and sixth, respectively.

After the runaway success of "The Passion of the Christ," actor Jim Caviezel followed up his role as Jesus playing a real-life 1930's golfer in "Bobby Jones: Stroke of Genius." That film failed to rank in the top 10 in its debut, earning \$1.3 million.

The overall box office returns were \$90.5 million, down about 36 percent compared to the same weekend last year. But this weekend's films were smaller in scale compared to last year, when "X-2: X-Men United" was the top movie with \$85.5 million.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. Final figures will be released Monday.

Contract disputes for 'Simpsons' end, Fox to keep show

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A month after stalled contract renewal talks led the voices of "The Simpsons" to stop work, both the actors and Fox are getting more "D'oh!"

Terms of the deal were not announced for the actors who provide the voices for Homer and Marge Simpson and other characters on the long-running animated series.

"We couldn't be happier to have reached a multiyear deal with the enormously talented cast of "The Simpsons," series producer 20th Century Fox Television said Friday in a statement.

A spokesman representing the cast

said they had no immediate comment.

Despite speculation the dispute would shorten the 2004-05 season, the studio said it was optimistic that all 22 planned episodes could be finished.

The loss of even a few episodes of "The Simpsons," a bulwark of Fox TV's schedule, would be financially painful for the network.

Each cast member was seeking about \$360,000 an episode, or \$8 million for the 22-episode, 2004-05 season, the trade paper *Daily Variety* reported previously. The actors were earning \$125,000 an episode.

The contract dispute involves Dan

Castellaneta (Homer); Julie Kavner (Marge); Hank Azaria (Moe, Apu and others); Harry Shearer (Mr. Burns and others); Yeardley Smith (Lisa) and Nancy Cartwright (Bart), the paper said.

The actors' previous deal, which covered seasons 13, 14 and 15, was reached without complication.

In 1998, however, the cast — except for Kavner, who had a previous deal in effect — sought significant pay increases. At that time, the performers made \$30,000 an episode from a show that has proved a huge international moneymaker.

Alabama man wins 'Nashville Star,' country music's reality talent show

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A 33-year-old man from Alabama who has been trying to land a major label record deal for years was chosen Saturday as the winner of the reality talent show, "Nashville Star," which last year launched the career of country singer Buddy Jewell.

Brad Cotter edged out two other finalists, George Canyon and Matt Lindahl, to win the title and a recording contract with Sony Music Nashville.

As a youth, Cotter recorded five gospel albums and enjoyed regional success in Auburn, Ala. He moved to Nashville in 1993, where he has been singing demo tapes and writing songs for publishing companies.

"It's kind of strange," Cotter said. "You can never tell how it's going to happen. ... I'm living proof that God has a plan for his children, and no man can change his will."

Cotter's debut single, "I Meant To," which he co-wrote and performed during the finale, will ship to country radio Monday.

"Nashville Star" combines country music with reality television by placing contestants in a wired house on Music Row as they compete for a recording contract with Sony Music Nashville.

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Last year, the winner was Jewell,

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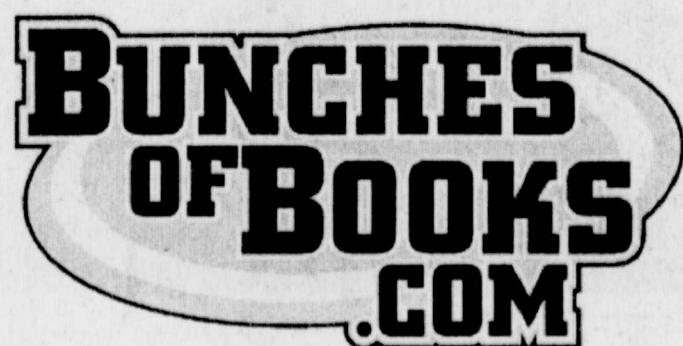
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MYSTIC STARS
By Lasha Seniuk

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK ... Career advancement may be briefly stalled over the next eight to nine weeks. Miscommunication between colleagues is a subtle theme before mid-July. Expect managers and bosses to quickly revise assignments or ask for a renewed commitment to training.

Aries (March 21-April 20). Romantic partners may be inconsistent or sensitive to criticism. Expect friends and lovers to avoid serious information and yet demand key discussions. Wait for moodiness to pass. Emotional progress may be temporarily delayed but it is worthwhile.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Romance and sensuality return. Watch for key relationships to begin an era of new proposals and common goals. Many Taureans will soon leave behind almost six weeks of fading romantic hope and family disruptions. Don't look back.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Luck and rare social circumstance may soon introduce a powerful new friendship into your life. Watch for unusual flirtations and accept all invitations. Past emotional history or outdated love affairs may soon create unexpected alliances.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Friends may provide misinformation or vague social promises. Expect times and dates to be easily reversed. At present, loved ones are temporarily unsure of their own social priorities. Don't confront innocent misunderstandings and last-minute changes will not prove bothersome.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Documents and important work information may need to be edited or revised. Pay close attention to minor facts and yesterday's legal issues. Romance and sensuality will bring renewed energy and focus. Plan cozy encounters and spend extra private time with loved ones.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Social gatherings will provide the context for charming flirtation. Enjoy entertaining moments with friends and potential lovers. For many Virgos, long-term romance will soon offer encouragement and solid rewards. Don't withhold your thoughts, dreams and wishes.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Friends and lovers may expand their expectations. Revised social roles or short-term love affairs may be key concerns. Accept private compliments but remain cautious. Romantic promises and brief flirtations will be highly unpredictable.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Expect key officials to request detailed paperwork or rapidly completed projects. Private employee information may be a key concern. Stay alert and respond quickly to new assignments. Your ability to react calmly and make valid decisions is being evaluated.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Social reluctance may be a temporary theme. Expect friends or close relatives to be moody or distant. Don't press for detailed explanations. At present, bothersome doubts or a fear of abandonment may need to be resolved. Loved ones may also ask for special consideration concerning a private family dispute.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Strong social and romantic sentiments are distracting. Watch for loved ones to be briefly thoughtful or silent. All is positive, however, so not to worry. Join in and explore old memories. Sensuality and physical attraction are accentuated.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Vital bits of information may arrive from yesterday's paperwork or long-completed work tasks. Respond quickly to minor mistakes and factual errors. An unyielding dedication to accuracy will bring recognition and support.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Loved ones may need to examine past relationships. Vital issues may involve emotional truths between friends, romantic promises and long-forgotten expectations. Stay focused on an honest discussion of the facts and all will be well.

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Looking for Jams

In search for local blues, I found a 'Crossroads of Music'.

In my photographic documentary studies at Texas Tech I have always had a fascination with what the local music scene has to offer Lubbock.

Recently, the diverse concentration of music in the area drove me to where people go to "jam." The blues jams have been celebrated times and traditions of Lubbock since the days of the original Stubbs Bar-B-Q on Broadway.

In my search for documenting a time and place for this area, I have studied the vernacular of the jam places in Lubbock and surrounding areas by visiting these places of influence and expression.

The "Crossroads of Music," as the local Labor Day celebration of Lubbockite Buddy Holly was once named, added many famous, traditional, original and up-and-coming artists to a variety of the places I have covered. My search for these places stems from the participation of blues/improvisation jams and the sounds of locally played blues.

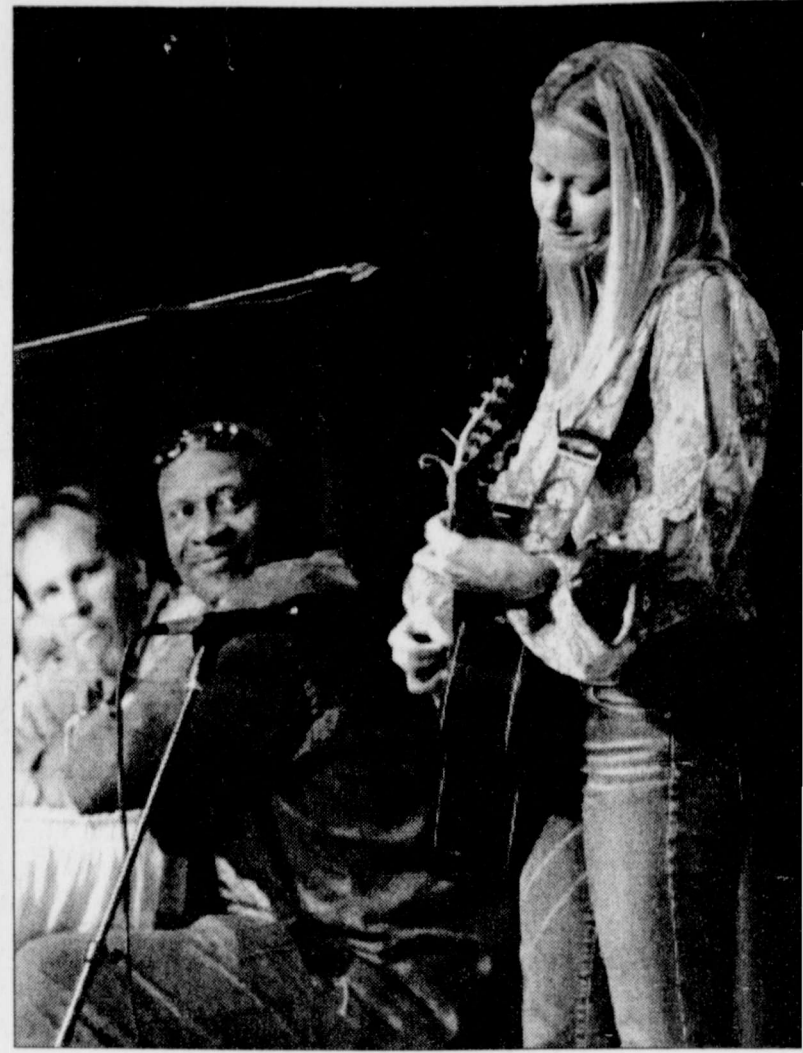
John Lee Hooker once said, "The blues will always be here; sometimes more popular than at other times, but it will always be here!"



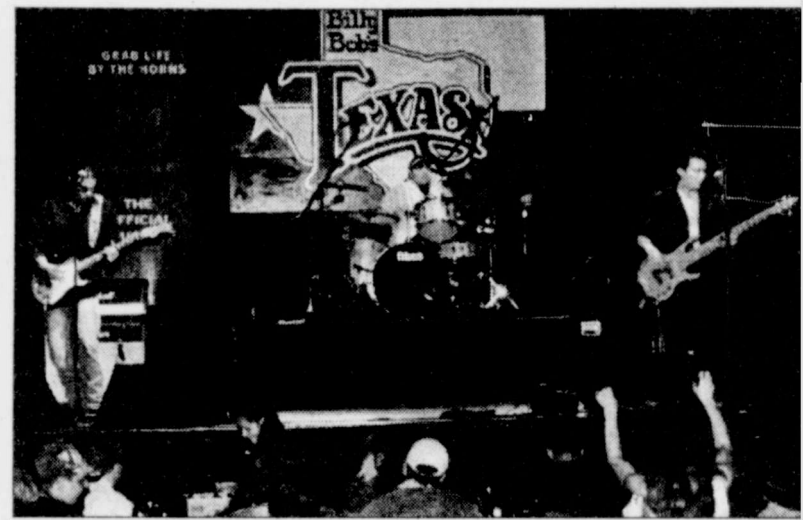
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LOCAL MUSICIAN JOHN Sprout plays in the house band of the Sunday Night Blues Jame at Texas Café.



ABOVE: SONGWRITER and musician Patricia Murphy sings a song she says she thought of in her sleep while panalist Robert Reynolds and blues artist Taj Mahal admire the sounds of the ICC during the songwriter's panel discussion on the opening day of the Buddy Holly Symposium and Musical Festival in August. TOP LEFT: Joe Mercardo sings for his classic rock cover/blues band Blew-Hem during a show at the Texas Café often referred to as the Spoon. MIDDLE LEFT: The Texas Playboys with Dayna Wills and Bob Wills at Western Swing dance at old Turkey Texas High School on April 23. BOTTOM LEFT: Dar Cooper, foreground, Mark May and Matt Johnson play a blues gig at Prichards during a stop by this Houston-based group on a trip home from a West Coast tour that finished in Las Vegas. BOTTOM: Sar Angelo, Snyder locals Los Lonely Boys play at Billy Bob's in Fort Worth on March 12. The band opened up for performers playing at Bleacher's Sports Cafe a year before playing at this famous Texas Honky-Tonk. Lately the band has been with Austin music producers and becoming national hits.



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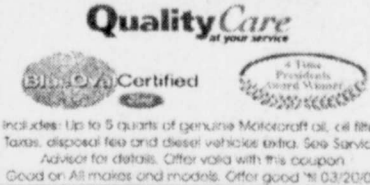
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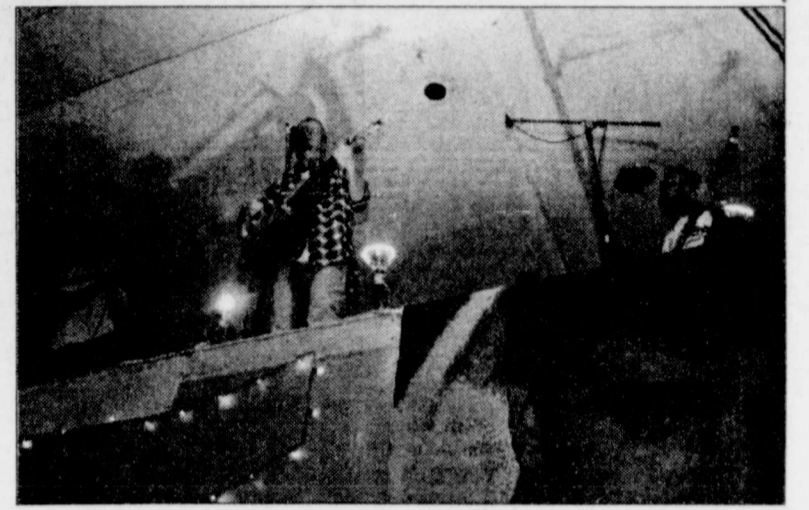


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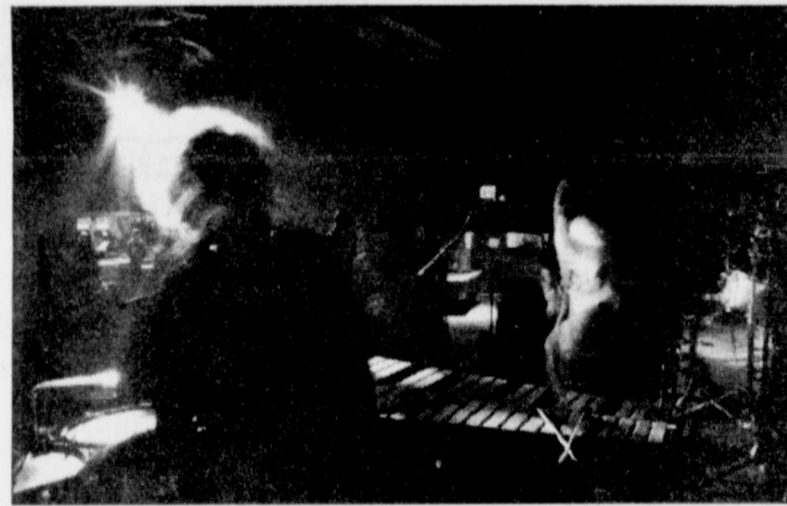
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ABOVE: GUTHRIE MUSCIAN Seth James entertains a crowd at an April show at the Blue Light when a fan goes up to allow James to play the electrical guitar like a "flat steel" while performing on stage. RIGHT: Mississippi blues singer and musician Percy Struthers plays for a small crowd at Prichard's Sports Bar and Grill.



TOP: KING SCHWAG DADDY blues band plays a rehearsal set at the Texas Caffe Monday. All ages are welcome to the performance. MIDDLE: Texas Tech drawing instructor Brian Wheeler plays in a loft with his band Los SOBs during the annual Uterior Motifs art show at the Wheeler Brothers studios in downtown Lubbock. BOT-TOM: Steve Bagsby on the guitar, left, and Joe Settlemyers, on the Leo Fender Telecaster guitar play their harmonic improvisation in their jam with the Original Texas Playboys at a dance in Turkey, Texas, during the annual Bob Wills Day celebration.



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NCAA removes '5-8' rule

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The NCAA's clock is ticking.

Proposals approved by the association's board of directors will be the final pieces of an academic reform package designed to ensure athletes are better prepared when they enter college, better able to stay in school, and more likely to graduate. Some of the measures will go into effect this year. Some won't be felt for another four years or more. All of them, when they are fully implemented, will hold the athletes and the colleges themselves more accountable for their academic progress.

Those that don't measure up will be penalized. Those that continue to fall below the standard will be penalized even more.

"This is landmark legislation," NCAA president Myles Brand said Thursday. "With this, the academic reform movement has now come to fruition. ... This is the beginning of a sea change in college sports."

At the heart of the new package is a series of increasingly harsher penalties that may be imposed against schools that continue to fall

below an academic "cut" line. Graduation rates will be one of many factors the NCAA uses in measuring progress.

That line, which has not been determined, will be the same in all sports.

"This is a critically important set of legislative measures," the strongest ever passed by the NCAA, and different in kind because it holds teams, as well as institutions, accountable," Brand said.

Brand added graduation targets for each school are being calculated. This fall each school will be notified "how much at risk it would have been" had the new standards already been in place.

Schools that fall below that line will receive warning letters beginning in 2006-07. Consistently poor performing teams could begin losing

scholarships in 2007-08 and postseason eligibility and money from NCAA tournaments starting in 2008-09.

Also, if a scholarship athlete leaves school while not academically eligible, that scholarship may not be replaced for one year, as of this fall.

"We're starting immediately to make these reforms real," said Robert Hemenway, chancellor of the University of Kansas and chairman of the Division I Management Council originally proposed waiting an extra year before putting the reforms in place, but the board decided to push it up to 2006 because it felt that wouldn't change much by waiting.

The board previously voted to increase the number of core courses needed for freshman eligibility and to increase the number of hours re-

quired toward graduation to remain eligible. Another piece of the package, approved last fall, required athletes to complete 20 percent of their degree requirements each year to remain eligible.

The latest measure was designed to make the colleges more accountable for keeping athletes on track to graduate.

"The whole idea of academic reform is that there will be considerable incentive to support the athletes moving through to graduation," Brand said.

The board also rescinded the so-called "5-8" rule, which allowed a school to award five basketball scholarships in one year or eight scholarships in a two-year period.

"With so much progress having been made, combined with the pieces already in place, the 5-8 rule probably was unnecessary," Hemenway said.

He said the reforms, with penalties to back up the tougher standards, send a message to athletes "that if you come to our institutions, we're going to do everything in our power to make sure you graduate."



Martinez contract situation not distraction for Red Sox

ARLINGTON (AP) — Pedro Martinez had his shortest outing of the season for Boston and lost Saturday night in his first start since saying he will test the free-agent market following this season.

The three-time Cy Young winner pitched just four innings against Texas in the second game of a doubleheader that the Rangers won 8-5 to complete a sweep. Martinez (3-2) left trailing 6-1 after allowing a season-high nine hits with three strikeouts.

In his previous shortest outing, Martinez allowed seven runs in five innings against Baltimore.

Before the doubleheader, the Red Sox insisted that Martinez's decision not to talk about a new contract with the club during the season wouldn't be a distraction.

"Not even for one minute," manager Terry Francona said. "In today's game, these things happen. That's the way it goes."

Martinez, who had an 8-1 record with a 1.45 ERA in 11 previous starts against Texas, told several Boston newspapers Friday night

that he will become a free agent after the season. Martinez's agent, Fernando Cuza, wouldn't comment when reached Saturday by The Associated Press.

General manager Theo Epstein said the primary focus for the Red Sox remains trying to build a team that can compete for and win a World Series.

"Sometimes, however, our commitment to building winning teams, every year, means that we will have disagreements with our players about the length and precise value of their next contracts," Epstein said in a statement Saturday.

Epstein said such disagreements were unfortunate but inevitable, and would be resolved in time. Martinez wasn't specifically named in the four-paragraph statement.

"We respect our players. We tell our players the truth. We listen to our players. We protect our players," Epstein said. "We negotiate with our players in good faith, and we make every effort not to discuss these negotiations in public."

31 Raiders named Academic All-Big 12

With the semester winding down the Big 12 Conference has released its Academic All-Big 12 teams for most of the spring sports, and 31 Red Raiders have made the list so far.

The men's and women's tennis teams had a combined four first-team members. Michael Innerebner made the first team for the men, while Kendall Brooks, Irina Tereschenko and Katja Kovacic were first team honorees for the women.

The men's and women's golf squads received four honors each.

The first teamers for the men were Andrew Dresser, Brian Smith and

William Haddrell. Brad Jacobson was named to the second team.

Jackie Ey and Megan Hull made the first team for the women, and Kim Kolb and Hazel Tan received second-team honors in women's golf.

The men's and women's track and field teams combined for 19 Academic All-Big 12 selections, including four with perfect 4.0 GPAs.

Tracie Akerhielm, Dana Rosenblatt, Abby Schubert and Megan Schuessler all have a 4.0 and are among 20 athletes in the conference to do so in track and field. Schuessler has been named to the first team three times and

has maintained her 4.0 GPA throughout her college career.

Other first team members from the women's squad are: Ashley Rodgers, Kelly Blikre, Stefanie Calhoun, Gerald Dukuly, Brionne Yosten, Krista Grantham and Katie Leonard. Rachelle Evans and Bliss Williams were named to the second team.

Kenneth Wilson, Adam Lawless, Matt Stewart and Sage Thames made the first team for the men, and Bobby Most and Jared Thornhill were selected to the second team.

To qualify for Academic All-Big 12 students athletes must carry a 3.0 GPA to be named to the second team. Student athletes with a GPA of 3.2 or higher are eligible for the first team.

Red Raiders split series with Missouri

It was a tale of two days during the weekend for the Texas Tech softball team, as the Red Raiders (23-35, 2-16 Big 12) appeared flawless Saturday and flawed on Sunday.

Tech began the weekend in Columbia, Mo., in strong fashion defeating the Missouri Tigers (24-23, 11-4) 1-0 in a one-hit shutout by pitcher Erin Crawford (10-14).

Missouri pitcher Erin Kalka (20-15) gave up only four hits, but walked two batters. She was bested by Crawford who allowed one single in the third inning and no walks.

With only seven baserunners allowed in the game by either

Tech, runs were hard to come by, but Tech waited until the last inning to make a mark.

In the top of the seventh inning left fielder Kelly Rhyne led off with a single. Following a sacrifice bunt by third baseman Natalie Kula that moved Rhyne to third base, senior first baseman Andrea Joachims stepped to the plate and delivered.

In her final regular season game she hit her first triple of the season into right field to drive in Rhyne for what would become the winning run. Crawford retired the side in the final frame in order to secure Tech's second Big 12 win of the season.

Sunday's game would end in quite a different fashion for the Raiders as

Crawford's magic would not continue. In her second start in as many days she would only last one inning for her shortest outing of her career as the Tigers collected 12 hits and 10 runs on the day to beat Tech 10-0.

After giving up two runs in the bottom of the first Crawford was pulled in favor of Kassy Plank in the second inning after starting the inning by giving up a leadoff homerun to Samantha Fleeman and consecutive singles. Missouri managed three more runs in the inning to take a 5-0 lead. They put five more runs across the plate in the fourth to put the game away.

Tech will now return to Lubbock and prepare for the Big 12 Tournament in Oklahoma City, Okla., May 12-15.

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Dresser named to All-Big 12 second team

Texas Tech sophomore golfer Andrew Dresser was named to the Big 12 All-Conference second team during the weekend. It marks his second time to make the All-Conference team, and the third time a Red Raider has achieved the honor.

Dresser is ranked fourth in the conference with a 71.07 stroke average and is 47th in the nation. He finished 20th at the Big 12 Conference Championship last week at Prairie Dunes in Hutchinson, Kan. In his career he has amassed five top five finishes, nine top 10s, and 14 top 20s.

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Tech runs to program's best finish at Big 12

By Adam Boedeker/
The University Daily

The Texas Tech track team rewrote the history books during the weekend in Norman, Okla., at the Big 12 Championship meet.

Both the men's and women's teams finished in their best positions in school history in the meet (second-place and fifth-place respectively).

The men were led by a phenomenal showing on the meet's final day, which included Jonathan Johnson winning his third consecutive Big 12 title in the 800-meters. His winning time of 1:47.12 was also good enough for the Big 12 record. Head coach Wes Kittley said the result was not surprising.

"We were going for the third in a row for him," he said. "But he also wanted to set the Big 12 record, which he did. The weather wasn't too good so we were very pleased with him. He did a good job of setting the pace."

Before the meet Kittley said he would have been happy with the men finishing with 100 points, no matter where it finished. He got what he wanted and more, as the men finished with 106.5 points to edge out Texas

A&M by two points. The results were not solidified until the final race in the weekend, the men's 4x400 relay, in which Tech finished third behind Baylor and Nebraska.

"Going into that last race we had 100.5, A&M had 99.5 and UT had 96," Kittley said. "We stepped up big time. Chris Hickman was running the lead leg because Albert Booker was hurt, Matt Stewart was dead tired on the second leg and Bryan Scott had the third before giving it off to Jonathan. JJ caught A&M in the last five meters, he went and got them, it was great."

If the Aggies would have beaten Tech for third place they would have tied the Raiders in the meet standings for second place, so the push by Johnson was pivotal for Tech's program, Kittley said.

"It was very exciting waiting until that final race," Kittley said. "We knew for sure we had beaten (the Aggies) when we beat them in that race. It is very special to see our program move up the way it has. We're finally starting to get respect from the other Big 12 schools, we're letting it be known that Texas Tech is a player now."

Kittley said he knew going into the meet that it would realistically be a battle for second place with Nebraska head and shoulders above the rest of the Big 12 competition. Nebraska won the meet with 172 points.

"I told (Nebraska's coach) 'I'd love to beat you, but you've simply got the better team right now,'" Kittley said. "I knew realistically we couldn't beat them, but to be the best team in Texas and basically the South, with Nebraska being the best in the North was something I'm real proud of."

He said it was gratifying to beat both Texas and A&M, neither of which Tech had beaten in school history.

"I'm really proud to have beaten UT and A&M for the first time," he said. "It's really

big for our program. I think we gained a lot of respect this weekend, and a lot of our kids grew up this weekend too."

Kittley said although there were many great performers during the weekend, a few stood out in his mind and were pivotal in the Saturday comeback. Tech scored more than 40 points during a span of six events to come roaring back into the competition.

It all began with the 400-meter hurdles, which alone garnered Tech 19 points.

Scott won the event with a time of 50.73, Hickman finished fourth in 51.96, and Shawon Harris finished fifth in 52.19.

Tyree Gailes also impressed Kittley after a year plagued by injuries. Gailes was ranked fifth

going into the 100, and not ranked in the 200. He finished second in both.

"We're finally seeing what he can do," Kittley said. "I knew all along he could. I thought he may be unsung, but he did it for Big 12."

The unsung hero of the meet was Stewart, who got fourth in both the 200 and 400, third in the 4x400 relay and anchored the make-shift 4x100 squad to a sixth-place finish.

"He was phenomenal," Kittley said of Stewart. "We worked him to death, and I'm proud of the leadership he showed when Booker got hurt. He stepped up."

The women improved from a 10th place finish last year to fifth place this year, something Kittley was happy to see.

They were led by a second-place finish by Licretia Sibley in the 400. She also was part of the 4x400 relay team that finished second.

"I was very proud of the women to finish in the top half of the conference instead of the bottom half, especially with such a young team," Kittley said.

Thirty-five Tech athletes will now await the NCAA Regional meet in College Station in three weeks.

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— WES KITTLEY
Texas Tech
Track and Field Coach

Tech upsets Texas at Big 12 Tournament

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

In his 11 years as the Texas Tech men's tennis head coach, Tim Siegel has never had a win against in-state rival Texas. That streak is now over.

The Red Raiders faced the Longhorns in the first round of the Big 12 Championship on Friday at the Oaktree Country Club in Edmond, Okla. As the No. 6 seed, Tech took to the courts and ousted the No. 3 seeded and No. 39 ranked-Longhorns, 4-1.

The Raiders lost a close match to Texas earlier in the season, 4-3, on April 2 at the McLeod Tennis Center. Siegel said the win tops off a good season for his team.

"I think the best thing is we lost four or five matches this season that were really close," he said. "To beat Texas in the conference tournament is great."

If there is ever a time in the sea-

son to play better, Siegel said it is now.

"You always want to play better at the end of the year," he said.

"And we did, that's why we beat Texas."

Tech lost the doubles competition, giving Texas the first point of the match. In singles action, junior Jakob Paulsen beat the No. 44 nationally ranked player, Antonio Ruiz for the second time this season to gain a point against the Longhorns.

Junior Michael Innerebner won at the No. 4 spot to aid the Raiders. Junior Esat Tanik rallied after losing the

first set to defeat his Longhorn opponent, and freshman Dinko Halachev finished Tech's effort with a win at the No. 5 spot.

After the win against Texas, Siegel said all the Raiders can do now is wait.

"The win against Texas was really important," he said. "We have to keep believing, and all we can do is wait to see if a few teams go out of the NCAA tournament and we get in."

The NCAA tourney is their next goal but if the entire team does not go, they will root on Paulsen, Siegel

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— TIM SIEGEL
Texas Tech
Men's Tennis Coach

Tech pounds Kansas

With Friday's game moved to a Sunday doubleheader, the Texas Tech baseball team had to look to Saturday for the series opener. With five shutout innings of pitching, junior Barrett Piler led the Red Raiders to a 19-7 victory over Kansas.

Tech's offense knocked 17 hits and five homers during the evening game to take the win against the Jayhawks. Junior shortstop Cameron Blair hit an RBI-single in the third inning to extend his hitting streak to 15 games. Junior left fielder Michael Mask slammed two homers, giving Tech five RBIs. Junior right fielder

Madison Edwards also hit a homerun, his seventh of the season. Both senior third baseman Josh Haney and junior designated hitter Matthew Coco belted homeruns in the seventh and eighth innings, respectively, leading the Raiders to score nine runs in those two innings.

With Piler on the mound in the last five innings, Tech shut down Kansas. Piler got his fifth win of the season, without allowing a hit, striking out four batters and making it his longest outing of the season.

Tech faced Kansas in a doubleheader Sunday, beginning at 1 p.m., to finish up the three-game series, but results were not available at presstime.



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Raiders finish fifth at Big 12 Championship

The Texas Tech men's golf team finished in the top five at the Big 12 Conference Championship for the second consecutive year. The tournament, played at Prairie Dunes in Hutchinson, Kan., saw the Red Raiders jump from eighth place after the first two rounds to finish in a three-way tie for fifth.

Tech was led by Oscar Floren who finished the championship with a three-round total of 219. Jason Hartwick of Texas won the competition as the only player to

shoot under par for the tournament. He was 6-under overall. He led the Longhorns to their third team title in a row.

Oklahoma finished second, Oklahoma State third and Kansas State was fourth. Colorado and Kansas joined Tech in the tie for fifth.

The No. 35 Red Raiders will travel to Ardmore, Okla., May 15-16 to play in the Maxwell Invitational and await the announcement of NCAA Regional next week.

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