

'I, Robot' not a mechanical action movie

Will Smith has battled aliens ("Independence Day," "Men in Black I & II"), mechanical spiders ("Wild Wild West"), George Foreman ("Ali") and self-adoring directors ("Bad Boys II").

Now Smith faces a swarm of angry robots in "I, Robot," the latest Smith summer big-budget action extravaganza.

Oftentimes, when Hollywood satirizes itself, it takes aim at high-dollar sci-fi movies (see "Bowfinger" or "America's Sweethearts").

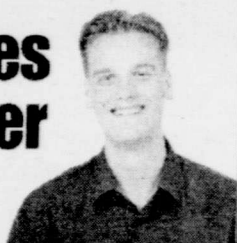
"I, Robot" should have fit perfectly into the mold of all sizzle and no steak, but it manages to dodge that fatal bullet. It is a surprisingly intriguing mystery with several big surprises and special effects that dazzle.

Talented director Alex Proyas ("The Crow," "Dark City") specializes in dark and ominous films and was the right choice to helm this futuristic murder mystery.

The end credits state the film is "suggested by" the book by Isaac Asimov, which I have not read. Fans of Asimov's stories have written the film is far from a true adaptation.

One consistency the film shares

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with Asimov's writing is three laws of robots: 1. A robot may not injure a human being or let a human being come to harm, 2. A robot must obey orders given by a human being unless it conflicts with the first law, and 3. A robot must protect itself as long as it does not conflict with the first two laws.

In Chicago in the year 2035, robots have become household items and common tools. They are widely trusted by all except for Smith's Detective Del Spooner, a Chicago policeman whose paranoia may be getting the best of him.

The robots are manufactured and developed at U.S. Robotics, where a new and improved robot is developed and is about to be distributed. But when its top scientist, Dr. Alfred Lanning (the wonderful James Cromwell), crashes through a high window and plunges to his death, the company is

quick to write it off as suicide.

Spooner isn't buying their story and is soon convinced a resident robot named Sonny is responsible.

Dr. Susan Calvin (Bridget Moynahan from "The Recruit") firmly believes in the three laws and states it is impossible for a robot to have killed the good doctor. Of course, she may be covering for her boss, Lance Robertson (Bruce Greenwood refusing to don Bill Gates-style nerdiness).

Sonny the robot (voiced by Alan Tudyk, recently seen as Steve the Pirate in "Dodgeball") is a fascinating creation. He is the aforementioned new brand of robot that is purposely created to "look more human." He is capable of asking philosophical questions and has a menacing nature shrouded by his kindness one is not sure whether to trust.

The robots do not look as human as, say, Arnold Schwarzenegger in "Terminator," but their movements are fluid and their facial design is able to convey an array of emotions.

There is that dangerous "e"-word you don't see much in summer blockbusters.

Will Smith gives Spooner equal measures of emotion and classic Smith



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WILL SMITH'S HUNT for a killer draws the attention of one very special robot.

sass. He makes this emotionally tortured bad boy worth caring about.

The chase and action sequences in "I, Robot" are consistently thrilling, even if the final onslaught of glowing red robots lasts a little too long.

Even if the film stumbles over some cop movie clichés (the hero is forced to turn over his badge) and bad dialogue ("You are the dumbest dumb person I know!") it still raises some interesting ideas.

A scene finding Smith asking why the robots are given human-like faces as he shoots several in the face

at point-blank range is eerie, and the idea of technology soon turning to bite society in the rump is a legitimate concern.

In a time of the year when action movies are machines produced from the Hollywood assembly line, "I, Robot" is a welcome surprise.

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Fox News accused of misleading viewers

NEW YORK (AP) — Before taking its next commercial break, Fox News Channel offered a glimpse of the Democratic presidential running mates in action: Seen tossing around a football, John Edwards passed it to John Kerry, who, a few yards away, dropped it. Picking up the ball, Kerry threw it back to Edwards. He dropped it.

This fleeting comic sequence — which might as well have been subtitled FOX NEWS ALERT: DEMOCRATS FUMBLE — is typical of what Fox News Channel employs as "Fair & Balanced" journalism. It aired last Tuesday, by chance also the day a documentary premiered that slammed Fox News Channel for right-wing bias and Bush administration cheerleading.

Now two groups associated with the film, "Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism," have fired another shot: A complaint filed earlier this week with the Federal Trade Commission asks that Fox News Channel be barred from calling itself fair and balanced.

Fox News "misleads" the public by marketing its coverage as nonpartisan, says Wes Boyd, co-founder of MoveOn.Org, one of the complainants.

"Fair & Balanced" is an indefensible slogan in light of the network's "preferential treatment of Republicans and conservative ideas," declares Chellie Pingree, president of Common Cause, the other petitioner.

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Smith renewing contract with Tech

STAYING PUT: Smith says he is staying for 'unfinished business.'

By Joey Kirk/*The University Daily*

Texas Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith has clearly stated his decision.

As one of four finalists for president of the University of Wisconsin System, Smith has declined and removed himself from consideration, and he has decided to stay at Tech.

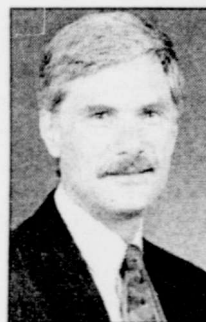
Smith said too many things have not been accomplished since he began as the chancellor.

"I clearly have a passion to finish our unfinished work," he said. "There are many things that are coming up this year, and I feel that it's important that I remain here to continue in my endeavors."

Several of those endeavors favor the students and faculty, Smith said.

"We want to do more for the students and faculty," he said. "We want to add more professorships and make classes available on time and increase the amount of classes."

With the Texas Legislature taking more funding away



Smith

from universities, Smith said he will clearly make it known in the next session held in January that Tech cannot receive any more cuts.

"With these cuts, our enrollment cannot go up," he said. "Even if we held at even, we could only sustain the current enrollment."

Smith said the increase in enrollment is a major factor for Tech and the administration, but there is a more important issue.

"The pivotal thing is to articulate the investment needed for higher education," he said. "Without it, we will have future problems with the qualified work force."

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Hailing Hero

By Joey Kirk/*The University Daily*

Jonathan Johnson has the legs and feet of an Olympic athlete. After signing more than 300 autographs for fans waiting patiently in line on Wednesday night, his right hand proved to have the same endurance and stamina.

"It feels good," he said, with a permanent marker in one hand and a smile on his face. "It doesn't hurt much."

The Red Raider Club held a reception to honor the junior Texas Tech runner at the Club Level of Jones SBC Stadium. Even with the overwhelming size of the crowd, Johnson said the popularity and status of being an Olympian has still not reached the peaks of his ego.

"I don't think it has gotten to me," he said. "I'm a pretty humble person, and my girlfriend has been a big part of that. She makes sure it doesn't get to my head."

Jenny Amezcua, Johnson's girlfriend, stood by his side the entire three hours while signing photos of his finish during the U.S. Olympic trials. She agreed and said he is a humble person, especially with all of the coverage of his accomplishments.

"I'm very impressed because it hasn't in any way gotten to him at all," the sophomore exercise and sport sciences major from Austin said. "Even after interview after interview, he knows that he is thankful for everything he's been given, and he understands that he's been blessed."

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JONATHAN JOHNSON signs autographs for Jessica (middle) and Jennifer Velasquez of Lubbock on Wednesday evening. Friends, fans and supporters gathered at Jones SBC Stadium to show their support for Johnson and his upcoming appearance in the 2004 Olympics.

Final phase of non-smoking ordinance goes into effect for all businesses

By Beth Aaron/*The University Daily*

Hello, welcome to TGI Friday's — Smoking or non?

The familiar question will no longer be asked in most establishments in Lubbock.

A non-smoking ordinance for Lubbock has been implemented, stating unless a business is zoned as a bar or sports grill, smoking is not allowed in the establishment.

The ordinance went into effect Thursday. City Environmental Health Manager

Bridget Faulkenberry said patrons of Lubbock businesses are permitted to smoke 20 feet from a non-smoking building, but not inside.

"This applies to all businesses, not just restaurants," she said. "Every place that the public may go."

Dennis Butterworth, service manager at TGI Friday's, said he does not believe the smoking ban will affect businesses such as his in the long run.

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Early wildfires could hint at repeat of last year for California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When they weren't racing to mountainsides and canyons to fight fast-moving, potentially deadly blazes this week, firefighters sometimes found themselves scratching their heads.

They do not usually see such major blazes in Southern California before Aug. 1. Most happen in October when hot Santa Ana winds can push flames across huge areas.

"A lot of us are looking at each other and saying, 'Wait a minute, it's mid-July and this is happening,'" said Angeles National Forest spokesman Stanton Florea.

Firefighters fear the unprecedented early onslaught of wildfires could foretell a replay of last year's catastrophic fire season, when two dozen people were killed and more than 3,500 homes destroyed.

In the past week, blazes have burned across more than 48,000 acres of dry brush and trees in Southern California. Thousands of residents have been evacuated, but only a few homes and other structures have been lost so far.

Five years of drought have drained desert brush all but dry, while a bark-beetle infestation has killed thousands of trees in Southern California forests, prolonging

the dire conditions firefighters faced last year.

"It's going to be like a double whammy, in that both factors will be coming together in the fall," said Ruth Wenstrom, a spokeswoman for the San Bernardino National Forest.

The three largest fires this week burned in communities in the shadow of Angeles National Forest, 30 to 60 miles north of Los Angeles. In recent years, the areas have been transformed into suburbs.

"Suburbia is getting more wild in nature as people are converting more wildland into more ranches and more larger homes," said Bruce Quintelier, a fire information officer with the U.S. Forest Service. "Unfortunately, these are just tough areas for us to get into."

Two major fires earlier this week — a 17,000-acre blaze near Lake Hughes and a 6,000-acre one that scorched hillsides and canyons on the edge of Santa Clarita — "spread very rapidly, really, without any substantial wind behind them," said Los Angeles County fire Capt. Mark Savage.



Woman jumps bail after pleading guilty

FORT WORTH (AP) — For the second time, a woman awaiting sentencing on felony charges of abandoning her twin toddlers on a Lake Worth road last year has jumped bail.

And authorities say Christy Leann Radacy, 24, may have fled to Europe again.

A district court judge signed three felony arrest warrants after Radacy apparently cut off her court-ordered leg monitor Sunday.

Radacy pleaded guilty this month to charges stemming from her 22-month-old girls being left on the road on May 26, 2003. The girls are now staying with her aunt.

The first time she disappeared, Radacy forfeited \$40,000 bail and was apprehended by U.S. marshals in June on her return from Spain via England.

"I felt she was a safe risk," District Judge George Gallagher said, explaining his decision to again grant bail, because "she came back to the country and did everything expected of her."

The Rundown



Victims' relatives file suit against nightclub

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — More than 200 relatives of victims of last year's nightclub fire and survivors joined in filing a lawsuit Thursday, citing dozens of defendants including the state, club owners, the leader of the band Great White and a fire inspector.

The 70-count lawsuit was filed in Providence Superior Court by lawyers representing 226 people. It was the largest wave of plaintiffs to bring suit over the deadly blaze.

The Feb. 20, 2003, fire at The Station nightclub in West Warwick was sparked by onstage fireworks during a performance of the rock band Great White. It killed 100 people and injured more than 200 others. Thursday's lawsuit involves relatives of 80 of those who died and 146 of the injured.

The plaintiffs are suing for monetary damages, but no dollar amount was mentioned in the lawsuit.

Lawyer Mark Mandell, one of eight lawyers who filed the lawsuit, called it "the product of over a year's work preserving and analyzing evidence."

The 130-page lawsuit names 46 defendants, including State Fire Marshal Irving Owens, and it allows for more defendants to be added.



Marines leave Taliban area after firefight

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. Marines have pulled out of a Taliban stronghold in southern Afghanistan after killing more than 100 enemy fighters, their commander said Thursday.

The 2,400-strong force, which lost just one Marine, has withdrawn to an American air base in the southern city of Kandahar and is preparing to leave the country, Col. Frank McKenzie said. The withdrawal already had been announced.

The Marines were returning to American warships "to await further orders," military spokesman Maj. Rick Peat said. He said there were no indications that the Marines would be redeployed in Iraq but said he didn't know where the ships were.

The contingent, part of the special-operations-capable 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, deployed in late March in an attempt to divert militants from attacking preparations for historic elections.

Speaking to reporters in Kabul, McKenzie said he "would not challenge" reports that more than 100 enemy fighters were killed during the Marines' four-month tour in and around Urzgan, home of fugitive Taliban leader Mullah Omar. He declined to give an exact figure.

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Cap placed on parking permits for fall semester

By Andrew Bell/*The University Daily*

There ain't no mountain high enough. There ain't no valley low enough, and there ain't enough parking permits for all of us.

According to the Office of Traffic and Parking at Texas Tech, there are 7,200 commuter parking permits sold to students. Currently, however, only 2,400 permits are left for purchase.

Col. Buddy Knox, director of Traffic and Parking, said the cap on the total number of commuter permits is to ensure the students who purchase permits will have a place to park for the next academic year.

However, many permits will be held for availability for students moving into the residence halls in the fall, Knox said. Since the residence hall parking lots have historically been in over-capacity, the extra permits would allow new students to park on campus.

Unlike previous years, however, students will have more parking options this year, despite construction taking away parking spaces at the Indiana Avenue commuter lot, Knox said.

The construction for the Tech Parkway has demolished nearly 1,000 parking spaces at the Indiana Avenue commuter lot. In exchange for the spaces lost, a new satellite parking lot

with 1,000 parking spaces has been built off of Memphis Avenue near the University Medical Center, Knox said.

Students also could choose to park at the International Cultural Center on Indiana Avenue. Although only 195 parking spaces are available at the International Cultural Center, Knox said the office would sell spaces for \$75 at the satellite and International Cultural Center lots.

Knox said the lowered price of \$75, compared to \$118 for a commuter pass, will be in effect because of the inconvenience for the student population.

"I'm going to go ahead and apologize up front," he said. "It's going to add 10 minutes to your day, but it's the best we can do until the roads are finished."

The Texas Department of Transportation is working to complete construction on Indiana Avenue so students can have access to the avenue's commuter lot. Also, Knox said, the department has assured Traffic and Parking the

extension of Memphis Avenue will be completed before the fall semester so students will have access to the satellite parking lot.

In addition to the change in parking in the upcoming academic year for Tech students, the bus system also will change. Brent Black, transportation director for Citibus, said the Business Administration shuttle will no longer run.

Instead, six buses will begin from the satellite parking lot. The route will service the BA building before making the entire loop throughout campus. Then, the route will service the BA again before returning to the satellite lot, Black said.

In total, the entire route is timed at 36 minutes, Black said. Although the route is more time consuming, Student Government Association External Vice President Anne Hunninghake said the non-traditional lots would be the best place for Tech students to park.

"The ideal spot to park would be at the

International Cultural Center," she said. "It's cheaper and the access to campus is the same as (the Indiana commuter lot)."

As always, the Red Raider and Double T routes will shuttle students throughout campus, Black said. However, buses will no longer drive through the C-1 parking lot, near Jones SBC Stadium, because the buses can create a situation where the buses get tied up and extends the amount of time it takes for a student to reach a class.

Instead, a new bus turn out will be constructed near the Frazier Alumni Pavilion, so the flow of traffic could be improved, Black said.

Because of the cap on commuter parking permits, Knox said he suggests students get their permits as soon as possible. Those interested could go to www.parking.ttu.edu to purchase a permit. The cost of the permit can be paid or added to the fall's tuition and can be picked up at Traffic and Parking, located on 4th Street, or mailed to a specific address.

Most importantly, however, Knox said he would like students to remember one thing once they come back to campus for another year of classes:

"If you're not in between two yellow lines, you're wrong," he said.

Smith

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Smith said most of the families of Tech students fall under the middle class range. That is why administrators need to determine tuition increases and how it affects everybody in the university.

"We already know that tuition will increase," he said. "It's just a matter of how much and how quickly. We have to shift the cost from students in order to help them out to obtain that degree."

With the growth of enrollment and increased scholarships for students, Smith also said he hopes to stay at Tech to witness the physical transformation of the campus.

"We're trying to create an environment for students to enjoy and learn from," he said. "That includes offering new facilities, like a new College of Business Administration building, a courtroom for the law school and several other important places being constructed on this campus."

Even though he was nominated for the position at Wisconsin, Smith said it was one of many in the past months.

"In the last few months, there have been several opportunities like this one," he said. "They are all unique opportunities, but we've been here for a while, over 20 years now, and I have a passion for the state of Texas."

Richard Butler, senior vice chancellor, said he was not shocked Smith was considered for the position.

"I'm not surprised at all," he said. "I've been by his side for 14 years now, and there's not a better

candidate than him."

Butler said Smith has put many hours of work into the Tech system and knows that came as part of him withdrawing from the candidacy.

"He has put his sweat and tears into the university, and I think it is fantastic that he was nominated for a position like that one," he said. "It speaks highly of him and of Tech as well."

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chancellor, he will continue to increase research.

"We want our research to expand, not just for numbers," he said. "We want to offer it to our undergraduates."

Those reasons weren't the only ones for staying, though. Smith said there were other factors that caused him to make his final decision.

"We have a lot of friends here," he said. "Those personal things are always important to look at when

deciding something like this."

And after taking a look around Tech before making his decision, Smith said it is a great place to be.

"This is a good place. We've made a huge impact, but the students and alumni have made bigger ones," he said. "From going through space to performing on Broadway, it's all about the students and helping them out. That's why I decided to withdraw."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Tornado of Ideas' an unnatural disaster

Who's idea was it to "adorn public places" with bad art? Don't get me wrong; I enjoy walking around campus and seeing aesthetically pleasing works of art (i.e. Will Rogers and Soapsuds, the five stages of life, the fountain in the English/Philosophy/Education courtyard), but these new pieces of art take my breath away. As in, they elicit a gag reflex.

I went and saw the new "Tornado of Ideas," hoping it would help make the Student Union a more pleasing place after some dolt, who apparently didn't read any books on art, decided to put Bookman up. I was sorely disappointed. Not only is the tall sculpture too cartoon-like to take seriously, it's disrespectful.

At the base of the statue stands an interpretation of the Masked Rider. I know this because a larger one is going to be sitting in the Student Union (until someone gets fed up and pushes it over the walkway). It's not that the smaller Rider is ready, "Don Quixote" style, lance in hand, to charge into the tornado.

I maybe can overlook the fact that she is spearing some other small cartoon man in the rumpus with her spear, since I can envision Tech spearing an Aggie. But the girl is standing on a book entitled "Thieves in High Places."

What is that supposed to mean? Are we the thieves? We are, in fact, elevated by standing on the book and riding on a horse and spearing down this small, round man in the butt, who is lying prostrate on the ground.

Did this artist from Brooklyn realize what he was doing when he put us there, on that book? Was he upset he only gets paid a portion of the 1 percent of the building fund used to put the art up?

Not to mention the plain, ugly statue is mounted on a cement stand about two feet high with lights to illuminate its ugliness. It can be seen from the Student Union and the library. What was a nice place to sit between classes has now been marred by more than a stack of books reading itself, but outright putrid, idiocy. We cannot expect other schools to take us seriously if we can't even hire and pay an artist to.

Nikki Siegrist, senior journalism major from Amarillo



Generation Y — Vote or shut up

By Daniel Berk/University Daily Kansan
(U. Kansas)

(U-WIRE) LAWRENCE, Kan— As the 2004 presidential election approaches, it is becoming increasingly tougher to figure out who really cares about our country.

I am not talking about the candidates running for election, I am talking about the younger generation, which votes for the first time.

For some reason, maybe because of the state our country is in, people are "declining" their right to vote. That is the line I heard the other night with some friends.

My friend then said, "It's not like one vote is going to make a difference."

That response is becoming more and more popular as the election draws near.

People who are declining their right to vote should also have to decline their right to complain. People feel that because they are citizens of this country, they can complain about anything and everything they want. That is true; it is a free country and people can say what they want.

However, there is one day every four years

when your opinion really matters.

That day is when you go to the polling place and vote for who you think should run this country.

So, why would a person decline to participate in an election? What does a person gain from not voting? All the person has then is the right to complain.

There are a lot of uncertainties surrounding our country. These uncertainties are not going to go away overnight. The only way to them is by electing the person whom you feel is the most qualified.

There are people who live their life in fear every day. Uncertainty about the future of our country and the threat of another terrorist attack are good reasons to vote.

There are real problems, and all the younger generation wants to do is complain about higher gas prices or other petty things.

The only true to eliminate problems is by paying attention to the election and researching all the candidates. A movie cannot tell you who should run the country. The only person who can is you.

EDITORIAL

Smith is staying; now let's see more change

Texas Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith announced Wednesday that he was withdrawing from the University of Wisconsin's search for a president.

Smith, whose nomination became public last week, was scheduled to be in Wisconsin on Thursday interviewing. He elected not to make the trip at all.

According to Smith's statement, he has "unfinished business" at Tech and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center he would like to complete.

Some of those cited were building the scholarship endowment, increasing diversity on both campuses and bringing in more faculty.

The editorial board of *The University Daily* is pleased with his decision. While we do not agree with every action taken by Smith, we believe that he is working hard to improve the reputation and education of Tech by raising funds, representing the university in Austin and Washington, D.C., and by continuing his own research and publication.

Additionally, the Tech administration has seen a lot of turnover in the last 18 months. The university more than anything else right now needs stability in its higher administration, and we believe Smith and the teams he has created are a good start to creating more stability.

Also, after Smith's incident with basketball coach Bob Knight, it was rumored one or the other would be forced to leave. Whether this was a factor in Smith's consideration of the Wisconsin job is not known, but we would hope such a petty incident is not cause for the university to expel one of its leaders.

We would, however, challenge Smith to take on some of the issues students are concerned about. We want to see a tuition cap and a good effort made to attract good students and faculty.

Let's see a greater focus on students, including smaller classes, more time with professors, more classes offered and an increase in the academic standards. Show the university you mean business.

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House education committee taking up the cause of high textbook prices

By Andrew Bell/
The University Daily

Rent, food, gas and tuition. Each takes a toll on the pocketbook of the average Texas Tech student. However, in the past few years, textbooks also have become a concern for those trying to keep their finances in control.

The U.S. House Education Committee Republicans have announced plans to hold a hearing on the cost of college textbooks and what impact those costs have on the price of higher education in America, according to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

The hearing is a part of an ongoing Republican effort to examine rapidly rising college costs, and seek solutions to help increase college affordability for students, according to the committee.

U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Abilene, said he is glad to see the committee looking into lowering the costs of college students throughout the nation.

"They are adding bells and whistles to books," he said. "They change a little amount to the book and charge another \$100 per book the next semester."

Stenholm, a Tech alumnus, said there are ways to lower the costs of textbooks, and he is glad to see the committee working on a way to accomplish that goal.

In Lubbock, Tech students have a variety of stores to go to for textbooks.

Although each establishment aims to give students the best possible prices, Bob Davenport, the manager of Varsity Bookstore, said the publishers of textbooks have most of the control when deciding the price of textbooks for the next academic year.

College algebra, a required course for many students at Tech, is one book that can empty out the wallet quickly. At Double T Bookstores, a student can buy the book for \$77.25 — if the book is used. For a new book, the price increases to \$103, said Nathan Timmons, an employee at Double T.

At the Barnes and Noble on campus bookstore, the same book

costs \$82.80 used and \$110.40 if it is new, employee Corrie Owsley said.

The higher price compensates for a math lab CD that comes with the books, Owsley said.

At Varsity, prices are not available for the textbook because the publisher has not sent the invoice to let the store know what to charge for the book in the fall semester, Davenport said.

They want you to get a freakin' education, but books cost more than tuition.

— JENNIFER HANING
Postgraduate Pre-Medicine
Major from Wheeler

In most cases, the most expensive books are the engineering textbooks, Davenport said. Depending on the subject, science textbooks also also be costly.

— This is no surprise to Jennifer Haning, a postgraduate pre-medicine major from Wheeler. Haning said books have always been expensive, but she has noticed the price increase since her freshman year.

The most expensive book she has purchased since attending Tech cost her \$150, and she recently spent \$127 on a used chemistry book.

"They want you to get an freakin' education," she said, "but books cost more than tuition."

This also is a concern for the members of the education committee. The 21st Century Competitiveness Subcommittee Chairman Howard P. "Buck" McKeon said the cost of textbooks are not making the situation any easier for millions of low and middle income students that are being priced out of a college education, according to the committee.

The committee invites college students and their parents or guardians to submit testimony to provide input on how the price of textbooks is affecting their college costs, and whether college textbooks are priced fairly, according to the committee.

Anyone who is interested in giving his or her input to the committee could submit it to Congress via email at HEASurvey@mail.house.gov.

Also, more information on the committee and their work could be found online at <http://edworkforce.house.gov/issues/108th/education/highereducation/highereducation.htm>.

Johnson

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And big name sponsors have taken a notice of his talent. Johnson was offered several deals to join professional teams, earning big paychecks and endorsements, but he refused.

When asked why, Johnson said he wants to continue being a Raider.

"I've accomplished all of my individual goals," he said. "But not the team goals, like winning a Big 12 and NCAA championship. If they won it next year and I wasn't here, I would say that I didn't fulfill my destiny at Tech."

Amezcuca gave another reason. "He's got a good head atop those shoulders," she said. "Many of those offers were tempting, and they sound well, but (Johnson) isn't in it for the money. He really loves to run."

Johnson said either way, he gets to continue doing what he loves.

"I love to do what I do on the track," he said. "And they always say that good things come to those who wait. And patience has been the key to my success."

Track and field coach Wes Kittley said the success may not have gone to Johnson's head, but it has definitely boosted Tech's reputation.

"He has really opened up this program after winning that trial event," he said. "It put Tech track and field on the map."

This map does not only have Lubbock as a key spot, but Abilene and the rest of West Texas play a major role in Johnson's success. As the town where he grew up, his high school track coach, Randy Martin of Abilene, said this part of the country has been waiting on a big event like this one for some time now.

"It's been a long while since we've had an Olympian in West Texas," he said. "(Johnson) is the same old Jonathan that I knew in high school. He is just more mature, and he keeps in focus of his goals at all times."

One of those goals was to make the U.S. Olympic team. Johnson did that, and he has the medal to prove it. Kittley said Johnson serves as a great role model for all generations because of his accomplishments.

"You can see babies to 88-year-old men and women here today, giving their congrats to Johnson," he said. "Tech loves a winner, and that's what Jonathan is."

The winning is not done yet. Johnson made a promise to his fans at the event and said he will come out hopeful.

"I'm bringing home the gold," he said. "Or I'm at least bringing home something."

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Smoking

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"Smoking sales compared to non-smoking sales is not very big," he said. "I think it will affect us just a little bit."

Butterworth said once people realize the whole town is non-smoking, disgruntled tobacco users who oppose the ordinance will start eating out again.

"You've gotta eat somewhere," he said.

Other college towns such as Austin and College Station also have gone smoke free, Butterworth said.

"Lubbock is getting on the bandwagon," he said. "I think us being non-smoking will be kind of refreshing."

College Station has been smoke-free for two years, Butterworth said, and no business was lost. He said he believes a non-smoking environment will benefit everyone in the restaurant, including the wait staff.

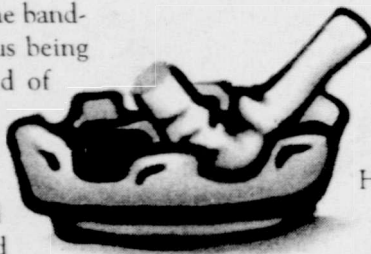
The non-smoking ordinance was passed three years ago, Faulkenberry said. The implementation of the ordinance hap-

pened in stages.

For the first year, businesses were allowed to apply for a free smoking permit, then, a fee, based on the cost of inspection by the Lubbock Health Department was required.

The Lubbock Health Department does not have a list of businesses allowing smoking, but Faulkenberry said it will be easy for customers to discover who is smoke free and who is not.

"I think that people will now be aware of who's allowing smoking," she said. "They will be allowed to eat in non-smoking environments."



Ike Okonkno, a junior computer engineering major from Spring, said he did not know about the non-smoking ordinance. He said he does not smoke but will simply avoid smokers.

"I think honestly, it's a dumb idea," he said. "In my opinion, if you wanna smoke, and the person who doesn't like smoking is around you, they should find a way to get away from it."

Matt Tepper, a junior telecommunications

major from Coppell, said he does not see how businesses can disallow smoking sections, since customers, including those who smoke, pay to eat and socialize at restaurants.

"I think it's kind of unfair to people that smoke," he said. "They're providing the business to the restaurant."

Faulkenberry said the push for smoke free Lubbock came from the Smokeless Lubbock Commission, which led to the appointment of a committee that investigated the harms of secondhand smoke.

Dr. Donna Bacchi, director of the Center of Tobacco Prevention and Control at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, said there are more than 50 cancer-causing chemicals in secondhand smoke.

Bacchi said 63 percent of the public voted to support the non-smoking ordinance.

"The victory with the ordinance is really a victory for the people of Lubbock," she said. "Particularly for children who don't have the

option for deciding where they want to go." Because of the non-smoking ordinance, Bacchi said citizens of Lubbock will be less likely to be subjected to harmful chemicals found in secondhand smoke.

"Basically, the people of Lubbock took a stand three years ago to create a healthier environment," she said. "With this ordinance going into effect today, it will be a healthier environment for employees and customers in Lubbock."

Lubbock's old smoking ordinance said businesses could designate smoking and non-smoking areas in eating establishments

and other buildings.

Now, businesses that wish to have smoking sections must apply for a permit and enclose and ventilate the section designated for smoking. Bacchi said workplaces are allowed smoking break rooms, but must provide an equivalent space designated as non-smoking.

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