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Many denied refunds for Chili Cook-off tickets

By Kandis Wenk/The University Daily

Upon learning no refunds will be given for the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Chili Cook-off, some Texas Tech students want answers.

Nathan Harness, a graduate student in family financial planning from Harrison, said while the ticket said no refunds on the front, the back says otherwise.

"If you flip the ticket over, it says the ticket is a revocable license, which may be

revoked and admission refused," he said. "To me, that means since I was refused admission, I should get my money refunded."

Although he is aware some money is for philanthropy, Harness said he did not buy the ticket to donate to charity.

"The thing about part of the proceeds going to charity is that if I wanted to donate, I could donate to my own charity," he said. "I paid \$20 to see Cross Canadian Ragweed,

and I was denied that, so I want my money back, or I want to see in writing that every bit of my \$20 went to charity."

Harness said he would like more transparency on where the profits are going.

"I want to see an itemized list of how much money goes to the bands, ground use, the charity donation and back to the fraternity," he said. "It's not my fault that the fraternity didn't buy weather insurance or looked into the fine print on the tickets,

and I don't feel I or anyone else should have to pay for that."

Brit Swanson, unit assistant director for Student Legal Services, said the clause on the ticket does not constitute a refund.

"Basically, the revocable license gives people the right to kick out a person who is being disorderly," she said. "It does not overrule the no refund statement on the front of the ticket."

Kelly Layne, Chili chairman for Sigma

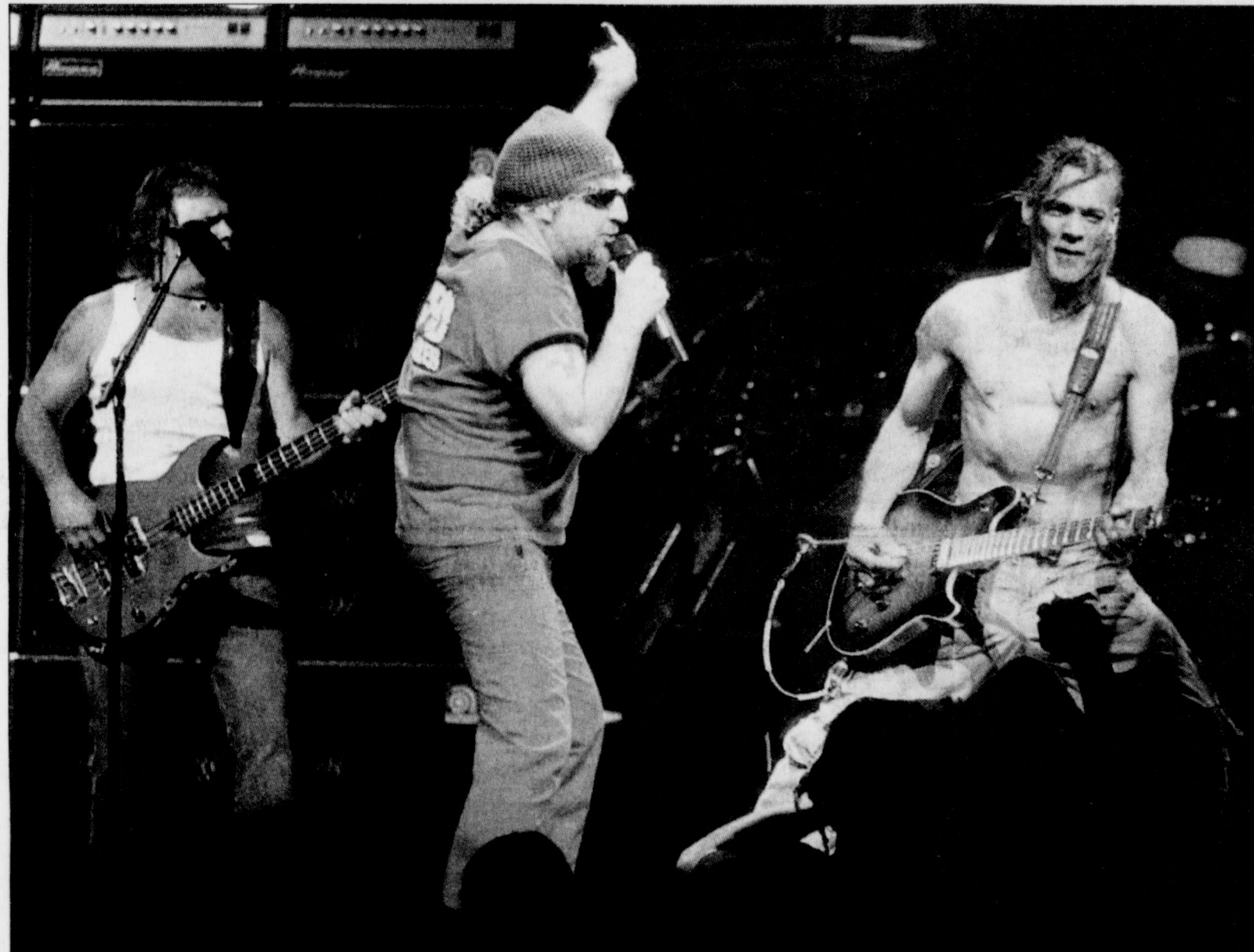
Alpha Epsilon, said not only students are upset about the cook-off's cancellation.

"We're very sorry about having to do this, and we really hate to do it to the students," he said. "But we're disappointed too, because we work on this all year long and to see it go down like that is really unfortunate."

Layne said the difficult thing for people

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Red Rocker meets Red Raiders



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Van Halen plays to large United Spirit Arena crowd

By Kandis Wenk/The University Daily

Between exposed breasts and a guitar made to look like a bottle of hard liquor, Van Halen had the crowd in high spirits when it performed last night in the United Spirit Arena.

Before the concert had even started, a woman near the stage pulled open her shirt and revealed her breasts to a cameraman before turning around and giving other members on the floor a view.

When the band opened with "Jump", it was met with a standing ovation and a fanfare of cheers, screams and whistling, which continued through the performance.

When Michael Anthony, bass guitarist for Van Halen, brought out a bass guitar in the shape of a Jack Daniels Whiskey Bottle, the crowd once again applauded and shrieked with approval.

Anthony proceeded to play the guitar with such intensity that he broke a string.

He remedied the situation by pulling out a Jack Daniels shot bottle, only to be rewarded with a much larger bottle with which he and Sammy Hagar toasted Lubbock.

John Stevenson, a senior history major from Dallas, said although this Van Halen concert is his first, he is a veteran Van Halen fan.

"I've been a fan for forever," he said. "I can't even remember when I first started getting into them."

The most important thing that distinguishes Van Halen from other bands is the guitar riffs, Stevenson said.

"Anyone who plays guitar can appreciate Van Halen and the guitarists," he said.

Stevenson said although the band is not as young as it used to be, he expects a good performance.

"Eddie is 50 years old now, but I'm sure they'll put on an excellent performance," he said. "I just thank God someone other than Pat Green came to Lubbock."

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TOP: VAN HALEN lead singer Sammy Hagar points his finger in the air while guitarist Eddie Van Halen and bassist Michael Anthony play. ABOVE: Hagar sings during the opening song of Van Halen's concert.

House resolution about U.S. military draft unclear

By Bryan Wendell/The University Daily

An e-mail stating the Selective Service is planning to conduct a draft for the U.S. Armed Forces is misleading, the press secretary for U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, said Tuesday.

Under the House of Representatives' resolution 163, all young persons in the United States, including women, would be required to serve in some sort of national defense capacity for 24 months.

The resolution has 14 cosponsors, one of which is Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee who represents Houston. The congresswoman said in an e-mail statement to *The UD* the act is not meant to require everyone to serve in a combat role. According to the statement: "HR 163, known as the Universal National Service Act, calls for those who are between the ages of 18 and 26 who choose not to serve in a component of the uniformed services can also choose to serve in a civilian capacity that, as determined by the President, promotes the national defense, including national or community service and homeland security."

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What Happens In A Draft

1. Congress and President authorize draft.
 2. Lottery determines draft order.
 3. Physical, mental, and moral evaluations conducted.
 4. Induction notices sent.
 5. First draftees inducted.
- Source: Selective Service System

Lubbock to receive a \$10 million Wal-Mart store

By Jackie Schirard/The University Daily

The smiley face has done it again — slashing prices and planning to open a Wal-Mart Supercenter in Overton Park.

Although this project might help cut down on lines for the chain of Wal-Mart stores in Lubbock, surrounding food markets are weary because of the displacement of residential areas.

The new \$10 million store will be more than 200,000 square feet, located on the Southwest corner of Fourth Street and Avenue Q. Delbert McDougal, chief executive officer of McDougal Companies, said the building will have a more updated look with all the facilities and departments as the other Wal-Mart stores.

"This store is a new prototype," he said. "It's something you haven't seen in Lubbock."

Ricky Smith, a sophomore construction technology major from McLean, said the new store will benefit the customers who shop at Wal-Mart.

"It will help to spread the crowds out on Sundays, because the lines are usually horrible," he said. "It will also give Tech extra parking spaces."

Smith said the new store will be a disadvantage for food stores in the surrounding area, but its development will help to create more stores in the area.

McDougal said Wal-Mart Inc. representatives came to Lubbock with the idea several months ago and finalized the plan with McDougal Companies 60 days later.

"They are very excited about being a part of Overton Park and being close to Texas Tech," McDougal said.

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Courtesy Photo THE NEW WAL-MART Supercenter will be more than 200,000 square feet and located on the southwest corner of 4th Street and Avenue Q.

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Private rocket ship has wild ride in quest for \$10 million

MOJAVE, Calif. (AP) — Ignoring a warning to abort the flight, a test pilot took a stubby-looking rocket plane on a corkscrewing, white-knuckle ride past the edge of the atmosphere Wednesday, completing the first stage of a quest to win a \$10 million prize.

As spectators and controllers nervously watched from the ground, SpaceShipOne rolled dozens of times as it hurtled toward space at nearly three times the speed of sound. It reached an altitude of 64 miles over the Mojave Desert.

Spaceship designer Burt Rutan said he asked pilot Michael Melvill to shut down the engine, but Melvill kept going until he reached the altitude specified under the rules for the Ansari X Prize, a bounty offered to the first privately built, manned rocket ship to fly in space twice in a span of two weeks.

"I did a victory roll at the top," Melvill joked from atop the spaceship after it glided safely to a landing.

The problem was being analyzed by the spacecraft's builders, who must decide whether to proceed with another flight Monday in order to win the X Prize.

But Rutan and Melvill were confident the flight would go on as planned. Rutan said rolling occurred during flight simulations, and it was not a complete surprise when it happened on Wednesday.

"I've looked at it, and I think we just change out the engine and fill it with gas and let it go," Melvill said.

The test pilot said he may have caused the rolling himself.

"You know, you're extremely busy at that point," he said. "Your feet and your hands and your eyes and everything is working about as fast as you can work them, and probably I stepped on something too quickly and caused the roll."

SpaceShipOne, with Melvill at the controls, made history in June when it became the first private,

manned craft to reach space.

The Ansari X Prize will go to the first craft to safely complete two flights to an altitude of 328,000 feet, or 62 miles — generally considered to be the point where the Earth's atmosphere ends and space begins — in a 14-day span.

The St. Louis-based X Prize Foundation is offering the bounty in hopes of inspiring an era of space tourism in which spaceflight is not just the domain of government agencies such as NASA.

Rutan, with more than \$20 million from Microsoft billionaire Paul Allen, secretly developed SpaceShipOne and is well ahead of two dozen teams building X Prize contenders around the world.

During its 81-minute flight, SpaceShipOne climbed to 337,500 feet — nearly 10,000 feet above its target, said Gregg Maryniak, executive director of the X Prize Foundation.

The Rundown



Defense lawyers say not told about evidence

GALVESTON (AP) — A condemned inmate's statement exonerating his fellow defendant was not received by defense attorneys, they testified during a hearing ordered by a federal appeals court.

Testimony by former prison guard Robert Earl Carter, who was executed in 2000 for murdering his 4-year-old son and five others, was the only evidence placing Anthony Charles Graves at the crime scene. Graves, convicted of capital murder in 1994 for killing the six people in Burleson County, has been on death row for nine years.

Lydia Clay-Jackson and Calvin Garvie, Graves' attorneys, testified they never were informed that Carter had told prosecutors that he alone committed the murders of the Somerville family members. His statement exonerating his fellow defendant came amid hours of questioning the night before he took the witness stand and implicated Graves in the crime.

However, lawyers for the state countered that Carter told authorities during the same night of questioning that his wife and Graves had taken part in the slayings.

A former district attorney testified that nine years after a capital murder conviction he "pieced together" a memory of turning over crucial evidence to the defense attorneys who say it was kept from them during the trial. Charles Sebasta testified during a hearing to determine whether Graves deserves a new trial.

The hearing was ordered by the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, partly in response to efforts by student participants in the Texas Innocence Network based at the University of Houston Law Center.

Expos baseball team to move to nation's capital

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard Nixon was president and man still was making trips to the moon the last time the word "Washington" appeared in the major league baseball standings.

On Opening Day, April 4, 2005, look for the nation's capital to return.

Baseball was to announce Wednesday that Washington will be the new home of the Montreal Expos, according to a city official who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The city planned to celebrate the news with a late-afternoon news conference featuring people associated with the old Washington Senators. Charlie Brotman, the longtime Senators' public address announcer, said he was told to be at the City Museum at 6 p.m. to emcee the event.

"That's what I've been officially told," Brotman said. "In addition to being a news conference, it's also a celebration."

Mayor Anthony Williams was noncommittal, telling reporters Wednesday he was still waiting for official notification.

Mayor Paul D. Fraim of Norfolk, Va., one of the cities vying for the team, said officials called him Tuesday to inform him of the Expos' move to Washington, *The Virginian-Pilot* reported Wednesday.

The announcement seemed imminent a before the 33rd anniversary of the Senators' final game. The team moved to Texas after the 1971 season, which was also the last time a major league team was relocated.

Vatican calls on U.N. to ban human cloning

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Vatican, in its first speech to the U.N. General Assembly, called Wednesday for a total ban on human cloning and criticized the war in Iraq and unilateral responses to terrorism.

Archbishop Giovanni Lajolo, secretary of the Holy See's relations with states, spoke in broad terms and did not mention the U.S.-led coalition that invaded Iraq or the nations that have acted unilaterally against terrorists. He referred to Pope John Paul II's fervent opposition to the Iraq war.

"Everyone can see that it (military action) did not lead to a safer world, either inside or outside Iraq," he said as the assembly's two-week annual ministerial session neared an end.

He stressed, however, supporting Iraq's new government in bringing normalcy and democracy to the country is imperative.

Regarding terrorism worldwide, the archbishop said nations must work together to tackle the growing scourge.

"It seems obvious that terrorism can only be effectively challenged through a concerted multilateral approach ... and not through the politics of unilateralism," he said.

The fight against terrorism requires long-term action against terrorism's underlying causes, Lajolo said, adding that the Roman Catholic Church aids in that work by promoting mutual understanding among religions.

The Vatican has had an observer mission at the United Nations since 1964, and Pope John Paul II visited the General Assembly 25 years ago, but the Holy See has not addressed the assembly during the ministerial meeting before.

Fines in mail for Texas drivers

AUSTIN (AP) — Nearly 200,000 Texas drivers are getting some bad — and costly — news in the mail.

The Department of Public Safety this week is sending notice that drivers with drunken driving and various license and insurance violations since September 2003 owe fees on top of whatever fines they already have paid.

The total amount: \$67 million.

Approved by the Legislature, the fees under the Texas Driver Responsibility Program target habitually bad drivers and will help fund trauma centers and emergency medical services.

The program is expected to generate about \$1 billion by 2008.

"Drunken and dangerous drivers can know that they will face stiff consequences in Texas," Gov. Rick Perry said Wednesday during a visit to Parkland Hospital in Dallas, which received \$2.3 million.

"Law-abiding Texans can know that we are not only discouraging bad

behavior with stiff penalties, but using the proceeds of poor judgment to benefit their loved ones when they are hurt in an accident," he added.

The fines have been assessed during the last year, but the state couldn't collect the money until it had the proper computer software and a vendor. State lawmakers previously unlocked \$1 billion for the program, which will be replenished by collected fees.

About 5,000 notices are being mailed every day, DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. said.

Under the fee system, a driver with a first-offense DWI will pay \$1,000 per year for three years. The fine could double if the driver had a blood alcohol concentration of .16 or more. The legal limit for intoxication is .08.

A second DWI conviction within the three-year period brings an additional \$1,500 per year.

Other fines include \$250 per year for driving without insurance for driving with an invalid license and

\$100 per year for driving without a license.

All fines are cumulative, so multiple violations mean a bigger hit to the wallet.

Also, drivers who accumulate six points against their license for moving violations during a three-year period will be required to pay \$100 for three years. Additional points will cost another \$25.

And drivers who commit three moving violations or cause two accidents within three years will pay an additional \$100 to renew their license. Even moving violations committed in other states will affect a Texas license.

"Bad driving just got more expensive," DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said.

Notices are being sent to the most recent address on file with DPS. Drivers will have 30 days after the notices are sent to either make payment or payment arrangements.

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Students commemorate Banned Books Week

By Katherine Amerson/
The University Daily

While reading may be fun, it will not get done until banned books are put back on the shelves.

This week is Banned Books Week—dedicated to preserving the freedom to read and observed since 1982.

To commemorate the week there was a banned books reading at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Groves Branch Library, located at 5520 19th St.

Jill Patterson, Texas Tech English professor, said several reasons exist for why books frequently are banned.

"Language, profanity, sexual content, anything that addresses sexuality is frequently banned in public schools (K through 12)," she said. "If it addressed satanism or the occult in any way; religious viewpoints; violence would be another reason."

Banning books shelters students, and they are going to encounter these issues when it is time to leave home

or school, she said. School should be a trusting environment where it is safe for students to talk about these issues with knowledgeable adults, she said.

In terms of reference to the occult, many question what makes Shakespeare's "Macbeth" different from other works.

"I'm just assuming that a lot of the people are intimidated by the word Shakespeare," she said. "There's actually really no logic to it."

Sarah Arnold, a freshman history major from Round Rock, said she plans to read some banned books and really likes the "Harry Potter" series and "Hamlet."

"In my opinion, I think no book should be banned," she said. "Even if you're completely disturbed by it and don't like it at all."

Erin Ellis, assistant librarian at Tech, said she thinks all banned books are available to check out at Tech's library.

"We don't limit or put any checks on anything that gets checked out.

We're trying to preserve intellectual freedom," Ellis said. "We need to be free to develop collections that represent all kinds of creative expression."

She said banning books does students a disservice, but she did not say parents should not have the right to monitor what their kids are reading.

"The problem with challenging books, you're (not just) limiting yourself and your child or student," she said. "You're limiting the entire population."

For all the students reading this, no banned books are at the collegiate level, so there is no way to get out of reading that historical account about Renaissance polka music.

The Patriot Act brings another angle to the banned books table of knowledge.

"With the Patriot Act, writers are no longer allowed to publish the words of an Iraqi," Patterson said. "FBI officials can subpoena your library records, so you can get in trouble for reading certain things. The OFAC, Office of

Financial Assets Control, has asserted that any work a U.S. publisher extends to a manuscript from an embargoed nation may be interpreted as trading with the enemy."

The public computers in the library are not policed, Ellis said, so if someone is viewing pornography on those computers, the library staff can do nothing about the situation, because the student could be collecting research for a class.

In 2003, the American Library Association's top 10 most frequently challenged books were the "Alice" series, the "Harry Potter" series, "Of Mice and Men," "Arming America," "Fallen Angels," "Go Ask Alice," "It's Perfectly Normal," "We All Fall Down" and "Bridge to Terabithia."

Doriane Woolley, a junior advertising major from Santa Fe, N.M., said banning books is insane, and she loves to read.

"It narrows your spectrum. It's very limiting not to have selection," she said. "I think diversity is important



ANDREW WEATHERL/The University Daily
JAMES HERSHBERGER, A junior English major from Midland, reads "Catcher in the Rye" by J.D. Salinger.

with anything."

She said her favorite book is "Sea-biscuit," and she loved "Lord of the Rings" because it is so mythological

and outside the box.

"The fact that they're banned should promote enough curiosity in itself," Ellis said.

Study: More students unable to afford college tuition rates

By Boris Melnikov/
Daily Trojan

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES—If higher education affordability were a class, the nation would be flunking.

A report compiled by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, a nonprofit institution for higher education research, concluded many students would not be able to afford higher education in the near future.

"The nation's colleges and universities have become less affordable for students and families compared with a decade ago," wrote the authors of the "Measuring Up 2004" study.

Only two states have seen their higher education systems become more affordable overall since the last study, performed in 2002, while 17 states scored lower on every indicator of affordability.

California is only one of three states to get a passing grade this year. It received a B.

Minnesota and Utah, each scoring a C, were the other states to receive grades better than a D, while 36 states all across the country got failing grades.

Authors of the study could not be reached for comment.

Alisa Cunningham, director of research at the Institute of Higher Education Policy, a nonprofit organization in Washington, D.C., said studies like "Measuring Up" often paint a mixed picture.

"Different approaches show different things," she said. "On one hand, enrollment in colleges is increasing, on the other hand costs have increased as well."

California's good grade in affordability can be attributed to its generous

funding of community colleges, which lowers tuition at those institutions, Cunningham said.

"Because California has traditionally supported its community college system, it's easy for all kinds of students to start out at a local community college" before transferring to a four-year college, she said.

Other states, by contrast, charge higher fees for attending community colleges, but also give more financial aid to those who qualify.

The study found college education affordability in California had increased during the past decade, but was lower this year than in 2000.

The percentage of annual income that an average family would pay for a public four-year university in California has decreased from 37 percent a decade ago to 32 percent today.

Private four-year colleges in the state stayed at about the same level in terms of affordability. On average, students' families would pay 71 percent of their annual income for college expenses this year, as opposed to 70 percent in 1994.

The amount of the average financial aid package was taken into consideration when the expenses were calculated.

California led the nation in 2002 as the only state to receive an A in education affordability.

As part of a plan to balance the state

budget, state universities denied admission to 11,400 eligible freshmen who would have entered this fall.

They were instead asked to enroll in community colleges for a couple of years. The students could then transfer to a four-year public university in the University of California or California State University systems before their junior years.

The cost of community college also has increased. Students will now pay \$26 per unit, a more than two-fold increase of the \$11-per-unit cost last year, even though the rate still is the lowest in the nation.

California is not alone in attempting to cut back on higher education. As the majority of states faced declining tax revenue and rising expenses in the past couple of years, higher education funding often was on the chopping block.

The University of Southern California has been dedicated to making sure students and their families can afford to attend the institution said David Glasgow, acting director of undergraduate programs.

"USC tries its best to meet 100 percent of individually determined financial aid for each student," he said. "We try to meet the needs of every student."

The university offers a number of programs to help defray the cost of attendance, including grants, loans and

installment plans, Glasgow said.

Unique circumstances, such as death in the family, also will be taken into account when calculating individual financial aid packages.

College students and their families have been trying to cope with increased college expenses, said Loretta Hardege, director of communications at IHEP.

College education provides skills that will place graduates at an advantage in the job market, she said.

"We shouldn't allow the ballast of college cost to scare students away," said Hardege, adding the American higher education system is unique for a number of choices it offers prospective entrants.

"It's important to emphasize there is a full range of colleges and universities in terms of price," she said.

Glasgow said students will receive a full financial award if they apply on time and satisfy all eligibility requirements.

Rain puts damper on cotton

By Christy Lewis/
Contributing Writer

Almost five inches of rain and cooler climates in the Lubbock area last weekend have put a damper on surrounding cotton farmers and their crops.

According to the National Weather Service, Lubbock received 4.33 inches of rain in the past four days. This number makes the 2004 total rainfall higher than it has been since 1991.

Norm Hopper, the Associate Dean or the College of Agriculture Sciences and Natural Resources at Texas Tech, said the rain is not doing our cotton any good and that bright sunny days are needed soon, to ensure the continuation of the cotton's growth and opening.

"If the cotton was already opened when it rained, then deterioration may occur lowering the seed and lint quality," Hopper said.

Already, there has been more rainfall in 2004 than all previous years since 1991, with a total rainfall of 22.84 inches after this weekend's pour down, according to the National Weather Service.

Kent Bennett, with Cotton Logistics Inc., said if this kind of rainfall

would have happened ten years ago that it would be more devastating. Since crops now have chemical growth regulators, Bennett said they are less vulnerable to rain than before.

"The damage is minimal, unless there is more rain to come in the future," Bennett said.

Willis Taubert, manager of the Cotton Center Farmers Coop., said this year's crop depends on if the sun comes out in the future.

"The amount of rain hasn't helped the cotton, but as long there is hot and dry weather to come, then the cotton will be okay," Taubert said.

Hot, sunny and dry weather is perfect for growing cotton, he said.

"It is a good thing that most of the cotton has not begun to open yet, otherwise the problem would be much more of an issue," Taubert said.

Jeff Miller, an employee at Delta and Pine Land Co., said the rain poses a threat every year during harvest.

"If there is more rain to come, then our hopes and aspirations could be brought back down to a more realistic level," Miller said.

The National Weather Service predicts additional showers and thunderstorms for Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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A bit about the why and how of page 4

In journalism, there are five major questions we strive to answer: the why, who, how, when and where of news.

Today, I am addressing the why and how of the Opinions page.

Many readers confuse the Opinions page with what is in the rest of the paper — news. But, the Opinions page is what its title says: people's opinions, written in what the news industry calls columns, editorials, letters to the editor or cartoons. Articles are the product of unbiased news reporting, not the product of a person's opinion.

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The number of letters to the editor on page 4 are something rather new, as past editors have not run as many as we do now. This is something I, as opinions editor, have decided is an important presentation of "the other side" that deserves space on our page. Page 4 is just as much

Angela
Timmons



I personally thrive on the exchange of ideas, information and viewpoints. I welcome the letters, guest columns and applications for columnists or cartoonists.

the campus's page as anybody's. So, when space allows, letters are run — as many as possible.

I recently read an e-mail from a student asking why *The UD* asks authors of letters to the editor or guest columnists to provide information such as major, classification, hometown, phone number and Social Security number. The reason is very simple. We are not trying to steal anybody's identity or to ask for a blood sample. We just want to make sure when we call the letter's author we truly can verify the person with whom we are speaking is the author.

For instance, if Jon Doe is angry with ex-girlfriend Jane and decides to write a stinging letter on some topic with her name, classification, hometown, phone number and hometown attached to the letter, we can call Jane and find out she really did not write the letter. The personal information is about protecting people. I understand providing information such as a Social Security number might be alarming to some. I can guarantee the campus this: as soon as I call to verify your information, I delete your phone number and Social Security number. It gets it out of my way faster, and I do not need it after that anyway.

When submitting a letter to

the editor, please pay attention to the guidelines at the bottom of page 4 regarding length and the information we need in order to publish. We particularly need a telephone number of which writers may be reached any time of day to verify the information provided. Also, e-mailing letters is helpful — otherwise, I get to re-type the whole letter! It may not seem so, but these little things help very much in the busy atmosphere of our newsroom. Letters may be sent to ud@ttu.edu.

Another forum for students or any other readers to share their ideas about a column or letter to the editor is at *The University Daily* Web site, www.universitydaily.net. There, readers can post comments on columns, letters to the editor, editorials as well as news articles. This is often a great place for readers to get into conversation over a piece that has been printed in *The UD*.

As for the issues discussed on page 4, columnists attempt to keep up with current issues as much as possible and to form an educated opinion on these issues. As much as possible, we attempt to do what we call a "Freedom Forum," in which two columnists go up against one another to present two sides of an issue. Often, the issue is something political and one author takes a conservative viewpoint, while the other takes the liberal. Sometimes we will print silly columns as a fun break from hard issues.

From reading every letter to the editor that comes through our newsroom, I can tell our readership has varied interests and concerns. Some people respond in droves to the heavy political issues; others get riled up about men wearing pink shirts. I personally thrive on the exchange of ideas, information and viewpoints. I welcome the letters, guest columnists and applications for columnists or cartoonists.

So, if you think you have what it takes, give the newsroom a visit. Otherwise, see you on page 4.

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Letters to the Editor

Kerry still smarter than Bush

I am writing in response to the column "Finding the Kerry behind the man." As an independent voter, I am surprised the author thinks George Bush is an applicant with value. The comment that he is not quite intelligent but a man who stands behind his convictions, is one that directly correlates to how many people felt about Adolf Hitler. Sometimes it is not always good to stand behind your original objectives because they may be the wrong choice. I fully am aware our nation's presence in Iraq is controversial, but because of that, isn't it important for our country's leader to look at what America wants? I agree many democrats only are voting for Kerry because he is considered the lesser of two evils, and I will grant he can be a bit boring, but as a voter, I would rather have a man who is intelligent and a little boring than a complete bumbling idiot who must rely on the decisions of others for governing the free world.

— Courtney Bracey, senior retailing major from San Antonio

Traveling abroad for open minds

I am an Italian from Rome and founder of the Italian Club of Lubbock. Last Friday, I received an early phone call from my cousin, Juan Bertero. The call was disturbed and all I could hear was, "Read the daily news on page 4!" So I did.

The column in question was "What Europe has taught me to love about America" by Sara Miller, a columnist studying abroad in Florence, Italy. So far so good, I thought, but I soon realized it was more than just the diary of a Lubbock student traveling to Italy. Miller's column is a running mockery of Italian customs and way of life. Not to speak of the allegation Italians smell and have no toilet paper.

At this point, I am compelled to inform Miller we do have toilet paper available everywhere, and if one cannot find any, it is because one does not know where to find it. Have you tried grocery stores?

I would invite Miller to come to my club, held every Friday at One Guy From Italy from 5 to 7

p.m. to smell me and my cousin. We would like to prove you wrong.

In Miller's column, there were complaints that in Italy, you normally walk to the nearest grocery shop, instead of taking the car, or we usually pay five euro-cents for plastic bags. There is a reason for all this: making people pay for their bags helps reduce the amount of waste produced and promotes recycling by making you use your own bags. Also, walking is not that bad for you.

What all this comes down to is when traveling to another country, it is important to take it as it is. You cannot go to Italy and pretend to find America, in any of its forms. If you cannot cope or adapt to this foreign reality, I suggest you find a McDonald's and ask for political asylum.

— Marco Fornari, junior mechanical technology major from Rome, Italy; co-authored by Juan Bertero, senior mechanical engineering major from Italy.

Chili Cook-off needs to hand back money

The reason I am writing is because, like thousands of Texas Tech students and Lubbock residents, I purchased a ticket for the Chili Cook Off but



Children and sexy television: what TV means to our youth

Sarah
Looten



To blame TV for our social evils would be so easy, but I have two problems with that. First, I do not believe TV is to blame for much of anything. Secondly, I have yet to decide if sex among teenagers is necessarily evil.

However, the RAND study does not prove causation, only that the two are linked. We now have a case of the chicken and the egg. The possibility exists that teenagers who are more sexually curious and active seek sexual TV.

Let us look at an example of adults watching sexual TV — porn. To be analogous to the study, watching porn would make adults have more sex. That idea is plausible. Plenty of men's and women's magazines encourage bringing porn into the bedroom. The tone of these articles is, "Right now you are having sex. You want something more. Try porn!" I have no study to cite, but I believe people usually turn to porn after they already have dabbled in sex.

From date rape after-school specials to the ladies of "Sex and the City," television is full of sex. A recent study found watching sexual TV programming will increase sexual behavior among teenagers. The tone the study set was that of an alarmist paranoia. Forgive me if I am somewhat skeptical of the findings.

According to the RAND Corp. study published in "Pediatrics" online journal, two-thirds of TV programming has some sexual content. This is all-inclusive — from jokes to kissing. The one-year study found viewing sexual content on TV hastened teens' sexual acts.

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Numerous studies have shown children are developing at earlier ages. The age a girl begins to develop sexually has become younger. Our age of excess — food in this case — has led the body to think, "Hmm, I have more nutrients at my disposal. I should go ahead and start this reproduction cycle earlier so I can repopulate faster."

Children are developing physically at an earlier age. When children were developing at 14 and 15, their sexual curiosity was seen as normal. However, society's view has not changed with biology. I am not saying a 12-year-old with piqued sexual curiosity is good or bad, but that development is to be biologically expected.

There is scientific proof that biology hastens sexually activity

on by Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity on Sept. 25. Although I understand and am sympathetic to the reasons for the event's being cancelled, I am not understanding of how the situation was handled. We were told in *The UD* article that ran Monday that the profits will be donated to charity. But, after doing some investigating, I have discovered it is likely part of the profits will be used to "fund the organization" — i.e., pad the fraternity's pockets. I would prefer if the fraternity would refund my money and allow me to donate it to the charity of my choice. I do not feel I, or any of the others who purchased tickets, should have to pay for any of the costs incurred at the event. There are precautions the fraternity should have taken, such as purchasing

weather insurance for the event; we should not be punished for their lack of planning. I have purchased tickets to concerts and events in the past that were cancelled (some because of weather), and the full ticket price I paid always was refunded to me. They did not say, "Well, we need to cover our costs, so we're going to keep the money" and hide under a charity's cover as though donating what is likely to be \$1 of my \$20 to charity somehow makes what they did OK. It is not OK; it is theft. On the back of the tickets is printed, "This ticket is a revocable license and may be revoked and admission refused upon refunding the printed price thereon." My friends and I arrived at the event and were refused admittance, yet the promise of refunding the printed

ticket price has not been fulfilled. Printing that statement on the back of the ticket made it a binding contract, and a breach of that contract is illegal. What they did is illegal. I know everyone is thinking, "Well, it's just \$20, and what can I do?" I think it is safe to say (and I am working on getting exact numbers) that several thousand tickets were sold to this event, and those proceeds amount to thousands of dollars. That is unacceptable and wrong. Fighting is necessary to help right this wrong. We have all been taken advantage of, and I refuse to sit idly by.

Our society looks at teenage sex as bad because it has had consequences. Our region has one of the highest rates of STDs and pregnancies among teenagers nationally. Unplanned teenage pregnancies and STDs are detrimental to the person as well as to society. But sex does not cause these consequences. Ignorance and unprotected sex are the cause. Our status-quo, abstinence-only sex-ed programs are a joke.

If teenagers were not forced to get their sex ed from the TV, things might be different.

To look at this survey and damn TV would be easy. But, television is not the culprit. TV has responded to our wonderfully capitalistic society — more sex is demanded, so more sex is supplied.

Noting 90 percent of statistics are false also is important. That is not true. I just made that up, but you get the general idea. The RAND study followed 1,792 children, ages 12 to 17. That is roughly 300 youths from each age group. There is little possibility 1,792 could be an accurate cross section of teenagers. Also, parental permission had to be obtained to study these teenagers. Whether parents will let their child talk to strangers about sex is a huge factor in this case.

TV is no substitute for parents. Concerned parents should not only monitor what teenagers watch but also ask why they are watching it. Teenagers and children are not stupid. I grew up on a farm, and my mother is an OB/GYN nurse. I more than understood the birds and the bees and the consequences. No amount of sexy TV could make me forget.

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— Avery Davis, Texas Tech employee

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HSC hosts second annual convocation

By Lauren Clonts/
The University Daily

Texas Tech University Health Sciences President Dr. M. Roy Wilson delivered his State of the University address Wednesday, which was followed by the Faculty Awards Convocation.

"The mission of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center is to improve the health of the people by providing educational opportunities for students and health care professionals, advancing knowledge through scholarships and research and providing basic care and service," he said.

The vision for the HSC is that by 2010, the HSC will be recognized nationally as a top-ranked health sciences university,

Wilson said.

"I would like each school and organizational unit to understand this mission and vision and to incorporate it in their own mission and vision statement, at least be consistent with it," he said.

During the last year, organizational changes have been made to better serve the mission and to achieve this vision, Wilson said. Some of the changes were creating and filling new positions at the HSC, such as executive vice

president for academic affairs, he said.

"One of our institutional priorities is to increase the numbers, the participation of minorities, particularly Hispanics and African-Americans, in the educational process here at the Health Sciences Center," he said.

The HSC needs to better define itself, Wilson said.

"It's important to communicate who we are," he said.

The quality of any institution

or any organization is the quality of the people in that organization, Wilson said.

"You are among the finest of our faculty, and we appreciate your efforts, and we celebrate your achievements," he said.

Wilson presented President's Awards to several faculty.

The awards included the President's Excellence in Teaching Award, the President's Research Achievement Award, the President's Distinguished Clinician Award and the President's Young Investigator Award.

Wilson said this is only the second consecutive year of having the convocation.

"My wish is that we continue to improve upon it and that eventually we will have a more formal event," he said.



ANDREW WEATHERL/The University Daily

HSC PRESIDENT DR. M. Roy Wilson presents the President's Young Investigator Award to Dr. James Tsikouis, a doctor of pharmacology employed by the School of Pharmacy at the HSC on Wednesday afternoon.

Refund

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to understand is that Sigma Alpha Epsilon was not the sole group behind the cancellation.

"We wanted to get a band on for at least one or two songs, and we told Buffalo Springs Lake that we would pay more money to do that," he said, "but we had the Sheriff's department and the Buffalo Springs Lake people telling us that we were risking everyone's safety, and we don't want that; no one does."

Publishing information regarding where the profits were allocated is not

possible, Layne said.

"We're not at liberty to release information about the cost of hiring the bands due to the contracts we have with the bands," he said. "I'm sorry I can't tell people. I'd even like to know, but everyone should understand there is a substantial amount of money that goes into an event like this."

Layne said the only refunds given were to the teams participating in the cook-off.

Students need to understand the expense of events like this, Layne said.

"The overhead is huge," he said, "between paying for bands and insurance and everything in between."

Layne said about 3,000 to 6,000 tickets were sold, but at this time, how much money was made is unknown.

With the money remaining after paying the policy and leaving funds for next year's cook-off, a donation to the Muscular Dystrophy Association will be made, Layne said.

"If we don't put some money back into the account, we can't continue the Chili Cook-off, and then we wouldn't be able to keep benefiting the MDA," he said. "But within the past three years, we have contributed more than \$30,000 to MDA, which blows most other fraternities out of the water, and we hope to make another sizable donation."

Wal-Mart

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The construction will be a 10-month process, and McDougal said the store will have a grand opening in spring 2006. Wal-Mart Inc. hired engineers from Hugo Reed Engineering Firm to lay the groundwork and drainage system. After completion of groundwork, construction of the building will begin in the first quarter of next year.

McDougal said the addition of another Wal-Mart will not affect the business of the other two Wal-Mart stores located in Lubbock.

"They see it as another great opportunity to be close to Tech," he said. "They automatically bring smaller businesses that will surround the supercenter. They are also planning to hire 480 new employees. This is a big boost to central Lubbock."

Paul Liao, a freshman civil engineering major from Hamilton, said the store might create more employment opportunities for the residential area.

"It might create more jobs and more parking spaces for students," Liao said. "It's also closer to campus, so more students might shop over there."

Draft

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She said draftees would be able to serve in non-military roles under this legislation.

Neugebauer's press secretary Josh Noland said support for this piece of legislation is thin.

"It's not going anywhere," Noland said. "Bills like this get introduced fairly often."

He said President Bush and the Department of Defense have no plans to further any draft legislation and are satisfied with the current number of troops.

"One benefit of taking down Saddam (Hussein) is that fewer troops are needed," he said.

Another example of the necessity of troop realignment, Noland said, is Western Europe, where troops who previously were present to help protect against the USSR

now can be reallocated to other parts of the world.

He said in response to the e-mail, rumors should be regarded as rumors.

The Selective Service Web site, www.sss.gov, posted an official response to the rumors. According to the statement: "Notwithstanding recent stories in the news media and on the Internet, Selective Service is not getting ready to conduct a draft for the U.S. Armed Forces—either with a special skills or regular draft. Rather, the Agency remains prepared to manage a draft if and when the President and the Congress so direct."

Martin Edwards, a professor of political science at Texas Tech, said Congress might request a draft but probably will not be sending draftees to Iraq.

"I don't think a whole lot will get drafted to go to Iraq," Edwards said. "Students should be more worried about finding a job after graduation rather than worrying about having a job with Uncle Sam."

Van Halen

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Stevenson said he got lucky scoring a pair of tickets for less than general admission price.

"I got floor seats for \$60 from eBay," he said. "Thank you very much, Mr. desperate seller on eBay."

Although Van Halen was more popular in the late '70s and '80s, Stevenson said it is not his parent's generation of music either.

"My parents are pretty old, so it's somewhere between my generation and there's, like the 30-40-year olds," he said. "My generation doesn't know how to play good music."

Stevenson said he did not know there

was an opening band and was not thrilled about the band chosen to be a prelude for Van Halen.

"I haven't even heard of them," he said. "Why is such a crappy band opening for such a great band?"

Cory Winters, a junior mechanical engineering major from Spring, said he is a long-time fan of Van Halen.

"I've liked Van Halen since I was in junior high, so I guess since I was about 12 years old," he said. "They play good music to get wasted to."

Hunter Jones, a senior business major from Houston, said he was attending the concert in celebration of a friend's birthday.

"My friend just turned 19," he said. "There's not a whole lot to do in Lubbock for a guy on his 19th birthday."

Jones said the key factor distinguishing Van Halen from other bands is the members' hairstyles.

"It has to be the mullets and because they're old school," he said. "I tell you what though, this would be better with alcohol."

Men were not the only ones showing their support for the band.

"I've listened to this band with my dad when I was growing up," Stacie Marks, a senior English major from San Angelo, said. "It's kind of sentimental in an odd way."

Although she loves the band as a whole, she said she loves Eddie Van Halen the most.

"It's all about Eddie," she said. "All guitar players are sexy; it doesn't matter how old they are."

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Weight gain not essential part of college

By Lauren Clonts/
The University Daily

Many students experience the dreaded freshman 15 during their first few months away from home. However, weight gain does not have to be part of every student's life, as there are numerous ways to prevent it.

Russell Klettke, author of "A Guy's Gotta Eat, the regular guy's guide to eating smart," said he never became overweight in college because he maintained a healthy structure. "Life structures are where you can really increase the odds of managing your weight better," he said. "Walking is good intellectually and psychologically, and it raises your metabolism."

College campuses usually are constructed for walking, and students should take advantage of that opportunity, Klettke said. Eating breakfast is another important factor in managing weight, because the simple act of eating speeds up the metabolism.

"What you eat matters the most," he said.

Whole grains and fruits slow the release of sugar into the bloodstream, which helps prevent sugar highs and

lows, Klettke said.

"If you start to feel sleepy in class, eat an apple or another fruit or vegetables, like baby carrots, which regulate blood sugar levels," he said. "This helps energy levels to be more consistent."

Fruits and vegetables reduce the cravings that normally follow the intake of foods like white breads, sweets and sugary beverages, Klettke said.

"The highest carb food is a sweet, sugary soft drink," he said. "Instead of drinking a 12 ounce soft drink, which contains close to 150 calories, try diet drinks and water."

Snacking is a smart way to manage weight, Klettke said, but choosing the right snacks is a must. Look for foods with protein and fat in small quantities that digest slower, he said.

"Peanut butter is the best snack, because it absorbs slowly and makes you feel full," he said. "You can overdo it because of the high fat content and dense calories."

Klettke said good fat is fat from things without feet, like fish, vegetables or nuts of any kind. This kind of fat is healthy, unsaturated fat that facilitates the absorption of other nutrients.

It is easier to get fast food than to prepare your own food.

— KATHY CHAUNCEY
Registered Dietitian and Associate Professor in Family Medicine



SUBWAY MANAGER CLARISSA Sims works as the line grows longer during lunch time at the Subway on Broadway during the Two for Tuesday sandwich promotion.

Kathy Chauncey, registered dietitian, associate professor in family medicine and author of "Low Carb Dieting for Dummies," said students wanting to manage their weight should keep a food log.

"Write down what you eat, when your classes are and what you eat between classes," she said. "Then you get the picture of where the extra food

comes into play."

Students should take time to reflect on their current lifestyle and physical activities and compare them to the lifestyle they had in high school, she said. Seeing a decrease in physical activity and an increase in food intake is easy.

Chauncey said students with whom she speaks tend to eat more frequently at fast food restaurants than in resi-

dence halls or at home.

"It is easier to get fast food than to prepare your own food," she said. "In study groups, students often order pizza or pick up fast food."

Klettke said fast food on occasion is acceptable.

"I'll go to McDonald's once in a while, but not five times a week," he said.

Kristin Bautz, a senior communica-

tions major from Carrollton, said the freshman 15 could be attributed to the low cost of fast food.

"It is cheaper to eat at fast food places," she said. "Also, not as many (students) are doing sports."

Bautz said her advice to students is to exercise.

"A little working out goes a long way," she said.

Stevens claims 'unjust' U.S. profiling

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When he was yanked off a Washington-bound plane and sent home, the singer formerly known as Cat Stevens says he became the victim of an "unjust and arbitrary system" that is diminishing the United States' reputation as a defender of freedom.

In an opinion piece published in Tuesday's *Los Angeles Times*, Yusuf Islam said he and his 21-year-old daughter were on their way to Nashville last week to look into a

music project when their flight from London was diverted to Bangor, Maine.

The captain told passengers "heavy traffic" was to blame, Islam said, but as soon as the plane touched the ground, a half-dozen uniformed men approached him, asked his name and told him to come with them. He had turned up on a list of people suspected of having terrorist links.

"I was devastated," Islam wrote. "The unbelievable thing is that only two months earlier, I had been having meetings in Washington with top officials from the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives to talk about my charity work."

"Had I changed that much? No. Actually, it's the indiscriminate procedure of profiling that's changed,"

Islam wrote. "I am a victim of an unjust and arbitrary system, hastily imposed, that serves only to belittle

America's image as a defender of the civil liberties that so many dearly struggled and died for over the centuries."

Since he converted to Islam in 1977, he said, there have been repeated efforts to link him to violent causes and groups.

"I denounce all forms of terrorism and injustice; it is simply outrageous for anyone to suggest otherwise," he said, noting he has spoken out against the Sept. 11 attacks and the taking of hostages in Iraq.

He has largely shunned music in recent years, although he did record a new version of his 1971 hit "Peace Train" last year for the album "Hope," which raised money for Iraqi children. Others participating in the project were Paul McCartney, David Bowie and Avril Lavigne.

Islam told ABC in an interview to be broadcast Friday on "20/20" that he has been a frequent U.S. visitor in recent years.

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Herbal supplements may be dangerous

This story is the last of a three-part series about students and drug use.

By Brittany Fish/
The University Daily

Texas Tech students who are on a budget but still are concerned about their health might be interested in herbal supplements.

However, individuals should be aware of the dangers associated with some herbal supplements, said Dr. Kelly Bennett, medical director at Texas Tech Student Health Services.

Some herbal supplements cause more reason for concern than others, Bennett said.

"Some I would recommend over a prescription," she said, "because they can be cheaper and safer with less side effects. Ginseng and ginkgo are generally pretty safe, unless you happen to be on a blood thinner, it could be dangerous."

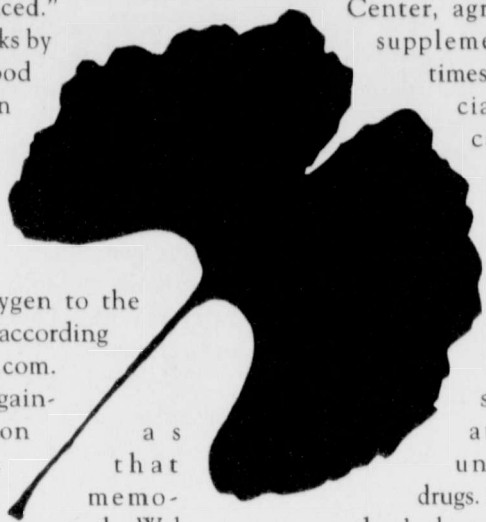
Eric Fiste, a junior architecture and business major from Boerne, said he takes ginkgo when he is feeling sick.

"When I get sick, it helps boost

your immune system," he said. "I don't mind using them because they are all natural. Some will say you can get bad effects, which I've never experienced."

Ginkgo works by increasing blood flow to the brain and throughout the body's network of blood vessels that supply blood and oxygen to the organ systems, according to www.kcweb.com.

Ginkgo is gaining recognition as a brain tonic that enhances memory, according to the Web



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Fiste also said he drinks Red Bull, which contains herbal ingredients, to give him an energy boost.

"I actually had one this morning," he said. "I think they help."

Dr. Alan Kaye, professor and chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, agreed herbal supplements some-

times are beneficial, but also can be dangerous.

"The FDA does not regulate a supplement," he said. "Look at them as unregulated drugs. People think they're harmless because

they're so called supplements, but they're not. They're a loophole, because they don't have to achieve drug status. It's buyer beware."

Individuals should always talk to their doctor before taking herbal supplements, he said.

Jeff Fajans, a junior marketing major from Garland, said he takes the herbal supplement Melatonin to help him get a good night's rest.

"It helps you to fall asleep faster," he said. "I think it helps a lot. When I don't take it, I can't get to sleep for a long time."

Fajans said he has taken the supplement for two years and he takes it 30 minutes before his bedtime.

"Actually, my girlfriend knew about it and knew I was having trouble sleeping," he said. Melatonin is an all-natural nightcap, according to melatonin.com.

The supplement also has been used to strengthen the immune system and to reduce free radicals in the body, according to the Web site.

Bennett said melatonin works best when an individual is traveling or for people who work swing shifts.

"Melatonin is fairly safe," she said. "(It) can cause headaches, but in general, it's pretty safe."

Kaye said herbal supplements can react with other prescription drugs.

Although some supplements can have adverse effects, some can be helpful, he said.

"No, they're not all bad, because some of them have very good biologic effects," Kaye said. "It's from a botanical source, just like 1/3 of our drugs. Some of them can lower your blood pressure. They can improve your cholesterol profile."

Bennett said some individuals find the herbal supplement St. John's Wort helpful in treating mild depression.

"St John's Wort has a lot of things in it that they use to make Zoloft and Prozac," she said. "If you have mild symptoms and no medical problems and (are) not on anything, it's probably OK."

However, Bennett said, the individual needs to choose one antidepressant, not both an herbal supplement and a prescription medication.

"Sometimes people will already be on Prozac and take St. John's Wort, too," she said. "It would be like they were having an overdose of Prozac."

"When I get sick, (ginkgo) helps boost your immune system."

— ERIC FISTE
A Junior Architecture and Business Major from Bourne

Life work shown of artist whose medium was fluorescent tubes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Instead of canvas and paint, Dan Flavin created art with fluorescent light tubes, a technique that made him an important figure in the experimental art world of the latter 20th century.

The National Gallery of Art is showing the first U.S. retrospective of his career, comprising 48 objects and installations, 110 drawings and a variety of sketches and constructions. Flavin died in 1996.

One piece, called "Icon 1," consists of a square roughly 2-by-2 feet, painted a uniform red, with a red fluorescent tube mounted along the top. Its title: "(the heart) (to the light of Sean McGovern which blesses everyone)."

McGovern worked with Flavin when the artist had a job as a guard in New York's American Museum of Natural History.

In a later autobiographical sketch, Flavin wrote that his own uniform pockets were always crammed with notes on using lights as art — a project he was then mulling over. When told he was not being paid to be an artist, he quit.

The National Gallery installed

a much larger object than "Icon 1" in early September, well before the official opening of the show on Sunday in the modernistic East Building.

The work looks like a fence, four feet high and 120 feet long, made of straight fluorescent tubes.

The tubes shine with a bright green glow that can be seen all over the building's central atrium and — through a glass wall — on Pennsylvania Avenue outside.

The intense light has a special effect that surprised Flavin: after gazing at it for a while, the on-looker who turns away discerns a rosy tint on everything within view for a minute or so, until natural vision returns.

"There's a physiological explanation," said Jeffrey Weiss, the show's curator. "But I don't know what it is. Flavin wasn't interested in it either, but he exploited it in other work later — like a painter mixing colors."

Flavin gave the fence piece no title but dedicated it to a friend, Heiner Friedrich, an art dealer in Munich. People working with it sometimes refer to it as "the green barrier."

Flavin was interested in art at an early age. His mother reported what he later called a "vivid, if naive, record" of hurricane damage on Long Island, drawn when he was 5. He recorded that by age 10 he had filled a cardboard box with hundreds of drawings on the horrors of World War II.

After military service in Korea, Flavin returned to New York and took courses with the idea of becoming an art historian to support his artistic ambitions.

His first show at a New York gallery in 1961 consisted of "constructions and water colors." There were no electric light works in it, and Weiss said he believed none of the work sold.

It was another three years before he had a show of art made with electric lights, and then there were two shows in the same year.

In 1976 there were eight one-man exhibits of his work, from Portland, Ore., to Cologne, Germany.

Critics call Flavin a "minimalist," not a fashionable style today but still praised for its innovations. His work has remained prized.

One 12-foot piece using fluores-

cent light brought \$679,500 at a New York auction last May.

"Dan Flavin A Retrospective" will be on view through Jan. 9. Admission is free.

The show travels to the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Texas, and will be on exhibit from Feb. 15 to June 5, then to the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago from July 1 to Oct. 30.

Assault lawsuit against 'Titanic' actor, Leonardo DiCaprio, dismissed in New York Court

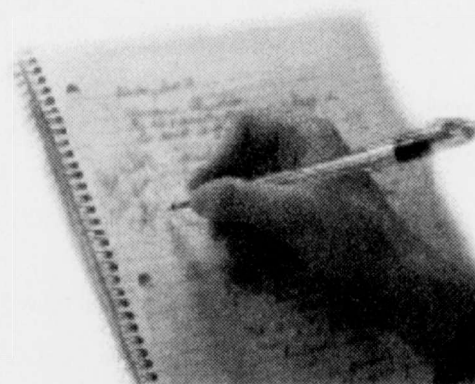
NEW YORK (AP) — A lawsuit targeting "Titanic" star Leonardo DiCaprio and two other men for their alleged roles in a street fight over "Showgirls" actress Elizabeth Berkley was thrown out by a judge Wednesday.

DiCaprio, 29, and others were sued for \$45 million by Roger Wilson, 44, who claimed DiCaprio encouraged his friends to attack him outside a restaurant on Manhattan's Upper East Side in the early hours of May 4, 1998.

Wilson, an actor who appeared in two of the "Porky's" movies, said one of DiCaprio's "posse" punched him when he confronted them about repeated telephone calls to Berkley, his girlfriend.

Judge Paula Omansky said the lawsuit could proceed against a fourth man, Todd Healy, who admitted he hit Wilson. Healy said he punched Wilson in self-defense when he thought he saw him reaching for something, possibly a weapon.

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Some of the year's best, worst arrive on DVD

It is a polarized week for films being released on home video and DVD this week. Two of the best films of the year arrive with three of the worst.

My guess is the three bombs will fair better than the two beauties, which makes me cry a little on the inside.

"The Alamo"

This Disney-fied history lesson is probably the best of the worst. Directed by John Lee Hancock ("The Rookie"), this drawn-out and bone-dry account of the events of the Texans' struggle against the army of Santa Anna at The Alamo never achieves what it could have been.

The characterizations of Sam Houston (Dennis Quaid), Jim Bowie (Jason Patric), Davy Crockett (Billy Bob Thornton) and William Travis (Patrick Wilson) are written like characters viewing themselves as historical legends, rather than actual people.

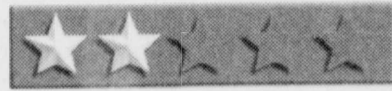
Thornton's "aw shucks" take on Crockett is especially a drag, and his death scene at the film's finale is laughably cornball.

The DVD features are better than

the film itself. "Deep in the Heart of Texas" features Hancock, Quaid and extras used in the film discussing their Texas roots and the importance of the story.

There is no "Hollywood and History" feature, or "History Channel" feature on the DVD, mainly because the filmmakers were not concerned with being historically accurate.

RATING:

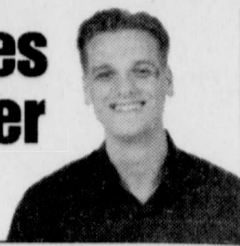


"Envy"

Easily one of the year's most flagrant abominations, "Envy" stars Jack Black and Ben Stiller as best friends who become divided over one's envy. Stiller gets envious when Black gets rich on an idea for a spray called "Vapoorize" that makes dog crap disappear.

The big question: where does all the crap go? Directly into this movie, where not a single laugh, or even smile for that matter, can be found. Not even the great Christopher Walken or Rachel Weisz can pull this out of

James Eppler



the toilet. There isn't enough Vapoorize in the world to make mess like "Envy" disappear.

RATING:



"Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind"

Jim Carrey gives his career-best performance in what is the year's most brilliant film. Carrey plays Joel, who has been in a relationship with Clementine (Kate Winslet) for two years.

When the relationship goes sour, she has a procedure done to erase all her memories of Joel. In an act of revenge, Joel also opts to have the erasing done. But during the erasing

process, Joel begins to come upon the good memories they had together and decides he wants the procedure stopped. He must try to find a way to protect his memories of Clementine before the erasers succeed.

The great Charlie Kaufman ("Adaptation," "Being John Malkovich") is the author of this bright ray of brilliance.

It is a terrific barrage on the eyes and the mind that will have viewers guessing until the end.

Supporting work by Kirsten Dunst, Elijah Wood, Mark Ruffalo and Tom Wilkinson all add nicely to this fantastic mind-trip.

Of the several special features on the DVD, the highlight has to be the commentary by director Michel Gondry and the usually tight-lipped Kaufman, who provides his first commentary about any of his written work.

"Eternal Sunshine" will blow your mind.

RATING:



"Super Size Me" Hotter than "Fahrenheit 9/11," Morgan Spurlock's "Super Size Me" is an in-your-face documentary about a nation that is slowly eating itself to death.

At the center of the film is Spurlock enlisting the help of three doctors as he goes on a McDonald's binge, eating McDonald's food three meals a day for 30 days straight.

The results are both hilarious and frightening.

The DVD features deleted scenes and interviews with health specialists.

One particularly interesting deleted scene shows how much garbage Spurlock accumulated from his month-long binge.

Obesity is now the second leading preventable cause of death in the U.S., second only to tobacco. Spurlock's film is a super-sized eye-opener that holds viewers accountable and demands to be seen.

RATING:



"Walking Tall" After his success in the wildly entertaining, "The Rundown," The Rock now has his first bomb as an actor.

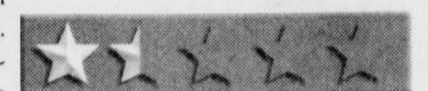
"Walking Tall," remade from the Joe Don Baker film from 1973, is an action film that gets worse with each passing minute.

The Rock is given a character with the personality of the two-by-four he uses to administer justice. He deserves better.

The DVD features deleted scenes and audio commentary from The Rock, none of which make the film more than "Walking Tall."

In terms of action movies, "Walking Tall" sinks like a rock.

RATING:



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Conan O'Brien to take over for Jay Leno on "Tonight"

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC chose the 50th anniversary of the "Tonight" show on Monday to

announce that Jay Leno will be succeeded by "Late Night" host Conan O'Brien in five years — or thousands of jokes from now.

The unusual succession plan solves a delicate problem for NBC, blocking other networks from poaching O'Brien to move him to an earlier time slot.

Leno planned to make the

announcement on Monday's "Tonight."

"In 2009, I'll be 59 years old and will have had this dream job for 17 years," Leno said. "When I signed my new contract, I felt that the timing was right to plan for my successor, and there is no one more qualified than Conan."

"Plus, I promised Mavis I would

take her out for dinner before I turned 60," the notoriously workaholic Leno said about his wife.

When they signed Leno to his latest contract extension, NBC executives said they asked Leno when he would feel comfortable making a transition. He knew that they wanted to keep O'Brien but that would not be likely if Leno

kept doing the job indefinitely.

Leno's agreement to a 2009 exit gives him the chance to make a

smoother transition than when he took over from Johnny Carson on May 25, 1992, said Aaron Barnhart, a *Kansas City Star* columnist who once ran a newsletter on late-night TV news. Leno was criticized then for not even mentioning his pre-

decessor. For his first few years at "Tonight," Leno trailed the person he beat for the job — David Letterman — in ratings and critical respect. But Leno eclipsed Letterman among viewers in the 1995-96 season and has not looked back.

In the season that concluded last week, "Tonight" averaged 5.8 million viewers, a 2 percent increase over the previous year. Letterman's "Late Show" on CBS averaged 4.2 million, up 8 percent from the year before.

Some in the industry privately thought it odd that Leno, who rarely if ever misses work, would willingly place a deadline on himself unless he was being pushed by NBC.

NBC executives were not commenting on Monday.

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“So B.J. (Symons) leaves, and it's like, ‘Of course (Cumbie) will be a great quarterback.’”

— MIKE LEACH, Texas Tech Coach

Cumbie compares to former Raider quarterbacks



By Adam Boedecker/
The University Daily

After his three interceptions in the first half of Texas Tech's victory against Kansas Saturday helped put the Red Raiders in a 30-11 deficit at the half, quarterback Sonny Cumbie faced criticism from Tech fans on Internet message boards.

The doubts came even after Cumbie led Tech's offense to score 20 unanswered points in the second half to win the game 31-30.

The win resembled the previous week's game when Tech dug itself into a 21-0 hole to start against TCU and came back to win 70-35, a game in which fans booed the offense at one point and began chants of "Robert Johnson" in reference to the junior college transfer who is not listed on the depth chart at quarterback.

Coach Mike Leach came to the defense of his fifth-year senior quarterback in Monday's press conference when asked about Cumbie's performance through his first four career starts in comparison to former Tech quarterbacks Kliff Kingsbury and B.J. Symons.

"It's like some of these folks are spoiled," Leach said. "They remember Kliff's last year and B.J.'s last year, and they think they weren't hitting any rough spots. We had rough spots with all of them."

Leach seemed to be tiring of people saying who should, or who should not, be Tech's signal-caller.

"All of these experts who think they know how to coach quarterbacks and who think they know who it should be oughta go get them a team and start coaching some of them," he said. "We'll see how some of theirs turn out."

Kingsbury's first season as a starter was 2000, Leach's first season at Tech and the first for Leach's offense. The sophomore went 3-1 in his first four starts, completing 65 percent of his passes for 1,114 yards, seven touchdowns and one rushing touchdown while throwing seven interceptions.

"First of all, Kliff's first year, no one's really sure if he can play quarterback anyway," Leach said. "Then it turns out that he can, and then it turns out he has a pretty good year, particularly his senior year. Then the perception is, 'Well, it'll be impossible to replace him, and no one else can play quarterback here. That's probably the last great quarterback to ever play at Texas Tech, and so woe is Texas Tech.'"

Kingsbury graduated in 2002 as Tech's all-time career leading passer, making way for fifth-year senior Symons in 2003.

Symons, in his only year as the starter, went on to set a single-season NCAA passing record with 5,833 yards passing. In his first four games as the starter, he completed 65 percent of his passes for 1,962 yards, 16 touchdowns passes, two touchdown runs and four interceptions, while compiling a 3-1 record.




"So it turns out, to the delight of everyone, that B.J. Symons can play quarterback," Leach said. "He comes in and it's like, 'Oh my gosh, I never thought. Oh my gosh, how did this happen? B.J. can play too. This is amazing.'"

Cumbie, in the same situation as

Symons with one year to leave his mark at Tech, won a three-way battle with junior Cody Hodges and Johnson. Leach said Cumbie has faced unfair expectations.

"So B.J. leaves, and it's like, 'Of course (Cumbie) will be a great quarterback.'"

CUMBIE continued on page 10

FIRST FOUR GAME COMPARISON	2000	2003	2004
			
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Yards	1,114	1,962	1,716
TD Passes	7	16	11

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Tech running game makes comeback

By Adam Boedeker/The University Daily

After running for 159 yards in Texas Tech's first three games this season, running back Taurean Henderson capped off his day Saturday against Kansas with a 70-yard scamper to give the Red Raiders a 31-30 lead with 2:37 remaining and a win in their Big 12 Conference opener.

Henderson's 169-yard performance against the Jayhawks was a career high and earned him Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week honors, but his last carry on third-and-six was a surprise.

"First of all, I was surprised to hear a running call," Henderson said. "We don't get the ball that much as running backs in this offense. I saw daylight opening from the offensive line, they locked on their guys, and a bunch of receivers ran off their defenders and locked up blocks."

Receiver Jarrett Hicks said he was not surprised by the play call, but said he knew the result would be in Tech's favor shortly after the ball was snapped.

"About 10 yards up the field, when (Henderson) hits full speed, there aren't too many defenses that are gonna catch him," Hicks said. "So seeing him going that far down the field, we knew it was good."

After averaging 3.9 yards per carry in his first three games, Henderson shot his average up to 9.9 yards per carry against the Jayhawks, who had the No. 2 defense in the Big 12 and the No. 10 defense in the country before Saturday's game.

He said his performance against Kansas was a shot in the arm for both him and his team.

"Yeah, it feels good, because you know you don't get a chance to run the ball too much," Henderson said.

"When you do run the ball in this offense, you have to think to score and do things big every time you get a chance. We know we have a great offense, and we need to be looking to put up points every time we get the ball."

Quarterback Sonny Cumbie said the re-emergence of Henderson, who ran for 793 yards and 633 in 2002 and 2003, respectively, is key to the success of the Raiders' offense.

"It really is," Cumbie said. "I know it's especially frustrating for Taurean, but it's frustrating to us too because we see Taurean at practice every day. We saw him all spring and all fall camp, and we know what he's capable of doing. Saturday, he really got to show it, and that's so exciting to see. It shows how good this offense can be once we get him rolling."

Coach Mike Leach praised Henderson's play as well as the play of the offensive line as reasons for the running game's success.

"I think our offensive line and Taurean played together better," Leach said. "I think we improved in that area a little bit, and now we just have to do it every week and utilize it as best we can."

Hicks said the advent of the running game will force opposing defenses to concentrate on more than Tech's No. 1-ranked passing attack.

"It was big seeing our running game do so good," Hicks said. "Now teams can't drop eight people into coverage anymore knowing that we have Taurean or (running back Johnnie) Mack that can go out there and make plays. We can balance (the offense) a little more now, and we're not always pressing to make the good pass or catch."



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RUNNING BACK TAUREAN Henderson runs away from Kansas defenders Saturday in Lawrence, Kan. The Red Raiders defeated the Jayhawks, 31-30.

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—TAUREAN HENDERSON
Texas Tech Junior
Running Back

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words. Includes a 'Wednesday's Puzzle Solved' section with a completed grid.

Cumbie

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This guy walked on water right out of the gates, and it goes from being

impossible to, 'This guy's gonna be an NFL Hall of Famer the day he steps out on the field.' I think B.J. pleasantly surprised people, and I think if (NFL Hall-of-Famer) Joe Namath was here there'd be a cer-

tain level of disappointment because (Kingsbury and Symons) were tough acts to follow."

So far in 2004, Cumbie is 3-1 like his predecessors. He has thrown for 1,716 yards, 11 touchdowns and

eight interceptions, while completing 59 percent of his passes, causing some to question his accuracy.

"Every day in practice I'm accurate," Cumbie said. "You look at the stat sheet from practice, and the percentage is high. I think I put a lot of pressure on myself in games, and I think I just need to relax and play like I do in practice."

Jarrett Hicks, Cumbie's No. 1 target and the NCAA leader in receiving yards, said Tech's system contributes to occasional bad games from its quarterbacks.

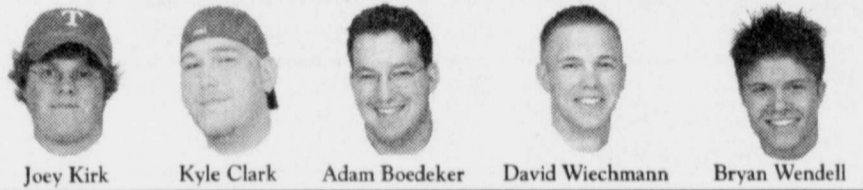
"You're going to have your days where you have three or four interceptions and miss open players, but that's part of the system," Hicks said. "It's kind of a risk/reward type deal with us. We know he takes chances down the field and goes to someone that's covered, and he has confidence in us to make plays. When we don't, it looks bad on him."

Leach summed up the issue by questioning his and Cumbie's doubters.

"Folks have never met Sonny or any of the other quarterbacks on our team," Leach said. "But they seem to have a lot of expertise on them. I think I'll defer to my own judgment on this one."

UD Sports Desk Weekly Picks

Sept. 30 - Oct. 2



RECORD	31-13	33-11	34-10	32-12	32-12
Baylor @ No. 5 Texas	Texas, 52-14	Texas, 56-14	Texas, 55-13	Texas, 63-17	Texas, 52-10
Iowa St. @ No. 24 Okla. St.	Okla. St., 52-14	Okla. St., 28-10	Okla. St., 43-20	Okla. St., 28-17	Okla. St., 38-13
Colorado @ Missouri	Mizzou, 24-20	Mizzou, 21-13	Colorado, 24-18	Mizzou, 31-17	Mizzou, 24-21
Kansas St. @ Texas A&M	K-State, 21-17	K-State, 27-24	K-State, 38-24	K-State, 28-24	Texas A&M, 20-18
Kansas @ Nebraska	Nebraska, 35-30	Nebraska, 26-20	Nebraska, 20-10	Nebraska, 24-17	Nebraska, 35-9
No. 13 LSU @ No. 3 Georgia	Georgia, 42-21	LSU, 16-10	Georgia, 23-15	Georgia, 20-17	Georgia, 27-20
No. 10 Cal @ Oregon St.	Cal, 35-28	Cal, 31-24	Cal, 42-20	Cal, 28-20	Oregon St., 17-14
No. 9 Auburn @ No. 8 Tennessee	Auburn, 42-38	Auburn, 20-16	Tennessee, 28-24	Auburn, 24-21	Auburn, 42-31
No. 7 W. Virginia @ Virginia Tech	V-Tech, 17-10	V-Tech, 26-24	W. Virginia, 27-17	W. Virginia, 21-17	W. Virginia, 38-21

*All Big 12 teams are playing in conference action this week.

Tomorrow's Feature Pick: Texas Tech at Oklahoma in Norman, Okla.

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Hitting errors kill Tech

By David Wiechmann/
The University Daily

While Van Halen was rocking the United Spirit Arena in syncopation, the Texas Tech volleyball team struggled to play on the same beat at Frenship High School in a 3-1 loss to No. 25 Colorado.

The Red Raiders found their stroke in game three, but it was two games too late; they found themselves having to play its way out of a hole it had erred itself into.

"Obviously, it was just mental errors and hitting errors," senior outside hitter Kelly Johnson said. "It seemed we only wanted to play when the pressure was on, and the pressure was on when we were down 2-0. That's when it was way too late. We just decided to play too late."

Tech had 49 hitting errors for the night and a .040 hitting percentage as a team. Coming into the match, the Raiders were last in the Big 12 Conference in hitting percentage. What was frustrating, Johnson said, is how Tech handed the Buffaloes points, because the teams seemed to pair up evenly on talent.

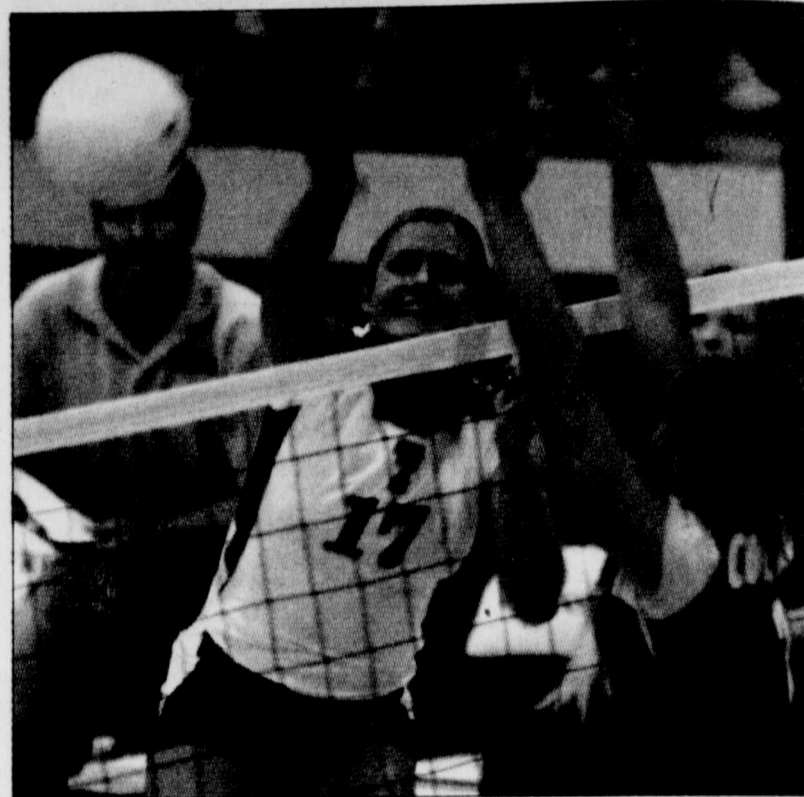
"They didn't even do anything," she said. "We were giving it to them. It's really frustrating, but we have to put it in the past and move on to Texas A&M and learn from our mistakes."

Coach Nancy Todd said the errors killed her team, and the fact that Colorado only had 18 did not help the Raiders' cause either.

The Buffaloes did not allow Tech to counter its attack in game one by using multiple runs to take a commanding lead. Colorado put the opener out of reach for the Raiders with a six-point run to go up 22-12 before closing it out 30-17.

In game two, the Raiders kept things closer for a while, but Colorado would eventually gain steam and use runs again to claim the win 30-21.

The slow start frustrated Todd, and she told her team her players needed to wipe



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/The University Daily

SENIOR OUTSIDE HITTER Kelly Johnson spikes the ball on Colorado's middle blocker Austin Zimmerman Wednesday night at Frenship High School. The Red Raiders lost to the Buffs, 3-1.

focusing only what came next.

"We were at desperation and that it was do or die time," she told her team at intermission. "At this point, it's 0-0. You gotta push to win the next three games just like it was the start from the very beginning."

Tech started that push with more intensity in game three and a 30-24 victory. That effort was not enough, however, as Colorado took game four 30-24, giving Tech the loss.

Todd said her team was as talented as Colorado's. Her team is aware of the amount of talent it has. Because her team is as talented, but cannot pull away at times, it frustrates her and her players.

"That's what's so irritating, and they

know that," she said. "I think that's something they just gotta get past. The next few teams we have to face are all at that level, and we gotta rise to the occasion."

However, the losses all boil down to the errors Tech made.

Johnson said Colorado simply kept the ball alive and did not let the ball hit the floor. When Tech started to play well, it resulted in frustration from Colorado.

"They were just keeping the ball in play," she said. "They just weren't making errors, and once we started keeping the ball in play, they started making errors."

Todd made it sound even simpler than that.

"We had more digs, more kills and then a million hitting errors," she said.

WNBA playoffs not worth watching

The calendar says September, but people across America is being swept off their feet by the biggest sports sensation in years.

The Women's National Basketball Association playoffs are here! I don't know about you, but I have been waiting since — well — whenever the WNBA season started to see these playoffs. I think of nothing but women's basketball during the hot summer months.

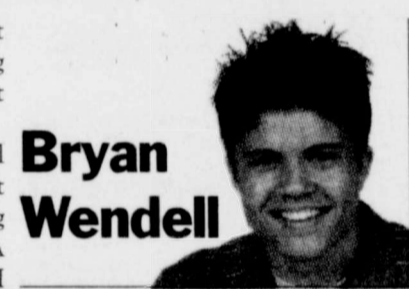
Pop quiz. Name three of the eight WNBA teams that will be competing in the playoffs that started last Friday. OK, just name one.

If you said the Houston Comets, home of former Lady Raider Sheryl Swoopes, you would be wrong. Her team went 13-21 this season, but Swoopes finished second on the Comets in scoring.

Women are just as capable at playing basketball as men; I am not writing this column to say otherwise. However, the WNBA is foolish if it thinks it can compete against any other sports.

In each round of their playoffs, there is a Sunday game, meaning football-crazy Americans would have to watch women's professional basketball over a slew of NFL games. That is not going to happen.

A look at the sports schedule tells us there really is not any good time for



Bryan Wendell

the WNBA to hold its playoffs. The day before and the day after the baseball All-Star Game is one of very few days in which no sports are contested.

Maybe the WNBA could play a one-game championship one of those days between the two teams with the best record and hope a handful of Americans watch.

The importance of the playoffs is paramount for the association in they represent one of the only times the WNBA makes a blip on the ratings radar.

Maybe they just need better commercials and ads. The WNBA really stands for We Need Better Advertising. Have you ever seen an ad that makes you excited to watch?

Seattle Storm Lauren Jackson found a seemingly good publicity stunt. The Australian-born star and last season's MVP posed nude in a photo magazine in her native country. You cannot

buy that type of public relations.

The WNBA has done everything it can to make games interesting and important. The teams play only 34 games each season, and each round of the playoffs is only three games long.

It seems as if the WNBA wants to do its thing and get out of the way as quickly as possible. With its season ending just as the NBA season begins, the women seem to be the opening act for a much more popular main event.

Just as many people arrive at a concert after the opening band has finished, most Americans tune out the WNBA and defer to the real fun of the NBA.

I like women's basketball and think it is a pure form of the game, especially at Texas Tech. That is, unless Tech plays Baylor, and then the play is a little less than wholesome.

When it is basketball season, I will get excited about seeing basketball in both men's and women's games on the professional and collegiate levels.

During the summer, however, a sport like basketball seems out of place and the WNBA should find some way to try to coerce fans to watch its games — or just get out of the way.

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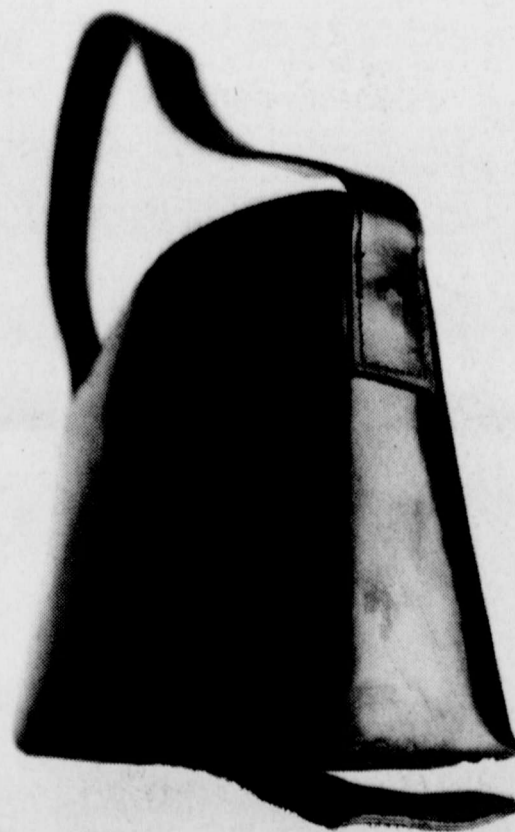


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