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## NATO forces fail to reach plane wreckage

**ABANDONED AIRLINER:** Weather still a problem for rescue workers in Afghanistan.

By Amir Shah/Associated Press

CHENARI, Afghanistan (AP) — Thick cloud cover and deep snow kept NATO helicopters, police and even a seasoned local hunter from reaching the wreckage of an Afghan commercial airliner Sunday, three days after it hit a mountain, killing all 104 people on board.

Two of the passengers were identified as employees of an American engineering firm rebuilding a key Afghan highway, another as an Afghan general.

Fog, freezing temperatures and up to eight feet of snow thwarted efforts to reach the crash site of the Kam Air Boeing 737-200, which was found Saturday about 20 miles east of Kabul.

The U.S. Embassy in Kabul said there was no hope for the 96 passengers and eight crew — victims of Afghanistan's deadliest air disaster.

Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said in a statement that "104 people perished in this crash, among them fellow American citizens who were helping to build a better Afghanistan."

On Sunday, NATO said its helicopters ferried Slovenian mountain rescue teams to the site, some 11,000 feet up Chaperi Mountain, but by late afternoon had failed to land.

The alliance released a photo of the plane's white tail fin jutting from the snow on a bleak ridge. No other wreckage or bodies could be seen, though

NATO soldiers near the scene said larger sections littered the other side of the mountain.

"The conditions were very, very poor," said alliance spokeswoman Maj. Karen Tissot Van Patot. Planes and ground troops would try again early Monday, she said, adding that troops consulted local Afghans "to see if we can find a back trail."

An Associated Press photographer and a dozen Afghan intelligence service agents failed with that approach Sunday.

Boi Khan, the bearded 50-year-old guide, said he knew the mountain well from his boyhood and hunting trips. He told the exhausted party they would die if they did not turn around after six hours of slogging on foot

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## Far East celebrations meet West Texas



STEVE LEWIS/The University Daily

JEFFREY WENG, A sophomore at Jasper High School in Plano, plays the yangqin at the Chinese New Year celebration at the International Cultural Center Saturday.

### Lubbock, Tech celebrate Chinese New Year

By Clara Cobb/The University Daily

Chinese New Year Celebrations commenced at the International Cultural Center Saturday night. Friends and family gathered together to share the Spring Festival Event.

Chinese New Year, also known as Lunar New Year and Spring Festival, will begin Wednesday, as the Chinese calendar follows a lunar calendar, said Peter Ho, president of the Lubbock Chinese American Association.

Ho helped organize the event, and both of his children, including sophomore political science major Bryan Ho, participated in the musical program.

"The ability for all of us to show up, to unite in one location and celebrate — that is pretty cool to me," said Will Tong, a senior finance major from Arlington. "If you think about it, when you walk around campus you don't see that many Asian people, but on Chinese

New Year, we all gather here together to celebrate the up coming year."

Dinner was served at 6 p.m. and a musical program followed at 7:30 p.m. All the music was from traditional Chinese culture, and some included traditional instruments, including: the erhu, or the Chinese violin, the

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DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

NGUYEN THI THANH Phuong, an education graduate student from Ho Chi Minh City, sings during the Vietnamese New Year celebration in the Southwest Collections building Friday afternoon.

### Students, community usher in Vietnamese New Year

By Nicole Portman/The University Daily

New Year's in the United States for most people is just an excuse to party, make resolutions and set off a supply of fireworks. However, for the Vietnamese it is something much more important.

Feb. 9 ushers in Tet, the first day of the Vietnamese Lunar New Year. The week long celebration is regarded as the most important of holidays, and it is said that how you live on Tet will determine the rest of the year.

To showcase the meaning of Tet, The Vietnam Center hosted a celebration Friday filled with music, food and presenters explaining what Tet means to them.

"Tet means happy, lucky, new, fresh and green, so when the Tet comes it is time for you and your family to sit together, stay together and spend time together," said Nguyen Thi Phuoc Hien, a doctoral student in chemistry from Ho Chi Minh City.

Nguyen came to Texas Tech four years ago as the university's first Vietnamese international student. Tech now has seven Vietnamese international students, and most participated in the Tet celebration. She talked about what significance Tet holds to the older generation of Vietnamese, adding it is a holiday for which

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## Lubbock PD taking precautions after convenience store robberies

By Katherine Amerson/The University Daily

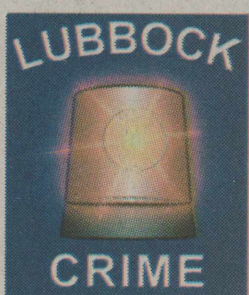
Stopping by a neighborhood convenience store may not be so convenient with the number of recent robberies.

Lubbock Police Department Sgt. Neal Barron said the police take special precautions after convenient stores have been robbed.

"We'll assign officers to that area to watch stores that are being robbed," he said. "We put officers inside stores, posing as clerks."

Although rarely used nowadays because of safety concerns, shotgun squads are an option, Barron said. Shotgun squads are groups of police officers who stay in the back of the store,

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## Students, faculty discuss TechSTAR's activity

By Meghann Lora/The University Daily

Texas Tech's five-point strategic plan, TechSTAR, has been in place for about two years. Tech students and faculty disagree on whether progress has been made since the plan was implemented.

The five points of the plan are growth, recognition, diversity, partnerships and people, according to www.texastech.edu. Growth is needed to increase students' access to and success in higher education, according to the TechSTAR Web site. Enrolled students and the budget are two factors included under growth.

Crystal Aguilar, a master's interdisciplinary studies student from El Paso,

said she received her bachelor's degree from Notre Dame.

Aguilar said Tech has been admitting more students each year without thinking of the consequences.

"They have delusions of grandeur," she said. "They've admitted more people, but they didn't see the consequences of it. As a result, we have parking problems and staff who are overworked. I don't think they really planned it out."

Senior Vice Provost Jim Brink said enrollment at Tech decreased in the fall of 2004 compared to the fall of 2003.

"Raising tuition did affect our growth," he

said, "but I think it'll bounce back."

Brink said the university has gained much recognition in the past few years, including recognition in meat judging, debate, faculty awards and national scholarships.

"Recognition comes from a variety of different sources," he said.

Sara Burkhard, a freshman education major from Amarillo, said the university is not recognized around Texas.

"Half the people in this state don't even know we exist," she said. "It's all about A&M

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The Rundown



Mexican plastic surgery booming

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Thousands of people yearning for a better body are visiting Mexican plastic surgery clinics that offer makeovers at a third of the cost in the United States.

The industry has flourished, with new clinics touting their services on billboards, newspaper ads and television commercials across South Texas.

While some full service clinics offer American-style standards with inviting waiting areas and scrubbed surgical suites, those images mask the downside of a booming business that has littered northern Mexico with backward operations run by physicians with questionable credentials, the *San Antonio Express-News* reported Sunday.

In more than two months of reporting on both sides of the border, the newspaper found a largely unregulated system where patients can enter a dentist's office that also advertises plastic surgery and leave with a nose job performed by an unlicensed doctor.

Through interviews with doctors, patients, government regulators and families, the *Express-News* learned some patients were left horribly scarred or fighting severe infections from botched surgeries. But because of poor record keeping, weak oversight and a system that discourages lawsuits, it is impossible to know the number of injuries or deaths in Mexican clinics.

U.S. doctors along the border said they're all too familiar with the problem. Some have begun to specialize in "secondary repair" undoing damage done in Mexico because so many patients have required reconstruction.

Dr. Tolbert Wilkinson, a San Antonio plastic surgeon, said he's seen dozens of women return from the border with broken or slipping breast implants, infections and large scars.

"Ugly scars are coming from the border," said Wilkinson, one of the few Texas surgeons who is willing to treat people after things go wrong in Mexico. Many doctors won't accept those patients because the liability is too great.

A Lakehills mother of four who asked only to be identified as Lynn claims she was disfigured in December from plastic surgery at the Centro de Ginecologia y Obstetricia in Nuevo Laredo. The newspaper said the clinic apparently was not accredited.

Lynn, 36, said she had trouble healing after having a tummy tuck and liposuction on Dec. 10.

"I kept bleeding on my suture, and I didn't know what it was," said Lynn, who returned to the clinic and had surgery to repair her bleeding stomach incision.

Bush's \$2.5 trillion budget takes shape

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's \$2.5 trillion budget is shaping up as his most austere, trying to restrain spending across a wide swath of government from popular farm subsidies to poor people's health programs.

Vice President Dick Cheney on Sunday defended the plan against Democratic criticism that Bush had to seek steep cuts in scores of federal programs because he is unwilling to roll back first-term tax cuts that opponents contend primarily benefited the wealthy.

The budget's submission to Congress on Monday will set off months of intense debate. Lawmakers from both parties can be expected to vigorously fight to protect their favorite programs.

"This is the tightest budget that has been submitted since we got here," Cheney told *"Fox News Sunday."*

"It is a fair, reasonable, responsible, serious piece of effort. It's not something we have done with a meat ax, nor are we suddenly turning our backs on the most needy people in our society."

The president, who campaigned for re-election on a pledge to cut the deficit in half by 2009, is targeting 150 government programs for either outright elimination or sharp cutbacks.

Bush will propose spending \$2.5 trillion in the budget year that begins Oct. 1. For the current year, he is estimating the budget deficit will reach a record \$427 billion. That compares with last year's \$412 billion deficit and is the third straight year the Bush administration will have set, in dollar terms, a deficit high.

The five-year projections in the budget will show the deficit declining to about \$230 billion in 2009, when a new president takes office.

Those projections do not take into account some big-ticket items: the military costs incurred in Iraq and Afghanistan, the price of making Bush's first-term tax cuts permanent, or the transition costs for his No. 1 domestic priority, overhauling Social Security.

Sen. Kent Conrad, the top Democrat on the Senate Budget Committee, said Bush's budget "talks about the next five years of reducing deficits, but what that hides is what happens after that five-year window. The cost of everything he advocates explodes."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., praised the administration's willingness to tackle the deficit. "I'm glad the president is coming over with a very austere budget. I hope we in Congress will have the courage to support it," he told ABC's "This Week."

Deceased Togo leader's son takes over

LOME, Togo (AP) — Togo's parliament hastily amended the constitution Sunday to put a legal veneer on the military's appointment of 39-year-old Faure Gnassingbe to replace his deceased father as president, voiding the need for new elections until 2008.

The military, within hours of the announcement of Gnassingbe Eyadema's death on Saturday, named his son president, contravening the country's constitution that called for the speaker of parliament to succeed the head of state until elections could be held in 60 days.

The extraordinary session of the 81-member national assembly, dominated by Eyadema's ruling Togo People's Rally party, overwhelmingly approved Gnassingbe as speaker of parliament. It then passed a constitutional amendment allowing him to fulfill his father's term, which expires in 2008.

The African Union, trying to put decades of coups on the continent behind it, condemned the army appointment.

"The constitutional order must be re-established so that power can be held by the president of the national assembly," said Adam Thiam, spokesman for African Union chairman Alpha Oumar Konare. "This administration will not be recognized because it comes from a coup d'etat."

France, Togo's colonial ruler until 1960, put its troops in the region on alert in case they are needed to protect 2,500 citizens in the West African nation of 5.5 million.

French President Jacques Chirac "made it known that the time of military coups d'etat is finished in Africa," said his defense minister, Michele Alliot-Marie.

Gnassingbe Eyadema, who ruled for 38 years — longer than any other leader except Cuba's Fidel Castro, suffered a heart attack Saturday and reportedly died as he was being rushed to Europe for treatment. He was 69.

The army move and the parliament's endorsement reflected a desire by Eyadema's minority Kabye ethnic group to hold onto power. The Kabye dominate army ranks, as well as the ruling party.

Before being declared president Saturday, Gnassingbe was a communications minister and a member of parliament for Blitta, in central Togo. He was present during Sunday's session. Family names often are reversed in Africa.

Had the army not stepped in, the interim presidency would have legally gone to Fanbare Ouattara Natchaba, the speaker of parliament who was in Europe when Eyadema died.

Michael Jackson trial brings discussion to Tech

By Brittany Barrientos/The University Daily

The objectivity of the justice system is being put to the test with the Michael Jackson child molestation trial in full swing.

Between Jackson's musical popularity and his major coverage from media outlets, Texas Tech faculty and students are having a difficult time deciding if a fair trial is in Jackson's future.

Jury selection began Jan. 31 as hundreds of potential jurors were questioned and screened as to the spectrum of knowledge they have about Jackson, if the feel they can be impartial and how they felt about the trial lasting up to six months.

Larry Cunningham, a Tech law professor, said he thinks the jurors agreed upon by the prosecution and the defense will be critical in determining Jackson's fate.

"It depends on the individual jurors and how much they have heard and read and seen," Cunningham said. "Law doesn't require no previous knowledge (of the subject), but it does require objectivity."

He said he thinks lawyers will try to keep out those potential jurors who seem to have a keen interest in serving on the jury and opt for people who seem more disinterested in the process.

Although the scale of Jackson's fans outside the courthouse has substantially decreased from the amount at his indictment, the case has been and will continue to be highly publicized, Cunningham said.

Matt Collins, a freshman english major from Lubbock, said he also thinks the jury selection could prospectively affect the outcome of the case, but he said he has faith in the justice system.

"It all depends on who they find in a jury pool," Collins said. "If they find people who have been living under a rock, he could get a fair trial."

Collins said even if people have seen coverage of Jackson, he cannot see any reason Jackson should not receive a fair trial. He said he has faith in the justice system and people's ability to put their prior knowledge behind them.

"Even people who admire him for his music could put that aside," Collins said. "I could, so I don't see

why anyone else couldn't."

According to Jackson's Indictment, released in April 2004, Jackson has been indicted by a grand jury on 11 counts.

He was indicted on one count of conspiracy to commit child abduction, false imprisonment and extortion, four counts of child molestation — entailing lewd acts with children under the age of 14 years —, one count of attempted child molestation, and four counts of administering an intoxicating agent to assist in commission of a felony.

Crystal Mahon, a junior industrial engineering major from Mansfield, said she thinks it is going to be very difficult for Jackson to get a fair trial, because of the negative light he is given in the media, the extent and severity of his charges and the popularity of his music.

"I think people are going to go against him," Mahon said. "But then you have people who say, listen to his music, see all he's done."

She said if she were on the jury, she would probably be against him. She said she thinks if he is convicted, he should be treated like any other citizen and get a fair punishment for his crime.

"Though he has a lot of good music, that shouldn't influence what he has done and what he is being charged with," Mahon said. "He should get what he deserves."

This is not Jackson's first time in court. He has been to trial regarding custody, plagiarism and molestation charges.

Cunningham said he thinks it is difficult to say how much the media will influence the outcome of the case.

"(Jackson's) popularity is both a positive and a negative," Cunningham said.

He said there are usually commentators during the trial on the major news networks, but said he does not think this case has acquired the type of attention as other major trials.

Despite the odds, Collins said he thinks a fair trial will be held.

"I think it fair," Collins said. "I think the justice system will work."

Jury selection is expected to continue today.

'Shrimp dip' remains in use despite deaths

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Shrimpers are still using a preservative known as "shrimp dip" despite reports of deaths and injuries because they lack a cost-effective alternative, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Shrimpers use the dip, called sodium metabisulfite, to prevent black spots from forming on the shell and legs of shrimp harvested at sea.

As many as 400 freezer boats in the Gulf of Mexico use the preservative, Harley Londrie of Zimco Marine told *The Brownsville*

*Herald*. Londrie, who sells sodium metabisulfite to local distributors, said the chemical is safe if used properly.

The dip was blamed for 11 deaths and 32 injuries between 1970 and 1993, U.S. Coast Guard records show.

A study by the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston says the chemical can react under the proper conditions with water and acids from the shrimp to produce deadly clouds of sulfur dioxide.

A shrimp boat crew member suffered permanent physical and brain

damage in July 2003 due to asphyxiation caused by sulfur dioxide, his family members claim. Angel Romero Jr., of Port Isabel, has made modest improvements but remains paralyzed, said his attorney, Ray Marchan.

The family sued the shrimp boat's owners and several chemical companies, settling in the case in January for an undisclosed sum.

Shrimpers say they would welcome an affordable alternative to sodium metabisulfite but are forced to continue using it to meet the market's demand for attractive, high-quality shrimp.

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# Tech celebrates 82 years of Red Raiders

By Brandi Fleming/  
The University Daily

Texas Tech celebrated its 82nd birthday at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion Saturday.

The second annual Birthday Bash was hosted by the Center for Campus Life and the Alumni Association to commemorate the past, present and future of Tech. Admission to the party was free to students, alumni and community members.

The Tech basketball game against Oklahoma was broadcasted on televisions in the pavilion. Numerous door prizes and t-shirts were given away, and one student was given free tuition for the fall semester, which all students present at the event could register to win. Food, drinks and birthday cake were provided for guests.

The highlight of the party was a performance by Daniel Tosh, a comedian that has been featured on "The Late Show," "The Tonight Show" and "Jimmy Kimmel Live."

Connor Samuels, a senior architecture from Huntsville, said he heard about the event from a member of the Student Government Association.

"I came because I heard you could win free tuition," Samuels said. "It's

OK so far, kind of long, but it's all right, I guess."

Amanda Johnson, a freshman dance major from San Antonio, said she was recently accepted to Texas Tech.

"I just got into Tech, and I am visiting and heard about the Birthday Bash tonight," Johnson said. "I heard about this from a friend and so far it's OK."

Aaron Wallace, a freshman psychology major from San Antonio, said he got the Birthday Bash as soon as the doors opened.

"I came because I really want to win the free tuition here tonight" Wallace said. "I read about it on the posters in Bledsoe, that is the hall where I live."

The event was too long, and there was not much of anything going on, he said.

Blue Brazelton, a senior philosophy major from Sweetwater, said he enjoyed the food at the party.

"The cake is really good," Brazelton said. "But the main reason I came was to see Daniel Tosh."

Allison Cowart, a senior accounting major from Lewisville, said she is a Daniel Tosh fan.

"I saw the sign advertising the party at University and Indiana, and I screamed and slammed on my

brakes in the middle of the street," Cowart said. "I am so excited about seeing Daniel Tosh tonight, he is the best."

Kelly Criswell, a junior history major from Crosbyton, said a friend told her about the Birthday Bash and asked her to come.

"I absolutely love the cake; it is so good," Criswell said. "I really hope I win the free tuition though."

Vikas Bhosale, a graduate student in Civil Engineering, said he saw signs in the Student Union about the party and decided to come see what it was all about.

"I mostly came to win the free tuition tonight," Bhosale said. "I think it is a really nice party."

Rishy Kengen, a graduate student studying environmental engineering, said he also read signs in the Student Union about the party.

"I am a new student here, and so it would be great if they gave me a T-shirt to wear," Kengen said. "But, of course, I am here for the free tuition they are giving away tonight."

Kengen said the party was put together nicely, and he enjoyed it.

"The food is really good, and it is a nice party," Kengen said. "The cake is really sweet, and I can't eat too much of it, but it is really good."



STEVE LEWIS/The University Daily

DAMIAN BAYONA, A freshman math major from El Paso, registers for the \$1,500 scholarship drawing at Tech's 82nd Birthday Bash, held in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion Saturday.

# Weight Watchers opens program in the Rec Center

By Lindsay Wharton/  
The University Daily

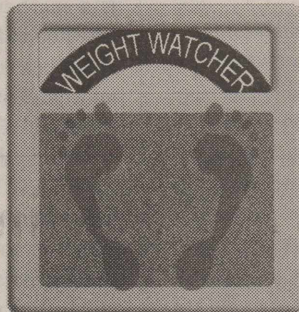
Students have the option to join Weight Watchers at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

College lifestyles can make it difficult for students to control their portions. Weight Watchers at the rec center is a convenient way to learn how to control portion size.

"They're (Weight Watchers)

trying to teach you how to eat real food in today's world," said Mary Blanton, associate director for recreational sports.

The system makes it possible for the participants to eat in all sorts of places without pre-packaged meals,



Blanton said. Weight Watchers has a high success rate and is an option students should consider.

"Sounds healthier than Atkins," said Ashley Hebert, a freshman biology major from Moriarty, N.M.

Blanton said students can attend the meetings for \$9 a week. The meeting at the Rec Center is 6 p.m. Monday nights. There are other meetings available in Lubbock.

Students who travel can attend meetings wherever they are available.

There are two different plans a person can choose from, said Teena Beadles, the Weight Watchers meeting leader at the rec center.

She said the first is the Flex plan, where every food is on a point system.

The participant gets a certain amount of points to use everyday. The purpose is to control the portions of food the person eats everyday.

The Core plan is another option. In this plan, the participant eats healthy foods without the point system, Beadles said. Both options are

equally popular, but the Flex system has been around for significantly longer, she said.

"(Meetings are) an opportunity for the members to exchange experiences and challenges," Beadles said.

Meetings focus on a specific topic. It is an anonymous group where participants can talk about fun ways to eat and exercise to keep people inspired, she said.

# Soldiers celebrate Mardi Gras in Iraq

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq (AP) — Louisiana soldiers donned purple, green and gold and climbed onto Army trucks transformed into floats for an early Mardi Gras celebration Sunday, parading through this base west of Baghdad and pelting troops with colorful beads, coins and candies in true New Orleans style.

The parade ended at the mess hall, where they danced to Zydeco music and were served chicken and sausage gumbo, red beans and rice and their first cold beer in four months. The beer, donated by Anheuser Busch Companies, was for Super Bowl parties, but commanders decided to combine the celebrations.

The climax of the New Orleans Mardi Gras celebrations usually falls on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Mardi Gras in French means "Fat Tuesday." Many soldiers in Iraq get Sunday's off, if their duties allow, so it made

sense to hold the parade early.

Uniform regulations were suspended for a few hours as soldiers donned jester caps, feathered masks, capes and lots and lots of beads.

"You can't have all war and no play. You have to live for another day," Col. John Angelloz, the deputy commander of the 256th Brigade, rhymed in his Louisiana accent.

As the parade of 10 military vehicles, covered in streamers and posters, snaked its way through the base, stunned soldiers from other units couldn't help but smile as they were showered in bright, shiny beads, plastic cups and candy.

Spc. Selena Lassien, 24, of Vinton, La., pulled a costume over her desert camouflage uniform, donned a purple mask and carried a parasol for the parade.

"We're having a good time, just like we would at home," Lassien said. "We can let our hair down and have some fun."

She said it was almost better than parades back home, because it has more meaning for the soldiers in Iraq.

Krewe of Bonaparte, which organizes one of the main parades in Lafayette, La., collected or donated more than 300 boxes of beads, masks and decorations after one of the soldiers' relatives, Kim Clay, made an appeal on a Louisiana radio station, said Command Sgt. Major Homer Stelly.

Clay's employer, High Pressure Integrity Inc. of Broussard, La., agreed to pay the postage to mail it all to Iraq.

But from the costumes on hand Sunday, it was clear that many of the soldiers had brought their Mardi Gras best with them when they were deployed.

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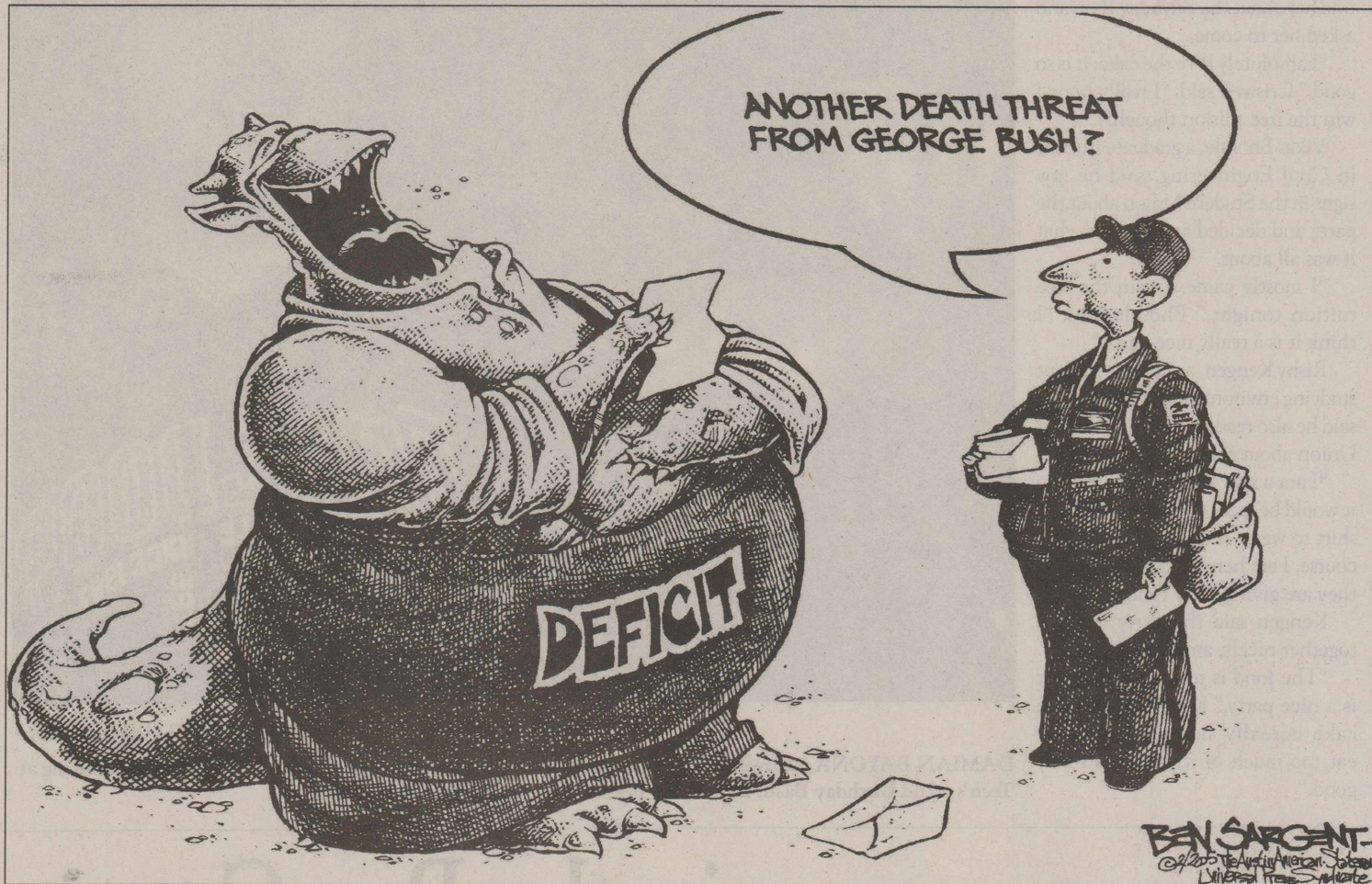
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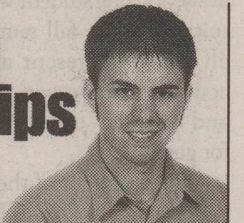
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If you never have heard the term "tuition deregulation" and do not know the effect it has on your college finances, please extricate yourself from under your rock.

**Seth Phillips**



After the state legislature's most recent experiment in the funding of higher education, we have begun to see the first effects of universities' being able to set their own tuition rates with little to no restrictions. The up side, however, is that this brilliant plan's effects can at least be mitigated to some degree.

Since our state's lawmaking body has abdicated its role in regulating tuition — formula funding, as it is commonly called — has become the new talking point in Austin.

In the way of background information, formula funding is the process by which universities across the state are allocated their general revenue. As the name implies, this is a mathematical calculation based upon factors such as enrollment, percentage of graduate and undergraduate students, tier status and the like.

During the last legislative session, Texas Tech's allocation was not as large as it should have been based upon the rapid growth of enrollment.

During the past few years, Tech's enrollment has grown by approximately 4,000 students. Our formula funding allotment, on the other hand, has not grown by the same percentage.

Thus, enter tuition hikes. For the past few semesters, following the green light given to deregulation, students across the state have seen 10, 20 and 30 percent hikes in the cost of their degrees.

So, with a legislature trying to balance the complex equation of college financing and a state population opposed to increased taxation in any form, what is the poor college student to do?

Pick up a pen. That's it. Last week I was able to visit with legislators and hear from statewide officials through a program called Focus Lubbock which Tech participates in conjunction with the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce.

Over and over, our legislators commented how important it is to have citizens of Lubbock visit the state capital. It helps them put our

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faces with the issues for which they must advocate in contention with other state lawmakers.

Cities such as Dallas and Houston frequently will send representatives to Austin. They may be groups of only 20 or so among such a large population.

When our group of about 150 was recognized in the Texas House and Senate, it made an impression.

So, short of visiting Austin in record numbers, the power of the pen is our next best option — and it works.

Currently the Student Government is asking students to put their names on pre-made postcards to be hand delivered to your respective senator and representatives during Tech Day on Feb. 9. These cards are available in the Student Government Association office in Room 302 of the Student Union.

This is our best option of letting lawmakers know Tech students come from all over Texas, not just West Texas, and we deserve our allotment of state funding for education.

The "funding formula" for Tech is easy: your name + postcard = state funding. Why not give it a shot?

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## America's immigration policy — give credit where due

Our nation's history is based on immigrants, so why not give today's hopefuls a chance?

When it comes to immigration reform, the president has the right idea. Bush has called for an easing of restrictions on foreign workers, a guest program that would match up immigrants with possible employers. If there is a flaw to his plan, it is its lack of vision: Why not go further?

Contrary to popular belief, our immigration system is highly limited and grossly inefficient. Ironically, our borders seem to restrict those who would aid us most — hardworking men and women who want a shot at the American dream — and infamously let through those who would wish to destroy us.

A real reform of immigration, one that took stock of the infinite benefits of opening our doors, would allow anyone in the world who wished to come to our shores without malice to settle in this country and have a chance at citizenship. The libertarians are completely right on this one.

Any peaceful person willing and able to work should get a free pass to come here. We've made great steps since the last great immigration bill, the one that opened America's gates to Asia in 1965. But we can do so much more.

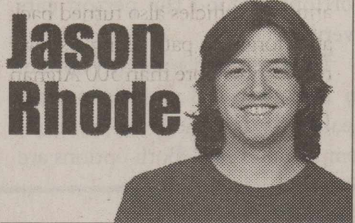
Our current system is grossly incompetent in its choice of focus — because we spend so much time worrying about Mexico, we lose resources that could be put to the better use actually guarding our borders against terrorists.

Much was made over the recent "dirty bomb" hoax, yet it proves my point: If we'd cleared up our confusion about immigrants a long time ago, we wouldn't have the chaos that leads to such rumors being regarded as truth.

Imagine an America where our overtaxed border patrols, operating under a smarter policy that fully gripped the beneficial economic realities of free passage for willing workers, are really able to do their jobs.

It's a question of how to properly allocate our resources. In this America, those who watch our walls would be at liberty to protect us from real enemies, not imagined ones.

The current battle in Congress, interestingly, is inside the Republican Party. Bush made it a big priority for this term, which is at odds with the conservative wish-list — Republican Senators didn't even mention it in their list of top goals.



**Jason Rhode**

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Bush first introduced the guest-worker plan in 2001 and again last January, and nobody inside his tent really liked it either time. Which is why a revolt, probably doomed, is going on inside Congress.

Opponents of Bush's program have called it "amnesty" (which it's not) and are trying to make a push against Bush's election capital by introducing a bill that would, for example, prevent guest workers from getting a driver's license. They've got 115 Republicans backing it in the House. Another section of the same measure would let the law deport legal immigrants on any charges of terrorism.

What are they thinking? The GOP's not only shooting itself in the foot here politically, but possibly damaging our prosperity.

Like abstinence-only education, bans against immigration strain against the pull of reality. I've never understood why Republicans so fear Mexican migration.

Is it because they're afraid of

importing a sizable Democratic constituency?

Then they're ignoring the fact that immigration probably helped the president win 42 percent of Hispanic votes last November, compared with 32 percent in 2000. Bush owes his re-election to immigrant-heavy majorities not only here in Texas, but in Florida, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico. Following Bush's lead here would give the GOP a solid future foothold in the country's largest minority group.

Ignoring that, however, is simply the right thing to do. The emotional imperatives for immigration are well known; almost everyone reading this column is an immigrant or a descendant of one; since we started keeping records of our new arrivals in 1820, 60 million recorded travelers to this country have been adopted, very successfully, by our nation.

What's key here are the not-so-well-known economic arguments for a truly open-door policy, a program of which Bush's plan could be the foundation.

A man named Julian Simon wrote a book in 1989 called "The Economic Consequences of Immigration," claiming immigrants make "substantial net economic contributions to the United States." Simon's essential point was people were the ultimate economic resource: inventive, brilliant, creative people.

Immigrants, who by nature are adventurous, resourceful, hard-working, tough and yes, usually desperate, fit those standards.

Necessity is the mother of invention, they say, and immigrants have plenty. They're inherently self-selecting.

Bush's program, for example, would encourage guest workers to do what immigrants always have been willing to do: invest their earnings and time in America. And we're not just talking about educated professionals here.

As Thomas Friedman once said, anyone who can build a boat out of milk cartons and sail across the Atlantic is someone I want in my country.

The majority of Americans are

getting older and better educated, and scorn more traditional entry-level jobs.

Immigrants fill those jobs; states like Texas and California would fall apart economically without a large immigrant labor force.

There are currently 9 million estimated illegal immigrants holding such positions in this country, and their ranks are growing by roughly 350,000 a year.

Again, our current policy is severely damaging national security — these workers are currently forced to remain out of the sight of the law. Bush's program would "bring them out of the shadow," so to speak, and make our job much more clear.

Our current policy of throwing men and money at the problem doesn't work. Since the early 1990s we have tripled the number of men and women on our southern border, quintupled the budget, erected desert walls for 60 miles out and for the first time in our history imposed sanctions on our employers.

What has been the net result? Little or nothing. What's the solution of immigration opponents? More barbed wire?

We could use more immigrants. The current foreign-born percentage of the U.S. population is a scanty 9 percent, down from the all-time high of 13 percent from 1860 to 1930, and all immigration is down one-third from the rate at the beginning of the century.

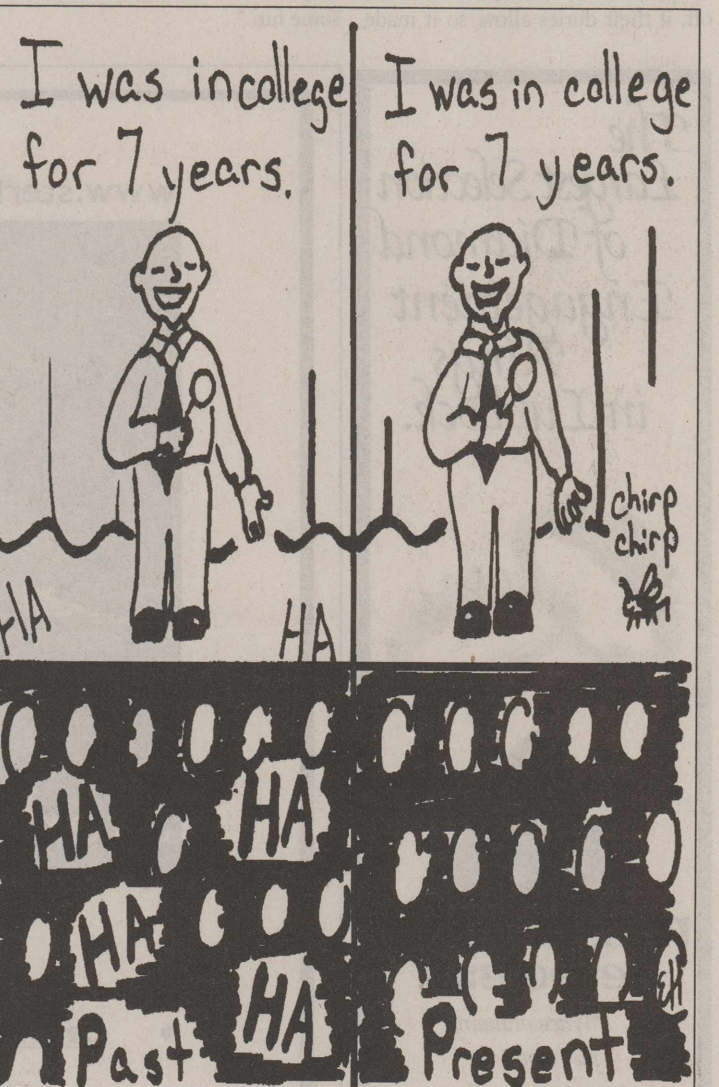
During their lifetimes, these newcomers on average

pay thousands more in taxes than they get back from the government. Since the average age of working aliens is a healthy 28, it's a tremendous boom to Social Security and Medicare, among other programs.

If immigration, especially from Mexico, were a stock, the president and I both recommend a "buy."

If they're so good as to invest in us, we should be willing to invest in them. Why not give them a chance?

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# Celebration

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yangqin, which is a dulcimer, and the dizi and hulusi, which are both flute instruments.

Tong said he enjoyed the musical selection.

Shuaiyi Chen, a graduate student studying civil engineering from Taiyuan, China said her two favorite memories of Chinese New Year included playing the traditional Riddle Game and watching the fireworks.

"On New Year's Eve, the whole family will get together and have dinner—a big, huge dinner," Chen said. "Here, we have Thanksgiving dinner, in China, the whole family will get together and light fireworks and eat dinner. In China they have fireworks, but not here. I love fireworks."

The Riddle Game, which is one of the oldest Chinese traditions, was among several activities that one could participate in. Riddles were hung from red lanterns and also displayed on a bulletin board. For every riddle solved, a prize was rewarded. Since Chinese New Year is a family event, many children attended this event and quickly solved many of the riddles.

"I think Chinese people are more family people," said Chen Tran, a senior microbiology major from Amarillo. "American people are more independent but Chinese care more about family."

Tran said that for the new year,

adults exchange red baskets with fruit or vegetables inside, while children receive red envelopes with money inside. Everything is red, because red means good luck.

"I am Vietnamese, and I usually go back home to Amarillo for temple or church," Tran said. "Sure, we give each other gifts, but mostly, the festival is about the family."

Tran added that Chinese New Year makes her proud of her heritage.

"I think my heritage makes me unique. In America, I have more than one culture," Tran said. "All Americans have more than one culture. So I am American, Asian and Vietnamese."

Haining Dong and his wife Jun Lu, both doctoral students studying industrial engineering from Jiangxi province, China, helped serve food at the festival.

"For Chinese People, this is the most important festival of the year, just like Christmas is in western countries," Dong said. "Members of every family come to have dinner together."

Lu and Dong both said they were glad to help with the event.

"After I came to the U.S., I was very proud of so much rich culture and tradition in China," Dong said. "In China, there are a lot of people and every family is crowded. Tonight, there are a lot of people here, just like if they were all family."

# New Year

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for which everyone tries to make it back home.

"It doesn't matter who you are," she said. "But, if somebody is far away from home, they will try their best to come back during the Tet or at least the last day of the new year."

Some days of Tet are marked with more meaning than others and are set aside to praise certain people within the community.

"We have three important days, and they are the first, second and third days," Nguyen said. "The first is for father, the second for mother and the third for teacher. That is why we use the first three days to visit and see each other."

Children in Vietnam also get to celebrate Tet by missing a week of school and receiving money as a gift for the new year.

"When I was a little kid, I really loved it, there were no school days on Tet," Nguyen said. "The thing I liked most is that I earned a lot of money, we called it lucky money."

As a child, Nguyen also would receive one other big gift during the celebration, one that she appreciated more than the money.

"There was also no punishment during it; my parents never shouted at me during Tet," she said. "Because they believed that if something happened during the Tet, it would happen all year," she said.

In Vietnam, it does not matter what you do for a living or how much money you make, Nguyen said. Tet marks the start for a new year where previous bad things are forgotten in order to make room for the new.

"It means a lot when Tet comes, everybody dresses new and everything begins new," Nguyen said. "It should all be good things because now all the bad feelings are gone with the old year."

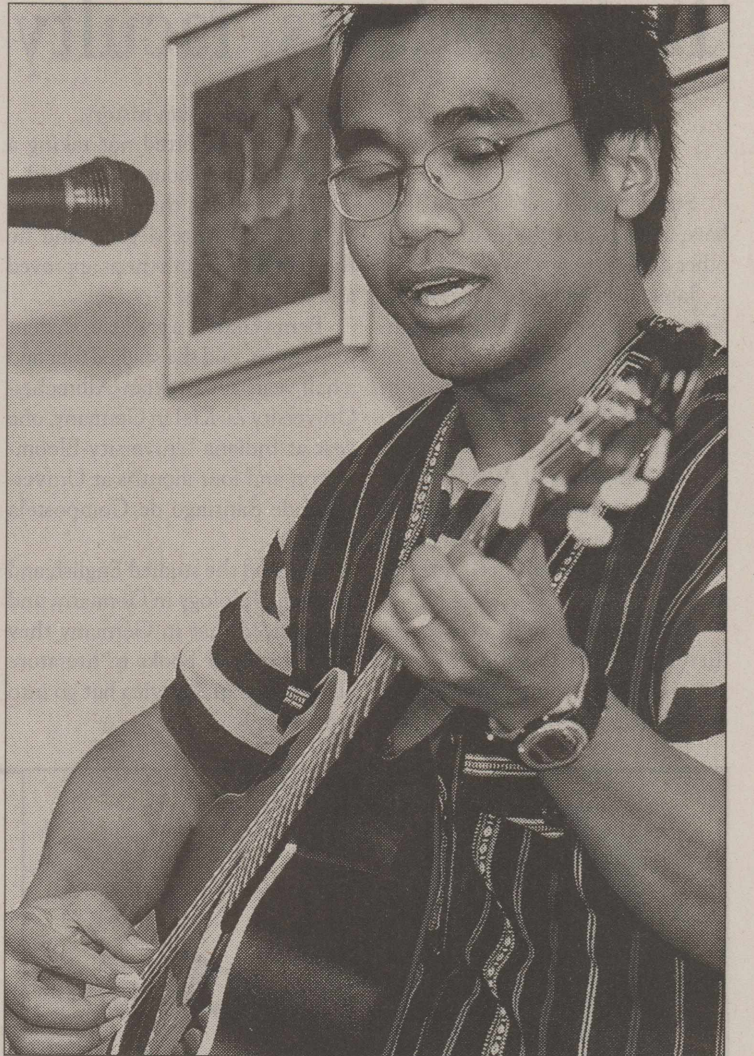
Lap Siu, a Vietnamese minority known as a Montagnard from the central highlands of Vietnam, sang two songs and played a traditional Vietnamese guitar to the audience.

"Many Montagnards do not know how to write, so we sing what comes into mind," Siu, an anthropology major said.

Traditional Vietnamese food also was served at the event as a way to showcase the culture to Tech faculty and students. Banh chung, a sticky rice cake was served as one of the foods conventionally eaten for good luck during Tet, much like Americans include black-eyed peas in their diet Jan. 1.

Director of The Vietnam Center, James Reckner believes it is just not a holiday to be celebrated by the Vietnamese people, but also an event from which Tech students can learn and grow.

"It is the biggest cultural event of the year for Vietnamese people, as well as a lot of other Asian people," Reckner said. "It just appropriate as part of our cultural education that we host this sort of event to give the Tech community a broader chance to better understand the nature of the Vietnamese here."



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily  
LAP SIU, AN anthropology major and a Montagnard from the Central Highlands of Vietnam, plays the "Sound of the Falling Water" during the celebration of the Vietnamese New Year in the Southwest Collections building Friday afternoon.

# Robberies

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then come out if someone tries to rob the store.

"We can encounter a suspect (outside via patrol), so we don't have to worry about a hostage situation," he said.

According to a police report, there were four robberies on Jan. 29. One occurred at the Town and Country convenience store at 8112 Interstate Highway 27 at 3:25 a.m., the second occurred at the Town and Country at 3402 Ave. Q at 6:08 a.m., the third occurred at the 7-Eleven at 802 Ave. Q at 7:56 and the fourth one occurred at the 7-Eleven at 2608 Ave. Q at 8:09.

The suspect is a Hispanic male, according to the LPD.

Priscilla Vidaurre, a clerk at the 7-Eleven located at 802 Ave. Q, where one attempted robbery occurred, said she was not working when the robbery occurred, and she is not afraid the suspect will return.

"He (the suspect) brought up stuff to the counter, and then he said he forgot his wallet," she said. "He went outside, then came back into the store with a mask on."

The suspect did not take anything, Vidaurre said, that is how dumb he is.

"When he came in the second time, all he did was cover part of his face," she said. "I think he was a white guy, that's all I know. I don't even know if he was in a car."

Some of the regular customers are concerned, Vidaurre said, but mainly for the employees, not for their own safety.

"Last week I had a guy arrested for shoplifting (\$10 and two packs of cigarettes)," she said. "I fear that one might come back because he'll be mad I got him sent to jail."

People think robberies only happen at night, but that is a misconception, Vidaurre said, and the police have been good about keeping an eye on things.

"When I'm working the graveyard,"

she said, "the police are always coming in here."

Debbie Martinez, a Diamond Shamrock clerk, said she has heard about the robberies, but no one has robbed the store she works at.

"If you work at night, yeah (it is scary)," she said. "But, if you work during the day, you're not really that scared."

Since the robberies have occurred, Martinez said, Diamond Shamrock already has beefed up their security.

"They already gave us new cameras. We can hear what people are saying, and the picture is perfect on them," she said. "(We have) a button that we have on key, a little pendant. We just push those and the cops come right up."

According to a shift summary from the LPD, Nothin' Butt Smokes at 904 Slide Road was robbed Jan. 30.

Since the clerk was mopping, and had closed the store, the suspect climbed in through the drive-through window, according to the summary, struck the clerk with his fists, dragged the clerk to the register and forced the clerk to open it.

The suspect is a white male with a medium build, and was wearing dark clothing, a dark ski mask and dark gloves, according to the summary.

Sgt. Barron said the possibility that these robberies are gang-related exists, and numerous robberies before the holidays in 2004 occurred.

"Some of the suspects were probably gang members. Some times, to be initiated in to a gang, the new recruit has to do a robbery (to prove loyalty)," he said. "Usually around the holidays, the robberies increase quite a bit."

Aggravated robberies Nov. 29, 2004 at the Town and Country at 1720 E. 50th St., Nov. 16, 2004 at a Reddi Mart at 1601 66th St., occurred according to the LPD, and two robberies Aug. 3, 2004, one at 5802 34th St., and one at 5444 50th St.

# TechSTAR

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and UT."

Aguilar said Tech would have to work harder in order to gain national recognition.

"The administration is trying to get to that point where people around the country know where Tech is, but it's going to take a lot of work," she said.

The strategic plan calls for diversity in order to enhance and enrich the lives of students, faculty and staff.

Burkhard said she does not think Tech students are diverse whereas the faculty is.

"We're mostly white," she said. "The faculty is diverse. I don't think the student body is that much."

Aguilar said diversity is a problem because most of the faculty is not diverse.

"They're all pretty much stereotypical white males," she said.

Diversity is something that develops throughout time, Aguilar said.

"I think something like that will take a long time to accomplish," she said. "I don't think a lot of diverse faculty would want to come to Tech right now."

According to the strategic plan, the university strengthens existing partnerships and establishes new ones in order to accomplish their mission. These partnerships include ones with other colleges and regional centers around the state.

Frank Scheers, an alumnus from Fort Worth and staff member at Tech, said the university has many local partnerships.

"I know locally we do a lot of partnering with Wayland and LCU," he said.

He said Tech probably has good partnerships around the state and the world because students come from many places.

"I know people from other parts of Texas, and there are tons of foreign students," he said.

Tech strives to be open and responsive to the needs of students and Texans, according to the strategic plan.

Aguilar said Tech does not serve the needs of the students.

"It's really not community-based," she said. "You don't know who people are."

Aguilar said the number of students at Tech prevents the university from focusing on the people it serves.

"You've got so many students assigned to one professor that they don't learn who you are," she said. "To them, you're just another Social Security number. You have to be the one to take the initiative to get to know them."

Brink said President Jon Whitmore has helped the university focus more on people.

"Since President Whitmore came to Texas Tech, he has emphasized people," Brink said. "He is a people person."

Brink said Whitmore appreciates students, faculty and staff.

"President Whitmore is sensitive to the kind of work it takes to get things done," he said.

One example of the university's approach on caring for its students is the new E.I.T. Tech program developed by President Whitmore's wife, Jennifer, Brink said.

"This program is an indication of how he and his wife care about wellness," he said.

# Wreck

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through the deep snow.

"It was too dangerous. We had no food or heat," said Khan, emptying the snow from his rubber boots on his return. "But we were less than two hours away and I'm willing to try again."

German soldiers in a convoy of armored vehicles also turned back after forging a path along a snowy road, while more than 300 Afghan police got no further than a village in the valley below because of poor visibility.

The plane flown by Kam Air, post-Taliban Afghanistan's first private airline, vanished from radar screens Thursday while approaching Kabul airport in a snowstorm from the western city of Herat.

The airline believes the plane

turned toward the Pakistani border city of Peshawar, searching for an easier landing, but encountered more bad weather. There was no indication that the scheduled flight was hijacked or brought down by a bomb.

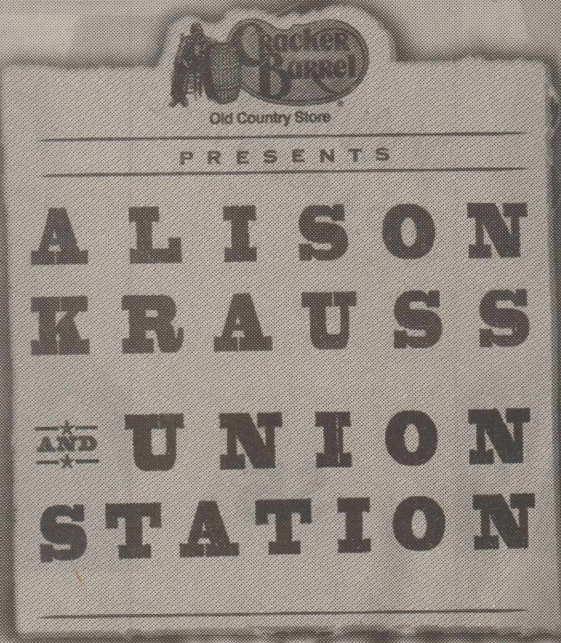
"Maybe the pilot was not familiar with the area and he was in a lower position than he should have been," said Feda Mohammed Fedayi, Kam Air's deputy director. "The only reason we can suggest at this time is the weather."

President Hamid Karzai, whose government is calling in U.S. experts to investigate the crash, was "deeply saddened" and prayed for the victims, his office said.

Kam Air began flying in November 2003, and its flights are busy with Afghans and foreign reconstruction workers. However, there has been concern about the safety of its leased planes as well as the proximity of the mountains to Kabul airport.




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# Tech students, faculty share experiences at international institutions

By Kelly Gooch/  
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Students and faculty at Texas Tech have taken opportunities to study at other colleges around the world.

James Reckner, director of the Vietnam Center, said he began his six years at the University of Auckland, the largest university in New Zealand, in 1979 after retiring from the Navy.

The University of Auckland had no core requirements, and students had to take a set number of credit hours in five different fields, he said.

Reckner's five fields were Asian history, history, ancient history, Asian geography and Asian political science, but his undergraduate

degree was in Asian history.

"I really regretted not taking a series of English courses," he said.

Reckner took three years to get his undergraduate degree, and he then got his master's thesis approved and his doctorate.

Berna Guneli, a graduate student in German, said she studied four and a half years at Christian-Albrechts-University Zu Kiel in Germany, one year at Indiana University-Bloomington and four months at Universidad de Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

She said she studied English and Spanish philology in Germany, and she noticed that in Germany they use a lot fewer books in literature classes than in America but go into more detail.

One major difference, she said, was it cost \$100 a semester to go to school at the university in Germany as opposed to thousands paid to attend American universities.

Reckner said at the University of Auckland, tuition in the '70s was almost free.

"That enabled me to support my wife and children," he said.

Reckner said the academic year started in February and first semester ended in May, then they would have a six- to eight-week break and start the second semester.

However, he said they only had exams once a year in December, during both semesters courses, and professors were not allowed to be anywhere near the examination room.

The degree plan for each student was much less structured, and they had a seminar for every two classes, he said.

Toumi, Arabic instructor, said she went to the University of Press and Information Sciences in Tunisia, North Africa, where she studied broadcast journalism for four years.

The students choose what courses they take, and the first year they are divided into groups who will have all the same classes together, she said.

One difference, Toumi said, between Tunisia and America is in Tunisia, students took more than 10 classes per trimester.

She also said that their grades were on a scale, and if you got a 10 of 20 or higher, then you moved on to the next year.

A lot of her classes were in French, she said, and students cannot get a job if they only speak French and Arabic.

"I wish they emphasized more (in America) about learning languages," she said.

Toumi said exams are difficult and they always had to analyze and comment.

They went to school all year with three two-week breaks and did not evaluate the teachers or have as much technology as in America, she said.

She also said tuition was only \$40 a year and textbooks would

not cost students more than five or seven dollars.

"I wish it was less (tuition) money (in America) for the students," she said.

Guneli said Americans are more eager to talk than Germans. In Spain, hardly any talking occurred; students focused mainly on taking notes in her classes.

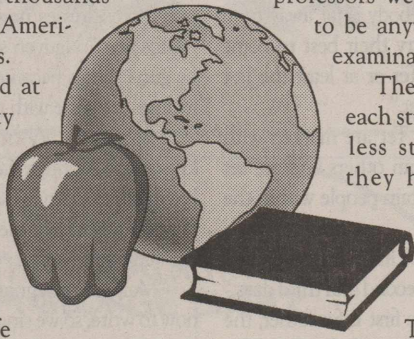
Their winter semester was October to February and the summer semester, in class, was April to July, and exams could be between July and September, she said.

Reckner said usually about 60 students were in his upper-undergrad classes and he enjoys smaller classes.

"You lose a lot when the university grows," he said.

Guneli said she is glad she studied in America, Spain and Germany.

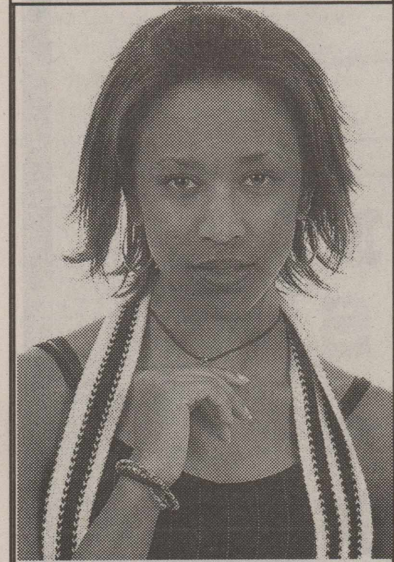
"I love to experience differences," she said.



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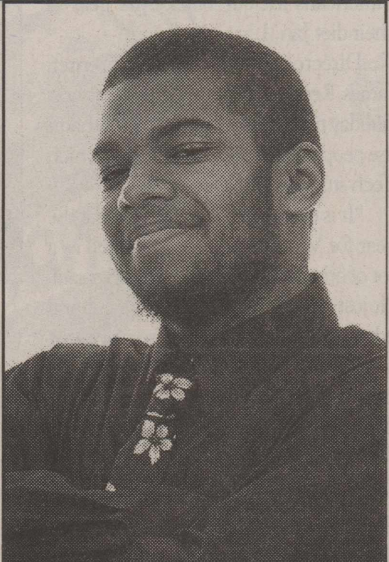
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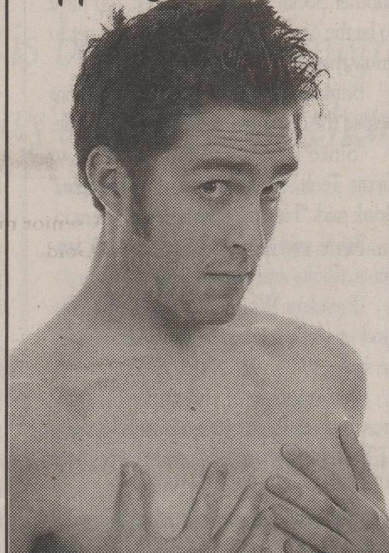
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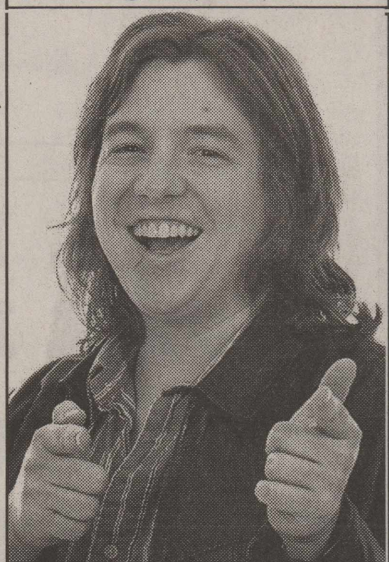
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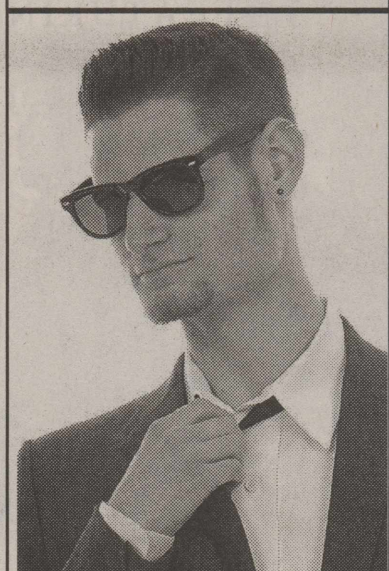
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## Israel eases opposition to releasing Palestinians accused of violence

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel on Sunday backed off its long-standing refusal to release Palestinian prisoners accused of violence against Israelis, defusing a crisis that threatened to derail an upcoming Mideast summit.

The easing in the Israeli position came as Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice arrived in the region for separate talks with Israeli and Palestinian leaders, in part to review the agenda for the summit.

In a related development, the mainstream Fatah movement declared Sunday that it would be prepared for a cease-fire with Israel.

Fatah, headed by new Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, declared that it was prepared "to be committed to comprehensive mutual cease fire in the occupied Palestinian land of 1967," referring to the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Also, the statement said it served to confirm an earlier vow "not to target civilians in Israel by any means."

Palestinians hope for such a mutual declaration when Abbas meets Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon at the summit in the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheik on Tuesday.

The summit would be the first at that level in four years — a clear sign that tension and violence are dropping since Abbas succeeded the late Yasser Arafat last month.

Abbas has made the fate of Palestinian prisoners a top priority, and a large-scale release would boost his efforts to end the Palestinian uprising.

On her arrival for a two-day visit, Rice said she would push for progress from both sides. "This is a hopeful time, but it is a time also of great

responsibility for all of us to make certain that we act on the words that we speak," she said before meeting Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Last week, Israeli leaders approved the release of 900 prisoners, none involved in violence, in a gesture ahead of the summit. Palestinian officials complained that the planned gesture did not go far enough, and the dispute overshadowed summit preparations.

Late Saturday, top aides of Sharon and Abbas agreed to form a committee to study additional releases, including of prisoners involved in attacks. Negotiators also made final an arrangement of conditional amnesty for Palestinian fugitives, they said.

The fate of Palestinian prisoners is one of the most emotionally charged issues for the Palestinians. Israel holds more than 7,000 Palestinians prisoners, many of them arrested during the last four years of violence. In decades of conflict, many thousands of Palestinians have spent time in Israeli custody.

Issa Karaka, head of the Palestinian Prisoners' Club, a group that lobbies for prisoners' rights, said at least 1,000 of these prisoners are serving life sentences for acts of violence. Thousands more face similar charges but have not yet been tried, he said.

He said it would be essential for Israel to change its criteria for releasing the prisoners. "In every war, people are arrested who have blood on their hands. And at the end, they are released," Karaka said.

Hisham Abdel Razeq, Palestinian Cabinet minister in charge of prisoner issues, said that if Israel does not

ease its criteria, it could hurt Abbas. "It will not allow him to succeed in the Palestinian street," he told Israeli Army Radio.

Palestinian officials are pushing for the immediate release of some 400 prisoners convicted before 1993, when Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization signed an interim peace accord.

Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom warned against releasing prisoners convicted of killing Israelis. "This could give ideas to other Palestinians to think they can go and murder Jews, and one day Abu Mazen will come and get them a deal for their freedom," he told Channel Two TV, referring to Abbas by his nickname.

A senior Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that in return for forming the joint committee, the Palestinians agreed not to make the prisoners an issue at the summit.

Also, officials said Israel's Cabinet refused to allow reopening of Gaza's airport, closed shortly after hostilities erupted in 2000, but would permit work on construction of a seaport near Gaza City.

In a small gesture, Israeli security officials said Qassam Barghouti, son of imprisoned uprising leader Marwan Barghouti, would be in the first group of Palestinian prisoners to be freed.

The younger Barghouti, a student in Egypt, was arrested upon entering the West Bank in December 2003. His mother Fadwa, who also is his lawyer, said he has six weeks left on a 15-month sentence for "disobeying Israeli orders."

Israel is refusing to free the elder Barghouti, who is serving five life terms after convictions on involvement in fatal attacks against Israelis.

"As a mother, I'm happy to see my son out of jail," Mrs. Barghouti said. "But it is a partial happiness, because his father is in jail, other Palestinian prisoners are still in jail, and there is no indication that Israel will release them."

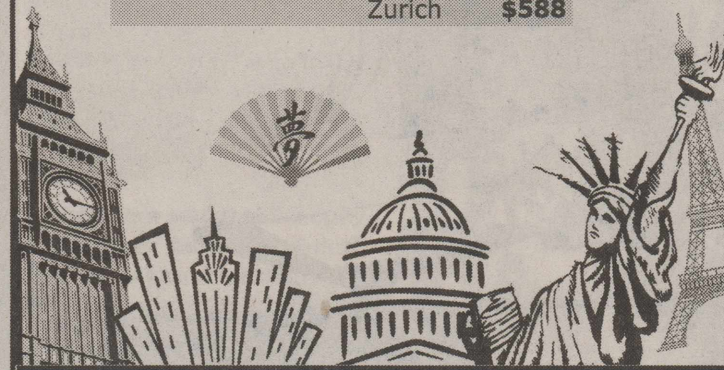
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## Antionette Murphy crowned Miss Black and Gold

By Jeremy Martin/  
The University Daily

The crowd went silent when Antionette Murphy walked on stage at the Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant on Friday.

She was ready to compete in the event's talent portion, wearing a long red dress and clutching a matching bouquet of flowers. Murphy, a music education major, sang the first few words of a French opera. The crowd began to whisper.

Although Murphy would be crowned Miss Black and Gold later in the evening, she said that while she was singing she barely registered the surprised look on many of the faces in the crowd. She thought many people would be shocked by her song selection, but she was too nervous to pay them any attention.

"I try not to look out there," Murphy said. "I just focus on dots on the wall and pretend to make eye contact to keep from throwing up."

The opera took several people by surprise, she said, but she wanted to catch everyone off guard.

"I wanted to do something that would really knock everybody out," she said.

Murphy, who has competed in pageants before, said she thought any of the six contestants could have won. Unlike most pageants, the competition for Miss Black and Gold was evenly matched. This pageant had a better quality of contestants.

"I think this one was of a higher caliber," she said. "Everybody was tal-

ented. It wasn't just some pretty girls who know how to say the alphabet or something."

The Miss Black and Gold Pageant, held this year in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion, is an annual event hosted by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity at Texas Tech. Established in 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha was the first fraternity for African American males in the United States. Past members of the fraternity include Martin Luther King Jr., W.E.B. DuBois and Thurgood Marshall.

Pageant coordinator and chapter vice president Million Tesfai said the event is designed to be a higher quality pageant. In order to compete, applicants must have a 2.75 GPA and show a history of service to the community. Tesfai, a senior finance and economics major, said the contestants also had to be committed to the pageant.

"Having the drive to do it was the biggest thing," he said. "The contestants started rehearsing for it in December and didn't stop until yesterday."

As Miss Black and Gold, Murphy received a \$500 scholarship and the fraternity donated \$100 to the charity of their choice. First and second runners up, Miss Gold and Miss Black, received \$300 and \$200 scholarships.

KaRee Copeland, crowned Miss Black, said she was very impressed by the way the pageant was put together. Everything from the floral decorations to the fraternity brothers' matching white tuxedos gave the event an elegant feel. Copeland, an educational psychology and special education major, said she could tell the fraternity had put effort into planning the pageant.

"(The pageant) was very high class," she said. "I hate stuff that's thrown together, but this definitely wasn't. They did a good job."

The pageant's judges rated contestants in six events: casual wear, sports wear, formal wear, a talent competition and an interview portion.

Devin Robinson was crowned Miss Gold. Robinson, a freshman pre-physical therapy major, said she sees the pageant as a way to contradict negative stereotypes about minority women. The pageant showcases contestants who are not only beautiful, but talented and intelligent as well, women who have achieved despite discrimination against their race and sex.

"We have to go further than anybody else has to go," Robinson said. "Being a black or Hispanic woman, you already have two strikes

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— KAREE COPELAND  
Miss Black



ANTIONETTE MURPHY, A senior music education from Georgetown, adjusts her sash before stepping on the runway as Miss Black and Gold.

VANESSA VELA/The University Daily

against you."

Nahum Aman, the fraternity's treasurer, said that displaying an alternative to the negative stereotypes many people hold against African Americans and other minorities is one of the missions of the pageant and the fraternity

as a whole.

Aman, a senior international business major from Asmara, Eritrea, said the fraternity sets high academic and moral standards both for its members and contestants in the pageant. Miss Black and Gold and Alpha Phi Alpha as a whole

often show people a better side of African Americans than the stereotypes suggest.

"I think a lot of people around here think the black people at Tech all wear stocking caps and ride around on 20-inch rims," Aman said. "That's not who we are."

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# Networks pledge restraint with Michael Jackson trial

NEW YORK (AP) — There was a sinking feeling last week when CNN, Fox News Channel and MSNBC all trained their cameras on a California street to catch Michael Jackson returning from a lunch break during jury selection at his molestation trial.

Is this what the next few months are going to be like?

Many in television insist not. While they expect Jackson's upcoming trial to be newsworthy, they don't see it becoming a national obsession, and don't expect to cover it as such.

"It's certainly not going to dominate our air, not the way that O.J. did and not when you think of all the other things that we're dealing with as a nation, like terrorism, the state of the war, the tsunami," said Mark Effron, vice president of news and daytime programming at MSNBC.

Jackson may be one of the world's biggest stars, but there are several reasons why TV programmers aren't

anticipating a case that will grab interest like Simpson's murder trial, or even Scott Peterson's.

One is simple logistics. With cameras not allowed, viewers can't get engrossed in the action themselves, or see compelling characters like Johnnie Cochran or Judge Ito develop.

Message devices like Blackberrys won't be allowed either, eliminating a trick used to keep television viewers up-to-date when cameras were not permitted in the Peterson case, said Marlene Dann, executive vice president of daytime programming for Court TV.

"Because there are no cameras in

the courtroom, it's going to lack a certain sizzle," said Jonathan Klein, CNN chief executive. "A lot of the buzz is going to be manufactured rather than real. Therefore, you might see a dwindling of interest."

Larry King will likely cover it more than anybody else on CNN. Nancy Grace is starting a legal-oriented talk show on CNN Headline News, and she has a keen interest in the case,

he said.

"It hasn't been at the forefront of our minds," Klein said. "We'll give it the attention it deserves."

Dan Abrams will be covering the trial for his nightly MSNBC legal

show, but doesn't expect to offer a steady diet.

While many viewers could relate to Laci and Scott Peterson as personalities, and become engrossed in a murder mystery, that's not the case with the oddball Jackson, he said. Jackson's accuser is remaining anonymous.

"The interest in this case purely stems from the fact that Michael Jackson is so famous," Abrams said. "That, in and of itself, doesn't sustain interest in a trial over a long period of time."

Then there's the "yuck factor." Molestation is repellent, and certainly doesn't promote watercooler talk, Klein said. Since such allegations have long dogged Jackson, there's little shock value.

There will be some interest in this case, don't get me wrong, but there will not be the constant national fascination that we have seen in a lot

of other trials," Abrams said.

The cultural barometer Jon Stewart even weighed in last week, comparing the case's newsworthiness to media day at the Super Bowl — usually a cacophony of empty hype.

Court TV has also sensed that there might be more interest in the case internationally, almost like Jackson's music is now more popular overseas than in his home country, Dann said.

Court TV correspondent Diane Dimond has already been interviewed by television stations in Germany, Japan and Spain, and Court TV has signed an agreement to offer exclusive trial coverage to Channel Five in England.

(Fox News Channel, whose Geraldo Rivera scored an exclusive pre-trial interview with Jackson, declined to talk about coverage plans.)

Another reason to keep coverage at a minimum is the expectation that the syndicated entertainment news programs will be all over the case, Klein said.

Not so fast. "The Jackson trial will not hijack 'Access Hollywood,'" said Rob Silverstein, that broadcast's executive producer. "There are other things going on in the world of entertainment."

The nightly show won't necessarily cover the trial if there's not much going on, he said. "Access

Hollywood" does, however, plan to cover the coverage of the trial, holding up a mirror if it becomes a media circus.

"We're going to be smart, we're going to be aggressive and not go over the top," he said. "We're not going to be searching for some former housekeeper who met Michael once and put her on the air."

He took notice that syndicated entertainment show ratings did not show any appreciable increase last Monday, when all the programs devoted a good deal of time to the beginning of jury selection. Similarly, a CBS "48 Hours Investigates" report a week ago that featured an interview with Jackson's parents drew nearly a million fewer viewers than the newsmagazine has had on average this season, according to Nielsen Media Research.

In other words, if there's great public interest in the case, it hasn't manifested itself yet.

But things change. Some dramatic testimony from Jackson, a few unexpected revelations, and the spotlight can become brighter.

At this point, Silverstein isn't surprised to hear many news executives talking conservatively about Jackson trial coverage.

"I think people will say that," he said. "And we'll see if they can help themselves."

## Playboy Bunny meets Disney's Mickey Mouse

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP)

— At first, the contrast was laughable: Playboy founder Hugh Hefner, accompanied by a bevy of bunnies, visiting Walt Disney World.

But Thursday afternoon, it was one American icon paying homage to another — Walt Disney.

The 78-year-old Hefner and his entourage — in Florida for Playboy's famed Super Bowl party the night before Sunday's game — said he and Disney have a lot in common. Both were Midwesterners who began their careers as cartoonists before founding their companies.

"I think he would have every reason to be proud," Hefner said. "I think he's had a very positive impact on the world. Disney and Mickey Mouse both had a tremendous influence on me when I was starting."

And both men have left their

mark on the world.

"It's fascinating to see the impact of the global nature of the Disney phenomenon," Hefner said. "It's remarkable how universal the Playboy bunny is now — anywhere in the world."

Hefner, accompanied by four blonde girlfriends, said he had another purpose for his visit to the park. It was a belated birthday gift to one of his companions, Holly Madison, who sported a small Mickey doll on her hip.

"All the girls are Disney fans," Hefner said. "But Holly is obsessed."

As for the world's most famous bachelor, it's all about staying young.

"What has never left me, quite frankly, is the boy himself," Hefner said. "It is the connection to childhood. There are two 'Happiest Places on Earth.' One is Disney, and the other is the Playboy Mansion."

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## Jackson's 32 powers Tech past Sooners

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — The way Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson saw it, Jarius Jackson and Ronald Ross were just too difficult to defend.

Jackson scored a career-high 32 points, Ross added 14 and Texas Tech upset Oklahoma 88-81 Saturday night to snap the Sooners' 14-game home winning streak.

"Their guards were tremendous," Sampson said. "Jarius Jackson ... and Ross were a lot tougher than our guys."

Jackson scored 19 points in the first half as Tech built a 14-point lead and never lost control.

A 3-pointer by Lawrence McKenzie brought No. 14 Oklahoma to 43-36 in the first 3 minutes of the second half, but Devonne Giles answered with seven straight points to put Tech (14-5, 6-2 Big 12) up by 14.

Tech stretched its lead to 60-42 after Ross hit a 3-pointer from the right corner to cap a 7-0 run midway through the second half, and Darryl Dora converted a three-point play to

make it 67-48 with 7:13 to play.

Oklahoma (17-4, 6-2), which rallied from a 16-point deficit to beat Texas A&M on Wednesday, turned to rebounding and its Big 12-leading defense to make it close.

Taj Gray had six points — including two offensive rebound putbacks — during a 10-0 run that brought Oklahoma to 67-58, but the deficit proved too big to overcome.

Drew Lavender's baseline jumper made it 84-78 in the final minute, but Jackson and Martin Zeno each hit two free throws to seal the victory.

"They came back really strong, and I thought they used their guys in and out really well because it kept them as fresh as possible," Texas Tech coach Bob Knight said. "It was obviously a good win for us, and we'll go on from here."

Gray had 20 points and 15 re-

bounds for his 10th double-double of the season, but also committed seven turnovers. McKenzie scored 16 in his second start of the season, Lavender finished with 13 points and Terrell Everett had 12 points for Oklahoma, which has lost two of three after winning 10 straight.

"We're not nearly as tough-minded as we were during that stretch," Sampson said. "Sometimes that's the problem with success."

McKenzie said he thought the Sooners could fix their problems by simply playing harder.

"We need to realize that things can go down as quick as they can come up," McKenzie said. "It's a good wake-up call for us."

Tech was able to contain Kevin Bookout, who was averaging 13.3 points and 7.1 rebounds coming in, to four points and no rebounds in only 22 minutes. It was his second

straight subpar effort following a one-point, two-rebound performance against A&M on Wednesday.

"We just wanted to stay on top of him in the post," said Giles, who scored 17 points before fouling out. "When they did give him the ball, we got the closest man to come down and put a hand in there. We watched a lot of film. We know he likes to put it on the floor a lot."

Tech shot 57 percent — the highest percentage Oklahoma has allowed this season — while the Sooners shot 48 percent.

"They've got a lot of guys who can score," Sampson said. "You're going to have to score to beat them. We got separation. We were getting open shots. We've just got to make those against this team."

Tech jumped out to an early 11-point lead after an 8-0 run sparked by Jackson's 3-pointer from the left wing. He added a twisting right-hander, Curtis Marshall put back his own miss and Jackson hit one of two free throws to put the Red Raiders ahead 26-15 with 8:44 to play before

halftime.

Jackson added two more baskets in the lane, and Marshall hit two free throws in a string of six straight Tech points that extended the lead to 34-20.

The Sooners went without a field goal for a span of nearly 7 minutes, but stayed in striking distance by hitting seven free throws. A driving layup by David Godbold brought Oklahoma to 38-29 at halftime.

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TEXAS TECH(14-5)  
Giles 6-7 5-5 17, Dora 3-6 2-3 8, Zeno 2-4 5-7 9, Jackson 10-18 11-13 32, Ross 5-11 2-2 14, Coffman 0-0 2-2 2, Marshall 1-2 2-2 4, Hawkins 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 28-49

29-34 88.  
OKLAHOMA (17-4)  
Gray 8-15 4-6 20, Bookout 2-6 0-2 4, McKenzie 5-10 1-2 16, Lavender 5-12 1-1 13, Everett 5-6 2-2 12, Williams 1-7 0-0 3, Godbold 2-4 1-2 5,

Longar 1-2 2-2 4, Gilbert 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 31-65 11-17 81.  
Halftime—Texas Tech 38-29. 3-Point Goals—Texas Tech 3-6 (Ross 2-3, Jackson 1-3), Oklahoma 8-20 (McKenzie 5-10, Lavender 2-4, Williams 1-4, Everett 0-1,

Godbold 0-1). Fouled Out—Giles. Rebounds—Texas Tech 27 (Giles 7), Oklahoma 34 (Gray 15). Assists—Texas Tech 17 (Jackson 5), Oklahoma 15 (Lavender 7). Total Fouls—Texas Tech 15, Oklahoma 20. A—12,241.

## Women's tennis double faults in Oregon

By Anne Gepford/  
The University Daily

Despite their efforts, the Lady Raiders fell short to both Oregon and San Diego State in their tennis season opener.

Playing against No. 27 Oregon Friday, Tech fell in all six singles competitions and two doubles matches in Eugene, Ore.

In the No. 1 position, Tara Browning was defeated by Daria Panova, who is ranked 31st in the nation.

Browning said the experience was the important part of the weekend.

"Everyone got a lot of experience from it, especially the freshmen," Browning said. "Everyone was happy with how we played. We fought really hard, and all the other teams know to watch out for us now."

The No. 34 player in the nation, Dominika Dieskova, defeated Tech's No. 2 player Cigdem Duru.

In doubles play, only Katja Kovacic and Lakann Wagley were able to outlast their pairing, defeating Oregon's Anna Lekinska and Jamie Marshall.

The Raiders regrouped after Friday's losses and came back on Saturday to compete with No. 67

San Diego State.

Coach Cari Groce said the matches provided tremendous experience for the Raiders for a season opener against nationally-ranked teams, and the close loss to San Diego State shows them they have potential to be among the top 50 teams in the nation.

"It played out with experience the way we wanted it to," Groce said. "This weekend has given our team an opportunity to play some of the best teams in the country. The good news is now they know what the pressure is like."

However, the doubles matches cost Tech an overall win, as the teams went 4-3 against the Aztecs.

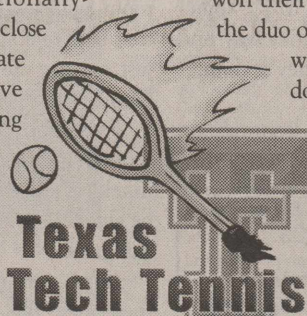
Duru, Kovacic and Janet Durham won their singles matches, and the duo of Browning and Duru won the first position doubles match.

The weekend came down to the last doubles match with Erin Hunter and Janet Durham, two freshmen.

"I found out what it was like to play under the pressure," Durham said. "I've never experienced where it comes down to the last match. I feel that Oregon

and San Diego State made us look at what's coming up ahead."

Tech is now 0-2 on the season and travels to Houston next weekend to play Rice and Houston.



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BAYLOR 52, TEXAS TECH 49

# Grant's game-tying attempt falls short in loss

By David Wiechmann/  
The University Daily

A Texas Tech student is \$20 richer after the Lady Raiders loss to No. 8 Baylor on Saturday.

A fan of the Lady Bears offered the cash for a sign that read "Kim just isn't Sharp enough" in reference to Baylor's coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson.

The fan purchased the sign after Mulkey-Robertson did something no Baylor coach has done since the pre-Marsha Sharp era — win in Lubbock.

The 52-49 victory was the first for Baylor since 1982 and was one that Mulkey-Robertson was excited to claim.

"It's not about me; it's about our program," she said. "I'm happy for everybody that's been at Baylor and watched Baylor athletics. I just want these players to leave Baylor University as winners. It is special in the fact that I've never done it."

Tech (16-4, 7-2 Big 12) and Baylor (17-3,

7-2) have clashed in many tightly-contested games since Mulkey-Robertson took over the program three years ago, and controversy has surrounded the rivalry as well. But all that was put aside for Saturday's game, and fans got to see a basketball game that came down to the wire.

The Lady Raiders found themselves down 48-42 with 2:30 remaining in the game and managed to fight back within one thanks to a 3-pointer by Erin Grant with just more than one minute remaining. Baylor quickly answered with a trey of its own when Chameka Scott drained one from the corner with 42 ticks left on the clock.

Grant struck again, this time for two points, to put Tech within a bucket of forcing overtime. The Lady Raiders then had to foul Baylor and hope for a miss from Emily Niemann, an 89 percent free throw shooter.

One make and a miss gave Tech a chance with 10.9 seconds left. Alesha

Robertson could not get an open look at the basket from beyond the arc, and Grant again tried from long-range, and the ball rattled off the rim to send Tech into a three-way tie for second place in the Big 12 Conference standings.

It was a game Sharp said was a matter of which team made plays when it had to, and it was not her team.

"We're disappointed, and I thought we had a chance to win a couple of times and didn't make plays when we needed to," Sharp said. "When you're playing against a great team you have to do that."

Statistically, the game was evenly matched, but the one place Tech could not stop Baylor was inside with junior forward Sophia Young.

Young led the Bears to victory with 16 of her 24 points coming in the second half. Tech forward LaToya Davis had the duty of guarding Young for most of the night, and said she and her team-

mates knew what type of game Baylor would bring, Young simply brought her A-game.

"Against Baylor it's always physical. We knew coming in against Baylor it was to be a physical game," Davis said. "Sophia's a great player. She works hard and she can jump over people and rebound."

Saturday was Young's 11th double-double of the season.

Tech struggled to produce consistent offense, as did Baylor, but the Lady Raiders lacked a force that could take over the game and pull out the win. Grant led Tech in scoring with 11 points and was the only Lady Raider in double figures. For Tech it's back to the practice gym and time to forget about losing to Baylor because No. 19 Iowa State comes to Lubbock on Tuesday alone atop the conference standings.

"We're just gonna have to prepare for Iowa State now and get ready for them," Grant said.

Baylor will be doing the same thing. Mulkey-Robertson was proud of the win, but she emphasized there is still a lot of basketball yet to be played.

"Let's just remember, it's just one game, it's just one game," she said.



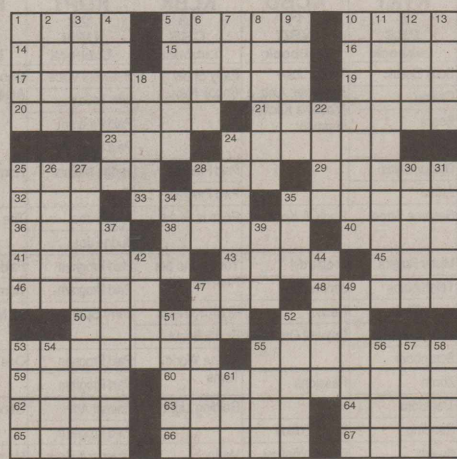
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LADY RAIDER ERIN Myrick gets blocked by Baylor's Emily Niemann in Tech's 52-49 loss to Baylor Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

## THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

### ACROSS

- 1 Tie with a rope
- 5 Microsoft man
- 10 Tacks on
- 14 Bread spread
- 15 Battery terminal
- 16 Blind rodents of rhyme
- 17 Burger topping
- 19 Inter (among others)
- 20 Menu items
- 21 Like clear nights
- 23 Horace work, "Poetica"
- 24 Spread rumors
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- 28 Devotee
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- 32 Author Fleming
- 33 Fly like an eagle
- 35 Atlanta athlete
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- 38 Knitting stitch
- 40 Gumbo ingredient
- 41 Stories
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- 45 Ignited
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- 47 Moroccan city
- 48 Brother's daughter
- 50 Fishing nets
- 52 Indistinct
- 53 Weir
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- 59 Part of HOMES
- 60 Burger topping
- 62 Brits' raincoats
- 63 1985 Malkovich film
- 64 Rotating parts
- 65 Cash-drawer slot
- 66 Transmits
- 67 Rough journey



By Stanley B. Whitten  
Highwood, IL

2/7/05

### Friday's Puzzle Solved

- 6 Picnic pests
- 7 Rocky peak
- 8 Menlo Park inventor
- 9 Clan divisions
- 10 City in the Texas panhandle
- 11 Burger topping
- 12 602 in letters
- 13 Do ushering
- 18 Dweebs
- 22 On the briny
- 24 Messes up the message
- 25 Medieval holdings
- 26 Dipper
- 27 Burger topping
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- 30 Greek column
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- 34 Mil. training course
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- 54 Modern Persia
- 55 Goldfish habitat
- 56 Prevaricator
- 57 Sallinger heroine
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### BAYLOR (17-3)

Young 11-19 2-3 24, Wabara 1-4 0-0 2, Blackman 2-6 6-7 10, Whitaker 0-3 3-4 3, Scott 3-6 0-0 8, Jones 0-1 0-0 0, Fox 0-0 0-0 0, Wyatt 0-2 0-0 0, Tisdale 0-1 0-0 0, Davis 1-4 0-0 2, Niemann 1-7 1-2 3. Totals 19-53 12-16 52.

### TEXAS TECH (16-4)

Davis 1-4 3-6 5, Robertson 3-11 0-0 7, Greenwalt 1-3 3-4 5,

Dabbs 4-14 1-2 9, Grant 4-12 2-2 11, Baughman 0-0 0-0 0, Smith 2-6 0-0 6, Myrick 2-2 0-0 4, Griffin 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 18-54 9-14 49.

Halftime—Texas Tech 20, Baylor 19. 3-Point goals—Baylor 2-8 (Scott 2-4, Davis 0-1, Tisdale 0-1, Niemann 0-2), Texas Tech 4-17 (Smith 2-6, Robertson 1-3, Grant 1-7, Dabbs 0-1). Fouled out—Wabara. Rebounds—Baylor 37 (Blackman 11), Texas Tech 37 (Davis 11). Assists—Baylor 14 (Whitaker 7), Texas Tech 13 (Robertson, Grant 3). Total fouls—Baylor 16, Texas Tech 18. A—15,050.

# Tech baseball hosts alumni team in 4-0 exhibition victory

By Bryan Wendell/  
The University Daily

The current members of the Red Raider baseball team have immeasurable admiration for the Texas Tech alumni who once called Dan Law Field home. The alumni team's offense in Saturday's Alumni Game, however, was much easier to measure: none.

The Raider varsity team defeated the alumni team 4-0 as Tech pitchers combined for a six-hit shutout.

More important than the outcome of this exhibition game was the opportunity to play a game that felt real in preparation for Tuesday's season opener against the New Mexico Lobos.

"It really helps us to go through the motions, to get these guys in the uniform and get their first at bat out of the way," Tech coach Larry Hays said after the win. "It seems like a little thing, but it's huge to get out there and go through everything."

Hays said he also wanted his team to see the former Tech players that the current Raiders may have grown up idolizing or played with when they were underclassmen.

"It's good for them to see somebody handle the bat that way and concentrate on what they're doing," Hays said.

Most of the alumni keep tabs on

Tech baseball wherever in the country their baseball career has taken them, Hays said, but many had not seen the new scoreboard and new dressing rooms at Dan Law Field.

Keith Ginter, now a second baseman with the Oakland Athletics, played at Tech for two seasons between 1997 and 1998.

"It looks like these kids down here get kinda spoiled," Ginter said about Tech's new locker room facilities. "But it's great to see that they're doing well, and coach is just making the program bigger and bigger."

Preseason All-American Cameron Blair is one of two returning infielders and said he was excited to be able to play against the alumni in this game.

"It's a great thing playing against these guys," Blair said. "It's an exciting thing to play against them; it's fun to talk to them and see what it's like up there and see what that dream is that we're all trying to get to too."

Also, Blair said his team benefits

from competing against players other than themselves.

"It's a great thing because we see different guys; we see different pitching," he said. "We've been facing the same guys all year, and when you finally get to see new guys, it's a good thing for us because we've gotta keep focused all game."

Last season, Blair was among the NCAA leaders in RBIs per game and doubles per game with 1.40 and 0.31 in those categories, respectively. His past performance aside, Blair said one key ingredient will determine the success of this year's team — focus.

"(We need to) just focus and get that excited nervousness out of us," he said. "(This game) was fun, but Tuesday we definitely need to get the nerves out and just play baseball. That's what we're here to do."

Tech enters the season ranked sixth out of the 10 Big 12 schools that compete in baseball, coming in behind Texas, Texas A&M, Oklahoma State, Baylor and Nebraska.

The Red Raiders host the Lobos 3 p.m. Tuesday at Dan Law Field. Students are admitted with their Tech ID.

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**DESTINED DYNASTY:** New England wins record-tying third Super Bowl in four years.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—Dynasties don't have to be perfect or pretty. They just have to win — like the New England Patriots.

The Patriots won their third Super Bowl in four years with a dominant second half Sunday night, wearing down the Philadelphia Eagles 24-21.

It was not overpowering, and at times, it was downright ugly. But it was more than enough to match the Dallas Cowboys' run of the 1990s and certify the Patriots of Bill Belichick and Tom Brady as the NFL's latest dynasty.

With MVP Deion Branch tying a Super Bowl record for receptions with 11, Brady efficiently running the offense and Rodney Harrison sparking a smothering defense, the Patriots won their ninth successive postseason game. That ties the record of Vince Lombardi's Packers of the 1960s, and there's hardly any better company a team can keep.

The difference once again was an Adam Vinatieri field goal, this one a 22-yarder with 8:40 to go. New England won its other two Super Bowls by the margin of Vinatieri's kicks.

Philadelphia (15-4) got the ball back at its 4 with 46 seconds remaining. It was hardly enough time and far too much territory to cover against such a formidable foe.

Harrison got his second interception with 9 seconds remaining to end it.

Playing before a sea of mostly green jerseys in the crowd of 78,125, the Patriots made sure Philadelphia would not get its first pro sports title since 1983. Indeed, it's been 45 years since the Eagles won the NFL crown. And even though they made it to the Super Bowl for the first time in 24 seasons — after three straight conference championship flops — their season still ended in disappointment.

Corey Dillon, a newcomer to the championship game, scored the go-ahead points on a 2-yard run early in the fourth period. And when Branch wasn't running free and catching passes, the Patriots flaunted their versatility by again using linebacker Mike Vrabel to find the end zone. Vrabel has caught TD passes in two straight Super Bowls and has five TDs in as many career catches, not bad for a linebacker — or anyone else.

Brady wasn't as fluid as he was when he won the MVP awards in the 2002 and 2004 games, but he was on-target much of the time, finishing 23-for-33 for 236 yards and two TDs.

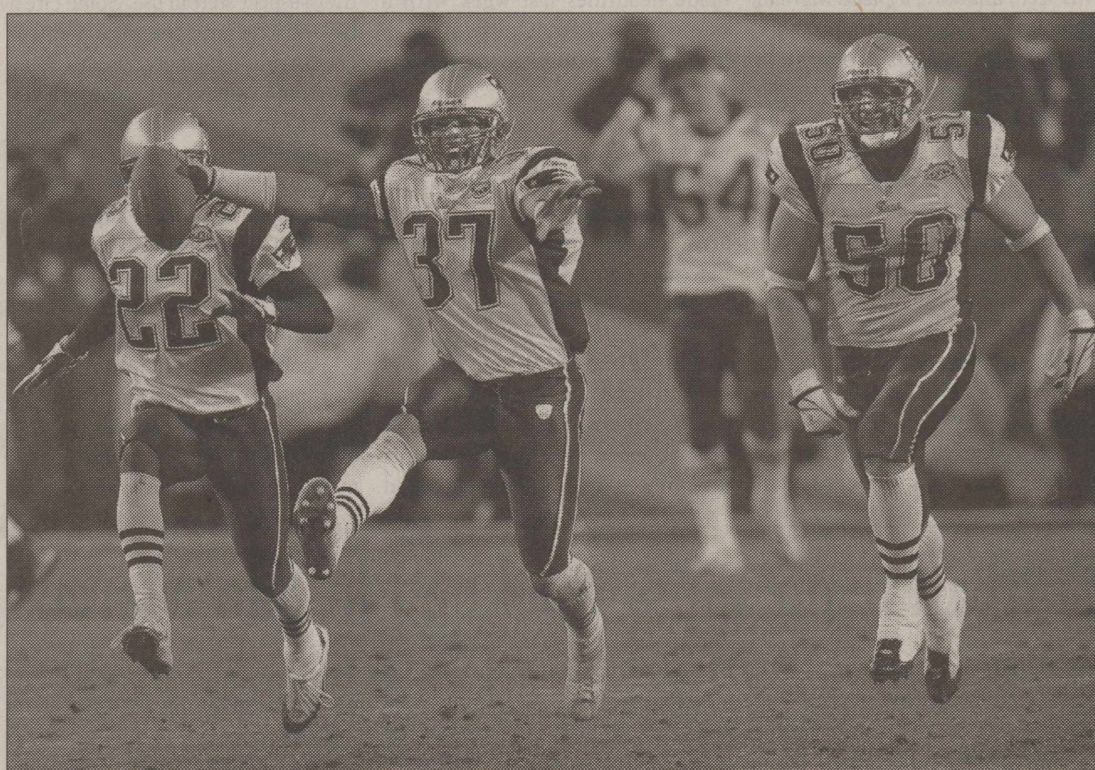
When the offense bogged down or turned over the ball, Harrison and his mates forced four turnovers, including a goal-line interception by the veteran safety. The Patriots (17-2) also had four sacks, making Donovan McNabb look ordinary, even skittish at times.

And while Terrell Owens' return from a seven-week injury layoff was an individual success — he had nine catches for 122 yards — it was not nearly the star turn that Branch made.

Branch's 11 catches covered 133 yards as he victimized one of the league's best secondaries. He was most instrumental on the opening drive of the second half, which set the tone for New England's 57th victory in its last 74 games.

While New England handled frequent blitzes, Branch caught four passes for 71 yards on the series that ended with Vrabel's TD.

The Eagles showed resilience by responding with a 74-yard drive on which Brian Westbrook accounted for 39 yards, including the 10-yard score. McNabb



ANN HEISENFELT/AP Photo

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS strong safety Rodney Harrison (37) celebrates his interception with teammates Asante Samuel (22) and Mike Vrabel (50) late in the fourth quarter to seal the Patriots 24-21 victory against the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl XXXIX at Alltel Stadium in Jacksonville, Fla., on Sunday.

whipped a pass over the middle between two defenders for the TD.

Still, as winners always do, the Patriots reasserted themselves, effectively using screen passes against a tiring defense.

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# Steroid use silent but rampant in Texas high schools

DALLAS (AP) — Texas high school students yearning for athletic fame or a chiseled physique are easily obtaining and using steroids as many coaches look the other way and parents seem unaware, a *Dallas Morning News* investigation has found.

The same students popping pills and sticking themselves with needles of muscle-building drugs were also found to be abusing other drugs — such as Viagra, the fertility drug Clomid and sedatives — to compensate for steroid side effects.

Those side effects include liver damage, tumors, sexual impotency, erratic mood swings and potentially suicidal depression.

"Steroids have made a massive comeback" in high schools over the past decade, Mike Long, a veteran Texas high school football

coach, said in Sunday's editions of *The News*. Long abused steroids as a young athlete and now counsels teenagers about their dangers.

Grapevine-Colleyville officials made headlines last week with a rare admission that nine athletes had confessed to using steroids last spring.

Despite more than a decade of research on high school steroid use, coaches and school administrators have largely ignored the issue. Most area coaches interviewed by the newspaper said they don't believe steroid use is a problem.

"I'm telling you, I've never seen steroid use and I've never suspected it," said Mike Hughes, head football coach at Plano West Senior High School, where five former students interviewed by *The News* described

widespread use. "I'm more concerned about other things — alcohol, marijuana and those things."

Coaches rarely confront players or alert their parents, even when they suspect steroid use. Some cite a lack of screening programs and fear of a lawsuit from angry parents. They also think twice about accusing a key player because of the extraordinary pressure to win.

*The News* interviewed more than 100 current and former high school students, coaches and parents in North Texas high schools. More than 25 of them described their personal encounters with illegal steroid use.

Among other findings from the four-month investigation:

— Teens often obtain steroids from dealers who are friends, classmates and sometimes varsity ath-

letes. — Federal and local law enforcement agencies devote little time to curbing steroid use because of tight resources and what they deem more urgent priorities, such as illicit drugs and alcohol.

— Teens and adults use the Internet to exchange information about buying and using steroids and tips on managing side effects.

— Many teenage steroid users are non-athletes. So-called "vanity" users take steroids to impress classmates and potential girlfriends.

A Texas A&M University survey on substance abuse two years ago found that nearly 42,000 Texas students in grades seven through 12 — about 2.3 percent — had taken steroids. Researchers say the number is almost certainly too low.

Steroid use, though common, is still shrouded in secrecy. Coaches seldom out students. Few students get caught. And few high schools fund steroid screening, which is expensive at \$100-\$175 per test.

"In my 58 years, other than pedophilia, I've never witnessed a behavior as secretive as this," said Charles Yesalis of Penn State University, a pioneering researcher and writer on youth steroid use. "People will tell you they smoked pot, they did coke, they did speed, they did crank, they smacked their wife, they smacked their girlfriend long before they tell you they used anabolic steroids. The higher you go up the athletic food chain, the more pronounced this becomes."

Despite their dangerous health effects, school and law enforcement

officials say steroids are a much less serious problem than illicit drugs and alcohol.

"Cocaine, heroin and methamphetamines are what we see a lot of," said Plano Police Chief Gregory Rushin. "That's what's killing our kids. We just don't see that many steroids cases."

High school steroid users make similar distinctions. In Colleyville, a high school user told *The News* that steroids shouldn't be viewed "as a bad-kid drug."

"Remember, kids are not breaking into people's houses to get their steroids," Yesalis said. "They're not walking around with dilated pupils looking like a parent's worst nightmare. A lot of kids doing this are captain of the high school football team."

## Softball team splits weekend in San Marcos

By Trey Shipman/  
The University Daily

The Texas Tech softball team kicked off their season this weekend in San Marcos by posting a respectable 2-2 record through Saturday.

In the first game, Tech's bats were silenced by the right arm of Texas A&M-Corpus Christi pitcher Sarah Pauly who struck out 12 Tech batters in a complete game one-hitter to defeat the Raiders, 2-0.

Tech rebounded in the second game to secure its first victory of the season, defeating Wichita State by a margin of 4-2. Leading the Tech

in the win was junior pitcher Erin Crawford, who recorded her first save of the season, throwing three innings of relief and striking out eight of the 12 batters faced.

Providing the offense for Tech was sophomore Ashley Parker, who finished the day 3-for-4 with a run scored, and Natalie Enderlin who gave the Raiders the lead for good in top of the seventh inning with a solo homerun.

On Saturday, Tech started the day by falling to a Texas State squad that needed three runs in the sixth inning for the comeback victory. Freshman Jennifer Bowers had a two-out three-run home run to give the Lady Raiders

the lead in the top of the sixth before losing the lead in the bottom half of the inning.

After the tough loss, Tech came back strong later in the afternoon by posting a 3-0 shutout against Northern Colorado. Crawford got the win for the Raiders by throwing five innings and allowing three hits. Kelly Rhyme provided the offensive spark for Tech going 3-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored.

Tech will compete next weekend in a tournament in Las Vegas, Nev., that features the Texas-Arlington, Oregon State, Wichita State, Portland State, Utah and Illinois.

## Track team dominates home indoor meet

By Anne Gepford/  
The University Daily

With two new school records, the Texas Tech track and field team finished its third home meet of the indoor season.

The Wes Kittley Invitational, held Saturday at the Athletic Training Center, also produced 16 first-place finishes for the Red Raiders.

Coach Kittley said the team is in good shape to head to Arkansas next weekend for their invitational.

"We accomplished a lot today," Kittley said. "There were so many good things. I'm really thrilled."

Kittley said the team will compete well in Arkansas as top teams will be at that meet.

"I'm really excited for Arkansas," Kittley said. "I think we're going to be really tough to beat. We're looking for quality in that meet."

After three consecutive home meets, some team members say they are ready to get on the road.

"It's going to be exciting," Tori Polk said. "It's nice to get away onto a different track. We have a better chance of running faster there — a better chance to qualify for nationals running there."

Polk said the meet at home was a self-improvement meet, as the team had home advantage.

Polk ran the women's 4x400-meter relay, along with Tia Barginear, Shereefa Lloyd and Licretia Sibley.

Sibley said she is welcoming the upcoming road trips.

"You get to experience different places," Sibley said. "It makes it more fun when you go to different places and run. It makes me more competitive — there's new people we've never ran against."

Sibley set a new school and Athletic Training Center record in the 400-meter run with a time of 52.41 seconds.

"I was very happy. I've been trying to run 52 indoor for a long time," Sibley said. "I didn't realize I ran 52 until Coach Kittley told me."

Shawon Harris set a new school record in the 55-meter hurdles with his preliminaries time.

Other first place finishers included Olivia Clardy, Brad Kring, Sage Thames, Lacy Wilson, Tyree Gailles, Jonathan Johnson and Stefanie Calhoun.

Both the men's and women's 4x400 relay teams won as well.

Johnny Jacob, a member of the men's 4x400 relay, said he felt he could have competed better, but there will be more chances for improvement.

"Indoor is like a training period for me," Jacob said. "Hopefully I can drop my time."


Jacob said Kittley has pushed the team to become the athletes they have during the past weeks.

"He worked us hard," Jacob said. "Whatever he throws at me, I'm going to do."

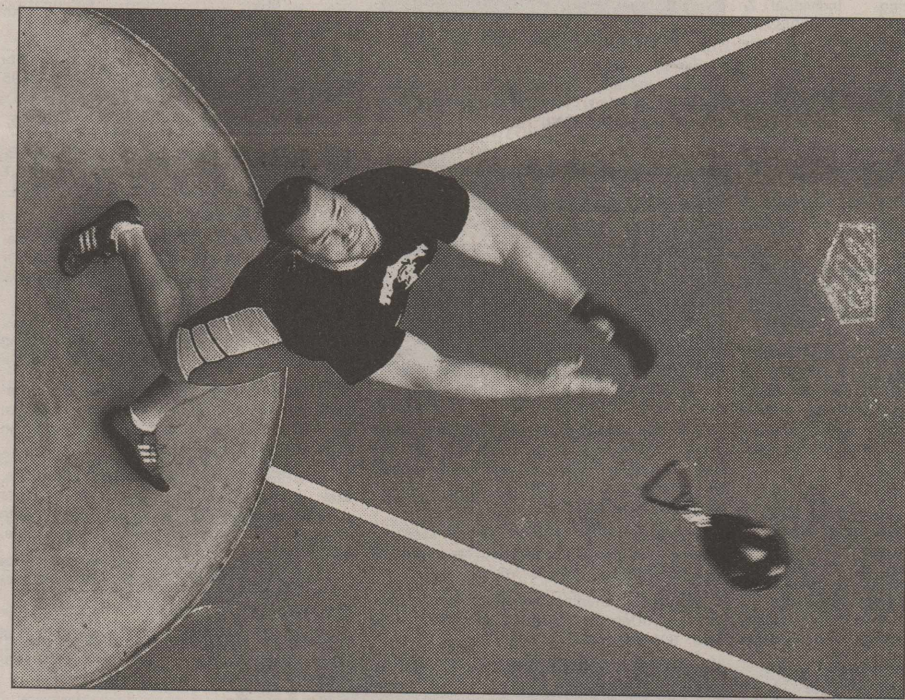
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MARK MEDLEY, A junior from Snyder, throws a weight in the weight throw. Medley has placed first, second, fourth and second in the four indoor meets of this season. His best was a 54-foot-1-inch throw on Saturday.

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## Men's tennis team has successful, dominant Thursday match

By Trey Shipman/  
The University Daily

If last Thursday's matchup against Texas Southern was any indication of how the Texas Tech men's tennis team will fare this season, the outlook is looking promising for the Red Raiders. Tech defeated the Tigers 7-0, winning all six singles matches as well as two doubles Thursday at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

Seniors Jakob Paulsen and Esat Tanik lead the Red Raiders as the one and two seeds, both defeating their opponents 6-3, 6-1. Senior Michael Innerebner, who defeated Matuszewozinski of Southern 6-2, 6-2, and freshman Adrian Prpic who won by a count of 6-0, 6-2, also delivered victories.

Sophomores Dimitrio Martinez and Teddy DiBlasi finished off the sweep of singles play by winning 6-3, 6-3 and 6-4, 6-0 respectively.

In doubles play, Tanik teamed with Prpic to defeat their counterparts, 8-3, while Paulsen paired with Innerebner to notch Tech's second doubles victory by a score of 8-3. Senior Ryan Vogl and freshman Chris Ramsey suffered the Red Raiders' only loss of the day, losing a tough match against Southern's Jose Rueda and Aurelio Martinez, 8-4.

Tech will look to carry the strong play into next weekend as it travels to Abilene for the first tournament of the season.

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