



## High court declines to hear Schiavo case

**SUPREME LETDOWN:** Schindlers running out of options to get their daughter's feeding tube reinserted.

By Hope Yen/Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court was the last stop for Terri Schiavo's parents in a federal court system that rejected them at every turn.

The justices' refusal to intervene Thurs-

day was no surprise: Right-to-die questions have long been the domain of the states, which give doctors and spouses wide latitude to navigate difficult questions of life and death when someone is incapacitated.

"The determination whether someone wishes to live a quality of life, such as that of

Terri Schiavo's, is generally a very private decision," said Janicemarie Vinicky, director of biomedical ethics at Washington Hospital.

"From the Supreme Court perspective, legislators generally do not make good health care decisions because of the politics involved," she said.

The Supreme Court has ruled that the terminally ill have a constitutional right to die, but that right is not absolute. It held in 1990 that states may impose high legal burdens on families to show that a patient

would have wanted to die.

In making that determination, states have passed laws placing a premium on the medical judgment of doctors. Others also establish a pecking order that puts the wishes of spouses before those of parents, children or siblings.

The rationale is that spouses have a legal responsibility to each other, and their health choices will impact each other the most.

Since the legal battle over Schiavo began in 1998, Florida's state courts have repeatedly

found that Michael Schiavo proved with "clear and convincing" evidence that his wife Terri had indicated before she became severely brain-damaged in 1990 that she would not want to be kept on artificial life support.

He testified that she made that position clear after she saw a TV program involving an end-of-life story. Doctors also testified that she was in a "persistent vegetative state" with

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## FROM SWEET TO SOUR

MOUNTAINEERS 65  
RED RAIDERS 60

Last-minute loss to West Virginia ends Tech's unexpected NCAA run

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — It came down to a few mistakes — something they have tried all season to correct.

The difference — the Elite Eight was on the line, and the sixth-seeded Red Raiders let it slip away Thursday night at University Arena in the last five minutes.

Texas Tech coach Bob Knight said it all depended on the team that made the least number of mistakes, and the Raiders' 16 turnovers and 42.9 shooting percentage was the main reason for the loss.

"If one team makes a couple of plays, and the other team doesn't, then that's the difference," he said.

Tech scored on only one of its last eight possessions, allowing seventh-seeded West Virginia to advance to the regional finals after a 65-60 victory.

Guard Ronald Ross scored 16 points against the Mountaineers, 10 of which came in the second half. But his last two shots came down to desperation in front of a predominantly Tech-favored crowd of 15,792.

Ross, who has averaged approximately

25 points per game in the postseason, was 3-of-11 in the first half and finished 8-of-22 from the floor during the game.

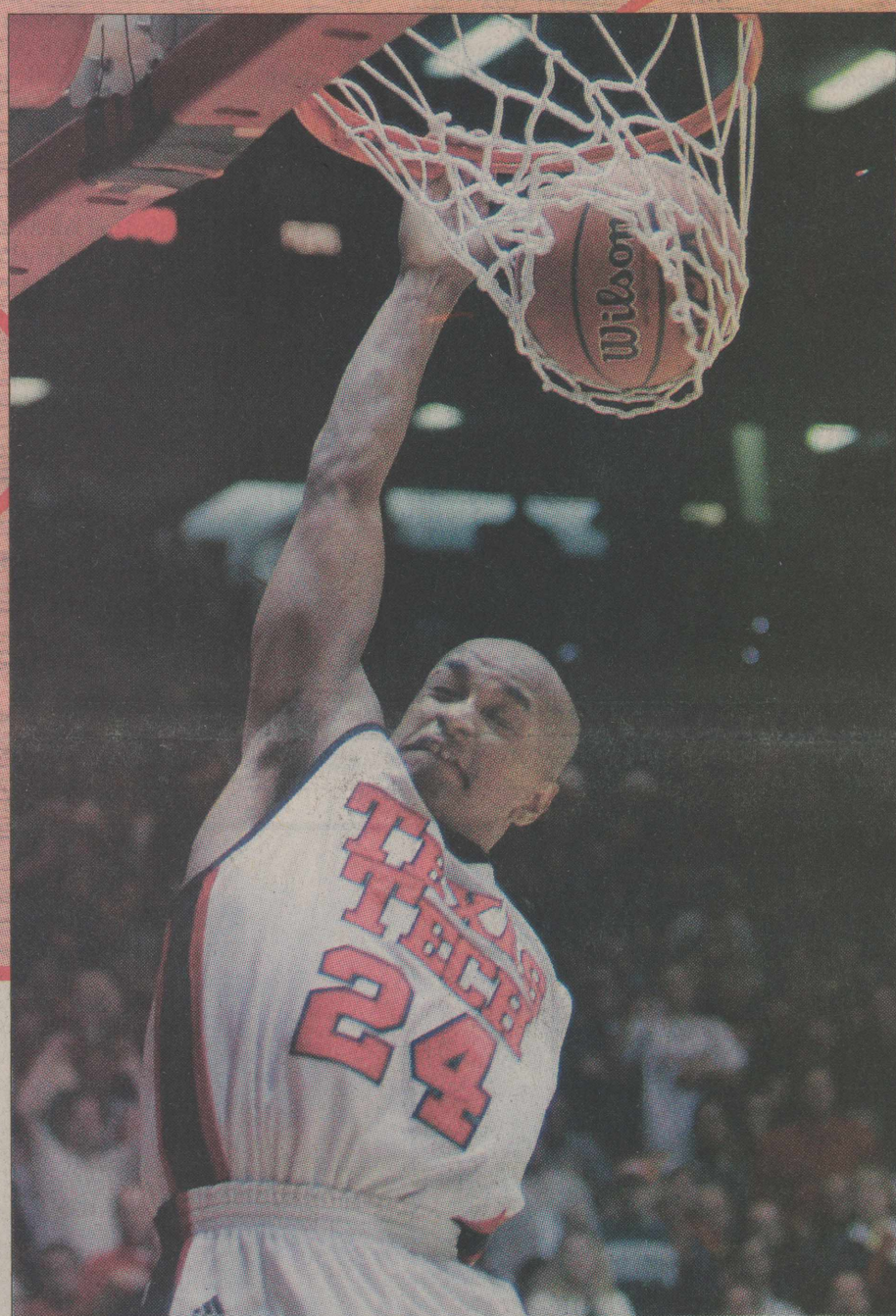
Those missed shots and turnovers led to Tech's ultimate drawback.

With 30 seconds left in the game, West Virginia guard Patrick Beilein grabbed the ball after two misses by Tech, and as he fell out of bounds in front of the Raiders' bench, Beilein called the timeout with the Mountaineers still up by two.

Knight ran out on the floor, yelling at the referees about giving the timeout and possession to West Virginia.

Knight said the call did not matter, because each team had the opportunity to take the victory within the last minute or so.

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LAURA RAUCH/Associated Press

RONALD ROSS DUNKS against West Virginia during the second half of an NCAA regional semifinal game in Albuquerque, N.M., Thursday.

## Iraq war forum draws large crowd, discussion

By Brittany Barrientos/  
The University Daily

In a Holden Hall classroom filled to a far higher capacity than the fire marshal would prefer, professors, students and Lubbock community members gathered to hear the first of a four-part series focused on issues pertaining to the war in Iraq.

The series, which was initiated by faculty members, is titled "The Iraq Education Project," and aims to inform the community about the war, especially issues left out of media coverage, said Dr. Ted Reid, a professor at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

"We want to get people talking about the war," he said. "We want to inform people what we are doing, why we are doing it and what we are going to do about it."

Reid said he and other Tech faculty members believe they should do something to further knowledge

and understanding of world relations among students and the community.

"We need to get students thinking — this is their lives we're talking about," he said. "Yet no one else is discussing the issue."

The first discussion focused on the human costs of the Iraq war. Catherine Miller, a Tech history professor, opened the discussion by asking people to think about what is at stake as the war continues.

"What is at stake today? What has happened since our current war began?" she prompted. "Who is fighting this war? Are you going to fight this war?"

The discussion featured two videos and two speakers, both of whom have just returned from serving in Iraq.

Corina Estrada, a sophomore nursing major from Perryton, said she believes the movies added much needed details to the discussion.

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## FINAL 'PUSH'



LINC ARMES/The University Daily

KAT MULGREW, A ceramics graduate student, poses with her final project, "Push," in the Art building Thursday. The project deals with social manipulation, and viewers are forced to walk along a certain path.

## Tech law grad appointed to Texas Supreme Court

By Kelly Gooch/  
The University Daily

Judge Phil Johnson is the first Texas Tech School of Law graduate to be appointed by the governor to the Supreme Court of Texas.

Johnson's confirmation date to go in front of the state senate Judicial Appointment Review committee is April 4.

After a state senate committee approves Johnson, the state senate will vote on whether he should be approved for the Supreme Court of Texas.

If Johnson is approved, he would be sworn into his new position the week of April 11.

Gov. Rick Perry appointed Johnson, the chief justice of the 17th District Court of Appeals in Amarillo, on March 15 in the Tech School of Law courtroom.

Brian Shannon, associate dean of the law school, said Johnson is an

outstanding judge and well regarded by law practitioners and judges.

Shannon said Johnson's appointment to the Supreme Court of Texas demonstrates that Tech Law School graduates are up there with the best.

"(It is) a high honor that Judge Johnson has been appointed," he said. "It's a great day for the law school that Gov. Perry came to our courtroom."

Brian Quinn, justice on the 7th District Court of Appeals in Amarillo, has worked with Johnson for several years on the court.

Quinn said he believes Johnson is well prepared for the new position on the Texas Supreme Court.

"He got a good education at the law school," he said.

Johnson is prepared because he has a good mind and is studious, Quinn said, qualities required in a judge.

"He has a good feel for the law," Quinn said. "I think he'll do a tre-

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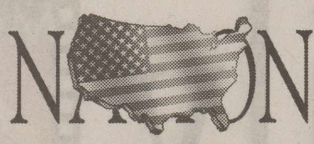
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The Rundown



Driver convicted of smuggling bodies Shooting survivor describes gunman Canada denies U.S. soldier as refugee

HOUSTON (AP) — The truck driver charged in the nation's deadliest smuggling attempt has avoided the death penalty — for now — but faces a possible life sentence for his role in the deaths of 19 people.

Jurors on Wednesday spared the life of Tyrone Williams, 34, because they could not agree on whether he bore direct responsibility for the deaths. Instead, he was convicted on 38 counts of transporting illegal immigrants.

"We don't give the death penalty in this country for an accident," defense attorney Craig Washington said Wednesday. "Tragedies happen every day. But every tragedy is not a crime."

U.S. District Judge Vanessa Gilmore declared a mistrial on 20 counts of conspiracy and harboring after the jury deadlocked on the charges during 2 1/2 days of deliberations.

More than 70 illegal immigrants were crammed into Williams' trailer at the Mexican border for a journey that was supposed to have taken them to Houston.

As the temperature inside the stifling, tomblike truck soared to 173 degrees, they screamed and clawed at the walls until Williams abandoned them in Victoria, 100 miles southwest of their destination.

BEMIDJI, Minn. (AP) — A school shooting survivor said Thursday the gunman aimed with "a mean face" as he shot fellow students, killing five among his nine victims. Officials said Red Lake High School would remain closed for two more weeks.

"I was in shock," said 15-year-old Cody Thunder, so much so he didn't feel the pain from being shot in his hip. "What is he doing? And he ended up shooting. I thought he was messing around, I thought it was a paintball gun or something."

Some witnesses have said the attacker, Jeff Weise, was smiling and waving as he shot at people, but Thunder said of Weise's demeanor: "It was a mean face."

Red Lake students and staff met at the elementary school Thursday, though classes won't resume until the week of April 12. The high school building remains closed.

Asked about returning to school, Thunder said: "I don't feel like going back." Later, he said he would not return to school this year.

Thunder said he recognized Weise immediately because he had spoken with him a couple of times, trying to connect with a person seemed to have no friends.

TORONTO (AP) — Canada on Thursday denied refugee status to a former U.S. Army paratrooper who said he would be committing war crimes if sent to Iraq, a major blow to Americans who have fled north of the border rather than fight a war they claim commits atrocities against civilians.

The government's ruling said Jeremy Hinzman had not made a convincing argument that he would face persecution or cruel and unusual punishment if sent back to the United States.

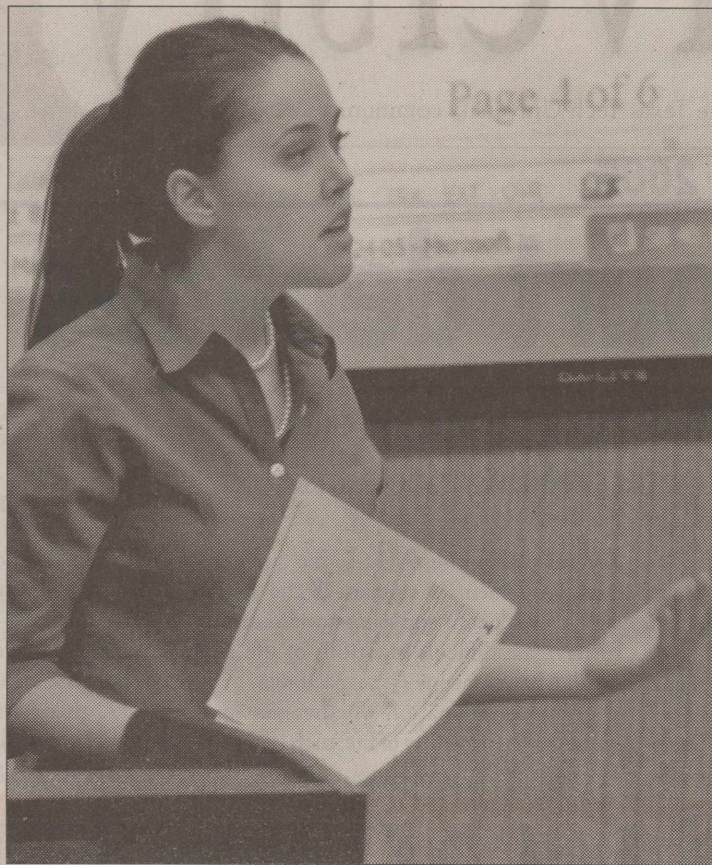
The decision, which was formally announced on a government Web site, could affect at least eight American soldiers seeking refuge in Canada, yet help improve strained relations between Washington and Ottawa.

Hinzman's attorney, Jeffrey House, said his client would appeal the ruling and still believed he would be granted refugee status in Canada.

"He is disappointed," House told CBC TV. "We don't believe that people should be imprisoned for doing what they believe is illegal."

Hinzman, 26, fled from Fort Bragg, N.C., in January 2004, weeks before his 82nd Airborne Division was due to be deployed to Iraq.

SGA discusses parking citations, funding for student organizations



VANESSA VELA/The University Daily  
CASEY HARMON, JOURNAL clerk of the Student Government Association, discusses the financial support allocations provided by Tech to graduate organizations during an SGA open floor discussion in the Lankford Lab Thursday evening.

By Meghann Lora/  
The University Daily

The Student Government Association met Thursday to discuss issues facing Texas Tech students, including student organization funding, the library's pay-to-print policy, the future of off-campus buses and parking citations.

Allocating funds to student organizations that appealed to senators was a priority at the meeting. Student organizations who missed deadlines or did not perform the budget process correctly must go through an appeals process to be considered for funding.

The senate passed Senate Resolution 40.35, which outlines the need for student representation on the university's Library Use Fee Committee. This committee is responsible for determining the library fee students are required to pay each semester. According to the resolution, the fee has risen from \$60 in 2001-2002 to \$225 this year. The library has recommended a \$15 per semester increase to the fee for 2005-2006.

Joel Brant, senator for the graduate school, said he thought the

resolution presented a positive idea. The resolution does not say the library should not have the pay-to-print policy; it suggests students should be involved in the process of determining library fees.

"It does address the problem — the problem of communication," he said.

Senate Resolution 40.36 concerning an optional down payment plan for the official Texas Tech Alumni

Association class ring was passed. The cost of a class ring is often difficult for students to absorb at once, and financial burden should not prohibit participation in the tradition, according to the resolution.

Matt Fowler, senator for the College of Engineering and an author of the resolution, said the class ring is an important tradition the SGA should support.

"This is a great way for Red Raiders to be identified all over the country,"

he said.

Fowler also spoke about Senate Resolution 40.37, concerning a recommendation to the university's operating policy and procedures regarding fines for offenses such as parking citations.

There is no official limitation placed on the amount of time that can elapse between citations for the same offense, according to the resolution. The resolution recommends an amendment to the policy so a citation for a single offense may only be issued once per calendar day.

Fowler said he does not think Traffic and Parking employees give more than one citation for a single offense. This resolution is a way to ensure abuse of the lapse in policy does not occur.

Some senators brought up concerns regarding the amendment, including that Buddy Knox, director of Traffic and Parking, had not been contacted about the resolution.

Brant said the resolution was only a recommendation and the final decision about changing the university's operating policy rests with the Board of Regents.

"This is a recommendation to the administration to bring this problem to their attention," he said.

Anne Hunninghake, SGA external vice president, discussed Tech-Lubbock Community Day on April 2. Student organizations participate in the event, which is a partnership with Keep Lubbock Beautiful.

"The community's going to be out there at the same time," she said. "It's a great way to interact."

Hunninghake also updated the senators about the future of off-campus buses. She said she has been working to communicate with local housing developers who will be affected when SGA no longer funds the off-campus routes in fall 2006.

"We've been trying really hard to work with them," she said. "As of right now, we haven't got a great response."

Hunninghake said there may not be off-campus buses in fall 2006.

Ryan Worley, external vice president-elect, said it is important students communicate with housing complexes that off-campus bus service is a service that should be continued.

Tammy Brown, senior analyst for marketing and promotions for Student Affairs, presented the idea of a possible name change to *The University Daily*. She said the newspaper's current name is not specific and does not identify it with Tech.

Brown said the Tech newspaper was called *The Toreador* from 1925 to 1967. She suggested the name *The Daily Toreador* and senators suggested using the original name of *The Toreador*. Many senators voted not to change the name of the newspaper.

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— MATT FOWLER  
Senator for the  
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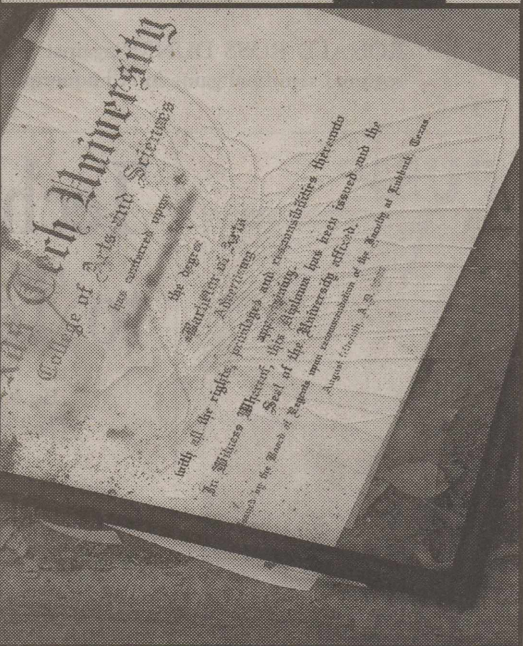
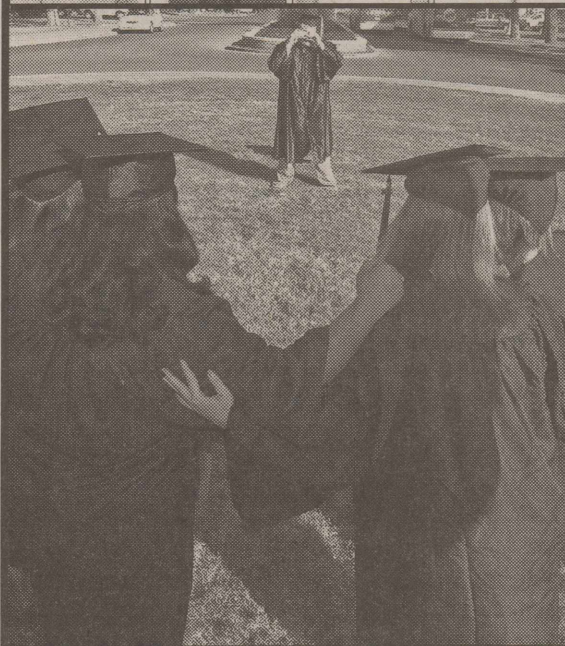
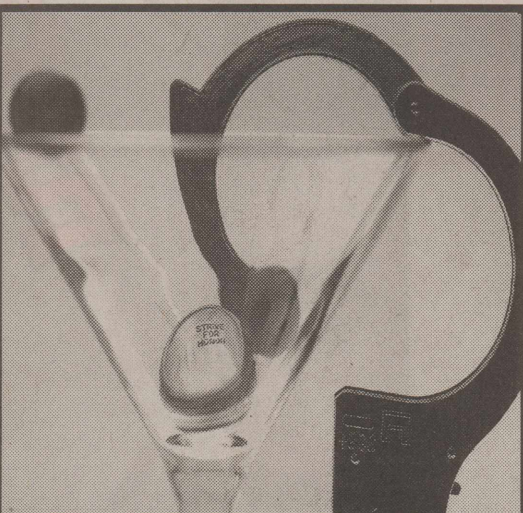
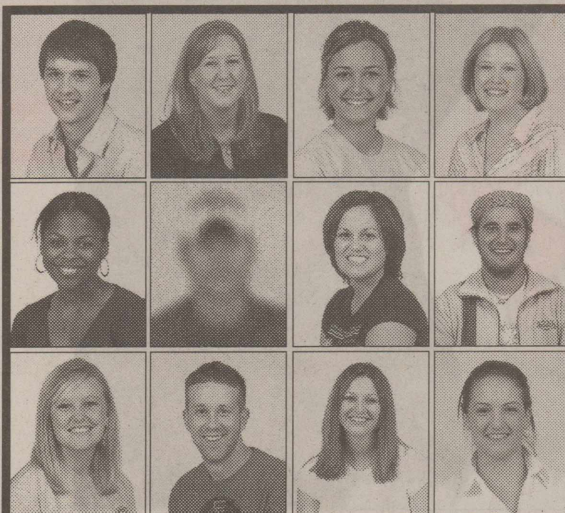
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# Filing with IRS does not have to be 'taxing' process

By Brandi Fleming/  
The University Daily

Tax season is here, and taxes must be finished by midnight April 15. However, many college students do not know how to properly file their taxes.

Jack Mayekawa, district manager of H & R Block, said the first step students should take is finding out whether their parents will claim them or if the student will claim themselves.

"There is a big difference in the process, depending on who claims the student," he said. "They need to find that information out first and then they will know what forms they need to fill out."

Every employer must send W-2 forms to their employees before taxes are due, Mayekawa said.

"A W-2 is a wage and tax statement that shows the withholdings from the employee's pay each year for things like Social Security, Medicare and retirement plans," he said. "Several copies are usually mailed to the employee and one should be kept for personal records and one is sent in with the federal tax return."

The majority of students will use a 10-40 EZ form, which is used for students who are not claiming for education credits and do not

own a business, Mayekawa said.

"Some students may need 10-40 or 10-40A forms because they own their own business and must do a schedule C for their employees," he said. "If a student is paying for their own education, they take education credits; but if the parents are paying then they get the credits."

Mayekawa said he is not aware of statistics concerning the number of college students who incorrectly file taxes, but one of the most common mistakes is not claiming education credits.

"A lot of students don't know if they are eligible for education credits, so they don't file for them," he said. "Another common mistake is to put the wrong Social Security number and it doesn't match up, so people should be very careful when filling out the forms to make sure they are accurate."

A good option for students in filing taxes is the Internal Revenue Service Web site, IRS.gov, Mayekawa said.

"The IRS Web site has a free alliance organization that lets people

look around and see their options when filing," he said. "It even gives a list of who to use and not use to file your taxes."

Mayekawa said the amount of a student's return is determined by what was withheld from their income, who claims the student and who pays for the student's education.

Angelee Bravo, a junior retail major from Idalou, said she has filed her taxes many times, but this year she had someone else do them for her.

"I had my taxes done by Sue Johnson," she said. "I have too many other things going on and I'm too busy to do them myself."

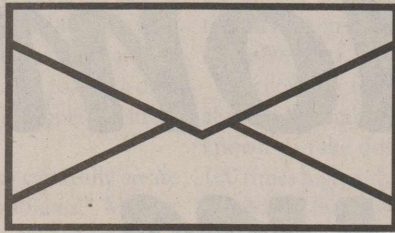
Bravo said if she had more time, she knows she could file them online the process is simple.

Jennifer Irving, a junior nursing major from Chicago, said she filed her taxes more than a month ago.

"I filed my taxes online around the middle of February," she said. "I have never filed my taxes before, but the online system walks you through it and it was very easy."

Irving said her parents claim her and received education credits because they are paying for her college.

Tax forms can be picked up at the Federal Building, located at 1205 Texas Ave. and at the Texas Tech University Library.



*"I filed my taxes online in the middle of February."*

— JENNIFER IRVING  
A Junior Nursing Major  
from Chicago

## Memo: mobster Gotti tried to buy one last juror

NEW YORK (AP) — Mob boss John Gotti, in his final criminal acts as a free man, desperately plotted to bribe jurors and intimidate witnesses at the 1992 Brooklyn trial that put him behind bars for the rest of his life, according to allegations in long-buried FBI documents.

The last-ditch efforts by the Dapper Don included the hiring of two or three private investigators "to aid in witness/juror identification" while the trial was under way, according to the documents, released to The Associated Press in response to a Freedom of Information Act request.

Jurors in the case were kept anonymous and sequestered in an undisclosed hotel because of tampering by Gotti in earlier trials.

Members and associates of the Gambino crime family have been actively seeking to identify both jurors and witnesses in an attempt to influence their decisions in regard to this case," said a Feb. 10, 1992, FBI memo designated as "routine."

In a sense, it was routine: This was not Gotti's first try at buying his freedom. A juror at his first federal racketeering trial in 1987 was convicted of taking \$60,000 to successfully convince fellow panelists of the mob boss' innocence.

Details of the purported scheme were revealed in the 274 pages of FBI documents. Though heavily edited, they offer new glimpses into the last-ditch efforts of the Gambinos to keep their

boss out of jail. According to the February memo, Gotti's cronies ran down license plate numbers as they hunted for jurors or witnesses who might be paid off or scared off.

Gotti's trial attorney, Albert Krieger, was dismissive of the latest jury tampering story. "I think it's ridiculous," he said in a telephone interview from Florida. "If I took every story I'd heard about John Gotti, and put it on a sheet of paper and then into a file drawer, I'd have 20 cabinets filled. To me, it's preposterous."

At his 1990 trial for allegedly ordering a hit on a union official, information on jurors was funneled to Gotti through a corrupt New York City detective. No jurors were charged in that case.

The tainted acquittals earned Gotti his other sobriquet, the "Teflon Don" — which became the "Velcro Don" when he finally was convicted of racketeering and murder in April 1992. He died 10 years later in a federal prison.

## Michigan fugitive captured in Texas

ROYAL OAK, Mich. (AP) — A man who evaded Michigan police since 1979 has been arrested in Austin.

Gary Gene Garlinghouse, 57, surrendered peacefully to U.S. marshals and Austin-area police Wednesday night. He was wanted in connection with the abduction, beating and rape of a 19-year-old woman in Royal Oak 26 years ago, police said.

Garlinghouse was in an Austin jail awaiting extradition to Michigan, Royal Oak police Sgt. Doug Warner said Thursday. It was unclear how quickly he could be sent to Michigan to face charges.

Garlinghouse has been on Michigan's most wanted fugitive list for years. Police recently received a tip on Garlinghouse's location and set up a stakeout.

## UNT increases tuition

DENTON (AP) — Students will pay an additional \$6 per credit hour this fall at the University of North Texas, along with more out-of-pocket for fees, meal plans and housing.

Regents voted 5-2 Wednesday to raise tuition for undergraduates, following similar moves by other

state colleges and universities. The state also has mandated a \$2 increase for tuition.

The board also hiked tuition for graduate students by \$4, student fees by \$4.60, on-campus housing rates by 6 percent and meal plan costs by 3 percent.

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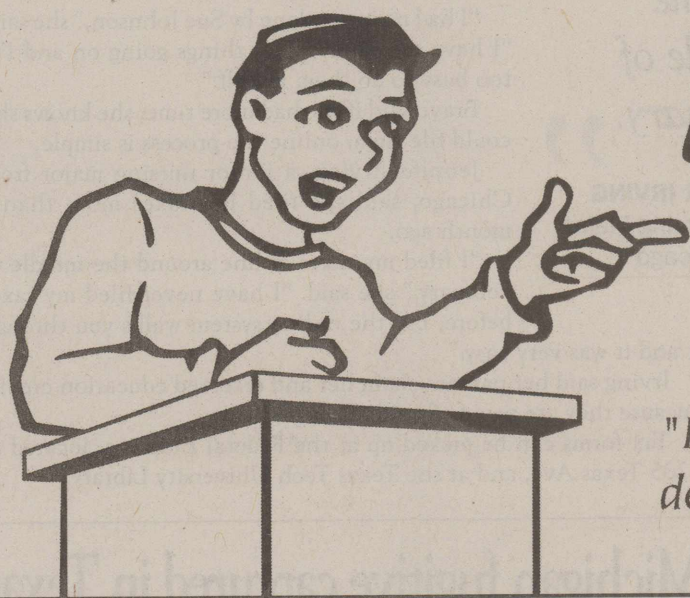
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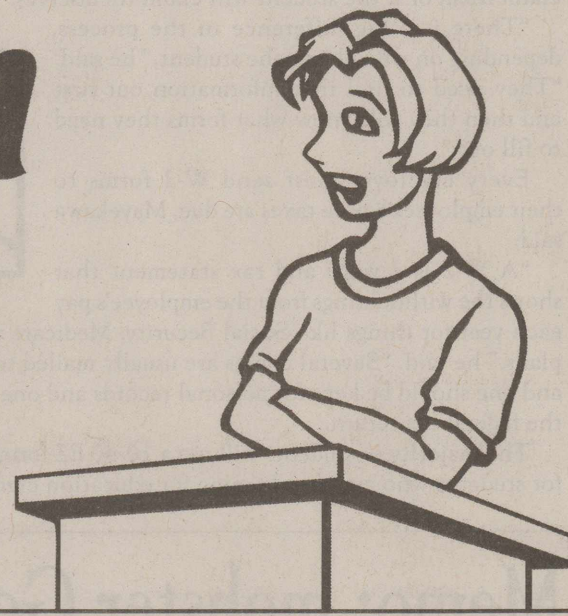
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## Freedom Forum

"I may disagree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."  
-Voltaire



### Emotional battle: right to live, right to die

#### Near-lifeless woman's last days exploited

Starting my day with the "Today Show," I was brought to an overwhelming amount of sadness and was distraught seeing Terri Schiavo's face on the TV screen. What has our country done?



**Robin Milstead**  
*I would never want to 'live' like Schiavo is right now. She's not dying, but she isn't living.*

Do I think Schiavo should live or die? The last I checked, I was not in the position, nor is anyone who holds office in the position to decide whether someone should live or die. Everyone deserves the right to live. With that comes the right to die. Terri was long gone before Jeb Bush entered the picture and before our outlandish Congress overstepped its boundaries, trying to make a private decision that belongs to the family, and ultimately to her husband.

The courts have intervened for the past seven or eight years to pull the feeding tube or to keep it inserted, but even those decisions were inappropriate. If the court should have decided anything, it should have mandated family counseling by the best counselors in Florida.

Instead, we have a media feeding frenzy eating up once again the manner in which our country is divided over an issue on which none of us should have an opinion. Didn't President Bush, in his inaugural address, speak of uniting our country and not dividing it even more than it is already? Must be another one of his lies.

Schiavo's case has become a political ploy for "right to lifers" and the Republican Party. Republican platforms talk of limited government and respecting the power of states' rights.

As we all can see, when it comes to political gain, they seem to turn on their own beliefs. Bush has stepped in and Congress has held special sessions on the life of one woman. Strike one.

What happened to limited government? Not only have they overstepped states rights, but entered into the private lives of families. What's next? Strike two.

In the most recent election, there was the overwhelmingly controversial issue of the sanctity of marriage.

If we are truly going to "save" the sanctity of marriage, should we not give Schiavo's husband the benefit of the doubt that he might know what his wife wants?

I'm sure if she were coherent, she would not agree to have the entire country argue about her state and be a media pawn. Strike three.

So they're out! We can only wish. Yet even the term "right to life" is such blah, blah rhetoric. "Right to lifers" want women to bear unwanted children that none of them would themselves adopt. They are quick to save Schiavo's life, but just as quick to give the death penalty out like Halloween candy all year long. Twisted.

The smartest thing of all is to make it an issue of Christianity. Right. That is a broken record almost as bad as Britney Spears' first album.

When will people understand not everyone is Christian and it can't be used in these types of debates? Even if it is a Christian issue, what happened to God's will minus technology?

I would never want to "live" like Schiavo is right now. She's not dying, but she isn't living. And either way it turns out, it's sad and a tragedy that a woman, once battling bulimia, now has been given the battle of her life, broadly speaking.

This might be a first, but good ole' Bill O'Reilly and I agree on this one. Schiavo isn't coming back and

we shouldn't allow the exploitation of her last days.

What we can learn from this is no matter what our age, a living will seems inevitable.

Unless it's in writing, you risk Tom Delay or Jeb Bush making your health decisions. In the meantime, Schiavo's family needs to unite to make decisions and the rest of us need to stop feeding the media frenzy.

Thursday afternoon, a federal court ruled they would not reinsert Schiavo's feeding tube, so I'll leave you with this.

From the great words of Max Ehrman, in his famous poem "Desiderata":

"Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence."

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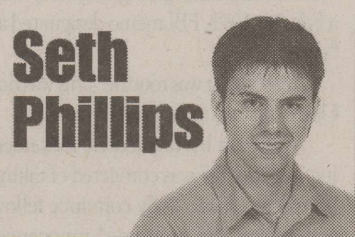
#### Nature of existence is main argument

This case is something I have followed off and on for the greater part of a year and a half. It is not a new issue. The only difference is, this case is unique in one way — namely Terri Schiavo's body is fully functioning and she is conscious.

Fox News has reported Schiavo suffered brain damage in 1990 when her heart briefly stopped from a chemical imbalance believed to have been brought on by an eating disorder. Her court-appointed doctors say she is in a persistent vegetative state with no hope of recovery.

In arguing this issue, many point to the fact that most of the doctors have pronounced Schiavo brain dead with no ability to recover.

However, according to Salem Radio Network News, the doctor Michael Schiavo, Terri's husband, hand-picked to look at Terri is a



**Seth Phillips**  
*Schiavo will not die because her organs stop functioning on their own. She will die of neglect.*

"right to die" activist and a featured speaker at the Hemlock Society.

CNN reported the request filed by Florida authorities in state court to intervene (though denied Thursday) argued new information suggests Schiavo's condition might have been misdiagnosed. The petition was filed by the Florida Department of Children and Families and said a neurologist who examined Schiavo's medical records found she was "most likely in a state of minimal consciousness," rather than the previously diagnosed persistent vegetative state.

Traditionally, persons pronounced "brain dead" are in a sort of comatose state and dependent on a respirator. This is because the brain approaches a 100 percent loss of functional capacity.

Schiavo is different. Her brain still tells her lungs to breathe, her eyes to blink and even to cry.

As reported by CNN, "There is no denying the absolute tragedy that has befallen Mrs. Schiavo," the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling said. "However, we are called upon to make a collective, objective decision concerning a question of law."

That's the real argument — what should the law be in this case?

In the bill passed by Congress, which put the case under federal jurisdiction, legislators stated, "It has taken our nation many years to make good on its commitment to equal justice for persons with

profound cognitive disabilities. Unless the state of Florida retains the power to protect the rights of its most vulnerable citizens ... the 14th Amendment's guarantees will apply only to those who are capable of defending them on their own."

The parallel here is simple. If a child is born brain dead but with properly functioning body systems, do the parents have the right to withhold nourishment from the child so that the baby may die?

Most people, I believe, would say no. Perhaps it is because a baby has not led a full life and Schiavo has, but that's a distinction without a difference.

What we are asking with this issue is: What is the nature of our existence? At what point are we "alive"?

Additionally, Schiavo's death will not be a quick process, taking only a few days, as some seem to think. Doctors have said Terri would die within one or two weeks after removal of the feeding tube, not mere days.

I think that, more than anything, this case helps us better understand our own views of life and human existence.

Fundamentally, the question is raised whether there is some true purpose for our lives. I believe there is, and allowing someone to die of dehydration because they can't feed themselves undermines whatever purpose may exist for Schiavo's life.

It is not that her biological systems will cause her to die. It is the removal of her food source. The fact that she has lived for the past 15 years with a feeding tube proves this point.

Again, the parallel is simple. We are not arguing about the removal of "life support" but of "nourishment." Schiavo will not die because her organs stop functioning on their own. She will die of neglect.

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#### TECH TALKS BACK

##### Letter to the Editor

### Logic in reverse: Misplaced desires of administration keep Tech from going forward

Examples of the poor practice of logic can be found in our daily life. As an amateur student of logic, I enjoy discovering these occurrences.

I laugh a little inside when I see food service employees put on latex gloves in the name of sanitary food preparation, wipe off a counter with a used, damp cloth, pick up a piece of trash from the floor and then proceed to make someone a sandwich — all while still wearing the gloves.

This backward thought keeps the hands of the workers nice and sanitary, but the purpose of wearing the gloves is lost.

Like most logical errors, backwards thought can lead to minor problems, such as the case above causing gastrointestinal infections, but also can lead to major problems.

As the controversy about state college and university tuition has heated, I have detected a sentiment in public opinion I believe is backward — of the dangerous variety.

The central concern of those attending and representing Texas Tech seems to have shifted from gathering funds to provide for education and research to developing research and education in order to attract more funding.

Many efforts by the university seem to have made this shift. We want top researchers at Tech to draw attention from a national market of research funds.

We want to keep tuition reasonably priced, not to ensure Texas residents can get a college education. But we want to ensure we don't, as one of our newly-appointed regents remarked in a Wednesday

UD article, "Price ourselves out of the market."

While I am sure the regent's intentions are honorable, his use of the word "market" reveals the underlying mentality. College-bound high school graduates are not a commodity for which to be competed to fund a university. Money itself has become the end to which the means of research and education are employed.

Universities are supposed to be institutions in the pursuit of truth for the pure purpose of knowledge, not for the purpose of economic gain. I understand a university needs financial resources to provide for education and research, and perhaps it's in this interest that acquisition of money has become such a huge concern.

But if this is the case, why is

it that any financial contribution to Tech is headline news, while the research that warranted that contribution is a mere blurb in the article, or not mentioned at all? If this is the case, why has there been a serious decline in funding for pure research in favor of applied (read: marketable) research?

I believe there is backward logic at work here and the priorities of this and many other universities needs serious realignment.

An institution that uses research and education as a means to acquire money is a backwards university. As an interesting coincidence, university spelled backwards is "yt is revinu." Let's not, in the pursuit of revenue, create a backward university.

— Zac Ballenger, senior biology major from Georgetown

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# Steroids a concern for workout buffs

By Lindsay Wharton/  
The University Daily

Bigger, stronger and faster are qualities revered in athletes. However, pressure to be the best causes some athletes to resort to steroid abuse.

"Now I wonder if (the athlete) is actually that strong and fast," said Ryan Jacobs, a senior chemistry major from San Antonio.

Jacobs said he does not believe athletes who use steroids should be compared to baseball icons like Babe Ruth. Using performance-enhancing drugs gives players an unfair advantage, adding it does not frustrate him that people use steroids. He said men with excess muscles look huge and gross.

Jacobs played football and ran track in high school and took creatine, an over-the-counter supplement commonly used to build lean mass. He said using the supplement was common for people because it can be found at many health food stores.

Jacobs said the only problem with creatine is someone taking the supplement must stay hydrated.

According to WebMD.com, there

has not been enough research on creatine to thoroughly know the effects, and it is not FDA approved.

The supplement can cause dehydration, nausea, electrolyte imbalances and heat-related illnesses, according to WebMD.com.

Ken Murray, senior associate director for sports medicine, was an athletic trainer for nine years. He said if an athlete tests positive for steroid use, they are suspended for one year. After a year's suspension, the athlete may be reinstated after passing a drug test. The same rules apply for street drugs, he said.

"(Steroid abuse) can really create serious health problems," Murray said.

It is impossible for athletic trainers, physicians or sports medicine specialists to know the side effects that may occur 10 to 15 years from the time a person takes a supplement or steroid.

According to WebMD, anabolic steroids are used to increase the muscle mass in a person's body. Anabolic steroids contain the male hormone testosterone and can be taken by mouth or injected.

Although anabolic steroids are

dangerous if used to become stronger or larger, doctors prescribe them for several uses, including delayed puberty and testicular issues, according to the Web site.

Anabolic steroids are also used to treat people suffering from AIDS who are losing muscle mass. The steroid can also be administered to treat certain kinds of anemia and for people who cannot produce testosterone on their own, according to the Web site.

According to Web MD.com, abusers of anabolic steroids are known to take doses as much as 100 times higher than the amount prescribed by physicians.

There are many possible negative consequences to abusing steroids. According to the Web site, anabolic steroids abuse may cause the production of excess proteins, which can cause liver tumors.

Other common side effects include mood swings, baldness, excessive oil production, acne, mania, delusions, violent aggression and heart attacks, according to the Web site.

# Schiavo

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no hope of recovery.

Schiavo's parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, challenged his credibility, saying he has no written proof of his wife's wishes and that he has a conflict of interest because he lives with a girlfriend with whom he has children.

Undaunted, the parents mustered support from President Bush and Congress, who pushed through legislation to move the case to federal court after Michael Schiavo won Florida state court permission to remove his wife's feeding tube, which was done March 18.

In their filing to the Supreme Court, they said numerous questions remain unresolved as to her true wishes, such as whether Michael Schiavo was abusive toward her and that she may have wanted a divorce before she became brain-damaged.

# Forum

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"I actually came for history extra credit," she said. "But it was really interesting. I have a friend from home who was killed in the war, so the movies were really cool."

Estrada said the event was informative and said she believes more students should be informed about both the war and the world.

"There is not enough information out there. (The soldiers) are fighting for the United States and I think the U.S. has a right to know."

One of the speakers, Jacob Patton, is concluding six years in active reserve and talked about the misinformation he was given when joining the service, but said he didn't regret his experiences because he was forced to quickly mature.

"I got a crash course in growing up real quick," he said. "I grew up in Plano with a silver spoon up my ass. I don't regret (joining the military) at all."

Patton fielded questions regarding what constitutes a volunteer army, ul-

terior motives behind the war, how the world has changed since Sept. 11, 2001, and gave accounts of his personal experiences while in the service.

Shawn Iltis, a senior history major from Possum Kingdom, said he came to the discussion to learn more about the war and hear alternative opinions.

"I am interested in getting multiple perspectives on the war in Iraq," he said. "I got another perspective."

Isaac Garnett, the second speaker at the discussion, was in active reserve when Sept. 11, 2001, occurred. He said though he is a Muslim and he knew when entering the war he would inadvertently be fighting other Muslims, he still felt he needed to go.

"You have to keep your word," he said. "I am proud to have served, very proud to have served."

Garnett said not all his experiences in the service make him as proud.

"It was a horrendous, heart-wrenching, life altering experience," he said. "People come home damaged, people come home broken and people don't come home."

He said what bothers him the most about the war is many Americans are not informed.

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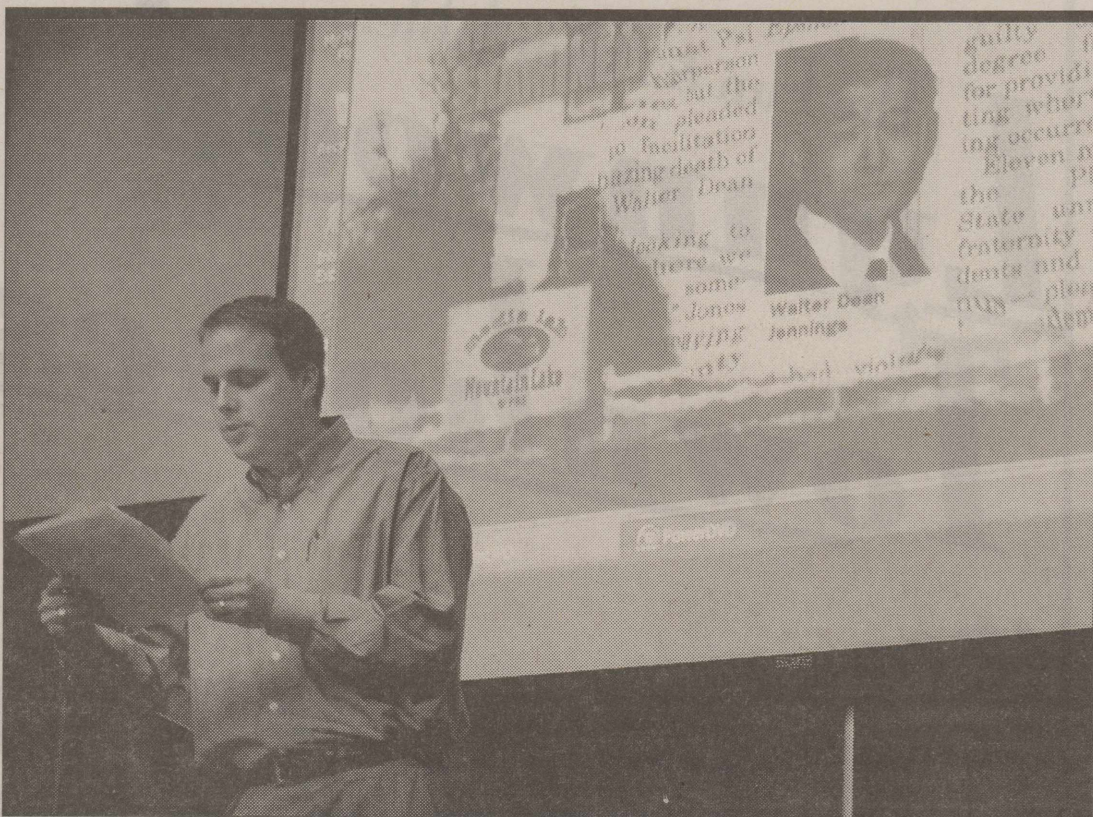
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:30	Callou	Talented pets, a health segment.	Ash-ton Kutcher.	Life Today	Spin City	Roseanne
8 AM	Bears	Jeopardy!	Price Is Right	Peekapoo	Home Delivery	Roseanne
:30	Barney	Jeopardy!	Price Is Right	Peekapoo	Home Delivery	Roseanne
9 AM	Dragon Tales	Jeopardy!	Price Is Right	Judge Mathis	Home Delivery	Becker
:30	Arthur	Jeopardy!	Price Is Right	Judge Mathis	Home Delivery	Becker
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4 PM	Clifford	Dr. Phil	Judge Judy	That '70s Show	Jane Pauley	Fox 34 News First @ Four
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5 PM	Maya Miguel	News	KLBK 13 News	Access Hollywood	News	Malcolm
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7 PM	Washington	Dateline NBC	Wheel Fortune	Family Feud	News	Friends
:30	Wall St. Week	Dateline NBC	Wheel Fortune	Family Feud	News	Friends
8 PM	Now	Medical Investigation (HD)	King of the Hill	Hope & Faith	Perfect (HD)	Fox 34 News @ Nine
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# Appointment

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mendous job."

When a Tech student succeeds, his achievement reflects positively on the university, Quinn said.

"It is always good to have alumni reach high positions (and for them) to succeed in their field," he said.

If a judge wants to be appointed to the Texas Supreme Court, they must first fill out a lengthy application, Quinn said. Then, the judge is appointed by the governor and must go before the state senate in order to be approved for the position.

"(The application process) involving other people that you're a good candidate, (so) it's a lot of work," Quinn said.

After the state senate approves the candidate, he begins the new position.

Johnson said he expressed interest in serving on the Texas Supreme Court before being appointed. Before he was appointed, the applicants for the position were reduced to a certain number and a selected few were chosen by the governor, he said.

"You let the governor know (about the applicant's interest), and it's the governor's decision, (so), it is a pretty closely held process," Johnson said.

Johnson will be one of eight justices on the Texas Supreme Court.

# Game

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"Right down to the 45 seconds down left to play, each team had a chance to win," he said.

The Raiders winded 14 seconds off the clock with the Mountaineers driving down the court before finally calling the intentional foul.

Kevin Pittsnogle, who scored 22 for West Virginia, knocked down both of his free throws to give the Mountaineers a 4-point edge.

Ross put up a 3-pointer from the left corner, falling just short.

D'or Fischer put the final point on the board for West Virginia from the line, finishing with its 24th win of the season and its second Elite Eight appearance in school history.

After the game, Ross put his jersey over his head in the place where he had led Hobbs, N.M., High in three state championship titles.

An unusual aspect of Ross' game was points that came from dunks. The 6-foot-2 guard has not gotten a hold of the rim much this season, but after Tech was trailing by four midway through the second, he had no other choice but to try and step up.

Ross stole the ball from Mountaineer guard Mike Gansey two consecutive times five minutes into the second half after being tied at halftime. On the breakaway, Ross

leaped into the air, performing the act not often seen from him.

Those two buckets tied the game once again at 40. Another senior, Curtis Marshall, stole the ball twice and gave Tech a chance to take the lead, 49-48.

The first half reflected in the second as the Raiders attempted to perform the acts of the last three games.

Against Oklahoma State in the Big 12 Conference Tournament, UCLA in the first round of the NCAA Tournament and Gonzaga in the second round, Tech was able to overcome a deficit to win or come close against its opponent.

In this matchup, however, the Raiders were tied with the Mountaineers at 32 during halftime. The reason it was tied, though, is Tech's 11-2 run capped off by a 3-pointer by Marshall with three minutes remaining.

Mountaineer shooters hit 7-of-16 3-pointers, five of which came consecutively to put West Virginia up by eight in the first.

The loss hurts, Knight said, but it does not mean the season did not have its accomplishments.

"If they can look at the total picture of the season, they should feel very proud of what they've accomplished," he said.

With fourth-seeded Louisville defeating first-seeded Washington, 93-79, in the first game of the Albuquerque Regional Semifinals, the Mountaineers will play the Cardinals at 3:40 p.m. Saturday to advance to the Final Four.

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## Softball team ready for ranked opponent

By Trey Shipman/  
 The University Daily

A lot can be said about the resurgence of the Texas Tech softball team as it prepares for the start of conference play this weekend.

The team has new leadership in first-year coach Teresa Wilson, and has to overcome the obstacle of having sub-par records the last few seasons.

The Red Raiders have looked past their critics en route to compiling an 18-9 record, but have another obstacle in front of them as they take on No.9 Baylor this weekend.

Sophomore pitcher Erin Crawford said the team must stick to what has made it successful thus far.

"We've got to keep getting better at the little things," she said. "Keep focusing on the little things and we can't forget the fundamentals."

Crawford has been a focal point of this year's squad, compiling a 10-4

record with a 2.47 earned run average through 76.2 innings of work.

At the plate, Tech is led by senior Natalie Enderlin, who is batting .325, with four home runs and 11 RBIs.

Against Baylor, Enderlin felt the same mindset the team has had all year needs to be maintained in order to accomplish the desired results.

"I think the main thing is to stay confident at the plate," she said. "We just have to relax and have fun, because that's really what the game's all about."

Baylor comes to Lubbock with a 29-3 record and is led offensively by Chelsea Lake, who is hitting .427 with nine home runs and 38 RBIs.

Another key member of the Bears is pitcher Kristin Vitek, who

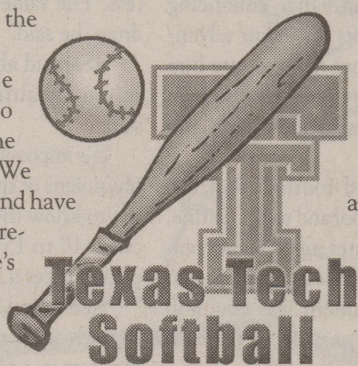
has compiled a 1.78 ERA, with 84 strikeouts in 78.2 innings.

Wilson said the pace of the Baylor game will be unlike any Tech has seen this season.

"We're going to have to work on quickening our game a little more," she said. "Baylor's game is built around speed; they're going to push the envelope and try to take every inch you give them and then some."

Wilson emphasized the season's theme of the team's need to execute.

"There's a reason they're a top 10 team in the country," she said. "We've got to execute quickly, we've got to be on top of our game and keep them from taking extra bases."



## Red Raider baseball team loses to Texas, 7-3

AUSTIN (AP) — Randy Boone lasted seven innings, striking out seven and allowing two runs to lead Texas to a 7-3 win against Texas Tech Thursday night.

Robby Hudson drove in two runs on two hits for Texas (22-4, 1-3 Big 12), which snapped a three-game

losing streak. Chance Wheelless hit a double and triple and also scored twice.

Boone (4-1) gave up seven hits and walked two before Buck Cody threw two innings of two-hit relief.

Cameron Blair was 2-for-3 with two runs to lead Texas Tech (17-7, 2-

2). Joseph Callender had two RBIs.

Billy Carnline (4-1) lasted just one and one-third innings, giving up four runs on five hits.



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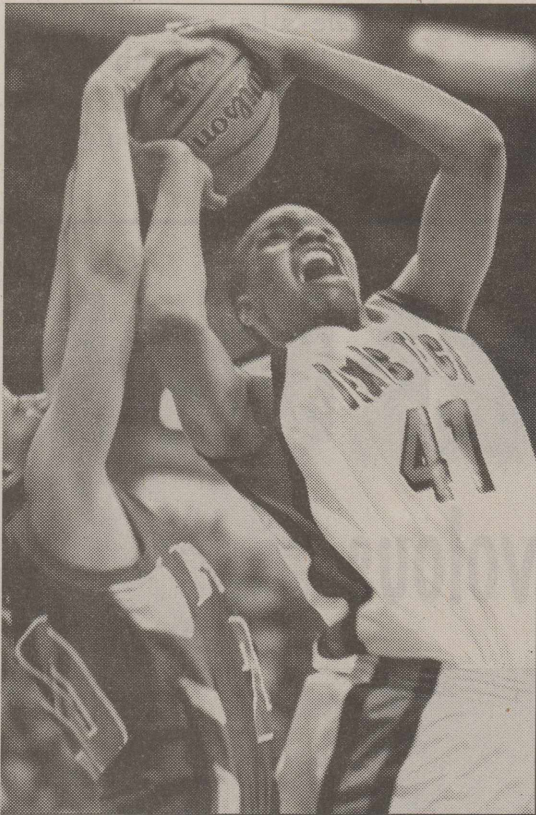
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TEXAS TECH FORWARD LaToya Davis goes up for a shot against UTA forward Ashley Bobb during the second half of the game against University of Texas at Arlington Saturday at Reunion Arena in Dallas.

# Lady Raiders facing off against Vols

By David Wiechmann/The University Daily

The first thing the Lady Raiders plan to do in Philadelphia is eat a cheese steak sandwich. Then, they want to beat No. 1 seed Tennessee and advance to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament.

That could be tough, considering Tennessee coach Pat Summitt just became the winningest coach in college basketball, surpassing Dean Smith with her 880<sup>th</sup> win in the second round Monday.

The Lady Vols also are among the top women's basketball programs in the nation, but the Lady Raiders are not intimidated.

"I don't think there's any question their tradition helps them win, especially this time of year. I think they use that and ride it a lot, and certainly they should," coach Marsha Sharp said. "I think sometimes they have the ability to beat people because when people see that orange uniform coming at them, they have a different mentality."

Sharp said her team is not scared of the Volunteers because her team has faced tough competition throughout the year. There is more of a sense of excitement about being in the Sweet 16 with an opportunity to beat the storied program.

The Lady Raiders missed last year's Sweet 16. This year, the team is thrilled to be back where it expects to be every year, but the players are not going to let this be the apex of their season.

"It did disappoint us a lot that we didn't make it to the Sweet 16 last year, and we're trying to take advantage of every opportunity we've got this year," said point guard Erin Grant. "We made it to the Sweet now, but we don't want to stop and be satisfied with that. We want to take it to the Final Four, and anything can happen there."

The do-to list for Tech is getting shorter as the end of the season approaches, and Grant said next on the list is beating Tennessee.

Doing so will mean the Lady Raiders will have to run consistent offense against the Lady Vols' pressure defense. Grant's ability to run the offense and get her teammates good looks at the basketball will be crucial to a Tech victory, Sharp said.

Another key to the game will be keeping Tennessee off the glass at its end of the floor. Sharp said Tennessee takes pride in its ability to get offensive rebounds and credits many of the team's wins to doing so this season.

The Philadelphia region is the only to have all four top seeds advance, and all four teams (Tennessee, Texas Tech, Rutgers and Ohio State) have been ranked in the

Top 10 at some point this season. All four were in the Top 10 in the Jan. 17 AP Poll, and three are there now. The average ranking of the Philadelphia region is 8.5. The Kansas City region is the only other region with all four teams in the Top 25.

The strength of the region can be seen on an ESPN.com poll. Philadelphia was voted the toughest region receiving 38 percent of 26,500-plus votes.

Getting through the region will be a tough test for all four teams, and Tech is hoping to be the one to pull what most would consider an upset and advance to the Final Four in Indianapolis.

A victory against the Lady Vols would send Summitt home unexpectedly early, bring extra attention to the Lady Raiders and serve as an opportunity to make the program stronger.

Grant said it would be step one of what they hope will be a journey with two more steps.

"It would mean a lot to beat a great program like Tennessee and a great basketball team in Tennessee," she said. "It would mean even more for us to get one step closer to where we want to be which is the Final Four."

Tech's regional semifinal game against Tennessee will be televised on ESPN at 11 a.m. Sunday. The No. 3 Rutgers/No. 2 Ohio State game will be on at 1:30 p.m.

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## Miss Congeniality 2' a Bullock bomb

### 'Armed and Fabulous' is annoying and frivolous

Sandra Bullock openly has denied recent reports that she turned down the lead role for the Oscar-winning "Million Dollar Baby." She says she tried to get it made, but couldn't.

Regardless, here are the facts: she made "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous" instead.

Talk about a blunder. "Miss Congeniality" was a big hit for Bullock in 2000 and gave her career a fresh start. She played Gracie Hart, a tomboy FBI agent who infiltrated the Miss United States beauty pageant to prevent a group from bombing it. Bullock was both tough and adorable in that film as she was forced to doll herself up and learn etiquette.

Forget about smart humor in "Miss Congeniality 2." The film is so drunk on cotton-candy cuteness and a contrived girl-power message that Gracie no longer is charming.

Armed and fabulous? Try annoying and frivolous.

In "Congeniality 2," Gracie has become so famous from the pageant that she no longer can do undercover work because too many fans

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recognize her.

Her boyfriend, Matt, breaks up with her over the phone, saying they are moving too fast. The real reason? Actor Benjamin Bratt would have nothing to do with this stinker-sequel, so they had to write him out.

Gracie's boss (Ernie Hudson), wants her to be "the new face of the

FBI." Really, just a Barbie doll public relations boost for the bureau.

Ten months later, Gracie is touring the talk show circuit with a new book, a new fashion assistant and a new partner.

Whereas a character played by Michael Caine taught Gracie to be modest and graceful in the first film, Gracie gets Joel (Diedrich Bader), a Queer Eye for the FBI Guy who also is a breathing stereotype.

Her new partner is Sam Fuller (Regina King, recently seen in "Ray"), a growling agent with anger management issues and a daddy complex.

Like any buddy comedy, Gracie and Sam butt heads, but is there any doubt they will be best o' friends by the end of the movie?

While Gracie is on tour, two of her old friends are kidnapped — prissy pants Miss United States (Heather Burns) and the pageant spokesman (William Shatner). They are being ransomed by two brothers who specialize in crime — but what they really want to do is direct.

So Gracie and her entourage work to track down the kidnappers. More scenes with the victims would have been nice, especially Shatner, who is enjoying a huge come-back with his excellent work on TV's "Boston Legal."

But this is Bullock's movie and



SANDRA BULLOCK AND Regina King play undercover FBI agents in the sequel to "Miss Congeniality." The film "Miss Congeniality: Armed and Fabulous" is playing in Lubbock this weekend.

bless her, she works hard to make the jokes fly. When she's not being a klutz, Gracie chases down and tackles Dolly Parton, goes undercover as a granny in a nursing home and performs onstage in a drag queen show.

Each gag is better than the next.

Blame Bullock's screenwriter-of-preference Marc Lawrence, who has written four of her films — and a script that produces few laughs

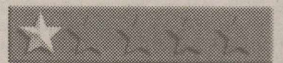
and even fewer surprises.

Bullock, while a fine actress, is developing a bad track record for sequels ("Speed 2" was a disaster, too) and even worse, a fairly rotten resume. She can't keep making sequels to the successes she's had. Should we be expecting "While You Were Sleeping 2: Drowsy and Weary" or "Hope Sinks?"

"Miss Congeniality 2" is an embarrassment for all involved.

One more debacle like this might land Bullock in Jennifer Lopez territory.

**EPPLER'S RATING:**



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