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## House approves deadly force bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans would have a stronger legal right to defend themselves with deadly force against intruders under legislation the state House overwhelmingly approved Tuesday and sent to Gov. Rick Perry.

The bill, pushed by Republican lawmakers and backed by the National Rifle Association, states that a person has no duty to retreat from an intruder in his or her home, workplace or vehicle before using deadly force.

In some cases, existing law imposes an obligation to retreat.

NATION

## Boy Scout found in N.C. after 4 days

McGRADY, N.C. (AP) — A 12-year-old Boy Scout whose favorite book was about a youngster lost in the wilderness now has his own harrowing survival tale to tell after rescuers found him Tuesday, dehydrated and disoriented from four days in the wooded mountains of North Carolina. A rescue dog picked up Michael Auberry's scent less than a mile from the campsite where he had wandered away from his troop Saturday.

WORLD

## Russia reportedly exits Iran nuke site

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Russia is pulling out its experts from the Iranian nuclear reactor site they were helping build, U.S. and European officials said Tuesday. The move reflected a growing rift between Iran and Russia that could lead to harsher U.N. sanctions on the Islamic republic for its refusal to stop uranium enrichment. The representatives — a European diplomat and a U.S. official — said a large number of Russian technicians, engineers and other specialists have returned to Moscow in the past week, at about the same time senior Russian and Iranian officials tried unsuccessfully to resolve financial differences over the Bushehr nuclear reactor.

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## Bush condemns clash over aide questioning

By LAURIE KELLMAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — A defiant President Bush warned Democrats Tuesday to accept his offer to have top aides speak about the firings of federal prosecutors only privately and not under oath, or risk a constitutional showdown from which he would not back down.

Democrats' response was swift

and firm: They said they would start authorizing subpoenas as soon as Wednesday for the White House aides.

"Testimony should be on the record and under oath. That's the formula for true accountability," said Patrick Leahy, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Bush, in a late-afternoon statement at the White House, said he would fight any subpoena effort in court.

"We will not go along with a partisan fishing expedition aimed at honorable public servants," he said.

"It will be regrettable if they choose to head down the partisan road of issuing subpoenas and demanding show trials when I have agreed to make key White House officials and documents available."

He added that federal prosecutors work for him and it is natural to consider replacing them. While saying he disapproved of how the decisions

were explained to Congress, he insisted "there is no indication that anybody did anything improper."

Bush gave his embattled attorney general, Alberto Gonzales, a boost during an early morning call and ended the day with a public statement repeating it. "He's got support with me," Bush said.

The Senate, meanwhile, voted to strip Gonzales of his authority to fill U.S. attorney vacancies without Senate confirmation. Democrats contend

the Justice Department and White House purged eight federal prosecutors, some of whom were leading political corruption investigations, after a change in the Patriot Act gave Gonzales the new authority.

Several Democrats, including presidential hopefuls Hillary Rodham Clinton, Barack Obama, Joe Biden and John Edwards, have called for Gonzales' ouster or resignation.

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## Student speaks out against war

By MAGGIE KIELY  
STAFF WRITER

As Tuesday marked the fifth anniversary of the start of the war in Iraq, one Texas Tech student took her opinions to the street Tuesday afternoon outside the Student Union Building.

Julianne Mara, a sophomore journalism major from Levelland, said she had been planning her speech for the last few weeks. She said the purpose of her speech was to make students aware of the current situation in Iraq and organize students to find a solution for peace.

"Every day, an estimated 50 people are dying over there," Mara said. "I think it doesn't really matter about this specific war, if it were any war in general I would feel the same way."

Mara said she believes people are more sophisticated and evolved to resort to war as an answer. She said she hopes her speech prompted people to research and inform themselves and then come together to discuss issues and solutions.

"It doesn't matter if we agree; it matters if we have talked about it," Mara said. "If you can't communicate with people with different view points, you can't come up with solutions."

She said she does not believe the war is the solution to the problem.

"The continuation of killing, I don't think, is going to solve anything," Mara said. "What we should be concentrating on as evolved human beings is solving these problems."

Sam Al-Hashmi, a graduate student from Abu-Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, said he felt Mara's speech lacked alternatives to the war.

"It is a nice notion, a beautiful notion, but not realistic for the time being," Al-Hashmi said. "She's looking at it from a very humane perspective. It would help her point if she had an alternative solution."

Mara said she believes the solution will come only after people have organized themselves, and ideas have been traded.

"You've got to have enough people saying the same thing to make a difference," she said. "Alone I can't do it; alone I can't figure out the entire solution for peace, but I do know it starts with us coming together."

Al-Hashmi said he did not necessarily understand the logic behind going into Iraq, but he believes pulling out now would be a mistake.

"Once the mistake has happened, how to correct it is more

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LAUREN BOLDON, A senior sculpture and photo art major from Houston, works on an art bike for her kinetics class in the metal art boneyard Tuesday afternoon.

Caity Colvard/The Daily Toreador

## Tech associate vice provost joins Lyceum Association

By NAOMI KASKELA  
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Juan Sanchez Munoz, special assistant to the Texas Tech president and associate vice provost, joined business CEOs, political leaders and other individuals from across the State of Texas as a 2007 director of the Texas Lyceum Association.

Munoz is one of 96 individuals from across the state selected to be directors of the non-profit, non-partisan organization.

According to www.texaslyceum.org, the Texas Lyceum is "an organization about people, leadership, diversity and contribution."

The directors meet four times a year, with one meeting being a public conference, to discuss various issues found around the Lone Star State.

Munoz said he already has attended an educa-

tion summit in Austin and a meeting in Midland in which race relations, equity and access were discussed.

The next meeting, according to the Web site, is scheduled for May 3 to May 6 in Washington, D.C., with trade and globalization as the slated topics of discussion.

Julie McClure, a member of the executive committee at the Texas Lyceum Association, said directors are encouraged and expected to take what they learn at the meetings back to their communities to implement the ideas.

While Munoz travels around the state, he will represent more than just the Texas Lyceum

Association.

"One of my goals is to be out there and help bring Texas Tech to the attention of people and possibly future students," he said.

Telling people about the opportunities at Tech is one thing he said he hopes to accomplish.

Individuals who are selected to serve as directors of the Texas Lyceum must first be nominated, then they must apply for the position.

McClure said leadership is an important factor looked for in applicants.

"We look for people who have been active in the community and their professional activities," she said. "We're also looking for members who want to broaden their horizons."

According to www.texaslyceum.org, "...each applicant must be able to demonstrate

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# Police blotter: Woman drives car into ex-boyfriends home

By PAUL ROBERTS  
STAFF WRITER

March 11

The Lubbock Police Department recovered a stolen vehicle after a brief foot chase in the 2700 block of East Second Place. According to reports, police observed the suspect in a gray 2004 Ford Mustang driving on the wrong side of the road and not signalling from a stopped location. When police attempted to stop the suspect, the driver evaded arrest and fled the location on foot. Police discovered the vehicle was stolen and returned the vehicle to its owners. When police searched the vehicle, they located a green leafy substance. The suspect escaped the scene and has not been located.

March 12

Lubbock police were called to the 7-Eleven convenience store in the 2600 block of Avenue Q in reference to a burglary in progress at the store. According to reports, a suspect displayed and threw a stapler at the store clerk and left without paying for a grape-flavored Phillie Blunt cigarillo worth 96 cents.

Lubbock police received a report of burglary and aggravated assault in the 3400 block of East 16th Street. Police said a suspect entered a residence and hit a 26-year-old female victim several times in the head and left. According to reports, the victim claimed her head hurt but refused transportation to the hospital.

Lubbock police received a report of a domestic disturbance and aggravated assault in progress in the 2400 block of East 28th Street. According to reports, an ex-girlfriend of the victim drove to the victim's home and attempted to run the victim over in the front yard with the suspect's vehicle. The suspect missed the victim and ran the vehicle into the front portion of the house after the victim escaped into the residence. Once police arrived, the suspect had already fled and was not located. Police said no injuries were caused by the domestic disturbance.

Lubbock police arrested a suspect for driving while intoxicated after a traffic accident in the 4300 block of 19th Street. Police said the suspect was determined to be intoxicated after an on-scene investigation and was transported

to the Lubbock Police Department Holding Facility without incident.

Lubbock police arrested a suspect for attempting theft and two misdemeanor warrants after she was caught attempting to steal from the Target in the 7300 block of University Avenue. According to reports, the suspect took two shirts she got from the store to customer service and wanted a refund. Once she received a refund for one of the shirts, police said she attempted to exit the store with both unpaid shirts and the refunded money.

Lubbock police arrested two suspects for possession of marijuana and two misdemeanor warrants following a traffic stop in the 5000 block of Avenue J. According to reports, the suspects were pulled over for not having a front license plate. Police located alcoholic beverages in the vehicle; however, the suspect could not provide identification showing he was more than 21 years of age. One suspect also lied about his name to police, according to reports. After the driver and passenger were arrested, police located marijuana in the vehicle using a K-9 unit.

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## WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

### Colombia seeks extradition of 8 Chiquita employees

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Colombia's chief prosecutor said Tuesday he will demand the extradition of eight people employed by Chiquita allegedly involved with the company's payments to right-wing paramilitaries and leftist rebels to protect its banana-growing operation.

The prosecutor also said his office had opened a formal in-

vestigation into allegations that Alabama-based coal producer Drummond Co. Inc. collaborated with paramilitaries to kill union members. A civil lawsuit in the U.S. makes similar allegations, which the company has denied.

Chiquita Brands International pleaded guilty Monday in U.S. federal court to one count of doing business with a terrorist organization.

The plea is part of a deal with prosecutors that calls for a \$25 million fine and does not identify the several senior executives who approved the illegal protection payments.

The agreement ended a lengthy Justice Department investigation into the company's financial dealings with right-wing paramilitaries and leftist rebels the U.S. government deems terrorist groups.

### First few step onto tribe's glass-bottom deck

HUALAPAI INDIAN RESERVATION, Ariz. (AP) — Indian leaders and a former astronaut stepped gingerly beyond the Grand Canyon's rim Tuesday, staring through the glass floor and into the 4,000-foot chasm below during the opening ceremony for a new observation deck.

A few members of the Hualapai Indian Tribe, which allowed the Grand Canyon Skywalk to be built, hopped up and down on the horse-shoe-shaped structure. At its edge — 70 feet beyond the rim — the group peeked over the glass wall.

"I can hear the glass cracking!" Hualapai Chairman Charlie Vaughn said playfully.

Former astronaut Buzz Aldrin declared it a "magnificent first walk."

The Hualapai, whose reservation is about 90 miles west of Grand Canyon National Park, allowed Las Vegas developer David Jin to build the \$30 million Skywalk in hopes of creating a unique attraction on their side of the canyon.

### Millions of flu shots to be dumped before new supply

UNDATED (AP) — Millions of doses of flu vaccine will expire at midnight June 30, unsold during this year's mild flu season and written off as trash. Still perfectly good, and possibly useful for a few more years, the vaccine will wind up being destroyed. This

annual ritual is supposed to ensure that Americans get the most up-to-date vaccine, but the leftovers — more than 10 million of a record 110 million doses produced — will be destroyed before a new supply is guaranteed.

An Associated Press examination

of this long-standing practice raises questions about its consequences. For years, policymakers have talked about letting doctors keep unused vaccine until new doses are in hand, donating leftover supplies to poor countries, or pushing back the expiration date.

## Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco, weakened by hurricane aftermath, says she won't run again

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Gov. Kathleen Blanco, whose popularity plummeted after two hurricanes devastated Louisiana during her term, announced Tuesday that she will not seek re-election.

The decision will let her get what she called important initiatives through an upcoming legislative session without having to worry about political considerations, she said in a television appearance Tuesday evening.

"I am doing this so we can work without interference from election year politics," Blanco said.

She had already broken the news

in phone calls to legislative leaders, a meeting with her Cabinet secretaries and in a letter to her staff.

Blanco, a Democrat from the state's Cajun country, had already drawn a half-dozen challengers for this fall's election — including popular Republican U.S. Rep. Bobby Jindal. She defeated him in 2003 with 52 percent of the vote to become Louisiana's first female governor.

Former U.S. Sen. John Breaux, a popular Democrat, has said he will decide soon whether to enter the race.

Blanco was seen as so politically

weakened by hurricanes Katrina and Rita that Democratic powerbrokers questioned behind the scenes whether she was re-electable or whether she should step aside to give another Democratic candidate a better chance at the post.

Blanco, 64, had been widely criticized not only for her response immediately after the storms, but also for a bureaucracy-bogged recovery effort.

That effort included the "Road Home" program, designed to funnel billions in federal dollars to pay hurricane-struck homeowners for repairs or buyouts. More than 115,000 people whose homes were damaged in 2005

by the hurricanes have applied for the aid. As of this week, about 3,000 have received grants.

After Hurricane Katrina flooded 80 percent of New Orleans, Blanco was criticized for not requiring an evacuation of the city earlier and not sending in buses sooner to take stranded residents from the city's shelters. Criticism also fell on President Bush and Mayor Ray Nagin for a government response seen as inadequate at all levels.

Time magazine labeled Blanco one of the nation's worst governors, saying she should have had a plan to evacuate the poor and the elderly. Rita

hit southwestern Louisiana almost a month later, causing more devastation and adding to Blanco's problems.

Blanco's hope for a political recovery had been largely pinned to the Road Home effort. But months dragged by with few receiving aid.

Blanco, a former high school business education teacher, started in politics as a consultant on redistricting issues. She was elected as a state representative in 1984 and later moved on to the state's utility regulatory body, the Louisiana Public Service Commission, and served as lieutenant governor.

The governor's decision makes her a lame duck six weeks before lawmakers return to the state Capitol for their regular legislative session. Only days ago, she proposed a record \$29.2 billion state budget for next year.

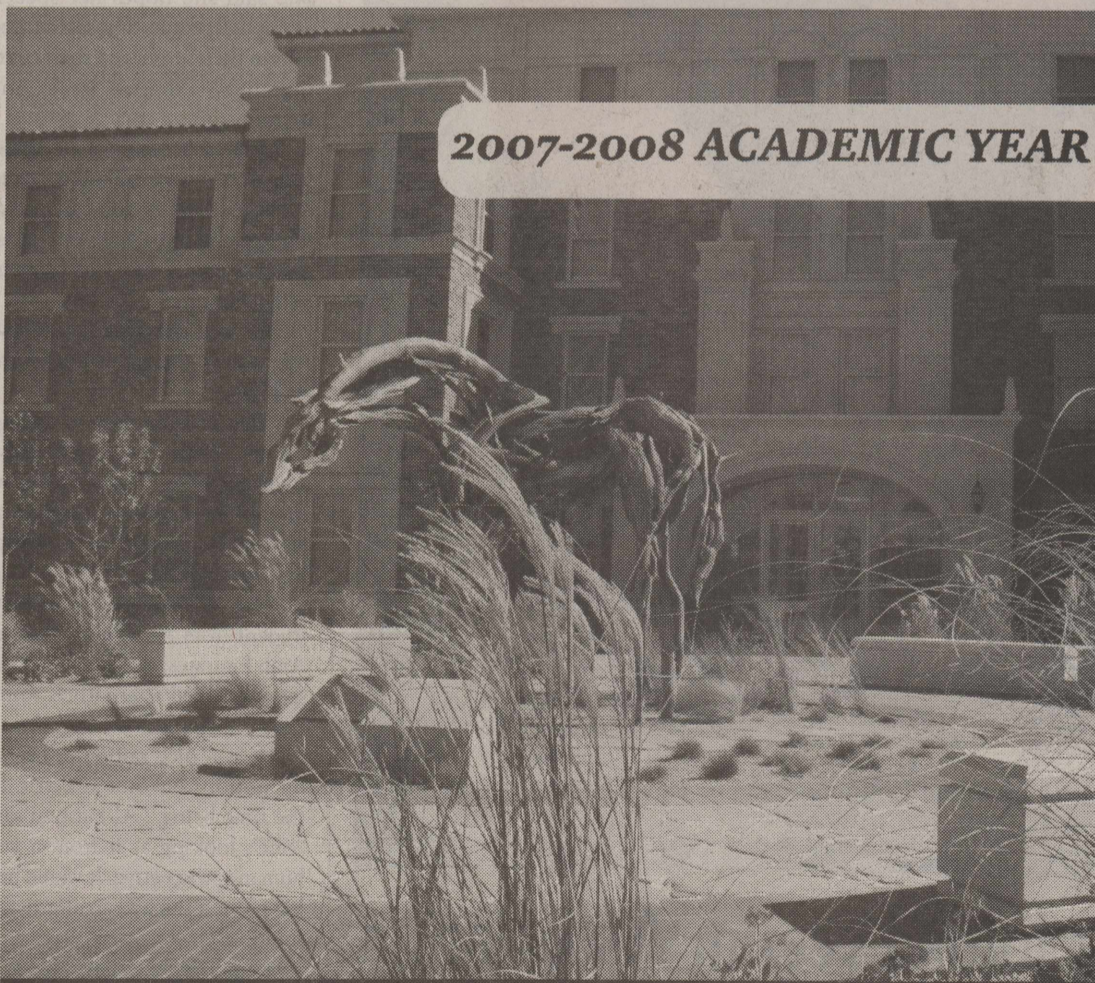
Blanco, who has blamed national Republicans for shortchanging the state on aid and of playing politics in the storms' aftermath, took a swipe in her brief Tuesday night speech at opponents who "attempted to exploit those tragedies for partisan gain." But she focused mostly on the April 30 legislative session and her hopes for the remaining nine months of her term.



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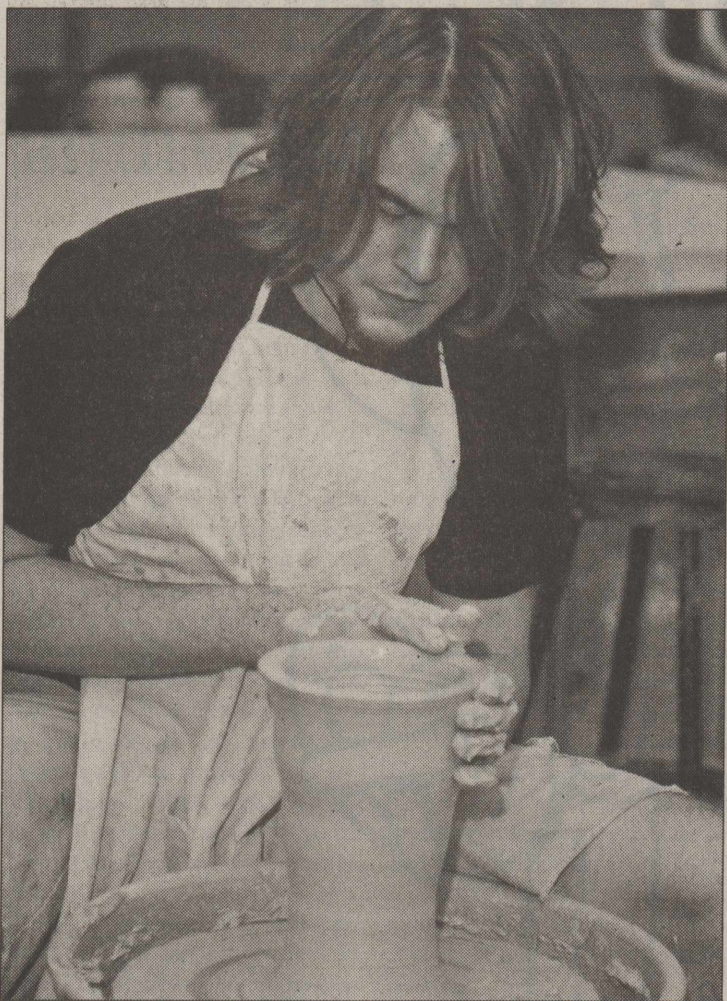
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**"GLORIFIED ASHTRAY"**



KELLY MATHERLY/The Daily Toreador

WORTH RAWSON, A junior ceramics major from Corsicana, makes an ashtray for his class project, "glorified ashtray" in the Art building Monday evening.

**Questioning**

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So have a handful of Republican lawmakers.

"What happened in this case sends a signal really through intimidation by purge: 'Don't quarrel with us any longer,'" said Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., a former U.S. attorney who spent much of Monday evening paging through 3,000 documents released by the Justice Department.

Bush said his White House counsel, Fred Fielding, told lawmakers they could interview presidential counselor Karl Rove, former White House Counsel Harriet Miers and their deputies — but only on the president's terms: in private, "without the need for an oath" and without a transcript.

The president cast the offer as virtually unprecedented and a reasonable way for Congress to get all the information it needs about the matter.

"If the Democrats truly do want to move forward and find the right information, they ought to accept what I proposed," Bush said. "If scoring political points is the desire, then the rejection of this reasonable proposal will really be evident for the American

people to see."

The House Judiciary Committee was expected to authorize subpoenas for Rove, Miers and their deputies on Wednesday; the Senate Judiciary Committee was to follow suit a day later.

Bush said he worried that allowing testimony under oath would set a precedent on the separation of powers that would harm the presidency as an institution.

"My choice is to make sure that I safeguard the ability for presidents to get good decisions," he said. "If the staff of a president operated in constant fear of being hauled before various committees to discuss internal deliberations, the president would not receive candid advice and the American people would be ill-served."

Sen. Chuck Schumer, who is leading the Senate probe into the firings, spoke dismissively of the deal offered by the White House:

"It's sort of giving us the opportunity to talk to them, but not giving us the opportunity to get to the bottom of what really happened here."

Even without oaths, Bush aides would be legally required to tell the truth to Congress. But without a transcript of their comments, "it would be almost meaningless to say that they would be under some kind of legal sanction," Schumer complained.

**Munoz**

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consistent recognition in his or her own community for both professional achievement and civic contribution and consistently exemplify the leadership qualities articulated in our Lyceum mission."

The leadership skills listed in the Texas Lyceum mission statement include identifying and developing future Texas leaders and bringing a better understanding of issues pertinent to Texas to state leaders.

Because of his background, Munoz said education will be something he will focus on while he is a director.

His background is one of the factors that led to his selection, McClure said.

Many of the directors, both past and present, are involved in the political or business arenas, so having someone with a background like Munoz has its beneficial, she said.

Other factors that led to

Munoz's selection included his location in Lubbock and the various leadership roles he has undertaken, McClure said.

"We try to have geographic diversity," she said.

With alumni of the Texas Lyceum including Ross Ramsey, editor of *Texas Weekly*, Stefanie Sanford, senior policy officer of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and numerous political and community leaders in other fields, Munoz said he was impressed.

"When you look at the alumni directory, it's quite remarkable who has come through the Lyceum," he said. "You don't get invited, I don't think, to be a member of the Lyceum without significant civic leadership."

McClure said she believes Munoz is a definite asset to the Board of Directors and is looking forward to working with him.

"We are really pleased that the provost was interested in our organization," she said. "We look forward to working with him the next three years."

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**U.S. official meets with Palestinian minister**

JERUSALEM (AP) — The United States made its first contact with the new Hamas-Fatah coalition Tuesday, ending a yearlong diplomatic boycott of the Palestinian government.

The meeting between a U.S. diplomat and the Palestinian finance minister signaled a break in policy between Israel and its closest ally, and could mark a significant step toward ending a painful aid cutoff to the Palestinian government.

Jacob Wallis, the U.S. consul in Jerusalem, made a six-mile drive to the West Bank city of Ramallah, where he met with Salam Fayyad, an internationally respected economist and political

independent.

"This meeting was part of my contacts with the international community," Fayyad told The Associated Press.

Fayyad, a former World Bank official, is leading Palestinian efforts to end international sanctions imposed a year ago when the Islamic militants of Hamas won an election and set up a government. The U.S., European Union and Israel label Hamas a terror group and ban contact with it.

Hamas still holds the most seats in the new unity Palestinian Cabinet, including the post of prime minister. But the addition of prominent figures like Fayyad to the team has brought into ques-

tion the concept of boycotting the whole Cabinet, as Israel is doing.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the meeting is in accordance with U.S. policy. "We weren't going to cut off contacts with those individuals with whom we had previously had contact," he said. "I know the Israeli government has a different view in this regard."

Israel itself often sent officials to talk with Fayyad when he served as finance minister in a previous Fatah-led Cabinet. Israel and the West also have maintained contact with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, a Fatah moderate elected separately from the Hamas-dominated parliament.

Israel has been adamant about imposing a total ban on the new unity government. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert even ruled out peace talks with Abbas, saying contacts would be limited to humanitarian issues.

Israel also urged the U.S. and Europe to keep up the diplomatic and aid ban, but both indicated plans for some contacts.

U.S. officials said they would meet individually with non-Hamas officials, and Tuesday's meeting between Wallis and Fayyad seemed part of that process. In a statement, the State Department said only that the talks were "part of an ongoing dialogue on a variety of issues."

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## Learning from failed privatization

By **GARTH HEUTEL**  
DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — After months on life support, the ill-fated contract between the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and the outsourcing firm Accenture has finally been put out of its misery.

The contract, signed in 2005 and designed to provide \$640 million in savings to the state, was awash in complaints of mismanagement.

Accenture's task was to modernize services for low-income Texans who use the Children's Health Insurance Program, food stamps and Medicaid. A year after the contract went into effect, Accenture managed to end up with 200,000 fewer children enrolled in CHIP. State Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, blamed the loss on incompetence and mismanagement. Shapleigh claimed that, due to the privatization of Accenture, "HHSC is the functional equivalent of FEMA."

The most acute illustration of Accenture's shoddy work occurred last June, when at least 144 Texans' applications accidentally ended up in a warehouse in Seattle. In November, then-Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn released a report critical of the contract, at the request of a group of 60 Texas legislators who called for its termination.

Last December, these complaints led HHSC to scale back the contract to less than half of its original \$899 million price tag and to move its completion date up two years. The half-hearted trial separation wasn't enough, and the divorce was finally granted last week. By Nov. 1, state employees will be back to processing applications.

Thus the privatization effort, which was ordered by state legislators in HB 2922 and signed in June 2003, was officially a failure. The lesson that many will take from this escapade is that privatization is bad. State Rep. Dan Gattis, R-Georgetown, warned: "My fear is that because of Accenture's failure and just incompetent execution, that it puts all privatization issues back five, 10, 20 years."

Give Dan Gattis a gold star. One thing he failed to mention, though, is that Accenture's failure was due in large part to privatization's supporters, who in their ideologically driven attempt to outsource as much government work as possible neglected to worry about quality control.

The lesson should have been learned already. Texans have had ample opportunity to see how political zealotry can muddle the execution of a good idea.

Take the case of Texas's experiment with charter schools. These schools, operating with public funds but outside of public school districts, promised to improve education by giving more freedom to school leaders.

The idea has met with some great success, including the KIPP chain of charter schools, which started in Houston and now has 52 schools nationwide (including one in Austin). However, the enthusiasm with which the Texas Education Agency initially embraced charters eventually hurt them.

During the "third generation" of charter approval, from 1998-99, all completed applications for charter schools were approved. If you showed up, you got state funds to run a charter school. That year, 109

charters were awarded, compared to 41 the previous year and 20 the year before that.

Because of those lax standards, the "third generation" class of Texas charters has been performing miserably. They consistently score lower on standardized tests, and their rate of charter removal is 41 percent, more than five times the rate of charter removal for all other generations of charters.

These unsuccessful charter schools make it even more difficult for successful charters to open, since they cast such a bad image on the institution. If the TEA had done a better job vetting these applicants 10 years ago, there would have been fewer failures and less opposition to charters. Instead, the single-mindedness with which policymakers believed that these schools would solve all problems trumped any reasonable evaluation of the applicants' merits.

The dreadful Texas Academy of Excellence (though not a third-generation charter) is the poster child for those who think charters are a bad idea. Last week, its former superintendent, Dolores Hillyer, was indicted for misusing \$550,000 in state money.

The Accenture contract is emblematic of the same paradox: The Legislature's love affair with privatization of government services ended up giving even more ammunition to those opposed to such privatization.

It only took two years and 200,000 children losing health care for Texas to acknowledge its mistake and remedy it. Though the lesson about privatization wasn't learned after subjecting children to mismanaged schools, perhaps it will be learned after subjecting kids to mismanaged health care.



OH, MAN, THIS PRETZEL'S SO BIG. THE BRUTAL DICTATOR NAMED HUNGER MUST FALL, I DON' CARE HOW MANY YEARS OF INDIGESTION. WARE'S MAH MUSTARD?! ROVE!

*D. Gibson*  
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## How to dismiss global warming in 30 seconds

By **DANIEL GIBSON-REINEMER**  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGIAN (COLORADO STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Global warming skeptics can thank Al Gore.

It's tough to wade through the science of climate change, ask critical questions, and look for compelling evidence.

It's a lot easier to attack the idea of changes in the global climate due to human impacts by attacking Mr. Gore.

In science, evidence comes from observation, experimentation, and quantitative analysis of results. But why bother with such trouble when you can just sling mud?

An effective way to get around actually providing evidence is to find a person some Americans already view unfavorably and link their persona with the issue you oppose.

Here's how to sidestep any investigation into a complex issue occupying some of the brightest minds in the world, do minimal fact-finding, and come out sounding informed enough to make it on cable news:

1) Cite one inconsistency or somewhat misleading portion of the film "An Inconvenient Truth" 2) Find a quote from one expert who at least partially disagrees with something Mr. Gore said in the film. 3) Bring up Mr. Gore's electric bill. 4) Throw

in an ad hominem about Mr. Gore's weight, beard, or any personal aspect you wish to mock (call it the "Coulter closer" — rebutting an argument by insulting the person).

Of course, the problem with anyone who makes this argument is it doesn't get to the heart of the issue; in short, they're missing the hurricane for the hot air.

Most likely, history will prove that Mr. Gore is not completely correct in all of his assertions or predictions regarding the global climate. This is not a reflection of his ability or bias, but rather a testament to the uncertainty inherent in a subject like climate change.

Indeed, as the New York Times reported last week, several scientists disagree with some segments in "An Inconvenient Truth." Importantly, though, the scientists do not find fault with the major themes of the documentary.

On the frontiers of cutting-edge science, you will always find a certain amount of disagreement as the facts emerge.

But while the details and a few implications are still debated, the scientific consensus is not.

In February, the Board of Directors of the American Association for the Advancement of Science released a statement regarding climate change, which began with an unambiguous

declaration: "The scientific evidence is clear: Global climate change caused by human activities is occurring now, and it is a growing threat to society."

So while the debate about the amount of increase in sea levels over the next hundred years or the exact role of increasingly warm sea currents on hurricane severity remains academic, the clarity of the fundamental message should not be confused with that of the details.

Whether or not you like Mr. Gore or his approach to global warming is irrelevant to the scientific consensus that has emerged on the subject. Likewise, some of Mr. Gore's assertions in "An Inconvenient Truth" may be subject to debate without

altering the essential facts regarding climate change.

Many of the most important issues, like global warming or the war in Iraq, require a search for truth, which demands skill, patience, and thoughtful deliberation. Often, the reality of a complex situation is such that nobody has a completely true answer.

In such cases, we must acknowledge the uncertainty involved without losing sight of the big picture. If the real search for truth becomes inconvenient, we all suffer.

Daniel Gibson-Reinemer is a fishery and wildlife biology masters student. His column appears every Tuesday in the Collegian. Replies and feedback can be sent to letters@collegian.com.



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## Mounting student debt draws great interest

STAFF EDITORIAL  
THE PITT NEWS (U. PITTSBURGH)

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH — Nothing kills a buzz quite like debt. And for many graduating college students, the sobering effects of impending financial ruin are enough to steer them away from jobs they care about in favor of those that bring in bigger bucks. USA Today reports that undergraduates borrow an average of \$19,300 to earn their bachelor's degrees.

While debt is a growing problem facing college graduates in the United States, not everyone is turning a blind eye. Davidson College announced yesterday that it was replacing loans with grants and work study in its need-based financial aid packages, as part of a larger initiative to reduce debt in its graduate population. Davidson

isn't the only school to do this either.

Though most schools offering students alternatives to loans are small, private schools and elite universities like Princeton, Columbia, Harvard and Yale, even public universities like the University of North Carolina have taken student debt into consideration. UNC no longer forces its "neediest students" to acquire loans, according to the Associated Press. Many of these schools tap their endowments or launch capital-raising campaigns, similar to Pitt's "Discover a World of Possibilities" campaign, geared to offset the costs of additional grants and work-study positions.

Often the decisions students make regarding their careers right after graduation have a

significant impact on shaping the rest of their lives. Davidson President Robert Vagt expressed concern for students who were pressured into making tough decisions about employment because of debt.

"[Debt] forces them into a career decision," Vagt said in the article. "They took higher-paying jobs rather than jobs they had their hearts set on."

And often these are the jobs that are the most beneficial to our communities. Few debt-ridden graduates are eager to accept low-paying jobs as teachers, social workers or positions at non-profit organizations. With more and more students accruing debt during their college years, there are increasingly fewer people for the jobs we need the most in our communities.

It's frightening to think about

starting out life after college under the oppressive weight of mounting debt. It's also making post-graduate education less and less appealing for many graduates. More colleges and universities should take a cue from Davidson and UNC and work to reduce the amount of loans their students are forced to take out. It's possible to raise the money — we can look to the success of our own campaign here at Pitt to see that.

We hope that in the coming years, universities across the United States, including Pitt, make a noticeable contribution to curb debt among its students. Not only would it free up more money for alumni to pump back into their alma maters, but it would also help graduates look more optimistically toward their futures and more favorably at their time spent in college.

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# Count Basie to help celebrate anniversary band festival

By M. CHASE YORK  
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The Count Basie Orchestra is coming to Lubbock March 30 and March 31 to help the Texas Tech School of Music celebrate the 40th annual Jazz Band Festival.

The Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia music fraternity sponsors the festival in which jazz bands from junior colleges, high schools and junior highs may perform or compete in front of an audience and a panel of judges.

Rebecca Webb, special activities coordinator for the School of Music, said the fraternity started the festival to get the local schools involved and support the jazz program. She said the purpose of the festival is not just to raise money for scholarships but also to support jazz musicians across the state.

Webb said organizers will have as many as 20 bands in the festival. She said so far 12 Texas groups have entered, including some from the Lubbock, Houston, Dallas and San Angelo areas.

"We have people that come from far away," Webb said, "especially this year because of the Count Basie Orchestra."

William "Count" Basie founded the orchestra in 1936; today it comprises nine performers, 17 sidemen, one vocalist and one band leader, according to the orchestra's Web site <http://www.countbasie.com>. The orchestra has won 17 Grammy awards, making it one of the leading big bands in the music industry.

Brad Leali, a former member of the orchestra and the director of jazz studies in the School of Music, said bringing the Count Basie Orchestra to Tech was something he wanted to do since fall 2005. He said he believes the 40th anniversary of the festival would make such a visit special.

"The Count Basie Orchestra is probably one of the greatest jazz orchestras ever," Leali said. "I just want everyone to be exposed to that."

Leali said in addition to the orchestra playing at the festival, members of the orchestra will teach some master classes. He said everyone is invited to attend all the activities.

"We are not only featuring the Count Basie Orchestra," he said, "but we are giving young kids, jazz band students, an opportunity to come and perform — to be heard."

Phil Sutherland, jazz director at Coronado High School in Lubbock, said he is looking forward to the festival.

"The thing about jazz is it's a true American art form," Sutherland said. "It's sadly neglected in a wide variety of places in lieu of the other activities that students are exposed to. Jazz kind of gets pushed aside, and students forget that it's the one thing that we should take absolutely full credit for as an American art form."

Sutherland said the main reason he attends the festival is to expose his students to the art form.

"Even if they don't appreciate it," he said, "they need to at least know where it came from, what it sounds like and how to play it."

Sutherland said participation in the festival helps students prepare for contests in other classifications because it gives the students more exposure to different rhythms and styles and more rehearsal time.

"It should make them stronger players, better music readers and better disciplined in rehearsal," he said.

This is the third year Sutherland will take a group of Coronado students to the festival, and he said he believes this is a pivotal year for the festival.

"The fact that (Leali) is bringing the Count Basie Orchestra is the chance of a lifetime for our kids," Sutherland said.

Leali said the jazz department has been working to make the Lubbock community aware of the presence of jazz.

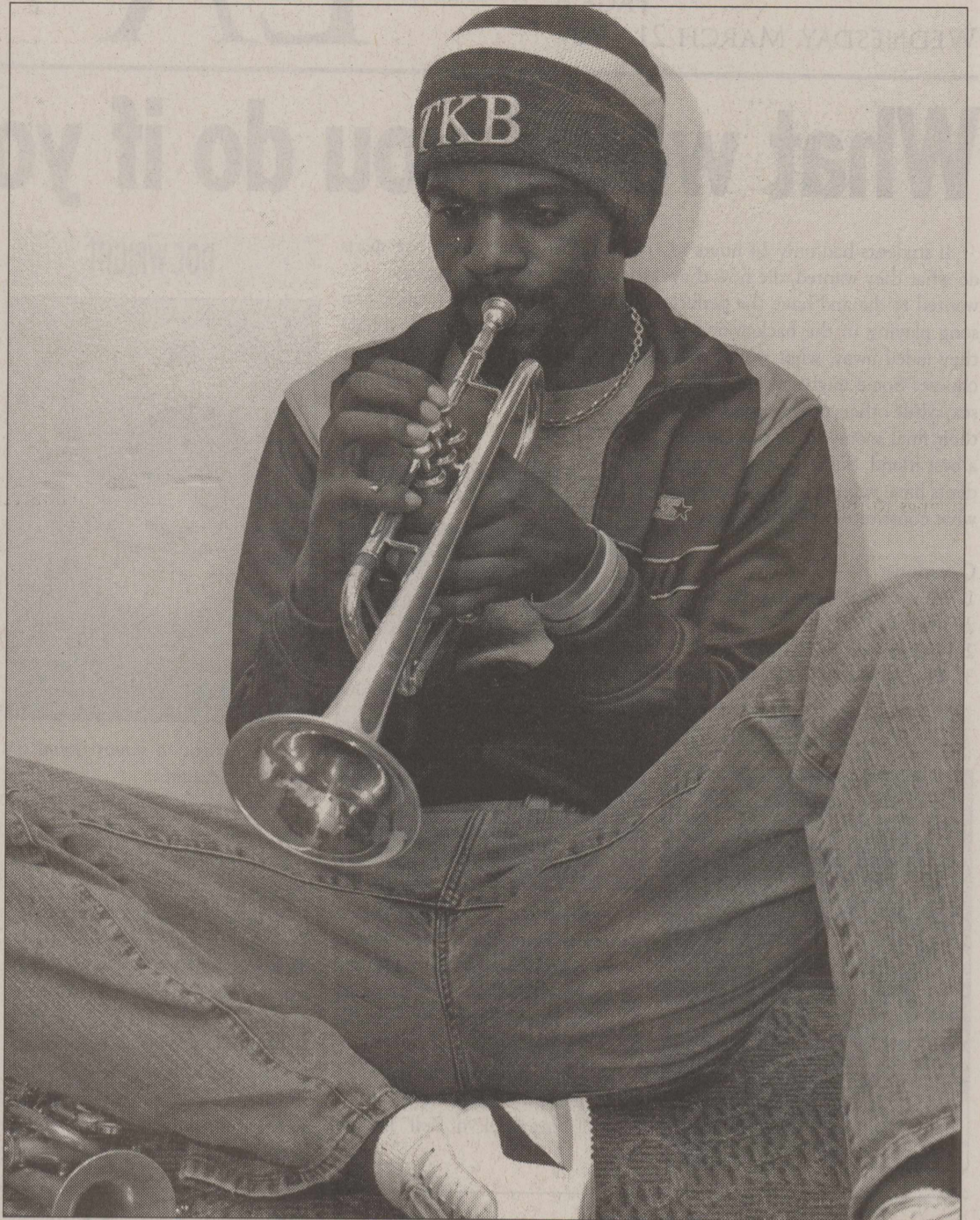
"What we are trying to accomplish," Leali said, "is spreading the word of jazz — spreading the artistic value of jazz."

Webb said in addition to the competing jazz bands and the Count Basie Orchestra, the Tech Jazz 1 band will perform at the festival. During the final concert, judges will name the outstanding ensembles and soloists in the competition. Webb said she expects an Allen Theatre sellout for the final concert.

"It's a huge event for us, and it's a huge event for Lubbock," she said.

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## TRUMPET TUNES



MARCUS LANG, A sophomore Music Performance major from Lubbock, practices for an upcoming performance Monday afternoon at the music building.

## Protest

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immediate retreat would be a loss."

Kewku Hazel, a senior biochemistry major from Ghana, said he thought Mara's ideas were too utopian to work.

"I think that it is a really nice idea, but I don't know how it is going to work," Hazel said. "That is the whole freaking problem — everyone has a different moral view."

He said he believes it would be hard for people to agree on the definition of peace — let alone the solution — because of differences in thinking.

"Cultural differences are too vast, at least right now, to be able to solve anything with moral judgements," Hazel said.

Mara said she would be going around town handing out flyers about the current situation in Iraq. She said she wished she could do more.

"The school has strict rules on the free-speech zone," Mara said. "You can't do anything but stand here and yell, to get in everyone's sensitive little face almost. That's all I can do, and darn it, I'm going to try and take advantage of it."

Most people just ignored her and walked away, Mara said, and about 15 students stopped to pick up flyers. She said some people would take the flyer and then crumple it up, but she said that did not bother her.

"It's fine, it's fine," Mara said. "If you want to inform yourself privately, that's great. Whatever you need to do to do what you think is right."

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JULIANNE MARA, A sophomore journalism major from Levelland, has a conversation with students about U.S. involvement in Iraq in front of the Student Union building Tuesday afternoon.

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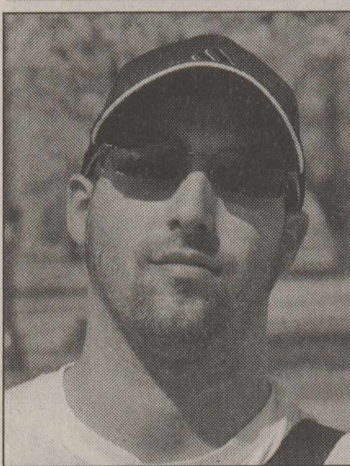
## What would you do if you had 24 hours to live?

If students had only 24 hours to do what they wanted, die how they wanted to die and have the perfect song playing in the background as they faded away, what would they choose? Some might go out having sex, while others might opt to spend their final moments in the arms of a best friend. Some Texas Tech students have varying points of view of what constitutes one last hurrah.

### Questions

1. What would you do if you had only 24 hours to live?
2. How are you going to die?
3. What song is playing as you die?

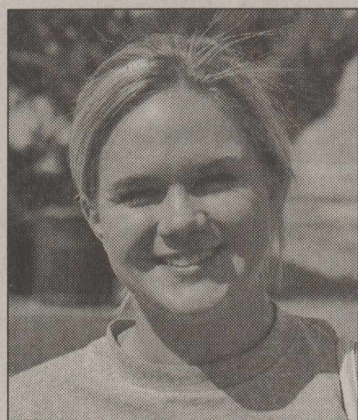
### B.J. PIET



B.J. Piet, a senior exercise sports science major from San Antonio

- "Steal the fastest car I can find, drive to Mexico and do a halo jump."
- "I don't pull the parachute string."
- "Hell's Bells" by AC/DC.

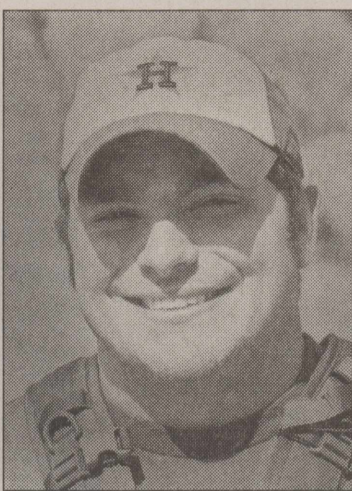
### ASHLEY KOONCE



Ashley Koonce, a sophomore exercise and sports science major from Dallas

- "I would do something wild and crazy. Other than that, probably party hard and maybe drink a little bit; I'd want to die happy."
- "Painlessly — maybe like one of those injections that make you die."
- "I Love Rock 'n' Roll" by Joan Jett.

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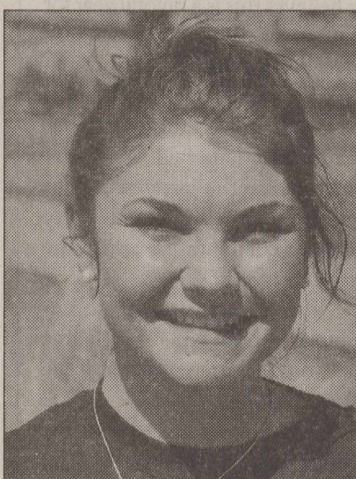
Doc Wright, a senior chemistry major from Austin

- "I'd start off making phone calls apologizing to everyone for everything I've said that's pissed them off."
- "Like that jackass from France. This guy from France, he had a three-way plan to die. He had a rope around his neck that was connected to his car and he was going to jump off a cliff. On his way down he was going to hang himself. He had a gun and he was going to shoot himself, and if that didn't work, he doused himself in gasoline and he was going

to light himself on fire. But, right as he jumped, the rope broke, he missed the shot in his head and he fell into the river so the flames were put out, so he died of hypothermia."

- "I want to say something classy right now but I don't think it's going to happen." "Monkey Business" by Skid Row.

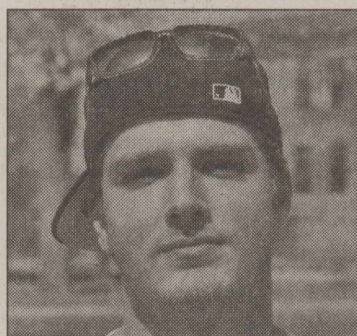
### KELLIE BURNS



Kellie Burns, a sophomore public relations major from El Paso

- "I would tell everyone I know that I love them."
- "Sky diving... Maybe sky diving in Italy."
- "Here's to the Night" by Eve 6.

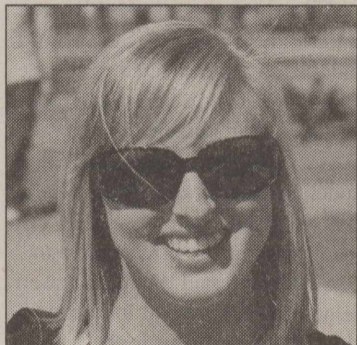
### GEOFF PARKER



Geoff Parker, a senior economics major from Dallas

- "I'd go sky diving and max out all my credit cards on random stuff."
- "Quick — in my sleep, dreaming about Penelope Cruz."
- "Run" by Pat Green.

### SAMANTHA NICKS



Samantha Nicks, a sophomore public relations major from Coppell

- "I'd go to Africa."
- "In my sleep, dreaming about being on a beach."
- "Ladies Love Country Boys" by Trace Adkins.

### MEGAN SCHNEIDER



Megan Schneider, a senior history education major from Fort Hood

- "I'd hang out with friends and family."
- "In my sleep, dreaming about traveling."
- "Taking my Hand" by Shawn McDonald.

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## iPod-enabled backpack makes walking to class fun

(U-WIRE) BATON ROUGE, La. — For the last week, I've been walking around campus, blaring my bad taste in music for all to hear. "How?" you ask. Why, through the magic that is G-Tech's Revolution Speakerpack, of course!

The Revolution is a iPod-enabled backpack, complete with a head- phone port, shoulder strap controls and, yes, a surprisingly loud, well- concealed speaker.

One must simply plug in their iPod

and zip up the backpack, and the rest is done via the flexible fabric controls found on the left shoulder strap.

With these controls, the iPod's volume can be changed, and the song can be paused, rewind, fast-forwarded or changed.

The controls even allow for the iPod to be turned on or off.

A Revolution user can listen to music through headphones or through the built-in speaker, the latter being more entertaining.

People aren't used to music following them around, proven by the confusion of another student who was unfortunate enough to have walked in front of me for over 10 minutes one day.

As awesome as the Revolution might sound, it takes time to get used to the backpack. For one thing, once an artist, album or playlist has been selected, it can't be changed without removing the backpack and taking out the iPod.

Also, the controls have a key-lock feature that causes them to lock up after seven seconds of inactivity to prevent any accidental operation.

This seems like a good idea, but it is quite a hassle to hold down the unlock button for four seconds every time you want to adjust the volume or change the track.

But one of the most tedious issues is the speaker. In order to turn the speaker on or off, the backpack must be removed, the speaker compartment opened and a switch flipped.

## Paparazzo allegedly hit by Keanu Reeves' car

RANCHO PALOS VERDES, Calif. (AP) — Keanu Reeves was behind the wheel of a Porsche that allegedly grazed a celebrity photographer standing in the path of the sports car, investigators said Tuesday.

The photographer fell to the ground and paramedics were called after Reeves' car allegedly struck the man at 7:30 p.m. Monday, said

Deputy Ed Hernandez of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The photographer, whose name wasn't released, was taken to a local hospital for treatment of unknown injuries, Hernandez said. Reeves, 42, wasn't hurt.

"He grazed a paparazzi standing in front of his Porsche and the man fell to the ground," Hernandez said. It wasn't known how fast the Porsche was traveling at the time.

Reeves, the star of the "Matrix" trilogy, "Speed" and "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure," was leaving a parking space in the Avenida Tranquila residential area near Los Verdes County Golf Course about 30 miles south of downtown Los Angeles, he said.

Reeves' lawyer, Jay Lavelly, said Tuesday that the incident "appears to have been brought on more by the actions of the paparazzo than by the actions of Mr. Reeves."

"The paparazzo, who had followed Mr. Reeves to Palos Verdes, was standing in front of Mr. Reeves' car blocking his way when Mr. Reeves got into his car to leave. Mr. Reeves assumed that he would move away when he started to slowly inch the car away from the curb," Lavelly said. "If Mr. Reeves' car did accidentally come in contact with the paparazzo, it certainly was not hard enough to injure him in any way or to knock him to the ground. It appeared as if the paparazzo was trying to cause this type of encounter."

The Sheriff's Department was investigating the incident. Lavelly said Reeves was cooperating fully with authorities and "will also consider his own legal rights concerning the matter."

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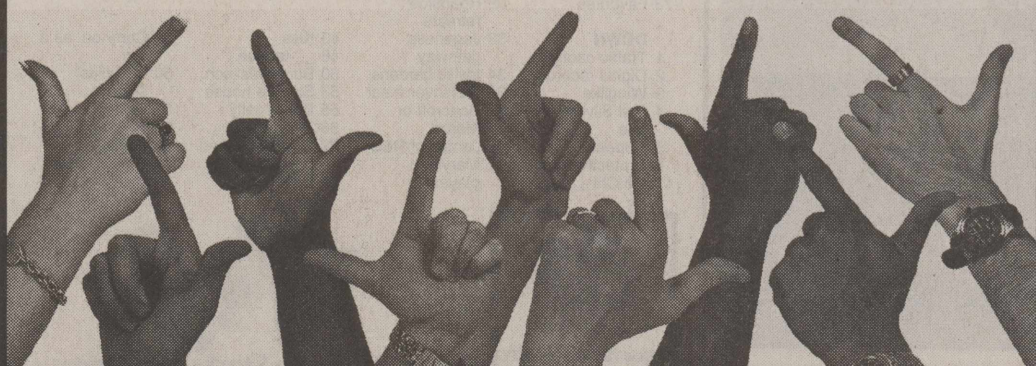
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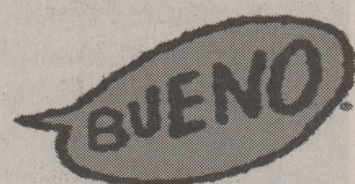
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# South by Southwest all over the compass

This article has been delayed for about three days. Tentatively, it was supposed to be ready for your fine eyes Monday, but we all know the best stories are written after a few days of procrastination. And rest — lots and lots of rest. I had to lie in a catatonic trance for the past few days to recoup from the events in Austin over spring break, the events of South by Southwest. This year, my third time to make the trek down to Austin for the festival, was the comedown year from 2006's 20th anniversary extravaganza. This year's highlight shows tended to live through the free day shows, which you all should be ashamed for not attending.

## David Ward



seasons — and loved every minute of it. I went to the group's show hoping I would become a newfound fan of Public Enemy and it would change my life forever.

The reason I bring this up is solely because the cost of attending SXSW can be very minimal if you do it right. I was the sucker who spent \$160 on a wristband, only to have it utilized, say, three times. I'm not saying the wristband doesn't come in handy for certain events, but I apparently didn't attend the right events.

Now on to the music, which is what I assume you are skimming through my forum for. While there were countless bands I could go on about how amazing they were or how much you just don't need to bother with, I will talk about two: Valient Thorr and Public Enemy.

Valient Thorr, whose members claim to be from Burlatia — in the three rivers inside the planet Venus — rocked so hard, the show was galactic. I'm fairly sure the missiles from Luke's X-wing fighter maintained the constant reverberations of the group's song "Exit Strategy."

My friends already had seen the band and told me I was in for a treat, but we were all just as surprised as Valient Thorr guitarist Odinn Thorr when Wayne Kramer (of Motor City 5) joined the band on stage to show the boys how we here on earth solo out. Who better to show this than one of the founding members of the MC5? No one better, that's who.

Now, before I go into this, I want you all to know, Public Enemy and I have no real past history beyond last weekend. I know "Fear of a Black Planet" is a classic album, and Chuck D is a hip-hop icon. I'm sure many of you watched band mate Flavor Flav's VHI show "Flavor of Love" — both

So, I say this knowing it will enrage all of you: Public Enemy was horrible. That's right, horrible. The first half of the show, I was pumped, and I was digging it — the set list included "911 is a Joke" and "Welcome to the Terrordome" — the show was great. But then it took a turn when the replacement for Professor Griff (who was kicked out of the band when he made some anti-Semitic comments) told the audience members to raise their cell phones in the air. We then were instructed to "text 55122" for a Public Enemy ring tone.

This came moments before we heard the band's stance against corporations and record labels. But cell phone companies are legit, right? Then we were told to congratulate Flav on his birthday and his ability to rake in the audience, an impressive 7.2 million viewers, for his second season of "Flavor of Love" while he haphazardly attempted to scream "Yeah Boyyyy" to an unimpressed crowd.

I'm sorry folks, but that's the way it goes. Now I could go on and talk about Flav staying at my hotel and hitting on my girlfriend (an honor), listening to the Stooges' sound check while eating at Stubbs, the metal glory of Mastadon and the other countless great experiences that I was subjected to, but this will do.

If you want to know what its like, don't worry, it's an annual festival. And it would be wise of you to experience it once in your life because confronting a beast of a festival like SXSW head-on may change you for the better. It adds some hair on your chest, men and women alike.

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# March madness: How much is too much?

March is the time of year when the nation's elite college basketball teams battle one another to be the best, yet players are not the only ones getting in on the action.



## Allison Lowe

Fans of the North Carolina Tar Heels and the Florida Gators, as well as others, are paying close attention to their brackets this week, hoping they have made the right decisions while waiting to see which teams make it to the Elite 8.

March Madness is everywhere, and viewers can choose to take part in the NCAA Tournament in a variety of ways, ranging from simply catching a few games to watching all the games and related coverage.

Die-hard basketball fans are watching the games on CBS, tuning in to "bracketology" programs, recaps of the games and unlimited expert analysis on channels such as ESPN. Fans can even find free on-demand coverage of the games on their computers through CBS Sportsline.com.

The NCAA tournament creates the option for fans to participate and experiment with the art of creating their own brackets. Fans ranging from children to adults can create brackets and monitor them on Web sites such as www.yahoo.com and ESPN.com. Even the Web site www.facebook.com offers an option this year for its users to create pools and compete with one another to see who can best forecast the tournament's results.

At this point of putting together brackets, I think it is up to the individual to determine how much is too much. There is no way to determine the amount of time the average person spent on his or her bracket this year, but many do not take this task lightly. For instance, my boyfriend probably spent about seven or eight hours constructing his bracket. I, on the other hand, spent about 30 minutes. I'll give readers one guess as to who is ahead at this point — me.

Many people, myself included, see the practice of intense team analysis and "bracketology" to be a waste of time. This is where my argument comes in: Most teams

in the tournament can play well or poorly on any given day.

Some teams are better than others and were seeded high enough for an easy win at the beginning of the tournament, but consider the Texas Longhorns. Those who spent hours attempting to create the "perfect" bracket probably chose the dependable Texas team and its best player, Kevin Durant, to make it to at least the Sweet 16. Well, it didn't. This example defends my theory that spending an insane amount of time trying to pick winners doesn't always produce results.

The fact my bracket looks better than my boyfriend's right now is basically luck. I had no strategy when putting together my bracket, except for sticking with the No. 1 seeds and picking some higher seeds because I always feel sorry for the "underdogs." When USC and North Carolina come together and play in hopes of making it to the Elite 8, no one truly can predict who will win. People can study statistics, read a variety of articles and watch as many sports programs as they want, but no one can guess the outcome. So, why the waste of time even trying to predict the winning team?

The point of this column, if not clear, is many people spend a large portion of the month trying to pick the winning teams and watching teams to whom they have no connection. I guess this is my point of contention. It is unclear to me people's motivations for doing this and spending so much time when they could be doing something more constructive such as visiting with family, building relationships with friends and so on.

I am amazed at how we have gone from supporting our home teams to feeling we have to follow all 65 teams to the very end.

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## MARCH MADNESS 2007 BY THE NUMBERS

**65:** Number of teams that will participate in the NCAA tournament.

**79.1 million:** Number of Americans who have Internet access at work.

**29 percent:** Percentage of Americans who say they are college basketball fans.

**13.5 minutes:** Average time spent on popular college hoops Internet sites during tournament.

**\$3.78:** Average amount earned every 13.5 minutes by American workers.

**\$86.6 million:** The cost to employers nationwide in lost, unproductive wages for each 13.5 minutes of time wasted on the Internet.

**\$1.2 billion:** Total amount March Madness could cost employers over 13 business days of tournament, including the extra time spent watching live streaming video at NCAAsports.com.

**1.3 million:** The number of basketball fans who signed up for NCAAsports.com March Madness on Demand in 2006.

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# Court orders paternity test for Smith's daughter, lawyer says

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — A Bahamian judge ordered a DNA test Tuesday on Anna Nicole Smith's infant daughter to identify the girl's father, an attorney for the baby's grandmother said, in what could signal an end to a bitter custody feud sparked by the death of the former reality TV star last month.

Larry Birkhead, an ex-boyfriend of the Playboy playmate who asked the judge to order the test on 6-month-old Dannielynn, pumped his fists in the air and jumped up and down as he emerged from the private court hearing.

"It's been a good day in court for me," he told reporters. Asked if he thought he would be the girl soon, he only smiled and winked.

Deborah Rose, an attorney for Smith's mother Virgie Arthur, confirmed that the judge ordered the test but she and others who attended the hearing declined to describe the proceedings.

Authorities left the building after the hearing and could not immediately be reached for comment.

Smith's most recent companion Howard K. Stern, who is listed as the father on the girl's birth certificate, left the courthouse in a black sport utility vehicle as Birkhead greeted a crowd of cheering tourists.

Smith, 39, died Feb. 8 after collapsing in a Florida hotel. Authorities have not disclosed the cause.

Stern has been caring for the girl in the gated, waterfront home where he lived with Smith in the months before she died. The Bahamian courts have ordered Stern not to leave the country with the girl before a custody ruling.

Arthur wants to take Dannielynn from Stern, arguing she could provide a more stable home. She did not speak as she exited the courthouse and left in a white limousine.

Birkhead, a Los Angeles photographer, filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles in October seeking a court order to demand Smith bring the baby to California for a test. A judge ruled in his favor in December, but efforts by his legal team to secure a DNA sample have not been successful.

The girl, Dannielynn Hope Marshall Stern, could inherit millions from the estate of Smith's late husband, Texas oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall II. Smith had been fighting his family over his estimated \$500 million fortune since his death in 1995.

Frederic von Anhalt, the husband of Zsa Zsa Gabor, also says he may be Dannielynn's father. Last month, he too filed legal documents seeking a DNA test to determine if he is the father.

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:30	Clifford	Bobbie Thomas; Michael Schultson. (HD)		Life Today	Lopez		Paid Program
8 AM	Dragon Talks		Animal Atlas	Eye for an Eye	Lopez		Paid Program
:30	Its Big World		700 Club	Judge Mathis	Greg Behrendt	Montel Psychic Sylvia Browne	Martha
9 AM	Sesame Street						
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10 AM	Callou	Regis and Kelly Adam Sandler.	Price Is Right	Divorce Court	Divorce Court	The View (HD)	Tyra Banks
:30	Barney						
11 AM	Teletubbies	Jeopardy! (HD)	Young and the Restless (HD)	Judge Alex	Paid Program	Lubbock Bible	Dr. Keith Ablow
:30	Mister Rogers						
12 PM	Quilt in a Day	News	News	Jerry Springer	Cosby Show	All My Children	Extra
:30	Best Painting	Days of Our Lives	As the World Turns	Mauri	Roseanne	One Life to Live	People's Court
1 PM	Beads	Passions	Guiding Light	Paid Program	I Like	General Hospital	Court
:30	Puppy	Inside Edition	Brown	Jerry Springer	Reba	Paid Program	Ellen DeGeneres
2 PM	Reading	Opreh Winfrey	Brown		Reba	Insider	Fox 34 News First@ Four
:30	Cyberchase						
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:30	Arthur	News	Judge Judy		Bernie Mac		
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:30	Bus. Report	NBC News	CBS News	Family Feud	Still Standing	ABC News	Simpsons
5 PM	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	News (HD)	Millionaire	Extra	King Qu.	Entertainment	Raymond
:30	National Geographic	Friday Night Lights (HD)	Survivor: Fiji	Saints & Sinners (HD)	Americas Next Top Model	George Lopez	Bones (HD)
6 PM	Through Dead Eyes (HD)	Crossing Jordan (HD)	Criminal Minds (HD)	Saints & Sinners (HD)	Pussycat Dolls	Emergency	American Idol (T) Death (HD)
:30		Medium "Profites in Terror"	CSI: NY (HD)	Jim	Will & Grace	Lost (HD)	Fox 34 News@Nine
7 PM	Bus. Report	News	News	70s	Will & Grace		
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8 PM	News	(35) Late Night	(35) Craig Ferguson	Malcolm	The Nanny	(35) ET	Friends
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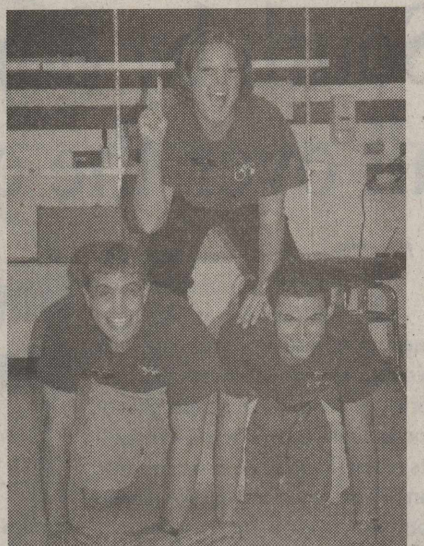
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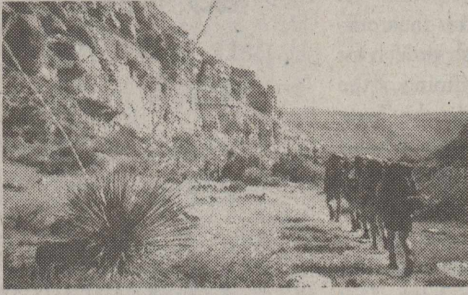


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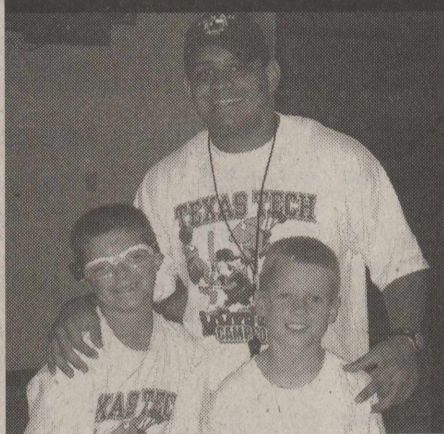
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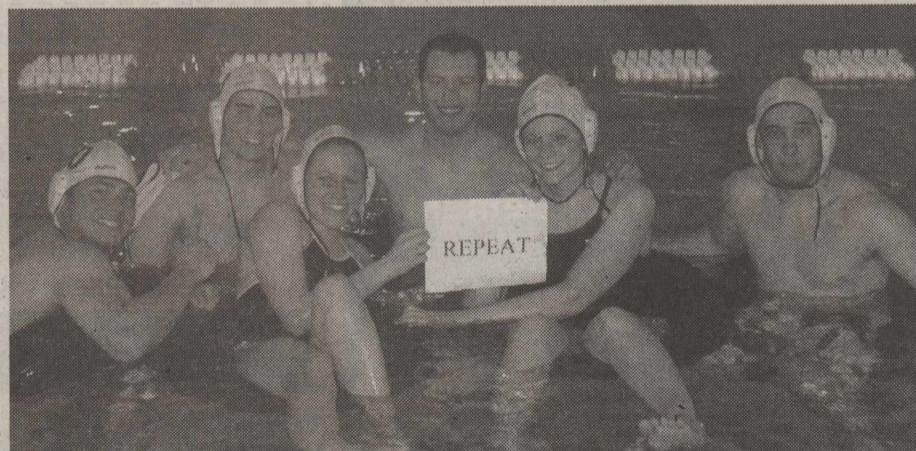
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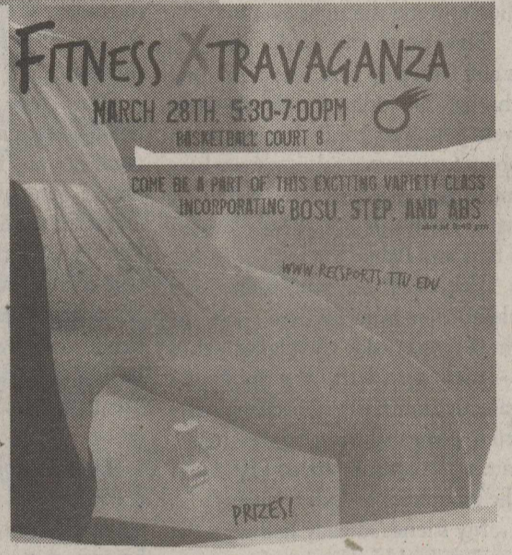
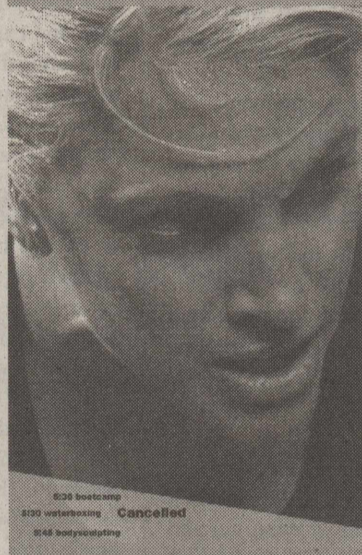


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# SPORTS

## Staying a-Drift: Sophomore women's tennis player helping team maintain success

By ADAM COLEMAN  
STAFF WRITER

In the midst of her sophomore season, Texas Tech women's tennis player Samantha van der Drift's choice to play at the collegiate level rather than turn pro has paid off.

Going into the 2006-07 season, van der Drift moved up four spots on the Tech roster from the No. 5 singles player her freshman year to the No. 1 spot this season.

Van der Drift, a native of DeZilk, Holland, said although she never expected to be at No. 1 this early in her career, she always felt she could do better than No. 5.

"I felt like this year everything clicked, and everything gelled to-

gether, and I've been working really hard over the summer and over the fall," van der Drift said. "I didn't expect to be No. 1, but I knew I could do better."

Van der Drift was active in high school as a tennis player; she competed in various tournaments and found success early in her tennis career, reaching the finals in the National Amateur Netherlands Tourney and finishing third in singles and fifth in mixed doubles in the KIA Amateur Open in Australia.

Van der Drift said Tech provided her with the best opportunity to continue playing tennis.

"Back home, we really don't have this kind of sport at universi-

ties," she said. "You either go to college or you go professional. I felt like I wasn't good enough for professional, and I didn't want to give up tennis, so this was a great opportunity."

Van der Drift finished her freshman season with a 10-9 singles record and an 11-6 doubles record in the fall. She capped off the spring season with a 6-9 singles record and an undefeated doubles record at 3-0.

This season, as Tech's No. 1 singles player, van der Drift is 10-2 overall and boasts a 2-0 record in Big 12 Conference play. This season, she teamed up with Janet Durham, and the pair have evolved into Tech's No. 1 duo. Durham and

van der Drift have posted a 9-3 record overall with a 2-1 record in the Big 12 for the best doubles record on the team.

Tech volunteer assistant coach Mel McRee said van der Drift's mechanics are some of her best strengths.

"Her speed — (her) agility by far," McRee said, "she makes the court seem really small to her opponents, forces them to try to do more than they think they need to, and (that) causes a lot of errors."

Tech assistant coach Irina Tereschenko said van der Drift is easy to work with on and off the court.

"I think she is definitely a team player off the court," Tereschenko said. "She's friendly; she has a lot of

friends outside the team and among other athletes, so I think she gets along very well with everybody."

Van der Drift continues to adapt to being No. 1 as the women's tennis team trudges deep into conference play, but being the top singles player on the team this season has been something she said she has welcomed all year long.

"Of course I feel a little bit of pressure, but I think I play better with a little bit of pressure," she said. "Mainly, I just feel excitement. I see the match as opportunity instead of a chance to lose."

McRee said he is confident about van der Drift's future, whether it be with tennis or in her field of study.

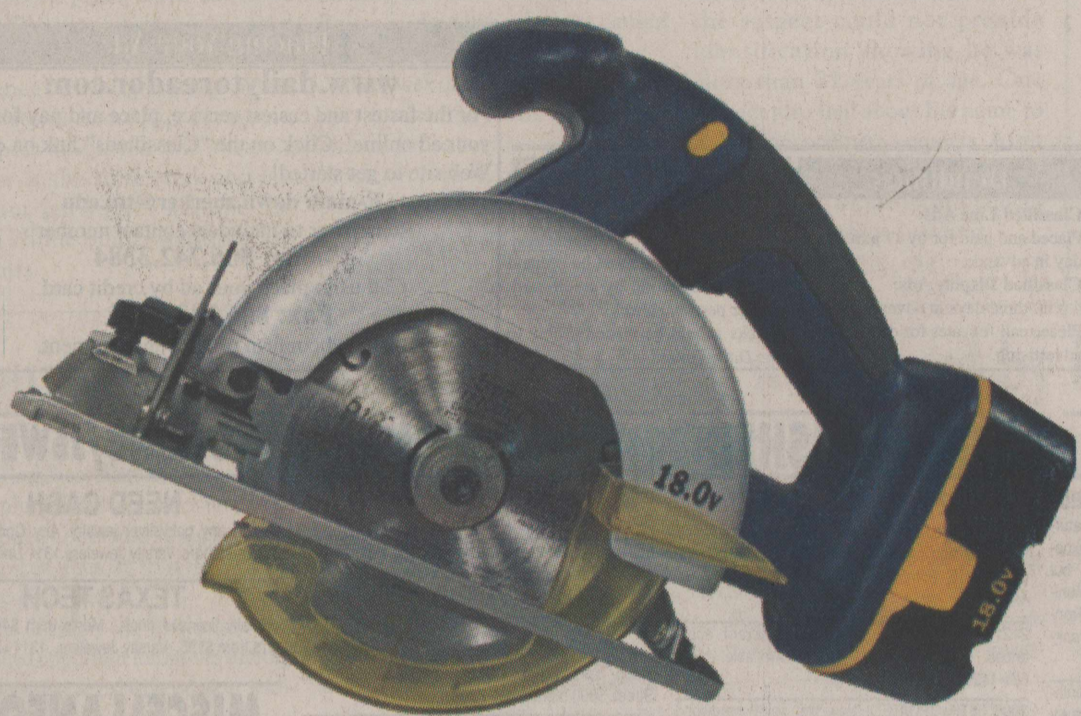
"She's a very smart kid," he said.

"She's in environmental engineering, and if she doesn't continue on with her tennis beyond college, I think because of the competitiveness that she has, she'll definitely make good in the business world."

Tereschenko said considering van der Drift's future at Tech, she believes van der Drift's knowledge of the sport could help her reach the NCAA Tournament.

"I think she is capable," Tereschenko said. "There are opportunities this year when she will play against ranked players, so she can probably gain some rankings this year, but then our strength in schedule will allow for her to get ranked and make it to the tournament."

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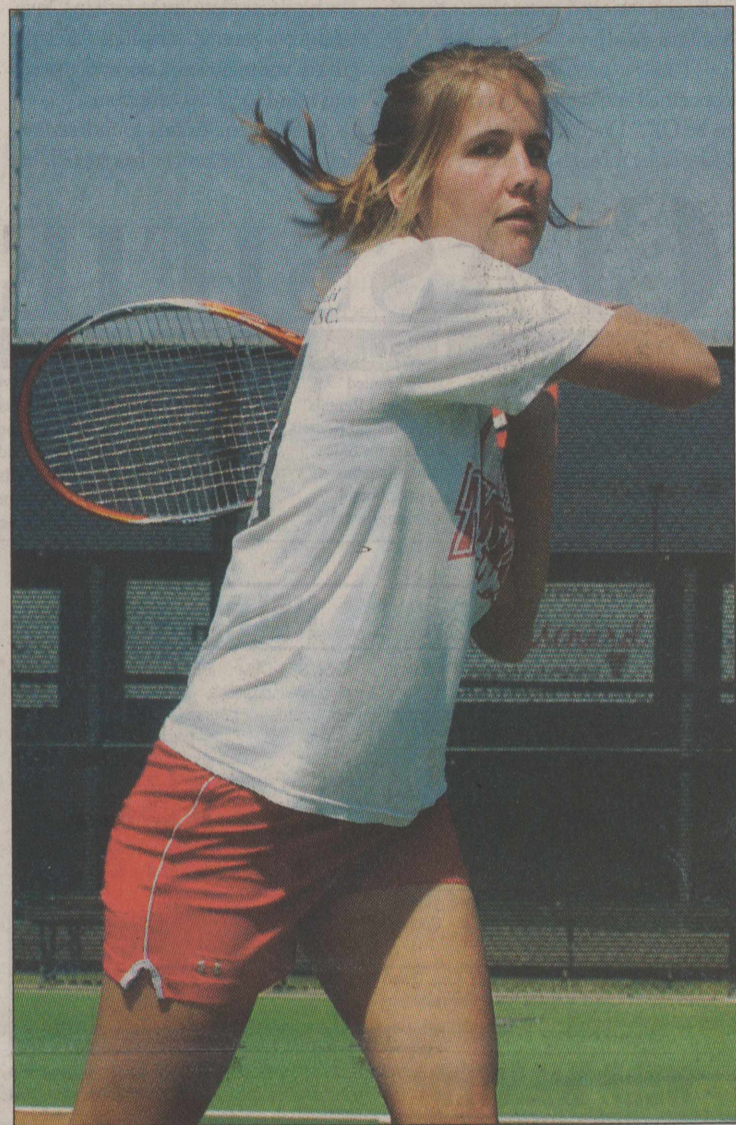
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TEXAS TECH TENNIS player Samantha van der Drift is 10-2 overall and boasts a 2-0 record in Big 12 Conference play.

## Seals named JC/CC Player of the Year

Future Texas Tech women's basketball player Dominic Seals was named the Women's Basketball Coaches Association 2007 State Farm/WBCA Junior College/Community College Player of the Year Tuesday.

Seals, a Dallas native, was named a Kodak/WBCA All-American this season and helped the Lady Texans to the second round of the Region V Tournament.

Seals averaged 14.3 points and 8.2 rebounds per game with the South Plains Lady Texans, and led her team to a 31-2 record en route to a share of the 2006-07 Western Junior College Athletic Conference championship.



SEALS

Seals signed with the Lady Raiders during the November signing period along with teammate Alana Rumph and are slated to join the team next season.

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## Red Raiders' spring practice begins today

Texas Tech football will look to build off of its 2006 Insight Bowl victory over Minnesota when spring practice begins today.

The Red Raiders have many holes to fill and will use the spring workouts to help decide who will step up into the starting roles.

Tech will be looking to replace Jarrett Hicks, Robert Johnson and Joel Filani at wide receiver, who combined for 180 catches, 2,171 yards and 24 touchdowns in 2006.

Returning at receiver from last season's squad are seniors Danny Amendola and Grant Walker, juniors Eric Morris, L.A. Reed and Todd Walker and redshirt freshman Michael Crabtree. Amendola started 10 games in 2006 with 48 catches, 487 yards and 5 touchdowns, while Morris had 25 catches for 347 yards and one touchdown.

Junior Shannon Woods returns at running back after averaging 6.1 yards per carry, 1,808 all-purpose yards and 12 touchdowns.

The quarterback position appears to be settled as junior Graham Harrell returns

from a 2006-07 season in which he completed 412 of 617 passes for 4,555 yards and 38 touchdowns.

The offensive line lost four starters in Manuel Ramirez, Glenn January, Gabe Hall and Brandon Jones. Junior Louis Vasquez is the only returning starting offensive lineman.

The Red Raiders lose key defensive role players in linebacker Brock Stratton, defensive end Keyunta Dawson and defensive back Antonio Huffman.

Stratton recorded 88 tackles and two interceptions, while Dawson had 63 tackles, six sacks and 11 quarterback hurries. Huffman had 75 tackles, two interceptions and eight pass breakups.

Returning starters include junior defensive back Darcel McBath, senior defensive backs Chris Parker and Joe Garcia, senior linebacker Paul Williams and junior defensive end Jake Ratliff.

After most of the spring practices have been completed, the football team's annual Red-Black game is scheduled for 1 p.m. April 14 at Jones AT&T Stadium.

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