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Tech reaches largest Spring enrollment in history

By Justin Matthews/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech enrollment in office announced a 5.7 percent increase in enrollment for the spring semester Monday. A total of 22,790 students attended the university in the spring of 2001, but an increase to 24,101 students for this semester makes Spring 2002 the largest spring enrollment class in university history.

Michael Heintze, vice president for Enrollment Management explained reasons for the increase.

"There are several reasons: one, the re-

tenion rate is improving, meaning more freshmen are returning," Heintze said. "Two, quantity of incoming freshmen as well as quality has increased dramatically."

The final numbers are gathered from a total of three areas: undergraduate, graduate and law, all but law were at an increase. Undergraduate totals increased from 18,751 in Spring 2001 to 19,736 this semester, while graduate totals increased from 3,416 to 3,746, a total of 1,315 new students in comparison to last Spring. The Tech School of Law was down four students

from last Spring.

University officials compare the totals of this semester to those in 1984 when enrollment totals reached 23,465.

Because of the high enrollment numbers this semester and registration numbers for the fall, already 10 percent higher than normal for 2002, university officials anticipate record-breaking Fall statistics.

"We estimate 4,000 to 4,100 entering freshmen for the fall, as well as approximately 2,000 transfers," Heintze said. "Both totals would break current enrollment records. Things look very

bright indeed for the near future, good things are happening for this university."

With 25,573 total students, the fall semester was the largest in Tech history and is believed to be the leading factor in the high spring numbers. Heintze said totals typically drop from fall to spring because of the 1,200 to 1,500 students graduating.

Tech President David Schmidly said he is proud of the university.

"I think this just shows that Texas Tech is a very attractive university to young and bright people," Schmidly said. "It proves there is a lot of demand and

interest for Texas Tech."

Enrollment numbers have consistently grown for the university causing some concern for the quality and availability of services.

"We as a campus community are working to improve and accommodate students for the growth," Heintze said. "A lot of hard work is being done to prepare for additional growth in the future. I think the new English/Philosophy building proves that."

According to university officials a new student residence hall is in future plans.

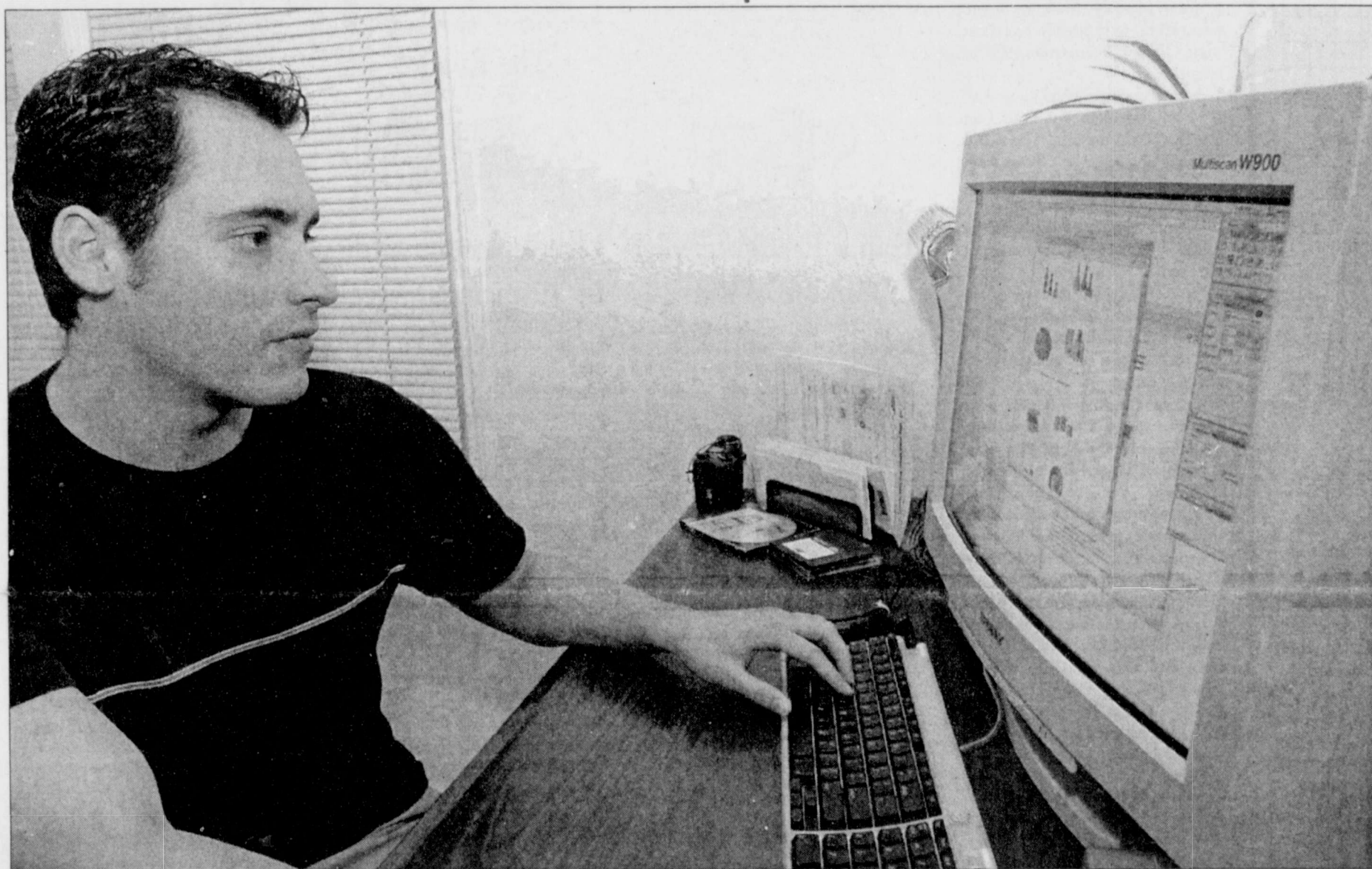
Enrollment Totals
22,790 Spring 2001

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23,465 Spring 1984

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FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE BOARD ROOM



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

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By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

Corporate RAIDER

Tech student Josh Segars said having his own business is sometimes scary

While some students use the knowledge they learn from Texas Tech to get a job working as an employee for a company, Josh Segars used his own knowledge to start his own business.

The original business, Liquid State Graphics, was started in July 2001. When his brother, Tim Segars, moved to Lubbock this spring from North Carolina, they became partners and changed the name of the company to Segars Communications.

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Josh Segars said the business is small, but they have plans to expand outside of Lubbock.

"We are really open-ended," he said. "We want to expand

into other areas, but for right now, we are pretty happy where we are."

Segars Communications currently does business with seven companies worldwide, including Rustics Furniture and Accessories in Dallas, Multi-Dimensional Maturities Development in Dallas, The Bank of Clovis in New Mexico, Palmetto Development & Management in South Carolina and Premier Soccer in North Carolina.

Josh Segars said having so much responsibility gives him mixed emotions.

"Sometimes it is exciting; sometimes it is scary," he said. "There is no set paycheck; it all depends on the clients you can find."

Segars Communications employs interns from Tech. Kyle Kothe, a senior design communication major from Fredericksburg, is the first intern to work for the company.

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Hostages taken in Conn. university

By John Christoffersen/Associated Press

FAIRFIELD, Conn. — A former student claiming to have a bomb took nearly two dozen students and an associate professor hostage Tuesday and released them hours later, authorities said.

At one point, there were 23 people inside the Fairfield University classroom. The suspect, identified only as a recent graduate, remained in the classroom late Tuesday, police said. They said they planned to negotiate a peaceful end to the standoff.

The suspect released five of the hostages shortly after taking over the religious studies classroom at the Roman Catholic school in southwestern Connecticut. He freed the others, including the associate professor, over the next few hours.

WCBS-TV in New York said the suspect ordered one of the hostages to call the station, demanding that a statement be read over the air. The statement, which station spokeswoman Karen Mateo described as "rambling and anti-Semitic," was not broadcast.

The suspect took over the classroom in Canisius Hall late Tuesday afternoon, said school spokeswoman Nancy Habetz. Some 300 students were evacuated from the building. Police Officer Mark Fracassini said police received a call around 4 p.m. saying a former student was on the second floor claiming to have an explosive device.

University Vice President Doug Whiting said the former student was carrying either a box or a bag in which he claimed to have a bomb.

Man arrested in connection with WSJ kidnapping

By Kathy Gannon/Associated Press

KARACHI, Pakistan — Police arrested a British-born Islamic militant Tuesday they say masterminded the kidnapping of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl — the biggest break yet in the quest to free him. An official close to the investigation said the suspect told police Pearl is alive.

Ahmad Omar Saeed Sheikh, 27, was arrested Tuesday afternoon in the eastern city of Lahore, according to Tasneem Noorani, a senior official of Pakistan's Interior Ministry. Saeed was expected to be transferred to Karachi for further questioning.

Following the arrest, police fanned out across this city of 14 million people, raiding homes of suspected Islamic extremists and searching settlements along the bleak and thinly populated Pakistani coast. Police cautioned that rescuing Pearl could still take time.

Saeed "is one who is highly educated and one who I would feel is a hard nut to crack," Karachi Police Chief Kamal Shah said. "I don't think it would be very easy to break him straight away. It would take time I feel before we get all the details about Daniel from his interrogation."

Saeed's capture followed an intensive, nationwide manhunt and was announced ahead of Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf's meeting Wednesday with President Bush in Washington.

Musharraf is expected to seek U.S. economic and political support to help combat Muslim extremism in this predominantly Islamic country of 147 million people.

The Pearl kidnapping has been an embarrassment for Musharraf, who's been trying to dispel Pakistan's image as a hotbed of Islamic fundamentalism. Saeed's arrest is a boost for the Pakistani leader as he meets Bush.

Pearl, 38, the Journal's South Asia bureau chief, disappeared Jan. 23 on his way to meet with Islamic extremist contacts. He was believed working on a story about links between Pakistani militants and Richard C. Reid, the man accused of trying to detonate explosives hidden in his sneakers on a Paris-to-Miami flight in December.

Jamil Yousuf, head of a citizen-police liaison committee involved in the investigation, said the bearded, bespectacled Saeed told police that threats to kill Pearl were not carried out. "He's alive. He's OK," Yousuf quoted Saeed as saying of Pearl.

Dean candidate to address students

HELP WANTED:

Prospect for leader in College of Architecture to speak today in gallery.

By Preston Files/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech University College of Architecture continues its hunt for a new dean.

Candidate for dean Richard Martinez, president and chief executive of Jessen Inc., an architectural planning firm in Austin, will speak today in a series of meetings addressing students and the public.

Adenrele Awotona, dean of the college of architecture at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., and also a candidate for Tech's College of Architecture, experienced the same interview process last week.

"We are working on finalizing an interview with a third candidate later this month," said Greg Bowes, dean of the college of education and chair of the dean search committee.

Bowes said the search committee for the College of Architecture dean has and will continue to bring in top qualified candidates to meet with interviews.

Martinez will speak in the architecture gallery from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. He will speak from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in a public conference open to faculty, staff, students and community members in the gallery, which will be followed by a reception from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Room 7 in the Architecture building.

"We welcome university, community members to attend the public colloquium involving the candidate Richard Martinez," Bowes said.

Martinez's educational background includes a bachelor's degree in architecture from Tech, a law degree and a

master's degree in community regional planning from the University of Texas at Austin.

His qualifications and experiences include being a licensed attorney, part of the American Institute of Certified Planners, registered interior designer and a licensed architect.

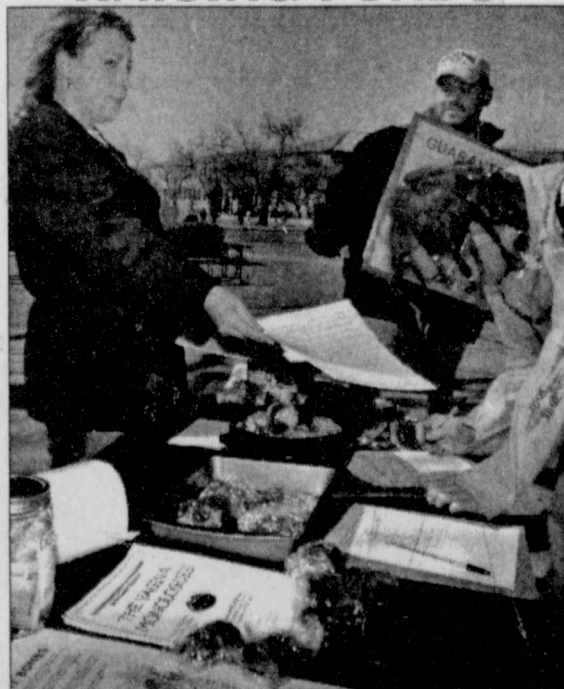
"The variety of expertise that he has to offer is what makes Martinez an interesting candidate," said Elizabeth Loudon, associate dean for research and a search committee member.

While speaking to students and the general public, Loudon said some of the issues and concerns addressed would be Martinez's vision of the college and what he could bring to the college as well as the university from his experience and background.

"We are fortunate to have another highly qualified candidate to interview," Loudon said. "This gives us a greater and

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RAISING FUNDS



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer
REAGAN RENEE REYNOLDS, a sophomore interior design major from Dallas, and Kenneth Castillo, a sophomore history major from Richmond, publicize their new club Tech NORML.

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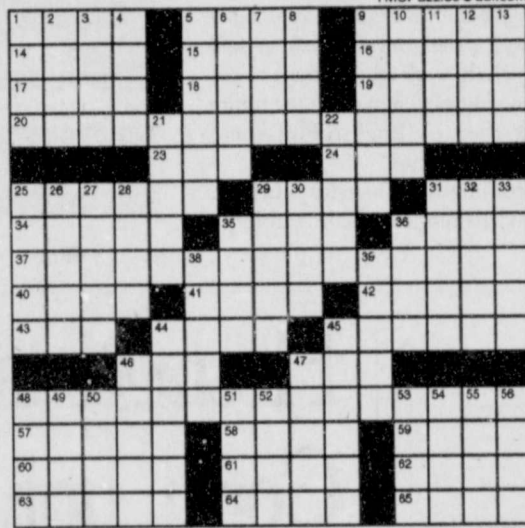
Quote of the Day

"I think this just shows that Texas Tech is a very attractive university to young and bright people."

— DAVID SCHMIDLY, Texas Tech President, on record enrollment figures this Spring. Please see Tech, page 1.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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 - Director
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By Diane C. Baldwin
Columbia, MD
2/13/02

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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The Olympics

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Not even a wobbly orange cone accidentally kicked into his path by a teammate could keep Casey FitzRandolph from a speedskating gold medal.

FitzRandolph won the Olympic 500 meters Tuesday, becoming the event's first American champion since Eric Heiden in 1980.

Hiroyasu Shimizu of Japan took the silver and American Kip Carpenter, who nearly caused FitzRandolph to fall, got the bronze.

Jonny Moseley and Picabo Street, meanwhile, were unable to repeat their Olympic feats from 1998 in Nagano.

Moseley pulled off his Dinner Roll jump to perfection but wound up fourth in the moguls. The 1998 Olympic champion lost his spot on the medals stand when teammate Travis Mayer finished second.

Janne Lahtela of Finland got the gold and Richard Gay of France got the bronze.

Street failed in her bid to become the first American woman to win three Olympic medal events, finishing 16th in the last event of her Olympic career.

Carole Montillet of France, who has never won a World Cup event, won the gold, followed by Isolde Kostner of Italy and Renate Goetschl of Austria.

The reigning Olympic champion U.S. women's hockey team lived up to expectations, defeated Germany 10-0 in its opener.

Also, Andrus Veerpalu of Estonia won the men's 15-kilometer classic style cross-country race, topping Frode Estil of Norway. Jaak Mae of Estonia took the bronze.

The women's 10-kilometer classical cross-country race went to Bente Skari of Norway, followed by Russians Olga Danilova and Julija Tchepalova.

Your View

Question: How do you feel about Valentine's Day?



"It kind of sucks because I have a boyfriend who lives in another city. This will be the second year in a row I'll be spending Valentine's Day alone."

— HEIDI NAGY,
a sophomore advertising major
from Brenham



"It's pretty sweet if you have a girlfriend. It's a time to spend time with your girlfriend. It's a time to give back to the women."

— JOEL ACOSTA,
a freshman petroleum engineering
major from Sunray



"It's a time for couples to say how much they care about each other. It should be like that all the time, but Valentine's Day reinforces that."

— MATT MORGAN,
a junior music performance major
from Lubbock



"It's nice. I'm not a person that thinks it's stupid because you don't have a date."

— MELISSA CHARLES,
a freshman pre-physician's
assistant from Lewisville

The Rundown



Dallas firefighter dies in the line of duty

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Fire Department on Tuesday was grieving the loss of Vincent Davis, the first city firefighter to die in the line of duty in 15 years.

Davis, an 11-year veteran, was killed from injuries he sustained when a wall collapsed on him during an apartment building fire Monday night.

A father of five children, ages 2 to 14, he died shortly after he was taken to Methodist Medical Center in critical condition.

A second firefighter, Charles Womble, also was caught under the wall with Davis but received only minor injuries. He was treated and released Monday night.

The blaze began about 5:30 p.m. at the apartment complex in the Oak Cliff neighborhood of Dallas. The fire reached six alarms in about 40 minutes and eventually destroyed the two-story white brick structure.

License examiner dies in 'suspicious' wreck

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A driver's license examiner charged in a scheme with some Middle Eastern men to sell fraudulent licenses died the day before her first court appearance in a fiery car wreck prosecutors called "most unusual and suspicious."

Forensics tests were being performed on Katherine Smith's car to determine what caused the fire. FBI spokesman George Bolds said Tuesday that investigators were looking into the possibility that explosives were used.

The FBI also said it is investigating whether Smith's five co-defendants have connections to the Sept. 11 attacks or other terrorist ties. Smith, 49, was killed early Sunday. The 1992 Acura Legend she was driving ran off the road and struck a utility pole just north of the Mississippi state line, Highway Patrol Lt. Col. Mark Fagan said.

118 believed dead after Iranian plane crashes

KHORRAMABAD, Iran (AP) — An Iranian passenger jet crashed Tuesday in the mountains of western Iran amid snow and rain, and all 118 passengers and crew on board were believed dead, an official said.

Residents reported hearing an explosion and seeing the sky lit up red as the Russian-made Tu-154 went down in the Sefid Koh mountains outside Khorramabad. Rescue workers were delayed by snow and heavy fog before finally reaching the crash site.

Reza Niknam, an adviser to the governor-general of Lorestan province, said he saw many remains on the mountainside and believes nobody could have survived. "All the passengers and crew members died in the crash," he said.

Hamid Fouladvand, another official who managed to reach the crash site, described the grim scene.

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HSC surgeon passes time as bodybuilder

By Natalie Worthen/Staff Reporter

She left Vietnam when she was 11 years old with her mother to move to America, the land of opportunities. After high school, she went on to medical school at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock, Ark.

She gave up television and listening to the radio so she could study to be a doctor. One thing helped her balance her academics and her life — bodybuilding.

Mimi Zumwalt, orthopedic surgeon at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center for sports medicine and assistant professor, said working out helps balance her life.

"It's in me now because it has done so much for me," Zumwalt said. "I can't imagine living without it."

Zumwalt said when her father bought her a membership at a local gym, she noticed working out helped build her confidence and mingled into her personal life. Now, she is an aerobics

kickboxing instructor at Gym X.

David Anciso, general manager at Gym X, said her class is one of the top aerobics classes at Gym X.

"As far as the fitness level goes, she is the most qualified," Anciso said.

She was 37 years old when she was announced Ms. Fort Benning in Fort Benning, Ga., for the women's light-weight championship in October 1999.

"I didn't become a body builder to compete, although I enjoy competition and having a goal to work for, but I wanted to relieve stress," Zumwalt said.

Two months after winning Ms. Fort Benning in 1999, she competed in a national competition in Atlanta at the Super Naturals competition and received second place. NASA State Championship was in January 2001, where she placed first in power lifting, bench press and power sports, where the combined weight she lifted was 525 lbs. October 2001, she placed sixth in the Ms. Galaxy competition in the region and eight

in the world.

Zumwalt is 5 foot 2 inches and weighs 105 to 110 pounds when she is training for a competition.

"The record for women's bench press is 143 lbs. I can get it," Zumwalt said. "It's good for me to have a goal to wish for because I love that competitive edge."

She is now planning to compete in Brea, Calif. on March 22 to 24 in the Women's Western Championship for the Women's Tri-Fitness Competition, who sponsors it.

Zumwalt said she feels like a better person when she is able to work out.

"I am not competing to win. I just enjoy knowing I am out there completing the task gives me a sense of accomplishment," Zumwalt said.

She said she enjoys being in shape and having more energy that competing gives her. She said she prepares for competitions with a planned workout to build muscle and tone her body.

Zumwalt said she trains to increase

her cardio-vascular endurance.

"I modify my workout," Zumwalt said. "I still continue my regular routine of weight training. I work different muscles on different days of the week, and I do my kickboxing for 45 minutes two to three days a week. I also eat more protein to be lean, and I decrease my carbohydrate intake."

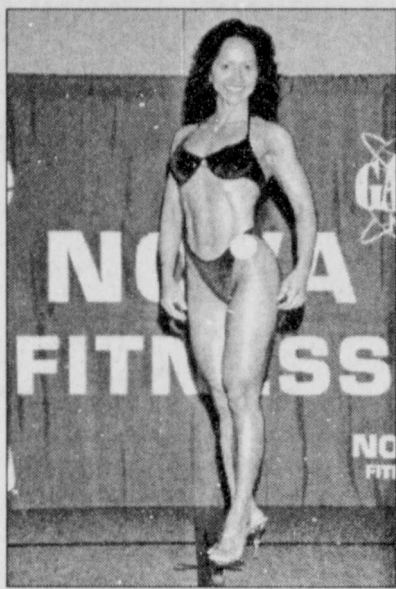
Zumwalt said she would recommend kickboxing to women trying to get in shape as opposed to bodybuilding because of the harsh diet bodybuilding requires to achieve its effect.

"It's worked for me reshape my body and lose the weight," she said.

Zumwalt said now that she has been rebuilding herself over the past couple of years as a single mother, she feels more independent.

"I think, hey, I'm doing this on my own. It's taught me to rely on myself," Zumwalt said.

She said having fitness has helped her be successful as a surgeon and as a mother.



COURTESY PHOTO

MIMI ZUMWALT, TTUHSC orthopedic surgeon and assistant professor, has competed in bodybuilding competitions nationwide and has won several titles.

Candidate

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more extensive basis of comparison to make our decision."

Martinez arrived Tuesday and will meet with students, staff, faculty and members of the college and university throughout his visit. He will leave Friday.

"We are pleased with the qualifications of our finalists and hopeful to appoint a new dean at the end of this process," Bowes said.

The Knights of Architecture, a student organization, will give the candidate a tour of the campus and inform him of programs and organizations the college offers.

Lisa McDonald, Knights of Architecture president and a senior architecture major from Amarillo, said some of the concerns she would like the candidates to address are issues in the accreditation report, concerns in the curriculum and how funds can be raised to address the student-to-faculty ratio.

The college is currently facing a ratio of about one faculty member for every 21 students, she said.

The college was placed on a three-year probationary period in 2001 by the National Architecture Accreditation Board, which will return to re-evaluate the college in 2004. To keep its degrees in good standing through 2010 the college must receive the highest level of accreditation.

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Corporate

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Tim Segars, chief executive officer of the company, said he brings in business experience and management.

"I make decisions and consult with Josh. I specialize in knowledge management," he said. "I realize what needs to be communicated and how to do so."

As an intern, Kothe optimizes pictures, uses concept development and acts as a soundboard for ideas that the Segars brothers come up with.

"This is a great experience for me because I get hand-on experience with clients that I would not get if I was employed under someone else," Kothe said. "I feel very responsible because I am learning more about the web as I go."

Josh Segars said being part of this business takes up a large portion of his free time.

"I work all day, every day for over 40 hours," Segars said. "This is more to me than a full time job, this is my life."

Josh Segars said because work takes up so much of his time, he has decided to take the semester off from classes to devote his time to getting the business up and running with no distractions from school.

"Hopefully things will even out, and we will get more interns and clients," he said. "Then I will get back to school, hopefully by summer."

Kothe said he works a minimum of 15 hours a week from his house but still manages to balance work and school effectively.

"Fifteen hours doesn't include the meetings or the personal input that I put in," he said. "I changed my schedule so all my classes are on Monday and

Wednesday."

Josh Segars said he spent about \$10,000 starting the business.

"Mostly we already had the equipment we needed, but we did have to buy office supplies, a few pieces of software and an extra computer," he said. "Starting your own business can get pretty expensive."

Tim Segars said the short-term goals are to be profitable and focus on visual contacts.

"We want to grow to where Josh and I have less hands-on input," he said. "Therefore we want to hire new employees and create a stable client base."

After Josh Segars graduates he said he plans to put everything he has learned in class into the business.

"This is definitely a project we are not going to give up on soon," he said. "It is much more attractive to have the risk of owning your own business rather than working under someone else."

Josh Segars said he would recommend that anyone who is thinking of starting their own business to take the chance.

"Do not be afraid of it," he said. "It is a lot of work but it comes with the relaxation of being your own boss and that is worth it."

American families growing larger

ATLANTA (AP) — American women, encouraged by a decade-long economic boom, are having more children than at any other time in the past three decades — 2.1 on average in a lifetime, the government said Tuesday.

For the first time since 1971, women are producing enough children to offset deaths in the United States, the National Center for Health Statistics said.

The center reported 4,058,814 births in 2000, the latest year for which figures were available — up 2.5 percent from 1999. It was the first time since 1993 that births topped 4 million.

Researchers said the roaring economy of the 1990s was probably a major factor, helping potential parents feel more comfortable about supporting a family.

"Their financial security was increasing, and they could afford additional children. And then we had this continuing increase in postponed childbearing," NCHS demographer Stephanie Ventura said.

The national birth total breaks down to an average of 2.13 children for every woman through her childbearing years of 15 to 49. The government uses 2.1 as the figure necessary for a population to fully replace itself.

The report showed increases in the birth rate in 2000 among women of all age groups except teen-agers. Births to 15- to 19-year-olds dropped to 48.5 for every 1,000 women, an all-time low. The teen birth rate was 49.6 in 1999.

"The credit goes to the teens themselves," said Sarah Brown, director of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. "There are only two ways these rates can go down — less sex and more contraception. There's evidence that these teens are doing both."

Researchers believe the strong economy, coupled with a strong fear of sexually transmitted diseases, probably played a role in cutting teen births, which dropped 22 percent in the decade.

"They could see they should be spending time improving their education and occupational skills, and postponing marriage and childbearing," Ventura said.

The report also found that smoking among pregnant women declined for most age groups, down to 12.2 percent in 2000.

That rate has fallen steadily since 1989. The report found 12 percent of babies born to smokers had low birthweight, compared with just 7 percent of babies born to nonsmokers.

The rate of twins rose slightly, extending a two-decade-long trend.

"Older moms are more likely to have multiple births," said Joyce Martin, a NCHS epidemiologist. "And you have the added whammy of fertility-enhancing therapy, both the drugs and the techniques."

But sets of triplets and higher-order births are on the decline, the report found.

Health officials hope that decline means women might be heeding their warnings about fertility procedures, which often produce multiple births that put the children at risk.

Overall, the fertility rate of 2.1 places the United States at the high end of developed nations. The rate is 1.8 in Australia, 1.7 in Britain and 1.2 in Spain.

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Grant comes out of closet about marriage

COLUMN



DALLAS
GRANT

Human beings are not suited for marriage. So many problems solved with one little sentence! I feel so much better now that I've declared it. Here's another one – marriage is not a natural human behavior. It is such a relief to finally make the truth public. I've been holding it in for a long time, and now finally, the world will know the truth, at least *The University Daily* reading world.

This announcement comes on the heels of a recent conversation I had with a few pro-marriage students, who spent their time telling me of the supposed benefits of legal bondage. They relied on the common myths surrounding the institution as their arguments, citing reasons such as stability, happiness and the joy of children. Well, I listened politely and then politely

disagreed.

I call these common arguments for marriage "myths" because they prove false more often than they prove true. This can be shown by the divorce rate, which has risen in recent years to more than 50 percent. Married couples fail more often than they succeed but continue to use the same arguments to draw in new couples to the losing war.

Marriages fail because we, as humans, are not meant to spend our lives with one person. The idea makes for great movies and stories, but we don't have to live with the characters for the next 60 years either. Now everyone knows some couple, like grandparents, who have been together since the dawn of time. These people are the exception in today's culture, obviously, they're of a different generation.

Maybe it's just today's fast-food culture speaking here, but 60 years with the same person sounds boring to me. Anyone, even the wildest of spouses, gets boring with 60 years of aging. Besides, can you imagine hearing the same stories for 60 years? Imagine hanging out with one of your relatives in his or her 80s everyday, all day. I couldn't bear it!

I think most animals, humans aside, have figured it out. Find a mate, do some

mating then hang out with the guys or gals. Maybe I just don't understand the benefits of marriage, but it seems to me that all the good things (happiness, stability) can be had without signing on the dotted line.

Happiness is a no-brainer. People are happy before they get married or else they wouldn't get married. So what's the point? If you're already happy why mess with it?

Stability – well, stability is a myth in itself. There is no magic net in marriage, despite the vows taken. The only added stability of a marriage is a contract. Frankly, that doesn't sound romantic to me. "You can't leave; you signed a contract promising you wouldn't!" Matters of the heart are not regulated by government documents.

A contract is simply feigned security for insecure people. I'm not so insecure as to need another person to complete who I am. When a girl touches me, her hand does not become my hand. I have never shared the same beating heart as another person. In fact, I don't want to meld with anyone. I'm pretty happy with my own hands – I was created as an individual.

Now, I do believe in love. I just don't believe it takes an event of epic proportions to prove it, like a wedding. I wish more people weren't afraid to admit that marriage doesn't suit them.

For example, people in larger metropolitan cities are starting to take notice, holding off on attaching a ball and chain voluntarily to their legs. It has been discovered by a few that humans can live a full life without a wife/husband or kids. It makes sense. If happiness and stability are easily attained without marriage, why get married?

I hope that someday this institution will fall by the wayside like the archaic beast that it is. Even if the norm doesn't change, perhaps the non-married will demand a little more respect for their chosen lifestyle.

If you're married now and enjoy it, I congratulate you. You have obviously figured out something I haven't.

If you haven't married yet, consider the alternatives. You just might be happier with an arrangement other than marriage, if you can withstand the pressures of society.

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Catholic traditions explained to show their true meanings

COLUMN



KRISTIN
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As I continue this series on religious thought, every week I question whether what I am doing is important and worth the extra effort. Something, however, keeps me writing. One week it is the guy wearing a "Raider Awakening" T-shirt giving his last two dollars to a homeless woman while preaching the love of Christ. Another week it is a filer I see near the philosophy department advertising the first meeting of the "Campus Humanists," a new organization dedicated to the pursuit of free thought in regards to religion. Sometimes it is an e-mail or a critical letter to the editor. Today, it was small conversation.

I went into a popular coffeehouse near campus to get a latte (even though I gave up caffeine), and I overheard two men speaking rather loudly about religion. Of course, I eavesdropped without shame. One was Jewish and the other a non-practicing Christian. Two faiths so closely related, yet the small differences in opinion brought these men sitting within inches of each other to completely opposite sides of the room. With potential to be a discussion seeking growth, it became a boxing match seeking destruction.

It's been a struggle putting down my own boxing gloves. But, if I can put them down, anyone can. (Right, Andrew?)

Today is Ash Wednesday so it seems only fitting I give a voice to the Catholics on campus.

First, you must understand the significance today holds. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, the 46-day preparation period of repentance and renewal preceding Easter. While some Protestants do engage in the annual practices, it is fundamentally part of the Catholic tradition. The purpose primarily is to allow time to recall the Easter story, absorb its meaning and prepare each believer to fulfill its promises.

At the mass service, the faithful are offered a blessing by the priest as they each have their foreheads marked with ashes in the shape of a cross signifying their ownership to Christ. The ashes are a Biblical symbol of mourning and penance, while also serving as a reminder of human mortality and the need to repent before you die and face judgement for sins.

Most of us characterize Lent with giving up something that is a sacrifice. I remember my Catholic friends giving up things like sodas, candy or cold beer, but I never understood exactly why they did it.

My interview with Nathan Hennessey, a senior history and English major from Abilene, and active member of the Catholic Student Association, helped clarify the purpose.

"Lent is about more than just giving up a secular pleasure," he said. "It is a time in which we are supposed to adopt a new kind of faith. It is a time that helps us identify with and remember the temptations and sacrifices that Jesus Christ was faced with."

At the heart of Lent is reconciliation with God through fasting, special commitments, prayer and reflection, studying scripture and participating in worship services. Changing outer behaviors fuels inner change. Denying the self through abstaining from certain activities is only one portion of the big picture of Lent, however. It is vital in strengthening self-control and opens up more time for meditation and charitable acts of service.

Hennessey also pointed out there are many misconceptions about Catholicism in general.

"We do not worship Mary (virgin mother of Christ and mother of the Church)," he said. "We speak with her more in terms of a friend, and we hold her in high respect because she was chosen by God."

He continued by explaining Catholics are baptized at birth because they believe they are born into this world as chosen disciples of Christ. "God chooses us versus we choose him."

As a disciple, salvation then is acquired on a daily basis. "Once saved, always saved" is not the doctrine of Catholicism. "Salvation is through faith, works and grace. Faith allows you to do good works, and you only achieve it if you accept grace. We are saved on a daily

basis as we choose to walk with the Lord. It is not about perfection, but it is about pursuing the plan he has for us."

A Catholic is like other Christians in that they believe in Christ as savior, the truth of sacred scriptures (Bible) and the sacraments, but unlike Christians in that they recognize the authority of the Pope and bishops for preserving truth of faith and doctrine. Also, they do not view Holy Communion as a mere symbolic representation of Christ's body and blood. Every time they have mass, communion is taken with faith that Jesus Christ is actually entering their body through the magical miracle of the transformation of the bread and wine into his actual body and blood.

Hennessey also wants the students on campus to know everyone is invited to events held by the Catholic Student Association. They are a social and service organization that welcomes members of all faiths. More information can be obtained through their Web site at www.ttu.edu/~csa. Mass is also open to everyone. While it is not appropriate to take communion if you not of Catholic faith, you still may cross your arms on your chest and receive a blessing from the priest. Today's Ash Wednesday mass will be held at noon in Saint Elizabeth's University Parish, 2305 Main Street, at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in Hanly Hall, right next to the church. For directions or information, call the parish at 762-5225.

Obviously if you have read my previous columns, you know I am not a Catholic, nor a Christian. But I will be attending the mass in order to open myself up to other systems of belief. I know for a fact, whatever point of view you currently have regarding Catholicism, it will serve you well for one day to open your mind, shut your mouth and listen and learn about a way of living different than your own.

■ Kristen Gilbreth is a senior communications major who would like to openly thank Nathan Hennessey for paying tribute to true spirituality by explaining his beliefs to her in a loving and nonjudgemental fashion. Please continue to send her your views on religion to kristengilbreth@aol.com, so she can give you a voice in upcoming columns.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unfaithful stereotypes

To the editor: I am writing in response to Joy Ferenbaugh's letter to the editor on Feb. 11. Ms. Ferenbaugh, the Crusades do not prove you or Ms. Gilbreth's point. In fact, neither does the Inquisition, the Salem witch hunts, the Christian-American southern slaveholders or the so-called Christian abortion bombers prove your point. The only thing this proves is how screwed up humans are.

If your point is true, then all whites are bigots and racist because of slavery. If this point is true, all Muslims are just waiting for the word from bin Laden to bomb something. If you're white, then are you a racist and a bigot? If you're a Muslim, are you waiting for the word to set off a bomb? Do you see how much sense that point makes? It doesn't.

You can't claim all Christians to be the same because of your experiences with a handful of people or what happened in the history books. Measure up Christians against what the Bible says, what Jesus Christ did. That means researching the books of the New Testament, especially Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

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We'll pay when you do

To the editor: A week or so ago, I wrote a letter condemning Tech administration for the proposed athletic fee. I since have come to my senses, and I would like to apologize for my previous comments. I now realize I was simply praying at the wrong altar. I have repented, recognize the error of my ways and am on the path to salvation. I agree with Schmidly. I think the athletic fee is a marvelous idea. In fact, it is such a wonderful idea I think its practice should be expanded. Students, after all, are very temporary fixtures here; four, five or six years and you're gone. But faculty and staff are permanent. Therefore, it seems to me that all faculty and staff members should have their paychecks garnished to purchase an all-sports pass. After all, being permanent members of this institution, they should be more compelled to show school spirit and support the athletics department than students. Considering the religious nature of this endeavor, I think a tithe (that's a 10 percent tax, by the way) would be a proper donation, to athletics on their part. That would make Schmidly's contribution \$20,000 to \$30,000. I think that's fair. Don't worry – they (the faculty and staff) don't need a vote – just push it on through.

Steve Presley
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Open your mind and ask

To the editor: In a Feb. 11 letter to the editor, Joy Ferenbaugh refers to the Crusades in order to label Christians as narrow-minded and aggressive throughout history. This is an argument that I have heard several times, but it is also a flawed one. Ferenbaugh's argument is this: Christianity is wrong because the crusaders killed innocents in the name of God. Using this reasoning, I assume that we can also say that Islam is evil because of the events of Sept. 11. As we learned through that ordeal, the standards of a group cannot be judged by the corruption of those same standards by extremists within the group. For example, murders occur in a society whose law states that murder is wrong. Does that make the standards of society wrong? Of course not. I have a little bit of advice for the free thinkers out there. If you want to know exactly what Christians believe, simply ask them. After the events of Sept. 11, there was a call to know what Muslims believe so people would not confuse the radicals' actions with the teachings of Islam. Why is it that no one wants to look at Christianity the same way? Christians are constantly told by free thinkers to open their eyes and their minds. I believe that it is time for the free thinkers to do the same.

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Let the road to the Oscars begin

OSCAR PREDICTIONS

By James Eppler/Staff Critic

Oscar nominations were announced Tuesday. There were some surprises and disappointments in each of six major categories.

Best Picture: "A Beautiful Mind," "Gosford Park," "In the Bedroom," "The Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring" and "Moulin Rouge."

Best Actor in a Leading Role: Russell Crowe in "A Beautiful Mind," Sean Penn in "I am Sam," Will Smith for "Ali," Denzel Washington in "Training Day" and Tom Wilkinson in "In the Bedroom."

Best Actress in a Leading Role: Halle Berry in "Monster's Ball," Judi Dench in "Iris," Nicole Kidman in "Moulin Rouge," Sissy Spacek in "In the Bedroom" and Renee Zellweger in "Bridget Jones's Diary."

Best Actor in a Supporting Role: Jim Broadbent in "Iris," Ethan Hawke in "Training Day," Ben Kingsley in "Sexy Beast," Ian McKellen in "The Lord of

the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring" and Jon Voight in "Ali."

Best Actress in a Supporting Role: Jennifer Connelly in "A Beautiful Mind," Helen Mirren in "Gosford Park," Maggie Smith in "Gosford Park," Marisa Tomei in "In the Bedroom" and Kate Winslet in "Iris."

Best Director: Ron Howard for "A Beautiful Mind," Ridley Scott for "Black Hawk Down," Robert Altman for "Gosford Park," Peter Jackson for "The Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring" and David Lynch for "Mulholland Drive."

Looking at the list of nominees in these categories one can't help but wonder about the absence of nominations for performances like Naomi Watts in "Mulholland Drive" or Billy Bob Thornton's for "Monster's

Ball," "The Man Who Wasn't There" or even "Bandits."

Thornton being ignored is quite possibly the most surprising outcome of these nominations. One also notices that two of the best director nominees, Ridley Scott and David Lynch, had their films passed over for best picture nods.

It is commendable, however, that there are three black actors nominated in the best Actor categories. This is the first time that this has happened in 30 years and the absolute first time for two black actors (Will Smith and Denzel Washington) to be nominated in the same category.

Looking at the best picture category I'm thrilled at the nomination for "Moulin Rouge" but disappointed at the snubbing of "Me-

mento." I'll also allow myself a pat on the back as that my top five films of the year, "Memento" being replaced with "Gosford Park," correspond with the nominees in the best picture category. I wonder if my Oscar predictions will be as accurate.

Early predictions are buzzing around the Internet, and looking at the nominations, there seem to be a few categories that are a lock. Based on first instinct, I will name my predictions in these major categories, but I absolutely reserve the right to change my predictions at any time I see fit.

Best Picture: "The Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring"

Best Actor: seemingly a lock for Russell Crowe

Best Actress: seemingly a lock for Sissy Spacek

Best Supporting Actor: I'm going out on a limb and predicting Ben Kingsley

Best Supporting Actress: Jennifer Connelly

Best Director: Difficult to call, but Robert Altman seems to be the safe bet, but Lynch may pull out an upset.



OTHER OSCAR CONTENDERS

Animated Film: "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius," "Monsters, Inc." and "Shrek."

Foreign Film: "Amelie," France; "Elling," Norway; "Lagaan," India; "No Man's Land," Bosnia and Herzegovina; and "Son of the Bride," Argentina.

Adapted Screenplay (written based on material previously produced or published): Akiva Goldsman, "A Beautiful Mind;" Daniel Clowes and Terry Zwigoff, "Ghost World;" Rob Festinger and Todd Field, "In the Bedroom;" Fran Walsh, Philippa Boyens and Peter Jackson, "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring;" and Ted Elliott, Terry Rossio, Joe Stillman and Roger S.H. Schulman, "Shrek."

Original Screenplay (written directly for the screen): Guillaume Laurant and Jean-Pierre Jeunet, "Amelie;" Julian Fellowes, "Gosford Park;" Christopher Nolan and Jonathan Nolan, "Memento;" Milo Addica and Will Rokos, "Monster's Ball;" and Wes Anderson

and Owen Wilson, "The Royal Tenenbaums."

Art Direction: "Amelie," "Gosford Park," "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," and "Moulin Rouge."

Cinematography: "Amelie," "Black Hawk Down," "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," "The Man Who Wasn't There" and "Moulin Rouge."

Sound: "Amelie," "Black Hawk Down," "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," "Moulin Rouge" and "Pearl Harbor."

Sound Editing: "Monsters, Inc." and "Pearl Harbor."

Original Score: "A.I. Artificial Intelligence," John Williams; "A Beautiful Mind," James Horner; "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," John Williams; "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," Howard Shore; and "Monsters, Inc.," Randy Newman.

Cast of 'Friends' agrees to come back for ninth and final season

NEW YORK (AP) — Television's most popular show, the NBC comedy "Friends," is coming back for a ninth and final season.

The six actors who star in the show, NBC, Warner Brothers Television and Bright/Kauffman/Crane Productions signed a deal Monday to wrap up the series with a final, 24-episode season starting in the fall.

Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox Arquette, Lisa Kudrow, Matt LeBlanc, Matthew Perry and David Schwimmer will all be paid \$1 million per episode for the final season, according to sources close to the negotiations who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Their contracts, believed to be worth more than \$750,000 per episode now, were due to expire at the end of the season.

"We are enormously pleased and excited to be returning for a ninth season,"

the actors said in a joint statement. "We could not ignore the outpouring of public support for the show."

It was unexpectedly quick good news for NBC, which had been concerned that negotiations over the series' return would stretch into May, as it had the last time "Friends" was renewed. May is when networks announce their new

fall schedules.

The network had pushed for an earlier answer, since knowing whether "Friends" would return affects the types of new shows it develops for next season. Since the actors were buoyed by the show's strong ratings and critical response this season, they

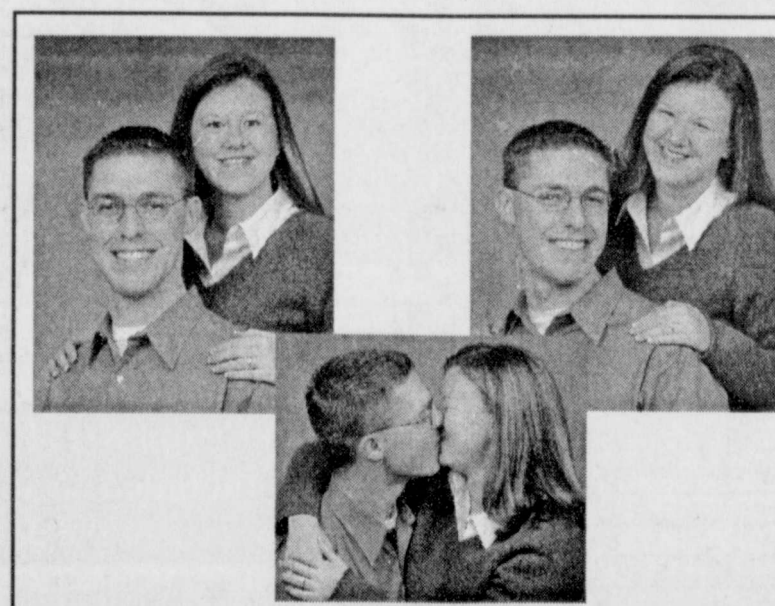
decided quickly to come back.

"Friends" has drawn an average of 24.5 million viewers this season, more than any other regular series.

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Red Raiders blast Bears, 90-55

By Matt Muench/Sports Editor

Baylor head coach Dave Bliss may still be learning a few things about basketball after watching his mentor at work.

Bliss, who used to be an assistant under Texas Tech coach Bob Knight for six seasons at Army and Indiana, watched his old boss' Red Raiders hammer the Bears 90-55 Tuesday at the United Spirit Arena.

It was Baylor's worst loss of the season, and it continues its stretch of 14 consecutive losses on an opponent's home court.

"For me, Bob Knight is special," Bliss said. "Coaching against him is not what anybody wants to do."

In a game full of runs, it was all Raiders from the start.

With the scored tied at five two minutes into the game, Tech surged with a 17-2 run.

During that stretch, Baylor had no points in five and one-half minutes and turned the ball over seven times.

"I think these two teams were pretty even," Knight said. "We started real well. Things went our way and not theirs. (Baylor) got in a bind and that is the story."

Baylor (14-10 overall, 4-7 Big 12 Conference) showed some life with seven unanswered points just before Tech (17-6, 6-5) went on its second big spurt of the opening frame.

Fueled by Tech forward Kasib Powell's lay-up, dunk and 3-pointer, the Raiders pulled ahead 31-14 after a 9-0 run with 8:15 until halftime.

Powell, who sprained his left ankle during Saturday's loss to Kansas, showed no signs of a sore ankle by pouring in 16 points, dishing out 10 assists and grab-

bing nine rebounds.

Tech, who held a lead of more than seven points for the first time in three games, did not stop there.

After one Baylor bucket, Raider guard Nathan Doudney's 3-pointer sparked a 10-2 run, Tech's third big run of the stanza that lead to a 49-26 Raider lead at the half.

Tech's defense forced 15

first-half Baylor turnovers and held the Bears to a 38.5 shooting percentage clip.

That defensive intensity was without defensive leader Nick Valdez, who missed his second consecutive game with a sprained left ankle.

"Coach said defense and passing are

two keys to win in this game," Doudney said. "I think we did that (Tuesday)."

Like the first half, the second half featured Tech runs that kept Baylor out of the contest.

The Bears started hot with an 11-2 run, but Tech answered with a 20-4 surge to pull away.

During that run, Doudney hit three of his five 3-pointers. He finished with 15 points for the second consecutive game.

Doudney said it is his role to hit those type of shots to stop an opponent's threat.

"They left me open, and I knocked them down," Doudney said. "If I can't do my job, I don't need to be out there."

Tech guard Andre Emmett led all scorers with 30 points.

Tuesday's win halts a two-game losing streak as the Raiders return to action Saturday when they hit the road for the third time in four games to face Colorado at 3 p.m. in Boulder, Colo. Tech is 1-4 away from Lubbock in Big 12 Conference play.

"We had to win this game to stay in contention to what we want to do," Doudney said. "And that is to get in the field of 64."

TEXAS TECH FORWARD Pawel Storozynski tries to get past the block of a Baylor defender during the Red Raiders' 90-55 win Tuesday at the United Spirit Arena. GREG KRELLEN/Staff Photographer



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Salute to sports for Valentine's Day

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With Thursday being Valentine's Day, I invite you to think about the people you love. The world of sports has many people that deserve a lot of credit, shout outs and love. So I will tell you what I love.



DAVID WIECHMANN

I love the man who invented instant replay. This man changed the way we watch sporting events forever. The first time it was used, the commentators had to warn the fans at home that "Notre Dame did not score again."

Because of his genius mind, instant replay now plays an important role in arguments. Before instant replay, people still had opinions, but they had no way to prove which was right or wrong. Instant replay clears the fog, in most cases, and makes the game more exciting because we can see amazing plays over and over again to our hearts' content.

I love the person who thought up the little scoreboard in the corner of the screen. When it debuted on ESPN's

baseball coverage, it was one of the greatest days in history. Why it took so long to figure that thing out is a mystery to me, but it should have been done sooner. This invention put an end to us looking stupid when someone asks what the score of the game is or how much time is left. Who would have thought that such a small graphic could make such a big impact? Go ahead and say the scoreboard is not a big deal, but try watching a game without it now. It's a part of the game. It has changed what we want from telecasts. It has become something we need and love.

I love the person who decided to put a yellow line on the screen for a first down. The little yellow line may not be accurate all the time, but it is still cool. My only complaint is when John Madden talks about the little men that run out and paint the line on the field. It's unnecessary to make something cool something stupid.

I love the people who invented the ticker. What would we do if we didn't get score updates every five minutes? Fantasy football players would lose all their hair because of the stress. The stress of not knowing how their players were doing until the end of the day would cause all of today's college males to be bald by graduation. Trying to say the ticker is not an important invention is like driving with your eyes closed.

I love Titleist and the Pro V-1 golf ball. This ball caused a phenomenon in

the world of golf. It took the attention away from Tiger Woods and brought about discussion of rule changes and how technology is too much. I especially like the Pro V because it has made a direct impact on my game. It has added 20 yards to my average drive. The last time my dad and I played, I was poking the ball 300 big ones every hole, including a 348-yard monster that found its way on to the green. Thank you Titleist for making my balls travel a little longer.

My longest love is CBS. CBS broadcast the Ohio State/Michigan State basketball game in wide screen this weekend. I never thought the day would come. Wide screen is already the best way to watch movies, and now, the possibility of watching sports that way excites me. If you saw the game, it looked great. I'm sure it looks better on a TV bigger than 13 inches. I hope fans everywhere agreed with me and gave wide-screen basketball good ratings in the fan poll.

Take some time and think back on those you care about in this world.

David Wiechmann is a sophomore journalism major from Lubbock. He also loves his girlfriend. Reach him at wreckem_d_man@hotmail.com

American speedskater wins gold medal

KEARNS, Utah (AP) — American Casey FitzRandolph, shaking off the disappointment of Nagano, won the 500 meters Tuesday in a stirring speedskating duel with defending Olympic gold medalist Hiroyasu Shimizu.

FitzRandolph gave the United States its first speedskating victory of the Salt Lake City Games, and it came with an unexpected bonus — unheralded teammate Kip Carpenter took the bronze.

The Americans have three medals through the first three events at the Utah Olympic Oval, putting the home team in excellent position to reach its goal of 10 medals overall, including the short-track competition.

The U.S. speedskating squad, which has never won more than eight medals at an Olympics, leads the medal table over traditional powers such as the Netherlands and Germany, which have two apiece.

FitzRandolph edged the Japanese star by a mere 0.03 seconds — about the length of a skate. The blond-haired, blue-eyed Wisconsin native threw up his arms when he saw the final standings, breaking out in a smile that appeared more relief than

jubilation. "Almost confusion," FitzRandolph said, describing his emotions. "It's just hard to believe. I started speedskating in 1980 when Eric Heiden ... won his gold medals. I told a TV station, I think that year, that I wanted to do what Eric Heiden did. I wanted to win at least one gold medal."

In 1998, FitzRandolph's medal hopes were dashed by the introduction of the clap skate. He struggled to adjust to the equipment, settling for sixth place.

Shimizu, meanwhile, electrified his home nation by winning Japan's first speedskating gold. "I thought it might happen in Nagano," FitzRandolph said. "Then the clap skate came out and really threw me for a loop. Now, here I am, finally, 2002, I win my gold medal. It's going to take some sitting down, taking deep breaths, to really realize what happened."

The 27-year-old FitzRandolph won the first American gold in the men's 500 since Heiden captured five gold medals

at Lake Placid. Heiden, who now works with the U.S. team, watched his protégé bring the title of world's fastest skater back home.

"It's almost like a reward for myself," Heiden said.

FitzRandolph had a 0.19-second advantage over Shimizu after the first round Monday. He needed the entire cushion to hold off the world-record holder, who had the second-best time of Day 2.

FitzRandolph bobbed a bit as he entered the final corner, his left hand grazing the ice. Still, he crossed the line in 34.81 for a two-day total of 1 minute, 9.23 seconds.

Shimizu skated the 1 1/4 laps in 34.65, giving him a 1:09.26 total.

"I really could have done better. I feel a bit of regret," he said. "I was not able to give it my ultimate. I didn't even come close to my own world record."

Carpenter, paired with FitzRandolph in the final group of the day, actually beat his fellow American in 34.79 but finished third overall at 1:09.47.

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9:00	Honey R. Newton		Hearts, PL 2"	News Oklahoma St.	Millionaire	News			
10:00	Story Nightly Bus.	News	News David Letterman	Special Unit 2	News Nightline	Seinfeld Frasier			
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Softball	Feb. 19-21	Lifeguard Challenge	Feb. 17



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TABLE TENNIS RETURNS TO THE REC:

Friday will bring action back to the tables as the Intramural Sports Department hosts its Spring Table Tennis Tournament. The Fall Tournament had some great matches, and we are hoping to see even better play this time around. Join other men and women as they battle in four divisions to see who is Texas Tech's best. Sign-ups for the tournament are currently being taken and are due at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Student Rec Center in Room 203. If you have any questions, please come by and see us, or call us at 742-2945. We hope to see you and good luck to all our participants.

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Intramural Sports is now taking entries for the Spring Badminton Tournament. Entries are due at 5 p.m. Feb. 21 in Room 203 of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. The tournament will take place in the Recreation Center on Feb. 22. Sign up now to make sure you do not miss your chance to participate and watch the shuttlecocks fly.

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 - At the end of the semester, a drawing will be held for the members who have referred the most people to the club, and they will be rewarded accordingly. Register in the Fitness/Wellness Center for only \$10 per entry throughout the semester.
- Racquetball Clinic**
 - Continuing to improve and play better racquetball can be achieved by taking the Advanced Racquetball Clinic at 6 p.m. Tuesday or the Intermediate Clinic on Feb. 28. The cost is \$6 and register in the Fitness/Wellness Center. This will help prepare you for the Racquetball Shootout on March 3. The Shootout will have Men's A, B, C and Women's divisions and will begin at noon. The Shootout is free, but registration is required by Feb. 28 in the Intramural Office - Room 203 of the SRC. There will be a drawing for a racquet and winners will receive prizes.
- Massage at the Rec**
 - Have you been working out hard, feel stiff and need a boost in your recovery? The Fitness/Wellness Center provides massages for either one hour or half hour (chair massage) that is \$35 and \$20 respectively. To schedule an appointment, stop by the Fitness/Wellness Center at least 48 hours in advance. There are three licensed massage therapist scheduled:
 - Sunday: noon to 7 p.m.
 - Monday-Wednesday: 1:45 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 - Thursday: 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 - Friday: 1:45 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 - Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Treat your Valentine to a massage. Learn massage techniques as a couple so you can help each other relieve stress and anxiety. The "Touch of Love" workshop is \$5 per couple and is at 8 p.m. today. Register in the Fitness/Wellness Center.

OPC INFORMATION

- Whether you are heading to the mountains, desert or the beach, the Outdoor Pursuits Center (OPC) has all your outdoor equipment needs. We price our rental equipment reasonable to allow you to get outside and enjoy nature.
- This year we have brand new K2 snowboards and our trusty K2 shaped skis. We also have your camping equipment if you are heading to the desert or mountains including: tents, backpack, stoves, lanterns, sleeping bags and coolers. Equipment can be reserved two weeks in advance by filling out the necessary paperwork and paying the rental fee. The package price for skis and snowboards for Spring Break week are \$60 and \$75. For all other equipment, the week rate will apply. Reservation for equipment can be made starting Feb. 22.

BECOME A LIFEGUARD

- Become a certified American Red Cross lifeguard. The course includes lifeguarding, Standard First Aid, and CPR for the Professional Rescuer. The cost is \$120 and includes a book.
- Session 1 is Tuesday and Thursday from March 26 to April 25 at 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Session 2 is Saturday and Sunday from April 6 to April 14 at 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Session 3 is Saturday and Sunday from April 20 to April 28 at 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Lifeguard Challenge: Are you currently certified but need to renew? Are you certified by another agency or familiar with the American Red Cross material? We have a challenge format set up for you. The cost is \$75 and only \$40 for a CPR class. Scheduled class are from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Feb. 17 and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on March 6.


SOFTBALL TOURNAY

- The inaugural spring softball tournament has arrived at Texas Tech. The Recreational Sports Special Events department has set the date for Feb. 23. The start time for the tournament will depend on the number of entries. A minimal cost of \$20 per team will cover the cost of officials, specially designed t-shirts for the winning team and two games guaranteed. To register your team, come by the Intramural Office in the Student Rec Center, Room 203 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Limited space is available; so do not let the Feb. 21, noon deadline pass you by. For more information call 742-2945 or come by Room 203 in the SRC.

SPRING SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

- Do not forget that regular Intramural softball season sign ups are Feb. 21 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Remember to get your team's social security numbers and enter your team early so you can get the time your team would like to play. If you are one of those last minute captains, then you would probably get a time slot that is left. Students, faculty and staff can sign up in the Students Rec Center Room 203. If you do not have a team, but would like to play, the Intramural department has a Free Agent program set up for you. The Free Agent meeting is Feb. 20 in the Student Rec Center Room 205. Hope to see you on the diamond.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 742-4832




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