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Powell trying to negotiate peace in Middle East

By Barry Schweid/Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Secretary of State Colin Powell on Monday embraced the idea of an international conference aimed at stopping Middle East violence and restarting Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations.

Sidestepping a clash with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who wants to exclude Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, Powell said the meeting might be held at the foreign minister level. But European and Arab leaders said any such conference needs Arafat's presence to be effective.

"It's a way to get the parties together and talk-

ing," Powell said on the ninth day of a peace mission that has made little progress so far.

Pressing on, Powell will meet Tuesday with Sharon for a third time and is making arrangements to visit Arafat for a second time Wednesday in his battered Ramallah headquarters, U.S. officials said.

"We will maintain close contact with both sides in the coming days," the State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

Sharon suggested the international conference to Powell at their meeting in Tel Aviv on Sunday, though Sharon objected to including Arafat.

Powell said the United States would not necessarily be host for such a conference and that

Arafat could send high-level Palestinian officials to represent him if talks were held at the foreign minister level.

"We've got to move quickly to a political track, and there are many ways to do that, and one way is with a regional or international conference," Powell said.

Sharon "gave some endorsement to that kind of idea" when they talked on Sunday "and Chairman Arafat did as well," Powell said.

But Hassan Abdel Rahman, the top Palestinian official in the United States, said Sharon should first stop his incursion into the West Bank. "Nothing can happen before that," he said in an interview from Washington.

Sharon, in a CNN interview, said Israeli forces would be withdrawn within a week from all towns and villages except Ramallah, where they surround Arafat's headquarters, and Bethlehem.

He said they would stay in Ramallah indefinitely but quit Bethlehem if terrorists surrender for trial or exile.

Powell said he did not broach the idea of who would attend a conference except that representatives of both sides would be there. He said of Arafat, "It doesn't necessarily require his presence to get started."

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi endorsed a conference, saying such a gathering must include the United States, the European Union

and the Arab League as well as Israel and the Palestinians.

French President Jacques Chirac expressed cautious optimism, saying a conference could be a "new road leading us in the right direction." But Prime Minister Lionel Jospin warned that the conference wouldn't make any sense if it excluded Arafat.

British Foreign Office Minister Ben Bradshaw, interviewed by Channel 4 TV news, said, "We're quite clear that Yasser Arafat is the democratically elected leader of the Palestinian people and any idea of a conference that is going to have a

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School of Law remains ranked in bottom tier

By Natalie Worthen/Staff Reporter

Despite efforts to improve its ranking in the *U.S. News and World Report's* law school rankings, the Texas Tech School of Law remains in the fourth tier on the list.

The school dropped from the third tier to the fourth in April 2001.

Students and faculty members said they find the new rankings of the law school unjust.

Reagan Smith, a first-year law student from Beaumont, said the magazine's rankings do not affect his perception of the Tech School of Law.

"I think in large part the decrease in our ranking has to do with us being in a smaller market," he said. "They unfairly compare us to schools like University of Texas who has a larger market."

Smith said Tech is one of the state's most reputable schools, judging by bar exam scores and producing successful litigates. He said he sees no reason why the school has not moved up in rank.

"Our administration is doing what they can in areas that are important to students," he said. "The report is just numbers, and that won't tell you how successful you will be when you leave law school."

Smith said he knew what the Tech law school had to offer and was impressed.

"You can't put a value on how well a law school is at producing qualified students," he said. "A law school is only worth if it can pass the bar exam, and Tech does that."

Pat Grey, a first-year law student from Wink, said he disagreed with the rankings.

"The *U.S. News and World Report* did not come sit and watch on one of our classes to see how we are being taught and the relationships between the students and faculty," he said.

Bryan Camp, an associate law professor, said the rankings could hurt the credibility of the school.

"It could hurt us with prospective students considering Tech's law school; it could hurt those applying for jobs after law school, as well as those in the field," he said. "It very well could hurt our credibility."

Camp said the public looks to *U.S. News and World Report* to provide information on law schools, even though some law schools have questioned the validity of the rankings.

"I call the report a beauty contest," he said. "The rankings are made up 25 percent of other schools' opinions."

Camp said reports are sent to the dean and two faculty members of all the 184 law schools in the United States.

"Not every dean or faculty member responds," he said. "Only people that care about participating will participate; people tend to voice complaints more than compliments."

Camp said the *U.S. News and World Report* admitted to being self-selective and understands their shortcomings.

"A lot of stuff goes into a law school that isn't reflected

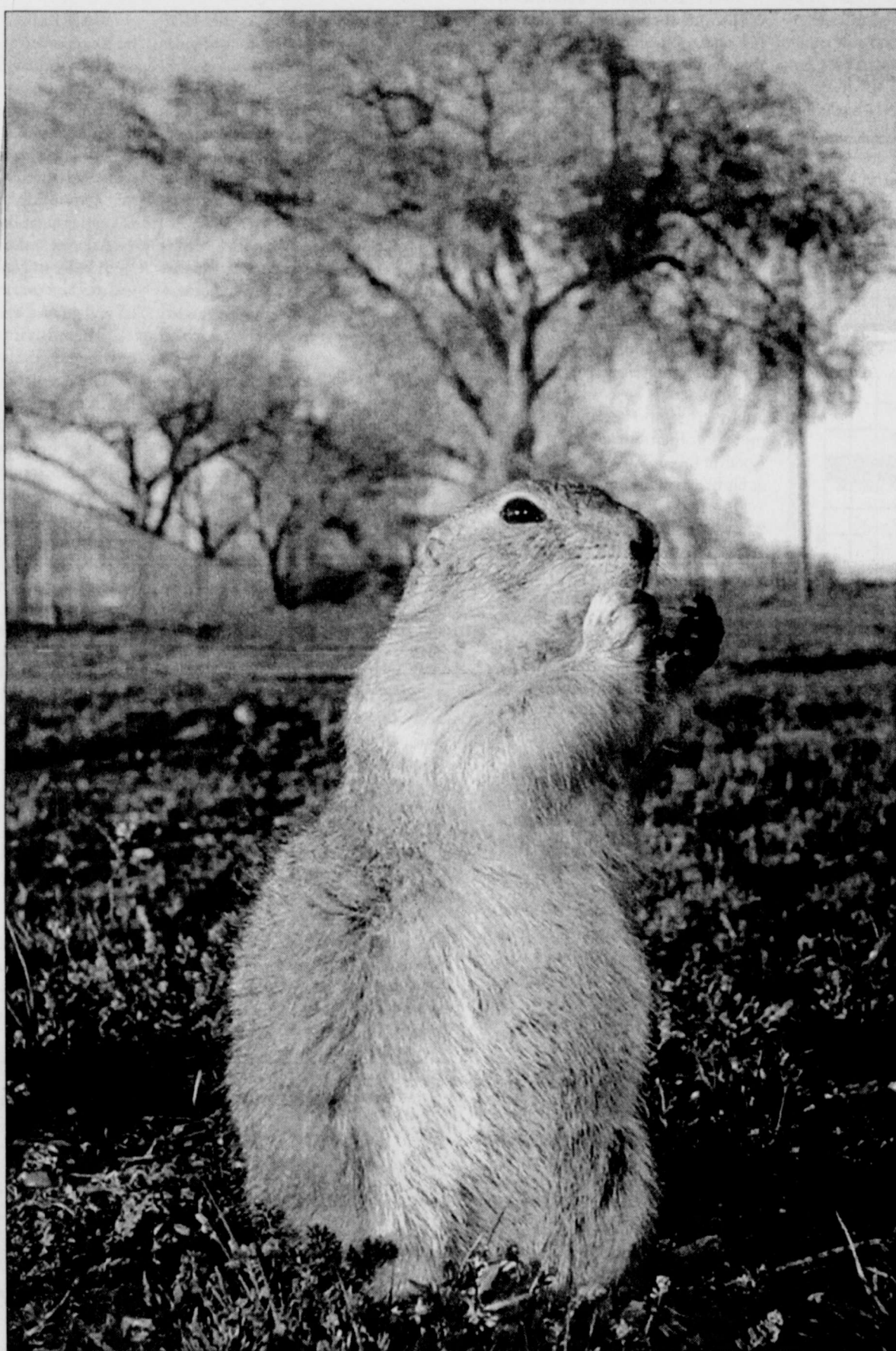
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CATCHIN' SOME SUN



JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer

JENNIFER ROY, A freshman undecided major from Houston, and Amanda Stevens, (right) a freshman social work major from Houston, read as they lay out and enjoy the warm weather Monday afternoon in Urbanovsky Park.



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

A BLACK-TAILED prairie dog eats a carrot in the grass between Meadowbrook Golf Course and the protected land of Prairie Dog Town in Mackenzie State Park on Tuesday afternoon.

Moving OUT

Students work to relocate prairie dog colonies

By Jeremy Smith/Staff Reporter

Several Texas Tech students are conducting experiments to safely relocate prairie dog colonies at Melrose Bombing Range near Clovis, N.M.

Joel Merriman, a master's candidate in range, wildlife and fisheries management, said prairie dog colonies attract birds of prey, which interfere with the bombing and strafing runs made by fighter planes near the range. The Air Force is providing funds for the project.

"The birds of prey, especially ferruginous hawks and golden eagles, can easily get sucked into an engine or damage the canopy of a jet if they collided, which turns out to be very costly," Merriman said. "Even at higher altitudes the birds can be a problem and a real danger to the pilots who fly the bombing runs."

Merriman said he has been working on a "visual barrier" method to safely "herd" prairie dog colonies away from the bombing range. The "visual barriers" that will be used consist of a fence made of galvanized roofing placed along



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH STUDENTS are attempting to relocate prairie dogs from Melrose Bombing Range near Clovis, N.M.

the edge of the colony.

"We want to see if we can get the colonies to expand in the opposite direction of the fence," Merriman said.

Merriman said the military traditionally has used lethal devices of control, such as poison, on the prairie dogs. The project also involves conducting surveys to determine if there is a connection between the presence of prairie dog colonies

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Candidates voice views on Tech, city relationship

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech students will have the opportunity to vote early in the city elections starting Wednesday, in which seven Lubbock citizens have filed to run for mayor.

Ysabel Luna has lived in Lubbock for 45 years. Luna, 48, said he wants to be the people's voice.

"We as citizens have lost control of the local government and authority," Luna said.

In order to help citizens regain their control, Luna said there are some major issues that need to be addressed and remedied.

One of the major problems lies within the realms of the city officials, he said. The public officials are more interested in money and doing things to suit their own interests rather than the interests of the public.

"These politicians care less about the average citizen. They do what they want to do. We need to pull together and live up to what the Constitution says about the government. It's for the people and by the people," he said.

There has been a major breakdown in communication because of this separation between the government and the citizens, Luna said.

It is the city officials' obligation to address issues concerning the public, he said. When the public is not kept informed by the government, it leads to distrust. City officials are expected to take a stance on every issue that affects any part of the city.

"Every elected official has the obligation to do the right thing or inform their constituency that they're not going to

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Tech turns techno with new marketing

IN THE MAIL: Prospective students will receive highlights this spring.

By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

Prospective Texas Tech students will receive a compact disc in the mail highlighting Red Raider Camp and Texas Tech at the end of the semester.

Britta Tye, Red Raider Camp coordinator, said the new CD will include video clips of last year's Red Raider Camp, interviews with the directors and clips highlighting the Tech campus.

"This is the first year we have tried this type of marketing," she said. "The students will really get a taste of what is in store for them at the camp and at Tech."

The CD will include a booklet of information for students who do not have access to a computer.

Tye said two different four-minute CDs will be sent. One CD highlights the Tech campus and the other highlights Red Raider Camp.

Brody Price, graphics designer for Marketing and Promotions for Student Affairs, said 7,000 CDs will be sent to the students at the beginning of summer.

"The CDs are actually a little bit more inexpensive than you would expect because News and Publications burned the CDs with a CD burner," he said.

The cost for the CDs and booklet is \$7,400. Prospective students will receive these CDs at no cost through the mail.

Price said the CDs are compatible with Macintoshes or PCs.

"It works better with faster computers," he said. "If the computer is slow, then the image will be slower and choppy."

Tye said 206 incoming students signed up for Red Raider Camp so far, even though the CDs will not be sent until the end of the semester. Last year, 341 students attended the camp.

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Women can have it all — if they want

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KRISTEN GILBRETH

The cover of Monday's issue of *Time* magazine featured a cuddly bundle of joy smiling while resting on top of a comfy stack of paperwork. The headline reads "Babies vs. Career — Which should

come first for women who want both?"

The feature article centers on economist Sylvia Ann Hewlett's new book, "Creating a Life: Professional Women and the Quest for Children." The author writes, "Many ambitious young women who also hope to have kids are heading down a bad piece of road if they think they can spend a decade establishing their careers and wait until 35 or beyond to establish their families."

Hewlett revealed that nine out of 10 young women were confident of their ability to get pregnant well into their 40s. But, only .01 percent of babies born in the United States are to women age 45 or older because 27 is the age at which a woman's chance of getting pregnant begins to gradually decline.

According to the Center for Disease Control, once a woman celebrates her

42nd birthday, the chances of her having a baby using her own eggs are less than 10 percent. And all the in vitro fertilization and hormone therapy in the world has a low chance of performing any baby magic.

So where does that leave all the women on this campus? Hopefully, we aren't running around pressuring men into marriage trying to force on them our fantasy life plan. The script goes like this: Be married by 25 (hopefully before that). Have kid A at 27 (a few years alone with our man, yet quick enough to chime in on the biological clock) and then have kid B at close to 29 (because we want "brother and sister" to be close in age).

Surely, a few of us are obsessed with marriage and babies, but hopefully, the majority have progressed in egalitarian fashion to realize that while biology is a reality, we are liberated women who know we can have our cake and eat it too. We are not taking on the Bridget Jones mentality of "I have to have a man now," and "I want to have a baby soon." The flashing red warnings that feed our fears of becoming an infertile lonely wretched old maid who everyone thinks is either pathetic, worthless or gay will not hinder us in our goal of reaching self-fulfillment.

We know that our self-worth is not defined by how often we are bare foot and pregnant. And hopefully we are in college not for the popular Mrs. degree but because we are aware that we don't need a man to support us. We are capable of supporting ourselves. Even if

we get married, we choose it not out of fear of being alone but out of the desire to be in equal partnership with the person we have found.

Recently, I was issued a challenge. Since this is a couple's world, as I get older, people think I should get serious about a "relationship." So, a friend of mine gave me a month-to commit to a boyfriend (She thinks I need to "settle down.") Well, even though my competitive nature usually pushes me to meet any challenge just for the sake of proving I am capable, I failed. While I have to admit I put in more effort than usual, April 14 was my deadline and I went through the day as single as ever.

And I am glad. I like being single. I like the freedom. I like figuring out who I am apart from someone else. And no matter who directly or indirectly tells me its time to pair up, I know that no one should settle just where they can "settle down."

Many of us do it because we feel inadequate when we are alone. We want the "Jerry Maguire" of "You complete me." But, that doesn't exist because completeness has to begin within oneself.

The bottom line is the facts about fertility are true. We can't ignore them, and right now we can't defy them. We shouldn't burst out in tears over another negative pregnancy test when we are 40 because we were ignorant to the laws of Mother Nature. We must be educated.

And perhaps that is the point. Male

or female, education is most important. Know what you have to work with on everything. Have a plan. But make it flexible. Don't try to force your life to conform to that plan because it just doesn't work that way.

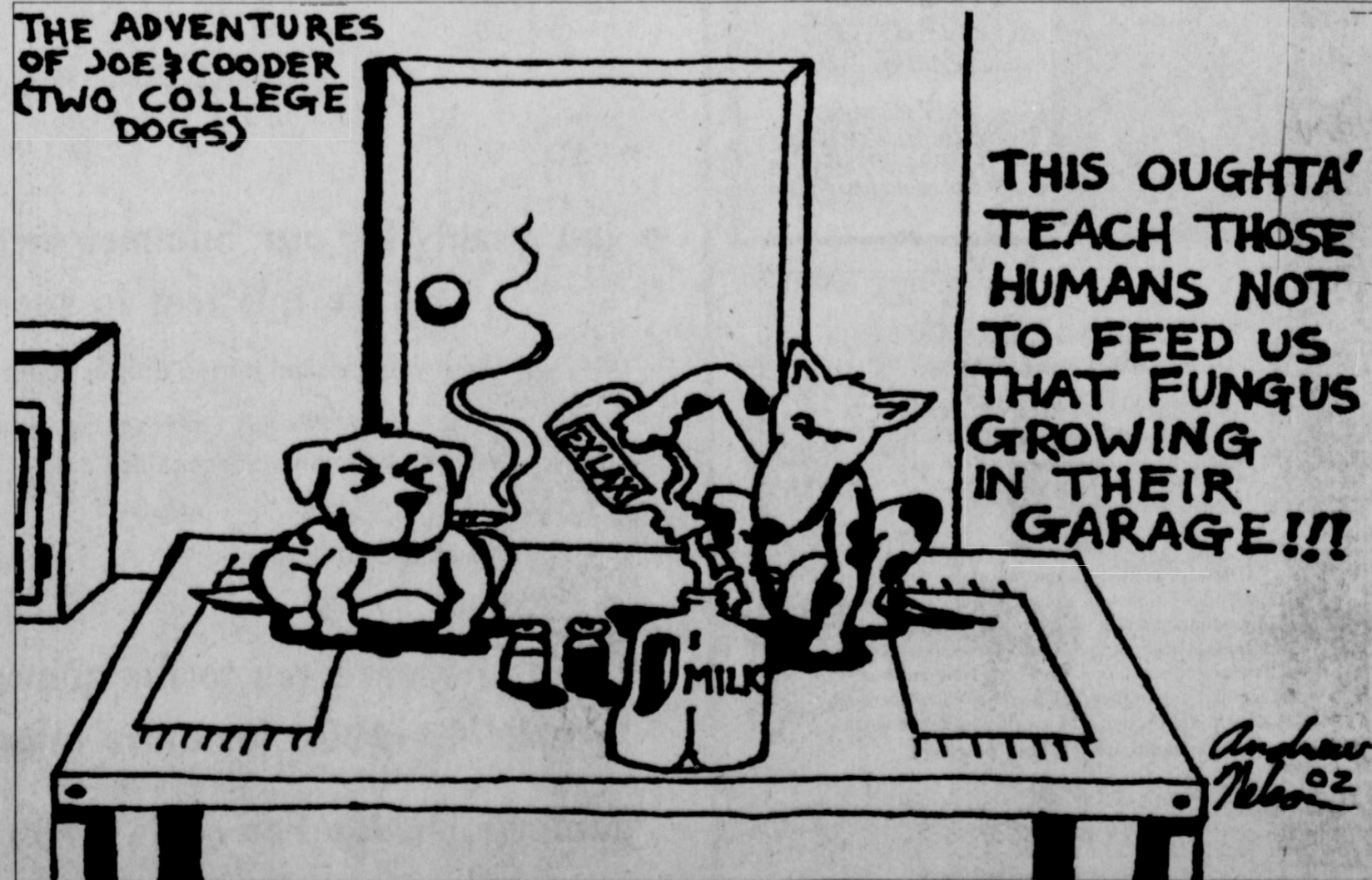
Conservative Pat Buchanan's ramblings about the "death of the west" because there is not enough "focus on the family" are erroneous. We are not June and Ward Clever anymore. We can make our own path.

The 20s are a time for personal growth. So grow up first. Know yourself and where you want to go before you enter into any serious relationship. Don't think about marriage until you are emotionally mature (research shows this occurs at about 26 to 30 for women and 30 to 35 for men). Above all, be able to take care of yourself before you decide it's time to take care of a little one.

Hewlett is right; we should not ignore the constant ticking of that annoying biological clock. But, for God's sake, can't we just tuck it in a drawer or push the snooze button and let everything fall into place at its proper time? There is no rush to wake up next to a mate or a screaming baby.

In the meantime, be in charge of your sexuality or it will control you. Be responsible and be safe. Unlike past generations, we have access to "family planning," birth control and condoms. Use them or lose your freedom.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wording wrong

To the editor: I wish to correct a serious error, which appeared in the Thursday edition of *The University Daily*. I was quoted as saying the search committee did not give me recommendations for the dean candidates for the College of Architecture.

This is incorrect. Certainly, I was given recommendations. I told Mr. Files that the search committee did not rank the candidates. Obviously the difference between "recommend" and "rank" is substantial.

John M. Burns
 Provost

Pay raise bad idea

To the editor: I am writing in regard to the pay raise the Student Government Association executive officers are set to receive. I am an arts and sciences senator for the SGA, and I am not in support of this pay increase.

The arguments behind this raise in salary were the price in housing in Lubbock has increased as well as a rise in student fees.

It is my firm belief that these officers should be elected for how they are going to voice the opinion of the student body not for how much they are going to get paid. All students have to suffer these increases (that the SGA voted to pass, by the way). Why don't we increase the pay of all students who work on campus, go to school and are involved in other campus organizations?

Now, I am in no way saying the SGA officers don't work hard for the student body because they do, and granted, they do spend many hours in the office working for the student body. However, considering the perks of the office and the fact that they ran for their position not looking for the pay, the \$750 they were already receiving should be quite sufficient.

My main purpose in writing this is to inform the students that not all the senators are in favor of this issue. We are your voice, and I encourage you to contact your senators and express your opinions. When we have to vote on an issue and have received no input from our constituents, we have nothing to go on but our own opinions. You can go to www.sga.ttu.edu to find out who your senator is, or contact me at megt2000@hotmail.com. If we can take your e-mails and opinions to our meetings, the senators have no choice but to listen. I encourage you as students to get involved and help us to voice your opinions. You are also welcome to sit in on meetings allowing you to see first hand how your senators are voting.

Please get involved and help us help you.

Megan Brock
 sophomore
 advertising

T&P talks back

To the editor: A couple of issues have surfaced in *The UD* over the past week on the operation of the new parking pay stations (to be installed for the Fall) that should be clarified.

First, if you already have a valid permit, you will not be affected; your permit will be honored during the evening hours in the lots with the pay stations. The purpose of the pay stations is to try to spread the cost of the parking system to all users, not just those who purchase permits.

Secondly, the hours of operation of the pay stations will be from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday; Saturdays and Sundays will not be monitored.

When this project was first considered and approved two years ago, the majority of the campus community believed that everyone who used the parking system, including visitors, should contribute to the maintenance and future construction of parking facilities. The project is being implemented to try to hold down the future cost of parking permits for members of the campus community.

Eric S. Crouch
 Manager of Operations
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Red Raider baseball faces New Mexico

The Texas Tech baseball team will begin a 13-game homestand to conclude the season when it faces New Mexico at 7 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

It will be the fourth meeting between the two schools this year. Tech won two

of three against the Lobos in early February in Albuquerque, N.M.

The Red Raiders (27-16) enter the contest coming off of a 2-1 series win against Kansas. New Mexico (17-22) has lost two of its last three games.

Tech softball back on bumpy road

REELING RAIDERS:

After snapping an early losing streak, the Red Raiders have found the loss column again.

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH'S RIGHT fielder attempts to put down the drag bunt during the Red Raiders' loss against Oklahoma State last week at Rocky Johnson Field. Tech has lost four consecutive games and returns to the diamond to face Oklahoma City in a twin bill at The Rock.

Coming off its fourth shutout loss in a row, the Texas Tech softball team will play host to non-conference opponent Oklahoma City today in a doubleheader beginning at 2 p.m. at Rocky Johnson Field. Game two is at 4 p.m.

The Red Raiders are approaching the games with a positive attitude and not getting down on themselves because of their slump.

First baseman Carmen Grindell said the team is staying motivated, and two wins would serve as a catalyst.

"We've been competing with all these teams, but every game we play is different," Grindell said. "We need to stay up and try to get a couple of wins so we can get something going."

Shortstop Kristi Robles said the team's busy schedule leaves no excuses for the Raiders' loss to date.

"We've played lots of games lately," Robles said. "I think we're game ready, and I think Oklahoma City will play us tough."

Tech's most recent loss was a 1-0 nail biter in Kansas that came down to the last at bat. The game was tied until the bottom half of the seventh inning when Kansas scored the only run of the contest.

Grindell said this loss was hard to take because it was hard-fought and well played.

"We played a really good game in Kansas, but we lost 1-0," Grindell said. "Those losses are harder than anything because you've given everything you can, and it doesn't turn out."

Grindell said the team has put forth its maximum effort in every game. The

Raiders have not been given the pre-

ferred result of their work.

"We're doing everything we can; we're just not getting any breaks," Grindell said. "That's the way the whole year has gone. You just can't let it get to you."

Robles said no matter how hard the team tries the team still ends up losing.

"Things don't seem to go our way," Robles said. "We hit the ball hard; we just hit it right at people, or they made

diving catches to stop it. We've struggled

a lot this year. I guess some luck is involved, and it certainly has been an unlucky year for us."

Because the team has hit the ball well in the wrong places, Robles said the team can enter the games with Oklahoma City confident.

"It's important to feel comfortable at the plate," Robles said. "Because a lot of people are hitting well, I think that will bring some added confidence into the game."

The tight loss to Kansas on Sunday may provide the motivation the Raiders need to come out on the winning end for the first time in more than a week.


"Because of the way we left Kansas, I think we'll want it even more," Grindell said. "We know we have it somewhere in us; it's just not coming out. It gets old after a while, but we can't do anything about it. We just have to try and stay in it and be positive."

Robles said one thing the Raiders will have to bring with them is their mental game because luck seems to be fickle.

"You either get (luck) or you don't," Robles said. "We need to put everything together, and 90 percent of softball is mental, and that's something you can't teach. That's something we need to work on right now."

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Kenyan wins 106th Boston Marathon

BOSTON (AP) — Rodgers Rop led a Kenyan sweep of the first four spots in the Boston Marathon, on Monday, winning in 2 hours, 9 minutes, 2 seconds.

Christopher Cheboiboch, who kept pace with Rop until turning at Cleveland Circle for the long straightaway leading into Boston, finished about 20 yards behind him.

Kenyan had won Boston for 10 straight years before Lee Bong-ju of South Korea ended the streak last year. Lee was the top non-Kenyan again, but he was fifth after falling out of the lead pack by the 19-mile mark.

Margaret Okayo, also of Kenya, won the women's race in 2:20:43, taking 62 seconds off the course record. She pulled away from two-time defending champion and world record-holder Catherine Ndereba in the final mile. Ethiopia's

Elfenesh Alemu was third.

South Africa's Ernst Van Dyk won the wheelchair race by almost three minutes in 1:23:19. Edith Hunkeler of Switzerland won the women's wheelchair race in 1:45:57.

A lead pack of more than 20 men ran together through the midway point before stragglers fell off the pace. The two Kenyans were in the lead alone by the 22-mile mark, and Rop slowly pulled away before Cheboiboch made a desperate sprint down Boylston Street.

Fred Kiprof outspurred Mbarak Hussein of Kenya, the brother of three-time Boston champion Ibrahim Hussein, to finish third, 43 seconds behind the winner. Lee was another 45 seconds back.

Keith Dowling, of Reston, Va., finished 15th and was the top American men's finisher. Jill Gaitenby, of Northampton, Mass., was the top U.S. woman for the second consecutive year, finishing 13th.

The winners on the hilly Boston course were almost 3 1/2 minutes behind the world record of 2:05:38 set on a flatter and faster London course Sunday by Khalid Khannouchi.

A forecast of 80-degree weather did not materialize, as the temperatures were 53 degrees at the start, 54 at the mid-point and 56 at the finish. But a low ceiling of clouds grounded helicopters and kept the first 45 minutes of the men's race and almost all of the women's race off television.

The annual Patriots Day race — the first since the Sept. 11 attacks — had an American flair, with nearly 17,000 runners serenaded by national songs before crossing a red, white and blue starting line for the 26.2-mile run to Boston's Back Bay. A fighter jet flyover was canceled because of the weather.

At the finish, four 45-by-90-foot U.S. flags were unfurled on Boylston Street.

The aftermath of the attacks was also visible in an unprecedented security force, including about 600 police officers who ran in the race. There were no specific threats directed at the marathon, but race organizers followed the trend of other big sporting events by beefing up security.

Bomb-sniffing dogs, hazardous materials teams and radiation detectors were added or increased this year, and the whole crew was in contact with the state's emergency bunker in Framingham. Runners submitted information for background checks.