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## RAIDER POWDER

*Snow covers campus with temperatures in the low 20s*

By Andrew Bell/  
The University Daily

Jack Frost decided to bite at Texas Tech students during a snowy day on Thursday. To compensate, administrators worked hard to make sure the day ran smoothly, while students were considering the rest of the day.

"The best is to get in sweats and lay in bed," Tricia Manuel said.

The sophomore human development and family studies major from Houston said the weather gets cold in Houston, but the humidity helps keep the conditions warmer than Lubbock.

There will be a chance of more snow in the Lubbock area Friday, with a possibility for more Friday night. According to the National Weather Service Web site, the snow advisory weather should clear up by Saturday. Until then, Maj. Gordon Hoffman of the Tech Police Department said students should be careful on the icy roads.

"People need to remember to slow down and allow more distance between cars," he said. "You can't drive like you do when the pavement is dry. You need to drive defensively."

Throughout Lubbock, Hoffman said more than 100 accidents occurred Thursday. At Tech, he said there were a few accidents, but he would not have the incident reports until today. Students who did make it to campus may have found it difficult to find a parking spot.

Col. Buddy Knox, director of Traffic and Parking, said the weather caused the department to exercise the new power-icing program. The C-10 and C-12 lots of the commuter parking lot on Indiana Avenue were closed Thursday because of possible damage from falling ice.

When a snowy or icy day occurs at the Tech campus, Knox said ice can collect on the tower and wires of the large tower located in the parking lot. If a large amount of ice collects on the wires, then ice blocks can fall and cause damage to vehicles or people. As a precaution, the parking lots located under the wires were closed

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THE COURTYARD IN the English/Philosophy/Education Complex is mostly vacant Thursday afternoon as cold West Texas weather stormed through Lubbock. Temperatures were in the low 20s Thursday.

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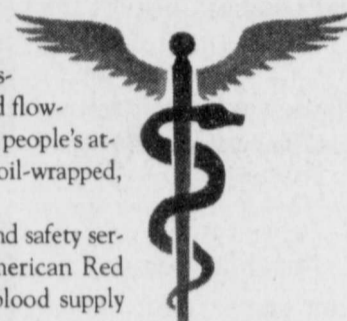
TEXAS TECH STUDENTS make their way to class through Memorial Circle on Thursday morning with snow showers and temperatures in the low 20s.

JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/The University Daily

## Nation faces blood shortage

**BEHIND ON BLOOD:** Shortage links to fewer people donating blood than is typical.

By Beth Aaron/  
The University Daily



While some students are focusing on a holiday revolving around flow-ers and candy this February, some people's attention is on matters outside the foil-wrapped, heart-shaped box.

Dale Millhauser, the health and safety services director for Lubbock's American Red Cross, said there is a national blood supply shortage.

"There's a shortage nationwide because less people are donating blood than they used to," she said.

There are several reasons why people are not as ready to donate something personal as blood, Millhauser said. Some do not recognize the need for blood donations, and others are concerned about contracting blood diseases such as HIV.

"That's not true," she said. "They use individual, sterile equipment for each person," she said.

College-age people are not as prone to donating blood as generations before them, Millhauser said.

"I don't want to stereotype students as not giving, but the elderly and people in their mid-30s are more likely to donate blood," she said.

Students are more likely to jump at a chance to donate things they can be paid for, Millhauser said, such as plasma. Others are inexperienced and scared.

"Some people are just plain scared of needle sticks," she said.

Laura Hartin, a freshman multidisciplinary studies major from Sulphur Springs, said a professor in one of her classes asked students how many of them had never given blood. She said she was shocked to see nearly half of the 300-seat lecture hall raise their hands.

"I was shocked to see that not very many people have given blood," she said.

Hartin said she has never donated blood herself because she is afraid

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## Poll: Public's trust in Bush at low point

By Will Lester/The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The public's trust in President Bush is at the lowest point of his presidency, with about half of those surveyed saying he is honest and trustworthy and almost that many saying he is not, according to a poll released Thursday.

The ABC News-Washington Post poll found that 52 percent felt Bush was trustworthy, while 42 percent did not. The poll found public support for the war in Iraq slipping and people were about evenly split on whether they approve of the job he is doing as president or not.

For the first time in this poll, support for the war dipped just below half, 48 percent, with an equal share, 50 percent, saying it was not worth fighting.

More than half in the poll, 54 percent, said that the Bush administration intentionally exaggerated the threat from weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, but more of that group says administration officials exaggerated the threat than said they lied.

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## Lawmakers discuss gay marriage amendment



**LEGISLATURE DIVIDED:**

Leaders trying to find wording for amendment

By Jennifer Peter/Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Legislative leaders met Thursday morning to try to find words that would ban gay marriage but legalize civil unions, expressing optimism as they reconvened their constitutional convention.

The leaders said they hoped to finally reach an agreement after two other versions of a proposed constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage were narrowly defeated during the much-anticipated convention's opening day Wednesday.

"Things break down in this building by the minute, but it's going to be interesting," said Senate Minority Leader Brian Lees, a Republican. "I'm cautiously optimistic."

Massachusetts was thrust into the epicenter of the contentious social, political, religious and legal debate over gay marriages in November when the state's Supreme Judicial Court ruled it was unconstitutional to ban gay couples from marrying, a decision that was reaffirmed last week.

"We're talking about a wide, wide variety of options and potential amendments," said House Speaker Thomas Finneran, an ardent opponent of gay marriage. "Nobody's in a position, really, to insist on anything other than good faith efforts on all sides. We're open to all sorts of ideas."

Any constitutional amendment would ultimately need the approval of voters in a ballot in November 2006.

The convention's frenzied first day unfolded before more than 4,000 spectators in the Statehouse and reflected a Legislature deeply divided about how to respond to the court's 4-3 ruling. The session resumed Thursday in a much more subdued setting, with fewer protesters and spectators showing up at the Statehouse. As legislators returned to the House chamber, gay-rights advocates chanted "No discrimination!"

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## SOAC discusses possible tuition hike, advising fee

By Andrew Bell/  
The University Daily

With the possibility of a future tuition increase and \$20 advising fee at Texas Tech, Student Government Association President Jeremy Brown discussed these and other issues with members of the Student Organization Advisory Council Thursday night.

Members from student organizations filled the mini-theater of the Student Union Building to listen and discuss issues important to the student body of Tech. The main complaint Brown said he hears from students and student organizations is the lack of communication between the SGA

and the student population.

"This is the chance to bring everyone together from across campus once a month to discuss spread information so you know what's going on around campus," he said.

The meeting opened with a discussion on a possible \$20 advising fee. Alisa Abuzeineh, SGA interim vice president of graduate affairs, said the fee would only apply to undergraduate students of Tech.

Terry said the administration and the SGA has received complaints of bad advisers at Tech. Some departments may have sufficient advisers, but the fee would be an across-the-board fee to improve advising across the campus, Brown said.

One student said students would be required to pay more for something they already pay for while other students would pay for something they do not use.

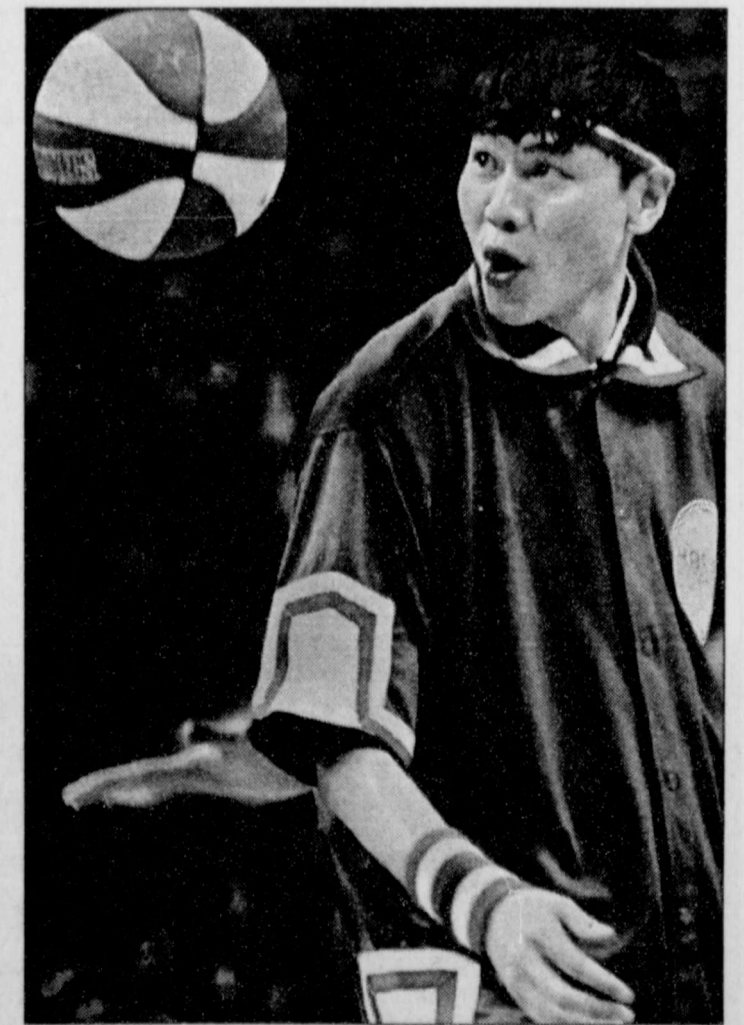
Brown said the deans of colleges he has communicated with are in favor of the fee. He said he believes there needs to be more money to improve the situation, but he does not believe a \$20 fee is necessary.

If the fee is enacted, Brown said he has been assured the money would go strictly to advising. In an open vote, despite the assurance, a majority of the attendants disagreed with the proposed fee.

Many students also disagreed with a possible tuition increase to be enacted in the fall 2004 semester. However, Brown said the increase

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## GETTING THE BALL BACK



TRAVIS GLODT/The University Daily

HARLEM GLOBETROTTER "SHARK" Tserenjanhor, a forward from Memphis College, flips the ball behind his back during the globetrotter's show in the United Spirit Arena Thursday.

# on the SPOT

Are you superstitious about Friday the 13th?

"Some people are superstitious, but I'm not. Nothing's ever happened to me on Friday the 13th."

• Shelly Bates, junior biology major from Crane



"I'm not too worried about it. I don't really believe in that stuff. I own a black cat so it's not a problem for me."

• Mark Loois, junior business major from Wimberley

"I was an athlete but never wore my socks backwards or anything like that, but that's probably because I didn't play baseball. They're the superstitious ones."

• Brian Johnston, junior exercise and sports sciences major from Vernon



"If you have a bad day, it has nothing to do with it. I don't have class on Fridays so I'm fine."

• Laura Fedock, junior broadcast journalism major from Kingwood

"It's a little scary. I'm not superstitious, but it has a bad reputation."

• Cal Zam, junior computer science major from Ackerley



"We have a lot of (Friday the 13ths), and it's Lubbock; nothing happens here."

• Erica Caligurni, freshman early childhood education major from Lubbock

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Dear S.C. I wish you wouldn't smoke. It is bad for you and those around you. You are a good friend and I want you around a long time C.V.

Dear T.J. I know that you smoke and I also know that you are planning to quit. I just want you to know that we are all here to support you. your boys

Dear S. We have known each other for a long time. You are my best friend and I want us to continue to stay in touch. I know you are really stressed out right now, but smoking is not the answer. I am here for you and I would like for you to quit. Love K.

Dear S. I just wanted to let you know that you have friends who don't need you to smoke to be around us. There are too many bad things that could happen to you, and we want to keep you as our friend. A.

Dear K. You know I love you dearly! But after you smoke I can always tell, and can taste it in your breath. It makes me not want to kiss you anymore. I love you and I wish you would quit because I care about you. Love M.

To C. & K.C. Stop using tobacco boys, good friends are hard to find. J.

Dear S. Your family and I care so much about you. I know how hard it may be to stop but you need to stop using that as an excuse. Please try to stop smoking. Love, your brother

Dear J. You are a beautiful and smart young woman & I really care about you! I know you have tried quitting and I am here for you so you can try again. J.

Dear R. I second hand smoke 2 packs a day b/c of you. Its a great diet. Just kidding! It would be great if you would stop, not only for me, but most of all for you. I love you kid and want you around for as long as possible J.

To B. I hope you soon come to the realization that tobacco is bad for your health. I care about you and want you to be around for a long time. Please do the right thing for yourself and for the people who care about you. Love G.

## The Rundown



### Sixth inmate put to death Thursday night

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A former bull rider from New Mexico headed to the Texas death chamber Thursday night for fatally slashing and stabbing two young women more than 10 years ago while he was on probation for a drug conviction.

Bobby Ray Hopkins, 36, was the sixth Texas inmate put to death this year and the second in as many nights.

Hopkins insisted he wasn't responsible for the slayings of Sandi Marbut, 18, and her cousin, Jennifer Weston, 19, at their apartment in Grandview in Johnson County, about 35 miles south of Fort Worth.

Marbut was cut about 40 times with a dull knife, its blade blunted to about 3 inches. Weston, a cousin from Indiana, had 66 wounds.

Their bodies were found July 31, 1993, by Marbut's father, who lived across the street.

"Unless you've experienced it, you can't imagine it," Terry Marbut, who planned to witness the execution, told The Associated Press. "It changes your perspective on everything. It was extremely traumatic."

Hopkins' lawyers filed motions for clemency, for a reprieve and asked in appeals that DNA evidence used at Hopkins' trial be retested. They also were questioning the legality of his confession.

Hopkins, from Lea County, N.M., was on probation for dealing cocaine when his name surfaced as authorities canvassed a crowd that gathered where the killings occurred. Bystanders told officers Hopkins, who was wanted for a probation violation, previously was at a party there and had argued with Sandi Marbut over \$40 missing from her purse.

A Texas Ranger tracked down Hopkins. A blood spot on his boot matched the blood of the victims. A bootprint from the slaying scene matched Hopkins' boot.

Hopkins was questioned eight times and held in isolation for 15 days, refusing to confess. A detective he knew from Hobbs, N.M., came to talk with him and during a four-hour interview Hopkins told how he went to the home, a struggle ensued and he stabbed Marbut. He also said he was cut in the fight.

### Students suspended after beating student

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Seven middle school students were suspended and a school bus driver was placed on leave after the beating of a 12-year-old student was captured on a surveillance camera aboard the bus.

The tape, which was broadcast on local and national television, shows several Landon Middle School students punching the boy for about 30 seconds last week as he cowers in his seat.

The boy, who was not seriously injured, will be allowed to transfer to another school, Marsha Oliver, a spokeswoman for Duval County schools, said Wednesday.

The students' names were not released because of their ages. The oldest attacker is believed to be about 15, and no arrests were made, authorities said.

A hearing officer will determine the punishments for the suspended students, Oliver said. Penalties could include expulsion, she said.

The bus company, First Student, refused to identify the driver. He is on leave; a review of his conduct will take a few days, said John Ziegler, the company's vice president.

The driver said he pulled over after making a turn and asked the victim if he needed help or wanted to return to school. After finishing the route, the driver took the tape back to the school, Oliver said.

The victim, whose name wasn't released, told The Florida Times-Union that he believed the driver should have intervened.

"He didn't stop the boys or anything. He just let them off at their stop," he said.

The bus company has a policy of not touching students to break up a fight. Last year, a Duval County bus driver was seriously injured when he tried to intervene.

Drivers are supposed to notify their dispatcher or contact the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office if there is trouble on the bus, Oliver said. While he did not do so, she said, she did praise him for retrieving the video.

### British Airways scraps flight for security fears

LONDON (AP) — A much-disrupted British Airways flight from London to Washington, D.C. has been canceled again over security fears, the airline said Thursday.

British Airways said Flight 223 from Heathrow to Washington's Dulles Airport would not fly on the coming Sunday. Monday's Flight 263 from London to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia also was scrapped.

The airline said the decision "follows government advice to cancel those flights for security reasons." The 184 people booked on the Washington flight and 149 Riyadh passengers would be rebooked on other flights or given a refund, the airline said.

BA said the return flights to London would operate as scheduled.

Flight 223 has been delayed or canceled eight previous times this year because of U.S. security alerts. Saudi flights also have been canceled several times.

Officials in Britain have refused to say what intelligence prompted them to advise cancellation of the BA flights, but U.S. authorities have spoken of a "specific and credible" terrorist threat to international flights.

Dennis Murphy, a spokesman for U.S. Department of Homeland Security, said the decision to cancel the flight was based on British intelligence, but that U.S. intelligence officials had shared information.

Murphy said the United States had "specific and credible" threat information for the flights currently canceled.

Disruption to flight 223 began Dec. 31, when the plane was kept on the tarmac at Dulles for several hours after landing, while U.S. authorities questioned passengers and crew.

BA scratched the same service the following two days and several times after that, most recently on Feb. 2. When the flight has gone ahead, it has sometimes been delayed for hours for stringent checks on passengers. The carrier's two other daily flights to Washington have not been affected.

Last August, BA suspended service to Saudi Arabia, where the British government warns of "a continuing threat of terrorism," after local authorities broke up a cell that reportedly was plotting an attack on a British plane. Service was restored in September.

Several Paris-based Air France flights to the United States and a Continental Airlines Glasgow-to-Los Angeles flight also have been canceled in the past few weeks.

Air France said Thursday that its flights were running normally and there had been no cancellations for security reasons.

Some European officials have questioned the need for the flight disruptions, and Britain's pilots' union has expressed concern over the "erratic" nature of the intelligence leading to the cancellations.

On Thursday, the group's general secretary, Jim McAuslan, accused U.S. officials of overreacting. "Safety and security is our priority but we now believe that the United States intelligence service is jumping at shadows," he said.

A U.S. request for armed "sky marshals" to travel on flights thought to be at risk also has caused friction, with Britain's Air Line Pilots' Association expressing strong opposition to the idea.

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## Tech Cares

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## Snow

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Thursday. To help students find parking spots, workers from Traffic and Parking were in the parking lot to direct students to locations with available spots, Knox said.

"We just try to save students time and effort and give them good parking places," he said. "You know, we try to use common sense."

To prevent any transportation problems, Knox said the department coordinated with Citibus to inform them of the changes.

The department also conducted changes due to students parking illegally on campus.

Students who were unable to find a parking spot parked illegally. Usually the department tows students, but the conditions were too slick for tow

trucks to be available, Knox said. Instead of towing, students who parked illegally were given a ticket.

The weather did not just cause parking problems, but a stall in construction projects. Vice President for Operations Max Hinojosa said construction projects are discontinued temporarily when bad weather occurs.

Any projects that involve concrete, waterproofing and roadwork cannot be completed because of freezing weather, Hinojosa said.

"There is no sense to put people out there and get them hurt," he said.

One student who did come to campus Thursday was not happy about the experience. Chris Snow, a junior history major from Holliday, said the weather is similar to that of his hometown, but, nonetheless, it was not enjoyable.

"Well, I'm not happy about it," he said. "Busted my (butt) twice already."

## Blood

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the process would be painful. "I've gotten scared every time," she said.

Johnna Pevey, donor recruitment director for United Blood Services in Lubbock, said she is tired of hearing people use fear as an excuse not to give blood.

"I don't think it's so much the needle they're afraid of it," she said. "I think it's all the unknown."

Pevey said people most often relate the experience of donating blood to going to the doctor's office to have blood drawn for a laboratory test.

However, she said the two differ greatly.

"It's a quick jab," she said. "We pretty much go in, and that's it."

One unit of blood can help

three to four different patients, Pevey said. The unit is often divided into different parts: platelets going to cancer patients, red cells going to anemic patients, etc.

"I would say one out of every four people is affected somehow in their lifetime," she said. "The need for blood unknowingly affects every person."

In Lubbock, 120,000 people are eligible to donate blood, Pevey said, and only 600 will donate. Anyone 17 or older, weighing 110 pounds or more in good health is eligible to donate.

"We import 1,500 pints of blood every year because we don't get enough to supply what we need," she said. "If every person would donate one time every three years, we'd never need blood. One time every three years, I mean, good grief!"

Though every drop of blood is important, Pevey said the types of

blood that initially run low are types O negative and O positive. Anyone in need of a blood transfusion can receive O negative, as it is a universal donor.

Pevey said people should stop putting the impulse to donate blood on the back burner.

"If you wait until someone you know needs it, it's too late," she said.

Veronica Lujan, a senior sociology major from Lubbock, said the first time she donated blood was after her employer suggested it.

She said she thinks it is important for students to take advantage of such opportunities.

"A lot of us that are our age are real healthy," she said. "We're at a prime age to be able to do that. There are probably a lot of people in need of blood."

For more information about blood donation call (806) 797-8534 or visit [www.unitedbloodservices.org](http://www.unitedbloodservices.org).

## Bush

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The poll highlighted Bush's vulnerabilities after a month dominated by the Democratic presidential campaign and an admission by administration officials that banned weapons may not be found in Iraq.

A tracking poll by the National Annenberg Election Survey found that Bush's overall job approval dropped sharply in late January after David Kay, the former chief U.S. weapons inspector in Iraq, said he did not think those weapons existed.

In a matchup with Democratic front-runner John Kerry, Bush trailed the Massachusetts senator by 51 percent to 43 percent.

The public remains strongly supportive of Bush on his handling of the campaign against terrorism and his leadership skills — with six in 10 or more approving of him on terrorism and saying he is a strong leader.

Almost half in the poll, 47 percent, said the economy has gotten worse while Bush was president — reflecting recent signs that consumers are growing more anxious about the economy. Only four in 10 said Bush understand the problems of people like them.

The poll of 1,003 adults was taken Tuesday and Wednesday. It has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Marie Parente. "I didn't create that combination, Mother Nature did."

If gay marriage takes place in Massachusetts, federal lawsuits would likely ensue as gay couples seek recognition in other states. Thirty-eight states and the federal government have approved laws or amendments barring the recognition of gay marriage.

The issue also is certain to have political repercussions for state legislators facing re-election in November and in the presidential race.

Both Bush and Sen. John Kerry, a Massachusetts Democrat, oppose gay marriage, though they support gay civil rights.

## SOAC

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would be necessary to develop the growth of the campus.

If tuition were increased at Tech, the money from the student body would go to many things. Brown said many professors on campus have not had a raise in five years. A percentage of the funds would go to give faculty members a raise, while another portion of the funds would go to hire more faculty.

"The main purpose of the increase is to hire more faculty," he said. "The majority of the money would go there."

As with the previous tuition increase, Brown said money would go into financial aid to help the student body. If the tuition increase is

enacted, he said the provost and president of the university have told him that there would not be another increase for two years.

Although tuition has not been decided on, an extended fall break for the fall 2004 semester is "pretty much a go," Brown said. There is still debate on what part of the semester the break would be implemented in.

"There are two options," Brown said. "We could have a full week for Thanksgiving or, in mid-October, we could have a Thursday and Friday off."

SOAC is a development from Student Senate legislation that would require registered student organizations to have a SOAC representative attend meetings, Carmen Terry, SGA chief of staff, said.

Brown encourages members

from all student organizations to be a part of SOAC, but he said an organization would never be penalized for not making a meeting.

However, when an organization is going through the budget and finance committee to receive organization funding, attendance could become a factor. Brown said if an organization representative has attended a majority of the meetings, then the committee would take that into consideration when deciding which organizations receive funding.

SOAC will hold two more meetings during the spring semester. On March 11 and April 1, a SOAC meeting will be held in the mini-theater of the Student Union at 7 p.m. For any information or questions on any issue, members of the SGA can be reached at 742-3631.

## Amendment

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The constitutional convention adjourned Wednesday night after six hours of debate, but within moments House and Senate leaders met behind closed doors to craft a third compromise that they hoped would be able to sway the few votes necessary to cobble together a majority against gay marriage.

Under this latest proposal, gay couples who exchange vows after the court's ruling goes into effect on May 17, would not have their marriage licenses revoked even if voters ultimately approve a constitutional ban two years later.

Gay-rights advocates, who want the constitution to remain untouched, lobbied against any proposal that included civil unions.

Advocates say that even if it extends new rights to gay couples, a so-called compromise would make a gay-marriage ban tougher to defeat at the polls in two years.

"That takes the (constitutional ban) and makes it look pretty," said Arline Isaacson, co-leader of the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus.

An amendment would require

the backing of a simple majority of the Legislature this year, then again in the 2005-06 legislative session before it could wind up on the November 2006 ballot for voters to consider.

Wednesday was a day of impassioned debate about the meaning of the constitution, the lessons of slavery, and the importance of preserving an institution that has existed as a heterosexual union for millennia.

Sen. Dianne Wilkerson, who is against the amendment proposal, drew upon her experience as a black woman growing up in Arkansas, where the public hospital did not allow her mother to deliver her children. She used the analogy to argue that offering gays the option of civil unions was fundamentally unequal.

"I know the pain of being less than equal and I cannot and will not impose that status on anyone else," a teary-eyed Wilkerson said. "I was but one generation removed from an existence in slavery. I could not in good conscience ever vote to send anyone to that place from which my family fled."

Supporters of a ban called on the Legislature to allow voters in the heavily Roman Catholic state to have the opportunity to weigh in on a crucial cultural issue.

"Mother Nature left her blueprint behind and she left it in DNA, a man and a woman," said Rep.

## Teacher suspended after student poses in boxers

HOUSTON — A high school art teacher who asked a student to pose for classmates wearing only boxer shorts has been suspended.

Karen Fearon, an advanced placement art teacher at The Woodlands High School near Houston, was suspended with pay pending the outcome of an investigation.

"I asked him if he'd feel comfortable wearing them in class. At first he was hesitant, then he said, 'Yeah, I will,'" Fearon told Houston television station KPRC. "Before I knew it, I turned around to get the paper and supplies and he had dropped his pants in the class."

Well, that was kind of shocking because ... I usually have them go in the back room to change."

Conroe Independent School District school officials did not say how long the investigation will take into the Feb. 5 incident. Fearon was suspended the following day.

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## South Korean researchers win race in cloning of human embryo

WASHINGTON (AP) — Researchers in South Korea have become the first to successfully clone a human embryo, and then cull from it master stem cells that many doctors consider key to one day creating cures for diabetes, Parkinson's and other diseases.

This is not cloning to make babies, but to create medicine.

It immediately revived controversy over whether to ban all human cloning, as the Bush administration wants, or to allow this "therapeutic cloning" that might eventually let patients grow their own replacement tissue.

"We have to do this research because of its promise for treating disease," said Dr. Moon Shin-yong of Seoul National University, who co-led the new research.

Without cloning, stem cells won't be genetically identical to the patient who needs them, causing "a rejection problem, and we would like to overcome it," Moon told The Associated Press. "This kind of science should be conducted in South Korea and in the United States. It is very important to medicine."

Embryonic stem cells are the body's building blocks, cells from which all other tissue types spring. They're present in an embryo only days after conception and are ethically sensitive because culling stem cells destroys the embryo.

Scientists have used therapeutic cloning to partially cure laboratory mice with an immune system disease. And they can cull stem cells from human embryos left over in fertility clinics.

Attempts to clone human embryos, to supply stem cells, have failed until now.

The Seoul scientists say they succeeded largely because of using extremely fresh eggs donated by South Korean volunteers and gentler handling of the genetic material inside them.

Moon and colleague Woo Suk Hwang are discussing the research Thursday at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Details will be published in the journal Science.

It's elegant work that provides long-

anticipated proof that human therapeutic cloning is possible, said stem-cell researcher Dr. Rudolf Jaenisch of the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Mass.

"It's not of practical use at this point," Jaenisch cautioned.

Years of additional research are required before embryonic stem cell transplants could be considered in people, he stressed.

Critics immediately urged Congress to ban all forms of human cloning. The

House last year voted to do that, but the Senate stalled over whether there should be an exception for some research.

"The instrumentalization of human life for the benefit of others demeans the value of all human life," said Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., who has sponsored legislation for a complete ban.

There's nothing to stop the next cloned embryo from being used for pregnancy, contended Richard Doerflinger of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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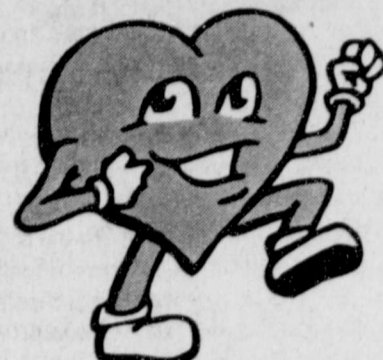
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# Sweethearts Speak Up



## How to recognize real love from an imposter Actually, all I want for Valentine's Day is ...

So let's wrap. Love, marriage, dating, sex, flowers, chocolate, blah, blah, blah. Are you ready for your final V-Day segment? I hope so, because here goes.

Love is probably the most misused word in the English language. I know we're all guilty of misusing it—we say we love our cars, chocolate, football, etc. Or, we tell another person that we love them when in fact we don't.

"I love you" should not be the keys into her pants or the way to get him to buy expensive jewelry and roses. The I-word should be used only when you mean it.

Of course, this doesn't apply only to romantic love. You love your friends, your family, even your dog. There are many different kinds of love, each of which are different. But we'll stick to romantic love today. Let's talk about what defines love.

### What love isn't:

**No 1: Hormonal.** It is not the desire to hop into bed and have animal sex at every opportunity. That's a different I-word.

**No 2: Manipulative or demanding.** If you truly love someone, you would never use those feelings to get something out of him or her.

**No 3: Superficial.** It's not pride in how hot, rich or popular your significant other is. If you want to be seen with that person in public because people get jealous that you're out with such a stud, you're not quite adult enough to be making good decisions.

**No 4: Perfect.** You're not perfect, your partner's not perfect; why would a union of the two of you be? Being in love will not make your life perfect; it will not solve all your problems; it's not the answer to all of your prayers. It's not a magic bean that makes the world rosy, at least not forever.

**No 5: Something you fall into.** Love happens when two people who are attracted to each other spend a lot of quality time together, who make each other better just by being together, who put the other person's needs and wants first. Love is not an accident, a coincidence or fate. Love is a process.

**No 6: Something that you recognize immediately.** Love takes different forms and looks different for each person in every relationship, especially at this point in our lives. The way we love as 21-year-olds will look drastically different than the way we love as 45-year-olds.

**No 7: A fairy tale or reality TV.** He won't rescue you from a dragon or from a wicked witch with his kiss. That only happens in Disney movies. You have to make your own fairy tale. And the way to do that is not by getting onto "The Bachelor." Love doesn't happen like that.

### What love is:

**No 1: Charitable.** When you love somebody, he or she is more important to you than you are to yourself. You want to serve him, listen to her and try to make the world a better place together.

**No 2: Comfortable.** It's when you can talk about emotional or embarrassing things, see the other person at his or her worst and hang out in your pajamas and have a good time.

**No 3: The desire to make your sweetheart happy.** It's when you eat something terrible with a smile on your face so you won't hurt her feelings, and when you ask questions about football and cars when you don't care about the answer. It's when you want to change the world so nothing ever makes her cry again. It's when he's hurting and can't admit it, so you hurt for him.

**No 4: Private.** It's a sacred, beautiful thing that loses much of its specialness when you parade it in front of everyone. It's an experience meant to be shared by two people. Leave it there.

**No 5: Painful, sometimes.** It hurts when your boyfriend forgets to call or when your girlfriend isn't listening to you. But it hurts because you care about that person. Allow the pain you experience in your rela-

**Heidi Toth**



*Love isn't something you have, something you find, something you are. Love is something you do, every second of every minute of every day forever.*

tionship to help you two grow as a couple.

**No 6: Fluid.** Love changes as relationships progress. Right now you're in love because she's cute and he's sweet and you just love spending time with each other and kissing and talking. Ten years from now you'll be in love because your husband will get out of bed to take care of the baby and your wife irons your shirts every morning.

**No 7: A verb.** Love isn't something you have, something you find, something you are. Love is something you do, every second of every minute of every day forever. If you don't love your significant other every day, your love will die. You don't expect your car to maintain itself, why would you expect your love to?

### Last, but not least

Enjoy your Valentines Day whether you're in a relationship or not. It's a highly commercialized holiday that can just as easily be spent not being in love as being in love.

On another note, let's jump briefly into dating. Girls, dating is not a profession of love or a contract of marriage. It means he'd like to spend more time with you and get to know you better. I know it's tempting to overanalyze and jump to conclusions, but resist the temptation. It just makes life more difficult. I've seen too many women (especially when looking in the mirror) who read too much into innocent incidents. Stop the insanity!

Guys, come on. I know it's the 21<sup>st</sup> century and women are all liberated and stuff, but we still like to be asked out. We like when you open our doors and when you bring flowers and when you tell us we look nice. Adam was here before Eve, a man walked on the moon first, etc. God wired you to make the first move — so do it!

After giving this good advice I am now going to recognize it completely. I'm in the midst of a ridiculous dating game because I'm too chicken to tell this guy that I'm interested in him. I don't know what he's thinking but I'm hoping he hasn't asked me out because he's shy and not because he's not interested. It's all a big, pointless, needless mess, and I'm tired of waiting and wondering. So I'm ending it now. Hey Tim, are you free after we finish studying tomorrow? If so, I would like to get together.

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**Katherine Amerson**



In Wiccan and Pagan covens, 13 members cast the circle and there are 13 lunar months in the pagan calendar. Since the number 13 was sacred to most Pagan traditions, it's not surprising that the number was considered evil in early Christianity.

Reportedly many unlucky events have happened on Fridays. For instance, Biblical events like the Crucifixion, Abel's murder and the Great Flood all are rumored to have occurred on Friday's. Until recently, Friday was the sixth day of the week. The Biblical association of the number six; rests in the mark of the beast that is 666.

Another source of the superstition rests in Norse

My boyfriend Matthew says all he wants for Valentine's Day is for me to be happy. Like almost every other man in American, he's been programmed to think my wish list for love day includes dozens of roses, boxes of chocolate and expensive jewelry. But actually, if I had it my way, everything I want for this holiday is included below:

### Singles to celebrate

I'm 25-years-old and this is the first year I've ever had a serious boyfriend for the big-hearts-and-flowers day. But every year I've made the best of it and enjoyed myself despite not being attached. Whether it was playing cupid/Miss Match, throwing a "classy single's party" for a group of friends, or just doing something silly and fun to remember, I've always found ways to get through the day with my dignity intact.

I do know what it is like to be lonely, but please do not let the hype of this holiday make you feel any less of a person. I can guarantee that just because you do not have a significant other is not a sign "something is wrong with you." In fact something could be more "right with you" than you know. Some of the most dysfunctional people I know are constantly part of a duo; they have no self-worth apart from being in serial monogamous relationships. Know that you are single by choice and not chance. Don't call yourself a loser or wallow in pity drowning your sorrows in a bottle of alcohol or a pint of ice cream. Appreciate your singleness by choosing to have fun. Go dancing with friends, to dinner with a co-worker or have a small get-together at your house and just relax.

You do not need someone else to give you worth or to make you whole, you are precious and complete just the way you are. Instead of wearing black and huffing and puffing through a day you've decided to hate, be glad you have your independence. It is priceless.

### Couples to calm down.

With whatever you are planning for tomorrow, please stop trying to cram all the couple-craziness you can into one drenched-in-drama day.

My brother Justin and his wife Connie are possibly the cutest married couple I know. She e-mailed me today and said, "We think it is silly to get stressed out about money and what to do because of some unreal holiday."

So, they decided during the year they would both pick a random day and do something romantic and spontaneous for each other. She says that way they can get two Valentine's Days and be surprised at the same time.

Why can't more couples be like this? Why can't more women think like this?

Ladies, this is a news flash — No day of the year should be all about you. Have you ever wondered why so many men hate this holiday? It's because they hate feeling obligated, and they resent that you feel entitled to everything. Stop expecting so much from your man, and maybe you will discover that he feels a little more like giving. If I had what I wanted for Valentine's Day, every diva would drop the I'm-a-princess-so-buy-me-stuff act. Ask not what your man can do for you, but what you can do for your man. Romance is a two way street and women, it is time you get in the driver's seat sometimes.

### Women to stop waiting

I'm tired of guys taking all the risks when it comes to relationships and women waiting passively for a man to make a move. If my Valentine's wish came true, a few more women would ask their crush out and take a chance (like the brave woman to my left did in her column — another thing I want for Valentine's — Tim to say yes to her) ... a few more women would refuse to wait by the phone — they would be doing the dialing ... and a few

**Kristen Gilbreth**



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more women would put their heart on the line for the man they love. If women would stop waiting, they would no longer have to wonder what might have been.

I've asked out more guys than any woman I know. I have been rejected and let down in that process, but I don't regret anything. Because of it I've become a courageous, strong woman who understands what guys go through daily. If anything that has made me more compassionate about saying no when someone has the guts to take a chance on me.

### Nice guys to keep being nice guys.

I've heard too many guys tell me, "Well I used to be a nice guy but nice guys finish last. Girls like jerks, so I stopped caring and became a jerk."

If you are nice guy — giving up is the single biggest mistake you can make in your dating life. Don't turn to the dark side, because the moment you do the woman you have been looking for will pass you by — and do you know why? — because you are not a nice guy. You are right, girls like jerks. But women like nice guys. When we grow up and get some healthy self-esteem of our own we like to be treated with respect. So if you are a nice guy who can't get a date perhaps, look at your approach. You may not be getting a date because you appear desperate or without confidence; your kindness may not be culprit. Then after analyzing your moves, look at who you are asking out? Are they nice girls? If not, that may be your problem.

And ladies, stop crying in your margarita that you can't find a nice guy if you turned down the last three that asked you out. Treat men how you want to be treated — or stop whining about how you are treated.

### Every person to spread love

Don't make tomorrow just about romantic love — love has many faces. The more you put in the universe, the more it gives back to you. Do a random act of kindness. Call your parents. Make someone who is lonely feel loved. The options to show love are endless. Be creative and make someone's day tomorrow.

### For my valentine to be happy

I want my boyfriend to feel as loved as he makes me feel every day. From him I have learned that there is hope of finding someone worth giving my all to. He has shown me that real love is when someone accepts you exactly as you are. They let you be yourself — in fact they want you to. They make you want to be a better person, while at the same time they help you feel "good enough." They make you feel beautiful with no make-up and a T-shirt on. Thank you sweetheart for loving me and I love you so much that if you all you want to do is play video games all day on Valentine's Day, you can. All I want is for you to be happy.

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## Friday the 13th — a long, haunting history of mystery

Friday the 13th is great — it's the perfect excuse to blame my misfortunes on something other than myself. Car accident or bad test grade? Blame it on Friday the 13th. Wet your pants, blame it on the "Devil's Dozen." However, if you're going to blame such incidents on superstition, then it's important to know how Friday the 13th originated.

There is actually a word for the fear of Friday the 13th — paraskavedekatriaphobia (try and use that term casually at a frat party!). It arises from a fear of the number 13 and of Fridays. Although there are others, the most prominent theory of origin is rooted in Christian theology.

In Leonardo da Vinci's renaissance masterpiece "The Last Supper," there are 13 guests. Historians believe Jesus to have been the 13th guest at the feast, just before his Crucifixion. If one were to start counting around the table with Judas, the betrayer, then Jesus would be the 13th guest. If the count began at Jesus, then Judas was number 13.

Some people believe there was a 13th tribe of Israel, although the Bible proclaims only 12. Members of this tribe, viewed as "witches," sought to destroy followers of God.

culture. In ancient Norse mythology, their hero Balder was killed at a banquet by the god Loki. Before he died, the party total was brought to 13, hence the malevolent aura which surrounds the number.

The legend is associated with capital punishment. In the British tradition, 13 steps led up to the noose and Friday was the conventional day for public hangings.

Another eerie story surrounds the day Friday. Sailors were especially superstitious of the day and often refused to ship out on Fridays. Legend says that in the 1800s a British ship called HMS Friday was commissioned to prove the superstition a fallacy.

The crew was selected on a Friday, the captain was named James Friday and the ship set sail on a Friday. The ship disappeared forever. As fishermen say, "A Friday's sail, always fail."

In more recent history, new superstitions about the number 13 have evolved. Notable serial killers have 13 letter names. Jack the Ripper — 13 letters, John Wayne Gacy — 13 letters. Charles Manson, Jeffrey Dahmer and Theodore (Ted) Bundy each have 13 letters.

Many American buildings have floors that skip from 12 to 14. State lotteries of France and Italy never sell tickets with the number 13 on them. American school multiplication tables stop at 12 times 12, even though there is no reason to do so, except for the ancient superstition.

Is all this just a superstition, or is there some truth to the mystery?

A 1993 British Medical Journal found that even though fewer people chose to drive on Friday the 13th than on other Fridays, the number of hospital admissions was significantly higher on Friday the 13th.

If you don't subscribe to the ancient Friday the 13th superstition, then you'll probably take little notice of the day that comes around once a year.

However, if you do believe in magic, then be careful! Don't walk under a ladder, move into a new home, take a trip or flip your mattress. To be on the safe side you may even want to find a four-leaf clover or a rabbit's foot.

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## Health benefits of CHOCOLATE

Ingredient in this sweet treat helps improve cholesterol

By Megan LaVoie/The University Daily

Chocolate — friend or foe? As Valentine's Day nears, Red Raiders might be interested to know that by giving their loved ones chocolate, they might be benefiting their sweethearts in more than one way.

Recent studies have shown the cocoa-based confection is not as bad as people may think. Doctors have discovered the tasty treat holds many health benefits.

Fiona Prahbu, an assistant professor and pre-doctoral director for family medicine with the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, said chocolate's main health benefits are the chemicals, called flavanols, it contains.

"Specific types of flavanols called catechins and epicatechins help improve cholesterol and decrease formations of plaques," she said.

Plaques clog up arteries, and chocolate acts as an antioxidant, cleaning up and reducing some of the damage, Prahbu said.

Chocolate has also recently been known to reduce blood pressure and increase blood flow, she said.

Chocolate's history is as deep as it is sweet.

Chocolate is made from the seeds of the tropical cacao tree, Theobroma Cacao.

Theobroma is Greek for "food of the gods."

According to BBC.com, the Aztecs were the first humans to make chocolate. They discovered they could make a nourishing drink by crushing the cacao beans into a paste and adding spices.

During the 16th Century, European explorers brought the Aztec chocolate drink back from their travels and added sweeter flavorings, and it soon became a renowned and expensive luxury in Europe, according to the BBC.

Prahbu said there is often a misconception that chocolate alone is good for you, when in fact it is the components of coco that hold the health benefits.

"Chocolate is a candy; it contains sugar and fat, which are definitely not good for you; the coco part is the part that holds the nutritional value," she said.

Dove Dark Chocolate is the only chocolate on the market to hold the most nutritional benefits, Prahbu said.

"Dove Dark Chocolate has the most flavanols out of any chocolate - most of the commercial chocolates sold today don't contain many health benefits," she said.

Stephanie Hayes, a sophomore English major from Denton, said it didn't make a difference with the public if chocolate was good for you or not.

"I guess finding out that it has some health benefits is good, but people are going to eat it because it tastes good — not because it may be healthy," she said.

The cocoa confection may hold health benefits, but studies show chocolate also contains many psychological benefits as well.

Prahbu said chocolate releases endorphins, which are hormones that give individual feelings of pleasure and well-being.

"Serotonin is what we use in many antidepressant drugs and chocolate has shown to have the same properties that Serotonin has - therefore chocolate can, in some people, stimulate positive feelings," she said.

According to the BBC, there are many reasons chocolate makes people feel good.

The Web site claims that chocolate contains a natural "love drug" called Tryptophan, which the brain uses to make serotonin, causing the consumer to produce feelings of ecstasy and elation.

The BBC also claims that chocolate contains the same ingredient as Cannabis, anandamide. Anandamide acts as a neurotransmitter targeting the areas in the brain that THC targets, however experts claim an individual would need to eat several Kilograms to seek the same effects as Cannabis.

Prahbu said that while chocolate does contain health benefits - it is unlikely people would get the benefits from consuming minimal amounts.

"A person would have to consume 50 grams of dark chocolate a day to get the full health benefits. I don't know how many candy bars that is, but it's a lot," she said.

*"People are going to eat it because it tastes good — not because it may be healthy."*

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## Dinner for two doesn't have to empty pockets

By Nikki Siegrist/  
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Wallets can be thinner after taking that someone special out for dinner Saturday. To avoid spending too much money for a meal at a restaurant, Janice Boyce, an associate research professor with restaurant, hotel and institutional management, said making dinner at home can save money.

"It's so much more personal," Boyce said. "I appreciate it so much when someone cooks for me. It means so much because of the thought that went into it."

To get ready to take on the challenge of providing a personal setting full of good food and good company, Boyce offers some suggestions to make the night unforgettable. Students should decide what they want to cook by asking the person they are cooking for what he or she prefers and if they have any allergies.

"Italian food is fun, and Mexican food is fun," Boyce said. "Choose the foods you will cook based on your skill level. You can find pretty much any recipe at foodnetwork.com."

After deciding what to cook, Boyce said students should pick a theme. Usually for Italian or French food, white dishes with clear glassware and silverware look nice, she said. If a student chose a more vibrant food like Mexican or Chinese, colorful dishes can bring

life to the table.

Begin by setting the table with a complete set of dishes on a white tablecloth. If a student does not have a tablecloth, he or she can substitute a white sheet without stains.

"Even if it has stains, just set a plate or a saucer over it," Boyce said. "It's about the ambiance."

To help create a romantic atmosphere, a short vase with two flowers in the middle of the table with short 8-inch taper candles in glass candleholders help make the mood. Also adding some clippings from green bushes or ivy along the table or with the flowers can also help decorate the table.

If a student doesn't have these items, they can be purchased relatively inexpensively. A vase, flowers, candles and candleholders are about \$15.

One last thing to help with the romantic environment is nice music in the background. Boyce suggests searching online for a radio station on the Internet so you can listen to it while you eat and not be interrupted by commercials.

When shopping for ingredients, think conservatively, Boyce said. For example, buy boneless chicken thigh instead of breast meat or dark meat instead of white meat.

"If there are not many people coming, buy a bag salad," she said. "If it is easier and cheaper to buy canned sauce

instead of making your own, buy it."

For dessert, Boyce suggests chocolate ice cream topped with whipped cream or syrup with piroquette cookies. She suggests serving the dessert in a stemmed glass, such as a martini glass or a wine glass with a large bowl to make the dessert more unique.

To drink, she suggests beer or margaritas to match a Mexican plate and wine for an Italian dish.

All total, most meals will cost about \$35 to \$45, including beverages, and will feed more than two people.

"You'll spend a lot less money if you do it yourself," Boyce said. "It's so much more personal."

Michael Terry's then girlfriend, now fiancée, cooked dinner for him last year. He said it was a great way to share the day together.

"When you cook for someone and sit down together, you can enjoy each other's company," the senior exercise sports sciences major from Midland said. "You can be at home, and you can have more control of things around you. It's more intimate."

His girlfriend lighted candles and had Hershey's kisses for him when he walked in the door. He said he believes cooking a meal is along the lines of giving a gift to someone because so much effort is put into it.

Ben Carter cooked dinner last Valentine's Day for his girlfriend. He said it was more personal than a night out.

"It shows a lot more," said the senior landscape architecture major from Denton. "It's more effort than a gift to cook for them."

He said he set the table with a white tablecloth, flowers and candles. He cooked pasta and veal for her, and it took him about two hours, but it was worth

it, he said.

"It's much more intimate," Carter said. "You can make it unique. If you do something special and unique, they'll always remember it."

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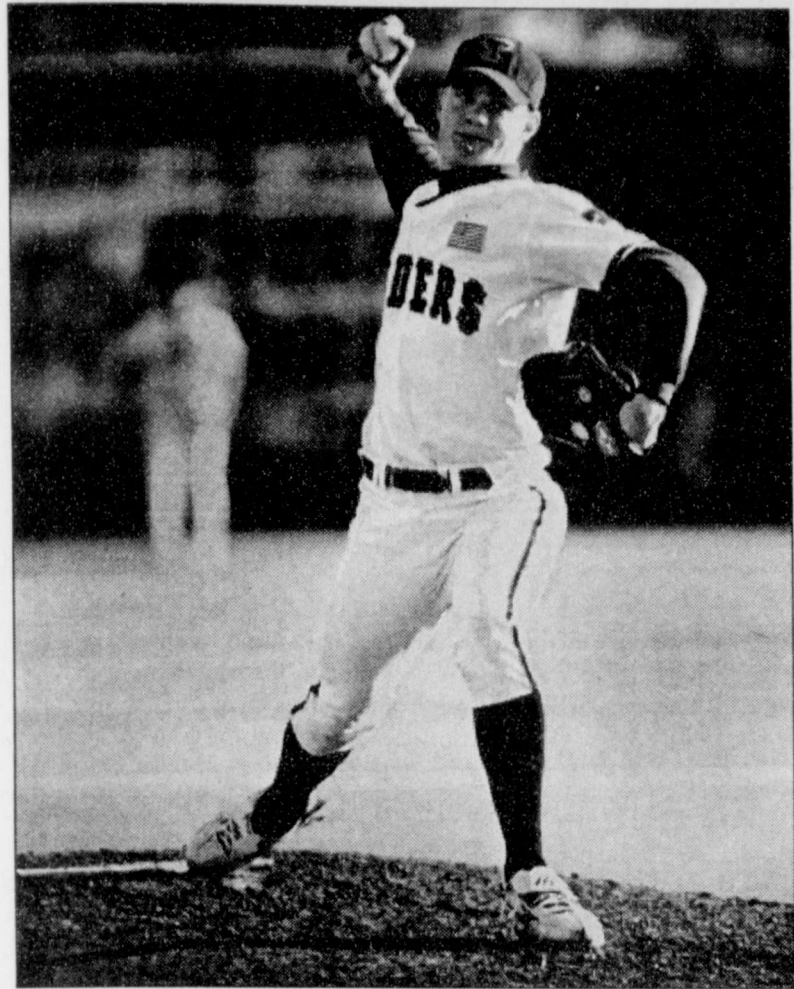
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# Raiders anxious to face top competition



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RANDY GATTIS COCKS back to pitch the ball during Tech's season opener Feb. 5 against Campbell. He and the rest of the Red Raiders travel to Houston this weekend to play in the Minute Maid College Classic. Tech will face Houston, Ohio State and defending national champion Rice at the tournament held in Minute Maid Park, home of the Houston Astros.

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

Love is the furthest thing from being in the air this Valentine's weekend among the Texas Tech baseball team and its opponents at the Minute Maid College Classic being held in Houston.

Revenge, vendettas, challenges and opportunities will all be settled and taken up according to several Red Raiders. After having spent his freshman year at one of Tech's opponents, Houston, junior infielder Cameron Blair said there is just something about it that gets to him.

"I have a vendetta with Houston. I went there, and I transferred out," he said. "You always want to beat schools you came from."

The Red Raiders will face three teams during the tournament, all of which made the NCAA Super Regionals last season and one of which went farther, a lot farther.

The 2003 national champion and No. 1 ranked Rice will provide Tech with its first Big Test of the 2004 campaign at 7 p.m. Friday.

With the level of competition at the tournament, Blair said another problem arises in his mind when he thinks of Rice, not just its defending title.

"One of my best friends goes to Rice. We dated for about three and a half years," he said. "She'll probably be there, but I hope there's not

too much heartfelt sorrow on Valentine's Day."

Overall, Blair said he is not worried about roses being red or violets being blue, he just wants Tech to get credit where credit is due.

"We want to stand in the mix of things," he said. "I think it will show us where we stand and we can overcome adversity playing these top teams."

Along with playing Rice and Houston, Tech will face another top competitor in Ohio State, who finished the 2003 season with a 44-21 record.

Freshman pitcher Randy Gattis said he will have another chance on the mound during the tournament and knows the level of play will be harder than against last weekend's opponent, Campbell.

"I really think it will be tough. It's a (Division I) atmosphere," he said. "Every game will be hard, and all three will be challenging."

Although the list consists of three teams, Gattis said the first is the Red Raiders' top priority.

"Rice is the national champions. We are prepared to give them a

game," he said. "We have to force contact, hit the ball and score runs. We're excited."

Getting the chance to face off against the best team in the nation, Gattis said, is a great opportunity, but Tech also gets the chance to play in a Major League park while doing so.

"We get to play at Minute Maid Park, it's a place where the big dogs play," he said. "But no matter where you play, it's still a game."

Head coach Larry Hays said he agreed with Gattis' statement.

"We're glad we get to play. We have to focus on the game no matter if it's Campbell or the No. 1 team," he said. "I hope there's not a difference in the way we think about it."

With the level of competition showing at the tournament in Houston, Hays said it is similar to the action of the Big 12 Conference, and he expects the same out of Tech.

"We have to be consistent. It's the game we're playing, not the team," he said. "We never care about who

we're playing."

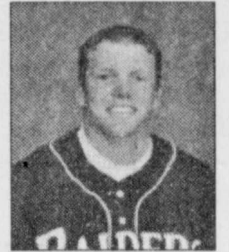
If Tech can perform on the diamond, Hays said the rest will fall right into place and the Raiders can return back to Lubbock with three wins under their belts.

"We're not worried. We want to play well and expect a good chance," he said. "If we play defense, pitch well, everything takes care of itself."

Tech will play Rice at 7 p.m. Friday before meeting Houston at 3 p.m. Saturday for game two. Sunday, the Raiders finish up against Ohio State at 7 p.m. Along with Tech, other Big 12 teams Kansas State and Texas will play in the Minute Maid College Classic.

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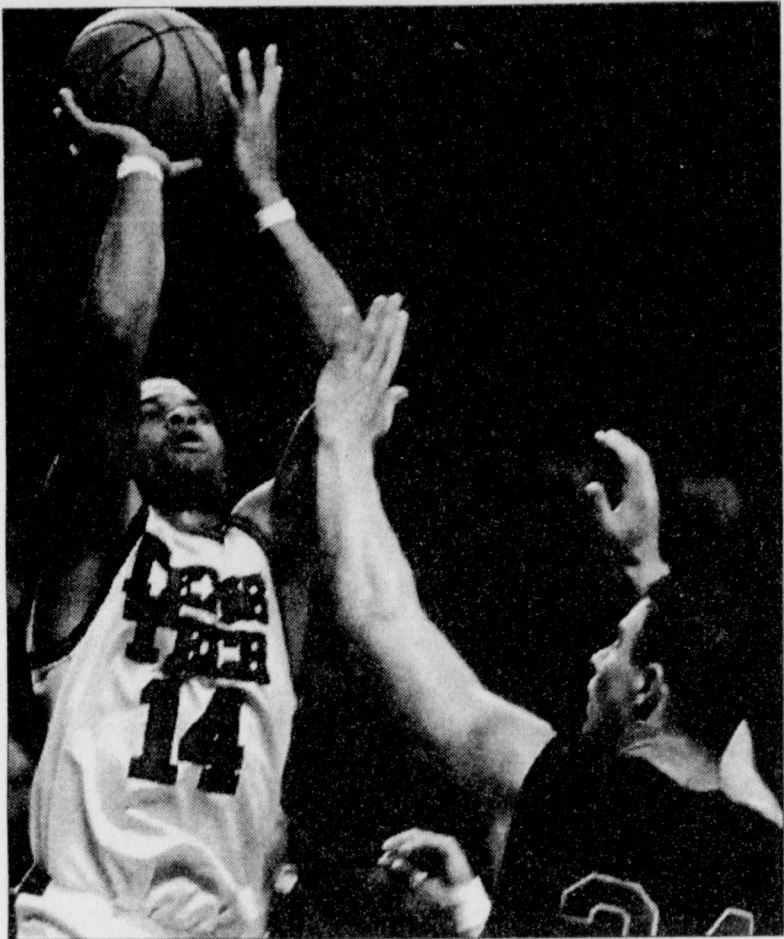
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# Tech 'hungry' for win over Kansas State



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FORWARD ANDRE EMMETT pulls up for a jumpshot against Baylor. Tech will play host to Kansas State at 6 p.m. Saturday. The Raiders will attempt to snap a two-game losing streak.

By Adam Boedeker/  
The University Daily

Coming off a slump of four losses in their last five games could have left the Red Raiders with a feeling of concern coming into the home stretch of the Big 12 Conference season.

However, after their latest loss to Oklahoma on Wednesday night the No. 18 Raiders (17-6, 5-4) are ready to rebound Saturday against Kansas State (11-9, 3-6) at 6 p.m. at the United Spirit Arena.

"This game is one we are definitely hungry for," guard Ronald Ross said. "We've gotta be. We don't have a choice but to go out there and dominate and take it one possession at a time and get a good victory. This Saturday we don't want to win by one or two points. We want to win by at least 10 or more and get things back on track."

The track has been shaky of late, with Tech committing 16 turnovers in the first half Wednesday in their loss to the Sooners.

"I think that was just a lack of concentration," Ross said. "We went in there, and as a team we weren't ready to play like we should've been. We weren't hungry enough on offense or defense, and it really hurt us."

Forward Robert Tomaszek, who started his first game in three weeks after injuring his ankle, said there must be more movement on offense to cut down on sloppy play.

Referring to his play against OU, Tomaszek said it was "hectic."

"I just threw the ball away too many times,"

he said. "I just need to relax a little more. I think I'll be more relaxed and back to normal on Saturday. I didn't touch the ball for three weeks, but I'm ready for Saturday. I should be back to the Robert that everyone knows."

Ross said it was good to have Tomaszek back in the mix.

"He brings a lot to the team," Ross said. "Now we can get back into the flow of things. When he was gone it kind of threw our chemistry out of whack."

But things will not improve im-

mediately.

"Now that (Tomaszek) is back it's not all peaches and cream," he said. "We've gotta be patient and keep working to get back to where we need to be."

Even though the Wildcats have a losing record in conference play,

Tomaszek said the Raiders will not be overlooking them, especially after making that mistake last year.

"First of all, in the Big 12 there's no such thing as an easy game," he said. "If you remember,

Kansas State beat us by 24 last year, and we thought that was going to be easy."

The Wildcats are led on the floor by Jeremiah Massey and Tim Ellis, who average 14.2 and 13.4 points respectively.

Kansas State has lost 20 consecutive Big 12 road games, which Ross said should not change this weekend

as long as Tech plays its game.

"They're a good team with some talent," he said. "But there's nothing in particular that I would definitely worry about. It's really just a matter of us going out and playing harder and smarter than them and getting the job done."

Now that Tech is tied for fourth with OU in the Big 12 standings, the team must begin looking at its positioning in the conference standings with rumors circulating of only four teams making the NCAA Tournament from the Big 12.

"I don't think we're in any position to be comfortable," Ross said. "We have to take it one day at a time and not get carried away looking ahead to the tournament."

Ross said with only seven games remaining before the Big 12 tournament there is still time to impress or disappoint.

"There's always the possibility that we don't even make the (NCAA) tourney," he said. "A lot of good things could happen, and a lot of bad things could happen. We've just gotta stay focused and get our minds in tune to what we want to accomplish, and that's getting to the NCAAs."



## Track ready for toughest competition of season

By Adam Boedeker/  
The University Daily

When Texas Tech track coach Wes Kitley characterized earlier meets as "preparation for the big meets" this weekend's meet was one of those he was referring to.

The No. 22 Red Raiders travel to Fayetteville, Ark., where they will face the defending national champion and No. 1-ranked Arkansas Razorbacks along with eight other teams ranked in the top 25 in the Tyson Foods Invitational.

Kitley said the three previous meets have done a good job in preparing his team for the competition it will face this weekend.

"This meet will be really good competition for us," Kitley said. "It will give us a chance to really see what we can do. I'm looking forward to it."

After provisionally qualifying for nationals in the 200-meter dash last weekend Albert Booker, who is traditionally a 400 runner, will compete in the 200 as well.

"(Booker's) already got a good (200) time," he said. "We want to see if he can do better. He already provisionally qualified, but we get to pick and choose to see what his better chance of scoring at nationals for us is."

Kitley said he is also ready to see what both the men's and women's 4x400 relay squads can do on a track that is faster than their home track.

"I really want to see what we can do running against good people that

can push us," he said. "It's also the track where nationals will be held so it will be good to see what we can do on the faster track."

The first road trip of the season for his team will help his team just by getting away from Lubbock for a while, Kitley said.

"It will be our first away meet with a great atmosphere for our kids," he said. "I'm excited to see what happens."

Aside from the collegiate competition on Friday, Tech's Jonathan Johnson will run the 800-meters in the U.S. Track and Field Golden Spikes Tour on Saturday in Fayetteville.

The fields for these events, which average 10,000 fans, are comprised of the top college athletes in the country as well as the top unattached athletes in the world.

David Krummenacker, who runs for Adidas, is the best 800 runner in the United States, but Kitley sees no reason why Johnson, who is ranked No. 2, can't beat him.

The race will be Johnson's first 800 of the season.

"These are a lot of the same guys he ran against last year in the U.S. Championships (a race Johnson narrowly lost)," Kitley said. "This will be a preview of what's to come at the U.S. (Olympic) Trials. I'm real excited, he has a good chance to run fast and qualify for nationals."

Johnson's race in the Golden Spikes Tour can be seen at 9 p.m. on Saturday on ESPN2.

## Loss provides motivation for Lady Raiders

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No roses or chocolates for these ladies this Valentine's Day. The Lady Raiders just want a win.

Coming off a disappointing loss at home Tuesday night to Oklahoma center Cisti Greenwalt said she has more important wishes for this holiday.

"I want a win," she said. "I don't really need flowers or chocolate, but we really need a win. That will help us out in the tournament down the road."

Texas Tech sits in a fourth-place tie in Big 12 Conference standings with a 6-4 league play record. The No. 7 Lady Raiders are 20-4 on the season and travel to Texas A&M on the season and rider to Texas A&M to face an athletic team in the Aggies despite them being at the bottom of the Big 12 at 8-14, 1-10.

The Aggies have played their opponents tight at home all season. They lost to Baylor by three, took Oklahoma to overtime and lost to Texas by just two. So A&M is obviously a team Tech is not overlooking.

"I think we really need to step up and go in with the intentions that A&M's played close to everybody," Greenwalt said. "I think we really need to step up, whether we've beat them before or not, and just keep the intensity high on the road."

Greenwalt said the Lady Raiders' loss to Oklahoma on Tuesday has the team fired up and looking to bounce

back. They understood the importance of winning that game and staking claim to their home court.

"I think we're really upset about that loss because we need to win the ones at home for sure, and we can't have mistakes at home," she said. "You have to defend your home court,

especially in Big 12 as off and on it is in Big 12 you really need to take care of things at home."

The loss ended a 17-game home winning streak for Tech and gave the Sooners a boost of confidence. It left the Lady Raiders wondering what they

need to do to correct the problems the came out on Tuesday.

One of those problems was a lack of intensity and physical play, which Tech is known for. It is something the team will have to take into account this weekend and learn from its mistakes.

"I think we learned we need to come out every game no matter if it was a quick turnaround or not and step up and play like we're gonna win with the same intensity we play every game," Greenwalt said.

The team was not pleased with the way it played Tuesday night, and it is not planning on repeating that performance anytime soon. The way Tech followed its win at Baylor on Sunday was not how the wanted to head into the weekend, but forward LaToya Davis said the team has to take the hits as they come and understand what it takes to conquer them.

"It's a heartbreaker to win a big



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GUARD ALESHA ROBERTSON looks to drive around Erica Hallman of Kansas during the Lady Raiders' 67-44 win last week. Tech travels to Texas A&M to take on the Aggies on Saturday.

game on the road and then come to your home court and lose," she said. "We just have to learn from our mistakes and move on and get a win on Saturday."

Putting such a heartbreaking loss behind them may be more difficult than usual, but Davis said the team has to do that in order to begin preparation for the Aggies. It will take the warrior mentality head coach Marsha Sharp speaks of so often to do just that, too.

"It's hard, but you have to be of the mentality that you have to get ready for practice the next day and get ready for the next game and not overlooking but learn from the mistakes we made in the loss," Davis said.

This is the first of Tech's only back-

to-back road games of the season, and Sharp pointed out the importance winning to keep up in the race for a bye in the Big 12 Conference Tournament.

"You can't get too high over a win or too low over a loss," she said. "We have two huge games coming up, and we have to win."

Sharp knows what her team is getting itself into considering A&M's history of playing teams well at home. The Aggies' new coaching staff also has the team using its talents better. Her team cannot afford to enter College Station expecting to win, and she said it will be another typical Big 12 Conference game.

"It's a battle," she said. "I don't think there's any question we'll have to play great to have a chance to win."

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