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Rice asks Japanese official about lifting beef import ban

By Harry Dunphy/Associated Press

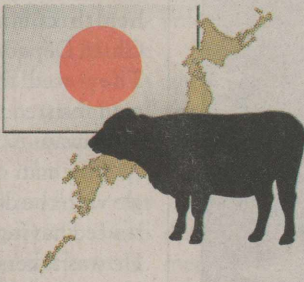
WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice raised the issue of Japan completely lifting a ban on imports of U.S. beef while meeting Saturday with her Japanese counterpart.

Rice met with Nobutaka Machimura for bilateral talks. The Japanese understood U.S. concerns and were trying to accelerate procedures "and made a commitment the issue would be resolved," said a State Department official who

attended the meeting and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Hatuhisa Takashima, the Japanese foreign ministry spokesman, said beef imports came up in the talks and that Japan would make an effort to meet U.S. requests.

Japan imposed a ban on U.S. beef imports in December 2003 after the United States discovered its first case of fatal brain-wasting mad cow disease, known as bovine spongiform



encephalopathy or BSE, in a Washington state Holstein.

Earlier this month a Japanese government panel took a step toward partially lifting the ban, but the decision still has to be approved by the government.

The panel recommended Japan begin importing U.S. grade A40 beef, which comes primarily from cattle aged 12 to 17 months.

Although the panel's decision was welcomed by the U.S. government as an important step toward resuming trade, Japanese consumer organizations criticized the move, saying it was politically motivated.

Before the ban, Japan was the most lucrative overseas market for U.S. beef producers, buying \$1.7 billion in beef in 2003.

The two sides tentatively agreed late last year to resume imports of beef products from cows younger than 21 months. Talks later stalled over how to authenticate the age of cattle.

CALMING COMPANIONS



BETH PIOTROWSKI, A junior elementary education major from Houston, participates in a pet therapy program with the Haven Animal Shelter, while Izzy Rosales of Lubbock interacts with Scooter.

TYSON JEFFREYS/The University Daily

SGA begins elections to appoint new officers

By Brandi Fleming/The University Daily



Student Government Association elections will be held online Tuesday and Wednesday and candidates want to make sure students are informed of their platforms and on how to vote.

Students can vote online beginning at 9 a.m. on Feb. 22 and ending at 7 p.m. on Feb. 23, said Casey Harmon, SGA journal clerk and candidate for internal vice president.

Anne Hunninghake, external vice president, said students should logon to www.sga.ttu.edu to vote. Students will need their e-Raider user name and password to vote.

Internal Vice President Nathan Nash said students can get their e-Raider information by calling IT Help Central at 742-HELP.

Nash said results of the election will be announced at 8 p.m. in the basement of the Student Union building Wednesday.

Kelly Harris, J. Ross Lacy and Nathan Nash, candidates for SGA president, each have a separate vision for the upcoming year.

"Off-campus bus routes are a really important issue we need to address and improve," Harris said. "And double fees, like the library printing fee need to be dealt with."

Lacy said he wants to focus on the parking issues and social security

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DEA Administrator Tandy named outstanding alumna

By Katherine Amerson/The University Daily

States. "I ultimately led a nationwide task force, a group of task forces across the country called OCDEF, Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces," she said. "And during that time also served as the Associate Deputy Attorney General."

Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Karen Tandy, was named Texas Tech's School of Law 2004 Outstanding Alumna.

Since 1978, Tandy has been a federal prosecutor. She became an assistant U.S. attorney for the Department of Justice in the eastern district of Virginia.

For 28 years, Tandy has worked with DEA agents and law officers and has formed task forces to deal with illegal drug organizations in the United

The strongest law enforcement efforts are accomplished, she said, when different departments band together. When one person goes astray and violates the law and forgets the human dignity and laws they were sworn to abide by, Tandy

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Growing Tech campus creates difficulties for water drainage system expansion

By Katherine Amerson/The University Daily

When it rains, crossing University Avenue can be difficult for some. However, the drainage system on University Avenue may be an expensive problem to solve.

Executive Associate for Texas Tech's Site Development Workgroup Art Glick said there is a University Avenue drainage system, but heavy rainfall causes water drainage to be delayed.

"Here's the problem: When we have a heavy rain, the system fills up with all the water it can handle," he said. "The problem is in the remainder of the campus. As the campus grew, the sub-surface storm drainage system was not expanded."

Lubbock land already is flat, Glick said, and when additional buildings are constructed, less land is available to absorb water. Buildings also are set higher than the curbs.

"It built a dam as we grew, because basically we began to trap water in that space," he said. "It's a consequence of development."

Although extending the existing storm drainage system is possible, Glick said it is not probable because of the associated exorbitant cost.

"There are a few lateral branches that come onto the campus off the city system," he said. "One by the stadium goes south down University Avenue."

Some business owners along University Avenue said they are irritated by

the issue. Mark Garland, owner of Skooner's Grill and Bar, 1617 University Ave., said ever since his business has existed, drainage has been an issue.

"It's pretty hair-raising at our place," he said. "That's just the way it goes."

The water eventually dissipates, but until it does, it is like a big lake, Garland said, before mentioning the city only has so much money to work with.

"I don't really push the city. They've got their hands full," he said. "A lot of streets flood out."

However, fixing the drainage problem would cause another problem, Garland said, because tearing up roads to improve the system would hurt business too.

Crystal Garcia, a Spanky's cashier, said the University Avenue drainage system affects business and caused a lot of traffic.

"Some cars stall out," she said. "Our business slows down dramatically. I hate even closing because to drive down the street, it's horrible."

Some customers complain amongst themselves, Garcia said, but customers understand there is nothing Spanky's can do to solve the issue, Garcia said.

"We can't just go dig drains," she said.

In 1980, a capital improvement project estimated the endeavor to cost in the millions of dollars, Glick said, and the cost would be much higher in 2005.



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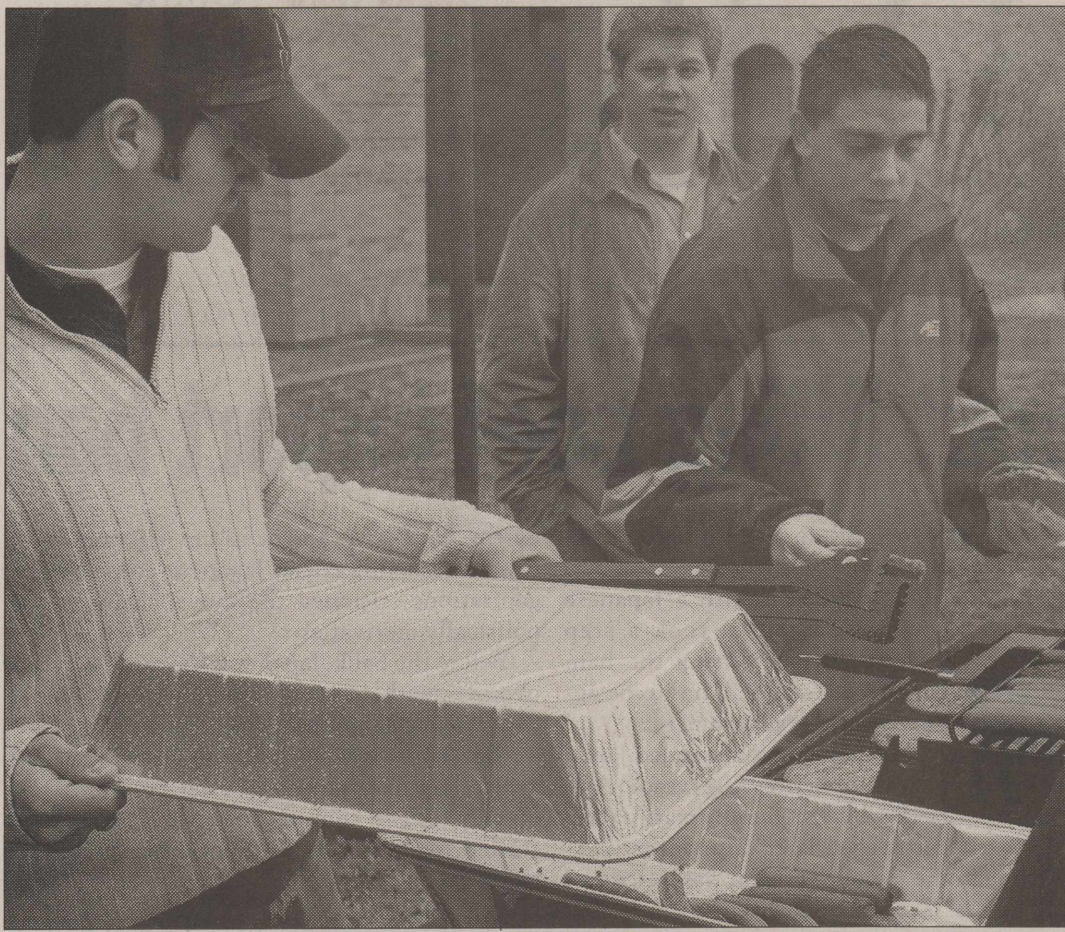
DRIVERS NEGOTIATE DRAINAGE construction at the intersection of 98th Street and Slide Road.

"The solution is not a solution you can put on University Avenue," he said. "It would take a project similar to south Lubbock. You can't solve the

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ENGINEERING EATS



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JONATHAN FONG, A senior electrical engineering major from San Antonio, watches as Robert Sciano, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Frisco, adds more burgers to the grill while Adam Launcher, a mechanical engineering major from Dallas, watis for his burger Friday afternoon behind the Electrical Engineering building.

Israeli Cabinet approves withdrawal from Gaza and West Bank areas

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's Cabinet gave final approval Sunday to the government's planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and four West Bank settlements, marking the first time an Israeli government decided to dismantle Jewish settlements on land claimed by the Palestinians for a future state.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon also signed an order making it illegal for Israelis to be in the Gaza Strip and northern West Bank after July 20, a government official said.

The Cabinet also approved the final route of Israel's separation barrier in the West Bank, initially constructed to keep out Palestinian attackers but increasingly seen as a blueprint for a final border between Israel and a future Palestinian state. Expected to run about 425 miles, the barrier is about one-third complete.

With Sunday's twin votes, Sharon's government began charting Israel's final borders unilaterally, something none of his predecessors have attempted since Israel captured the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem in the 1967 Mideast war.

Sharon, a former patron of settlers, told Cabinet ministers that "it's not an easy day, it's not a happy day," but the withdrawal was vital for Israel's security.

Ministers voted 17-5 for the plan, sealing the political defeat of withdrawal opponents seeking to put the plan to a national referendum. The evacuation of about 9,000 settlers will begin in July and take two months.

The government plans to allocate \$871 million for the settlers, with compensation depending on the size of a family, whether it owns or rents, what it owns and how long it has lived in the settlement.

Under the order Sharon signed Sunday, those settlers not leaving by July 20 face removal by force. Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz told the Cabinet that thousands of troops would participate in dismantling the settlements.

Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu led the five opponents of the Gaza withdrawal, all ministers from Sharon's Likud Party.

Netanyahu said he could not support a withdrawal without a national referendum, but his challenge of the prime minister appeared part of a campaign to position himself for eventual Likud leadership.

Israel's vice premier, Shimon Peres, a longtime advocate of a withdrawal from Gaza, said Sunday's vote was historic.

"After 40 years in Gaza ... what have we gained?" Peres said.

The evacuation is to begin in July and will be carried out in four stages, with the Cabinet to approve each stage separately. The Cabinet has not yet decided the order in which settlements will be dismantled.

The only way the withdrawal could now be stopped is if Sharon fails to get his 2005 budget passed by March 31. If he has no budget by then, his government automatically falls.

As of now, Sharon does not have a guaranteed majority in parliament for the spending plan.

The final route of the West Bank separation barrier approved by the Israeli Cabinet puts at least four West Bank villages on the Israeli side of the barrier, leaving the residents isolated from their fellow Palestinians.

According to the revised route of the barrier from Jerusalem to the south, the largest Jewish settlement, Maaleh Adumim, and the Gush Etzion bloc would be included on the Israeli side of the barrier. Both are near Jerusalem.

Once the barrier is completed, the residents of Hussan, Wadi Fukin, Nahalin and Bittir will fall on the Israeli side of the barrier. The four villages with their 10,000 Palestinian residents are part of about 6 percent-8 percent of West Bank land to be added to the Israeli side.

Construction of the West Bank barrier began in 2002. Israel said it needed a shield against a wave of Palestinian suicide bombers and gunmen. The Palestinians denounced the construction as a land grab, saying Israel could have built the barrier on its land.

The Rundown



Taser's shock kills More U.S. military Mexican authorities man with ailment bases close doors investigate U.S. deaths

HOUSTON (AP) — A 52-year-old psychiatric patient who had a heart ailment died after Harris County constables shocked him with a stun gun, authorities said.

The two deputies went to the man's mother's home Friday afternoon to serve a mental health commitment warrant, Chief Deputy J.C. Mosier said. They used the Taser after the man resisted their efforts to take him away.

The man continued to struggle with the deputies, but he then started having trouble breathing. He was taken by ambulance to a hospital where he later died.

The deputies knew the man had health problems but were unaware of his heart ailment, Mosier said.

"We would have handled it a lot different if we would have had better information," he said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Safe for a decade, military bases in the United States face an uncertain future.

The Pentagon plans to shut down or scale back some of the 425 facilities, the first such effort to save money in 10 years. The downsizing is part of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's long-term transformation of the Cold War-era military.

The Pentagon chief argues closing or consolidating stateside facilities could save \$7 billion annually and that the money would be better spent improving fighting capabilities amid threats from terrorists.

"The department continues to maintain more military bases and facilities than are needed, consuming and diverting valuable personnel and resources," Rumsfeld recently told lawmakers.

Shrinking the domestic network of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps bases is a certain source of savings. It also is a high-stakes political fight because it affects local economies in congressional districts.

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The bodies of two U.S. citizens apparently shot to death were found in the central Mexican state of Michoacan, a U.S. Embassy official said Saturday.

The Americans were among four bodies found on Friday near Tacambaro, about 150 miles west of Mexico City.

Family members identified the U.S. victims as Omar Chavez and Alejandro Munoz, both of Dallas, said U.S. Embassy spokeswoman Diana Page. Munoz was a U.S. Army reservist.

The bodies of Mexicans Mariano Perez and Delfino Perez also were recovered, said Ignacio Roque, spokesman for the Michoacan state attorney general's office.

The four men disappeared more than a week ago, and the bodies already showed signs of decomposition when found, authorities said.

While all four men appeared to have been shot to death, state authorities were performing autopsies, Roque said.

English department to donate \$1,500 to literacy programs

By Kelly Gooch/The University Daily

Half of the people who come to the Lubbock Area Coalition for Literacy are learning deprived and half are learning disabled, she said.

They help people in two ways, Keeney said — volunteer tutors and small classes.

She also said the coalition always wants to train more people to be volunteer tutors and place people who come in at the right class for their level.

Keeney said the Woman's Service Organization, Pi Beta Phi, and Mortarboard have contributed by being tutors, doing service projects and helping with family literacy programs.

"Texas Tech students have been very helpful to us in the past," she said.

The coalition has open enrollment, Keeney said, and tutors work with students on their personal goals such as passing the GED.

She said the coalition is the only agency in the South Plains to have a dyslexia program, which is funded by grants from the Junior League of Lubbock and the South Plains Foundation.

Thirty percent of adults age 25 or older in Lubbock do not have a high school diploma, Keeney said.

Jane Clausen, library director for the Lubbock Public Library, said the library can always use money for books.

"I think it's great that it goes to children's books," she said.

The Lubbock Public Library has a great need for children's books right now, which is something the public always wants to support, Clausen said.

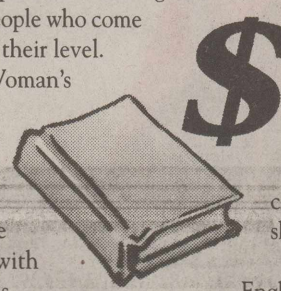
"It's great (the marathon reading) became an annual event," she said.

Rich Rice, assistant English professor, said during the 24-hour marathon reading, 200 people were in the audience, with 75 listeners online.

Broadcast was streamed for those 24 hours, Rice said.

It is not too late, Rice said, for anyone who wants to sponsor a student or faculty member who participated in the reading marathon.

According to www.english.ttu.edu/marathonreading, checks can be made payable to the Texas Tech Foundation with the memo English Department Fund for Excellence.



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University Day informs prospective Tech students

By Lindsay Wharton/
The University Daily

Information from various colleges and organizations for potential Texas Tech students was relayed during University Day Friday.

"I think it gives (prospective students) a real feeling of what the university is like," said Dale Ganus, associate director for the Office of Admissions.

Ganus said University Day has many activities to help high school and transfer students know what is available.

The United Spirit Arena was filled with representatives from different college departments, student services, housing and campus organizations. This enabled prospective students to know where they could get involved on campus.

University Day also featured a rally to introduce people to the spirit

groups at Tech. Cheerleaders, the Goin' Band and the Saddle Tramps attended. The Student Government Association and Tech officials also were at the event to welcome visitors.

Ganus said tours were given to introduce possible students to typical Tech classrooms, eating facilities and residence halls.

He said there is one University Day per semester, and they include Tech's biggest recruitment events. This University Day brought 1,400 to 1,500 prospective Tech students.

High school students are impor-

tant to the future of Tech, Ganus said.

University Day helped him get

Tech students should share their experiences with people that could become their peers, he said.

"The lifeblood (of the university) is the students," Ganus said.

Donovan Starghill was visiting Tech from Houston. He said he is debating between Tech and the University of Texas. He said he is looking for a fun university with good academics.

University Day helped him get

an idea of what he wants to do as a career, Starghill said.

"The people I talked to they told me everything I need to know," he said.

Finding the information he needed was simple because everyone was easy to talk to and seemed well-informed, Starghill said.

Avery Davis, an adviser for communication studies, said she helped potential students understand more about communications studies during University Day.

"(University Day) is a great opportunity to explain our department to students who don't know what they want to do," she said.

Many prospective students came to the college and organization's fair, she said.

The information distributed during University Day was encouraged by the student's interest, Davis said.

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— DALE GANUS
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VANESSA VELA/The University Daily
KAREN TANDY, A Texas Tech alumna class of 1977, is interviewed before being awarded by the university for her achievements as the DEA's ninth administrator.

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said, the entire structure suffers.

"Anything that tarnishes law enforcement is a tragedy for all of us by using task forces, all of the super-labs have been driven practically out of the country.

"That has left us with thousands of tiny, small, toxic labs," she said.

"They get cold remedy products across the counter in stores and convert that into methamphetamine with other ingredients."

Right now the DEA is in the middle of a serious issue in this country with the diversion and abuse of pharmaceutical drugs, Tandy said. The trend among younger people is to abuse legitimate drugs and be killed by them.

"You're no longer dealing with a back alley drug dealer," she said. "The back alley drug dealer is in your child's bedroom, or in their dorm room. Any person who's got a credit card and access to the Internet is in the lap of that drug dealer."

Harmon said she wants to get SGA more involved with the Student Organization Advisory Congress, an organization that brings representatives of all student groups together once a month to talk about what is important to the student body.

"It is a great way for the student organizations to communicate with SGA," she said. "We need to take advantage of those opportunities."

Clower said he is also concerned with hearing more from the student voice.

"We need to start using the SGA boxes for student comments again," he said. "The key for SGA is open communication with the student body."

Jon Hansen, the sole candidate for vice president of graduate affairs, said he is concerned with making improvements for graduate students at Tech.

"I would really like to see a commencement ceremony implemented in December and May for graduate students," he said.

"They do a lot on this campus and should get more recognition."

"I care deeply about these task forces being preserved."

— KAREN TANDY
DEA Administrator and Tech Alumna

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identification of students.

"I think we should do away with identifying students by the Social Security numbers," he said. "We should start using unique test numbers because it is a safer method."

Nash said he would like to work on keeping student fees and tuition costs down for Texas Tech students.

"I am focusing on two ways in particular to help students with the cost of higher education," he said. "We need to make more scholarships and increase the amounts

given in current scholarships."

Ryan Worley and Drew Slater, candidates for external vice president, agreed fees for off-campus bus routes should be subsidized back to the apartment complexes, but they have different opinions on what should happen to the current student bus fees.

"Once the apartment complexes are paying for the bus routes, we can free up those student fee funds to start on the new bike lanes on campus," Worley said.

The money from student bus fees should be used to continue improving the current bus system, Slater said.

Casey Harmon and Ryan Clower, candidates for internal vice president, have

strong opinions about the year's agenda.

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University Avenue problem."

The cost of the venture would be huge, Glick said, but the project would not have to be city funded.

"University Avenue is a strange thing," he said. "It's a city street on lease to Tech."

The solution is not as simple as building a giant ditch to catch water, Glick said, because to build a storm drainage system, someone has to start at the lowest point. The lowest point is out by the canyon, he said, so pipes would have to extend out to the canyon.

"You work uphill," he said. "It has to be sloped enough so there's a churning action in there to keep the sediment from building up."

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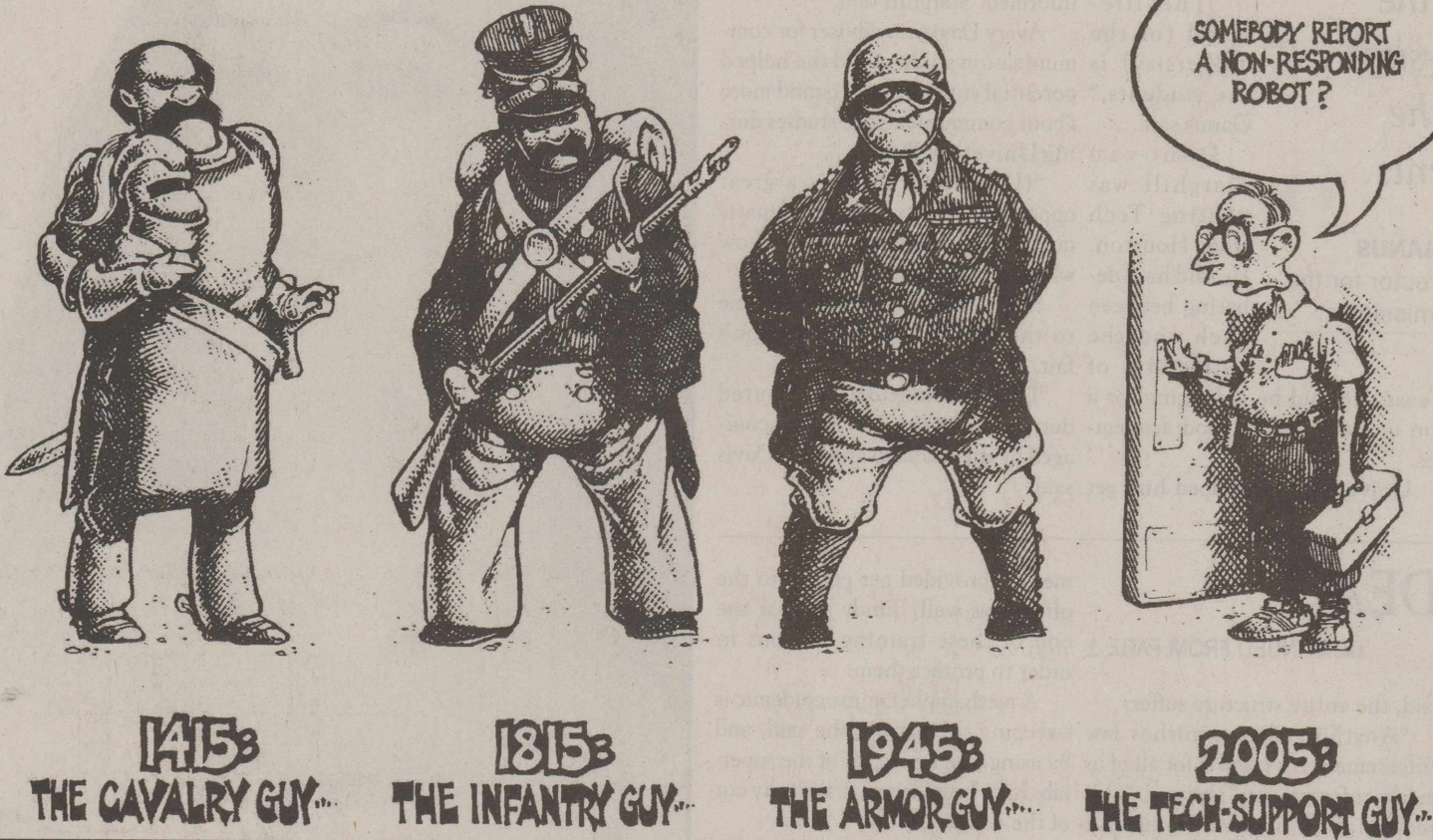
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The threat of widespread Web-blogging

Bloggers spin headlines into insanity — and consumers dig it

The Old Boys Network is not what it used to be. On Feb. 11, CNN news chief Eason Jordan resigned. In January, Jordan was on a panel discussion at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, and offhandedly expressed his belief that several of the journalists killed by coalition forces in Iraq had been deliberately targeted.

Realizing what he'd said, Jordan scrambled to explain himself, differentiating quickly between reporters who had been in the wrong place when bombs hit, and others accidentally shot because American-led forces had mistakenly thought they were hostiles.

But the damage had been done. The scandal was unusual because it really wasn't, in the common sense of the word. Some bigwig says something stupid and then retracts it — it happens all the time. No tabloid papers picked it up. It didn't even make the nightly news. And yet Jordan stepped down. So what happened? A species of online political journalists, called bloggers hounded CNN about the remarks.

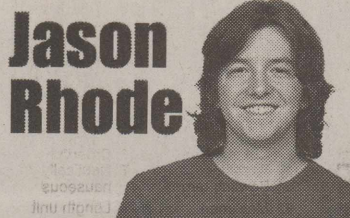
Jordan, rather than coming clean, tried to pull a cover up. This made the outcry even worse, and eventually he was pressured into resigning. It's incredible, actually. A professional journalist at the helm of possibly the world's most powerful news organization is brought low by a number of guys typing away at their computers.

It's important to realize the setting in which Jordan made his remarks. The Davos meeting, which occurs every year, is kind of like the Super Bowl of world power dealings, where corporations, governments, academics, celebrities, non-governmental organizations and anybody who's anyone meets to talk shop.

Despite its highly publicized and international nature (they had Hollywood stars attending this year), it's the 21st century's closest equivalent to the smoky backrooms of old.

And that's the weird thing. Historically, somebody like Jordan would have had his rear protected from high by the power of the media, and even in the off-chance that some cub reporter leaked it to the Associated Press, 20 or even 10 years ago the entire matter would have been hushed up — in the way Americans never found out about FDR's wheelchair, the extent of Woodrow Wilson's stroke or Strom Thurmond's mixed-race daughter.

Jordan's not the only one to whom this has happened in recent memory. Trent Lott. Dan Rather. Zell Miller. Al



Jason Rhode

In this new world, you can push a button and move words and pictures and sound around anywhere. As for the blogosphere, nobody's in charge. There's nobody to buy off.

Gore and his Internet. The list goes on. Each of them had a slip of the tongue, something that you or I do every day, that powerful men do among their own kind very often, and they were nailed for it.

Something changed that can be explained by three forces, in increasing order of importance: cable, Google and bloggers. Historically, technology decentralizes power. Since the Industrial Revolution and the rise of the press, most smart observers have realized that and made corresponding adaptations in their behavior.

Elected officials, whose jobs depend on keeping a close ear to the ground, have been pretty good at this. George Washington's farewell address was printed in newspapers, not read aloud. Lincoln, to whom the Fourth Estate ripped a new one by making fun of his coming to Washington in disguise, managed to pull off the greatest press coup in American history, the Emancipation Proclamation.

Jack Kennedy got the biggest free pass from the media ever. Until recently, the progression was steady, and politicians were able to keep pace. But nobody, especially the public, was ready for the explosion the Internet

brought to freedom of the press. In biological evolution, it's called punctuated equilibrium — the idea that progress doesn't happen at a steady rates but at random. It was as if the rate of change for the press, which had been puttering along at a turtle's pace, jumped to lightspeed overnight.

The mainstream media was caught wholly unaware. Nobody really thought the same thing happening to Washington would happen to Walter Cronkite. But it has happened. First came cable: CBS, NBC and ABC News had to share space with first CNN, and then Fox — but at least these were institutions with predictable behaviors, shareholders, hierarchies and vested interests. Then came the Net, and especially Google.

The Internet is the most immense information dump, and Google its most powerful search engine. Together, they're an immensely powerful tool; they open access to most of the accumulated records of the world.

But this wouldn't have been nearly as threatening without bloggers. The term "blog" comes from the term Web-log. A few years ago, programmers invented a tool, the blog, which made uploading text onto Web pages easier. As a result, online political journals became less like newspapers and more like cable news — on 24/7. So everyone can now have a blog. Anybody who's ever had an opinion — wise philosophers, schizophrenic cranks, your teenage baby-sitter — now can be read by millions.

To understand why this is such a big deal, you have to appreciate the control powerful men always have had over information. Power is perception, and public perception has previously been easy to control: the inscriptions of pharaohs on public buildings, priests interpreting the Bible to illiterate peasants, the chumminess of newspaper and TV barons to the people in power.

Because public dispersal of information on a mass level requires organized groups with education, institutions have more or less been able to control distribution. It's not even necessarily mainstream media that is always collaborating with people in charge; often the press hasn't had the inclination or time to focus in on some little story that turns out to be a big lie.

Think of the world, the old world of Miller and Lott. In their old gentleman's-club world, reciprocal butt-kissing among brother politicians is something everyone does: you go to a luncheon and mouth a few nice words and nothing more comes of it. It's the same world where Jordan and his buddies could trade zany remarks without any real consequence.

In Lott's case, when he made a remark about how the country would be better if Thurmond had won the presidency on a segregationist ticket in 1948, the senator probably didn't give the words a second thought.

In the old world, after all, who would take offense at what was said? And if they did, who would write it down? And if they wrote it down, who would have the space to publish it? And if they published it, what big news channel would care to bring it up?

But in the new world, everyone has access to everything any public figure has ever said or done, pretty much. When Miller was viciously attacking Sen. John Kerry during the RNC in fine old southern style, he probably didn't pause to reflect that a speech he'd given a year or two before in praise of Kerry easily could be pulled from online congressional archives.

In this new world, you can push a button and move words and pictures and sound around anywhere. As for the blogosphere, nobody's in charge. There's nobody to buy off. Hire one to be your flunky, and like a hydra, a thousand will take his or her place.

It's staggering — imagine a stock market of information that had three buyers, then five, then suddenly a zillion. Granted, like much new technology, the Internet and its bloggers are overhyped.

Most people still get their news from TV, read the paper and prefer the fairly objective stance of mainstream media to the heated, eccentric, usually partisan agenda of fragmented blogdom.

I've seen more lies online than I have on TV. But more than ever, it's a world with not three, but millions of channels. And there's usually something good on. Good luck finding the remote.

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Churchill's chilling truth

Despite what we may think, this man professes American values

Ward Churchill. What a piece of work. Yet, as much as the media negatively presents him, the man has a point.

For those of you in the dark, Churchill is an ethnic studies professor from Colorado who wrote the controversial essay, "Some People Push Back: On the Justice of Roosting Chicken," which supposedly stated those who died on Sept. 11, 2004, deserved it. Like many, as soon as I heard about this nut, I was outraged. How could a person say such terrible things? Yet, unlike most, I received a copy of the essay to do my own interpretation.

Reading through the essay, this man was not some nut, but quite reasonable; and no, he is not promoting violence.

Before I go any further let me note that the people who died in 9/11 and at the Oklahoma City bombing did not deserve it. Nobody deserves to die because of political unrest. The innocent people in Baghdad, Palestine and elsewhere did not deserve to die because of political unrest.

Ward's main point is America has become a superpower and Americans falsely believe what we say goes. He goes further in noting when we bomb innocent children, people will retaliate as they did in Sept. 11, 2001. Churchill states, "Property before people, it seems — or at least the equation of property to people — is a value by no means restricted to America's boardrooms."

If this point is not clear, I don't know what is. As Americans we enjoy certain freedoms, but our freedoms do not extend to be the bully on the playground and tell everyone else what to do — then be shocked when we have a huge bombing on our own soil.

Every day we wake up and walk down the street, go to school and most of us go about our daily lives not wondering when the next bomb is going to land on our heads or if this week is one when we are going to be invaded.

Why should innocent people in other countries have these fears every minute of their lives?

Where Churchill might have gone wrong is stating the 9/11 terrorists "were [not] 'fanatics' devoted to Islamic fundamentalism."

These desperate people were brainwashed to die for Allah on that deadly day. But just as they are fundamentalist, so are our American faith-based policies, which imply we are ordained by God to help other countries or occupy those that don't like us. Rubbish.

Now while the clowns in our administration and other countries sit at their solid maple oak desks and decide who is going to play next on the swings, they are missing the point for our country.

We invaded Iraq because supposedly there were "weapons of mass destruction" and at the time, I put full trust in our government to go forth with a country that would not cooperate with the U.N.

We were lied to and yet we still maintain we want to rid other countries with these weapons, especially nuclear weapons.

This is where Churchill makes sense by labeling America as a superpower. We want to rid other countries of nuclear weapons, but not ourselves? It's not logical. According to USABroad.org on Feb. 15, 2005, "The United States still deploys ap-

Robin Milstead



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proximately 480 nuclear weapons in Europe with the targets most likely being Russia, Iran and Syria." The report went further to state, "The United States is the only country that deploys nuclear weapons outside of its own territory. Currently in eight Air Force bases in six European countries including Belgium, Germany, Italy, Turkey, the Netherlands and the UK."

Sounds a little shady to me. As for Churchill advocating violence, that is just another fired-up reader who can't read non-objectively and so twists words around. Not once in his essay did he advocate violence.

In a recent interview with "Satyrd" magazine when asked what Americans should do to stop wars

and grab the states' attention, Churchill said, "Nonviolent action can be effective when harnessed in a way that is absolutely unacceptable to the state. Clog the freeways, occupy sites, disrupt state functioning. This is very different than holding up signs in front of a building."

Churchill is saying voicing our opinion is not enough. He never said more people should bomb America or we should do the same.

Our nation made great change during the civil rights movement and the women's movement.

While protests were elements to change, major change was made through sit-ins, strikes and stopping the flow of the state.

So I'll leave you with this. Further in Churchill's interview with "Satyrd," he said what his audience should walk away with was this: "A fundamental understanding of the nature of their obligation to intervene to bring the kind of atrocities that I've described to a halt by whatever means necessary. Stop being preoccupied with the sanctity of their own personal security, on the one hand, and start figuring out what would be necessary."

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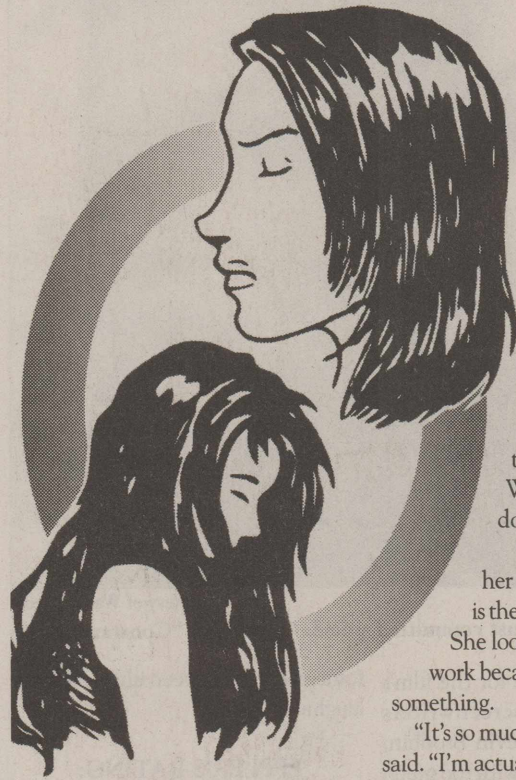
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Women's Protective Services seeks volunteers for training

Rachel Griffin said there is an advantage to doing an internship for an understaffed non-profit organization. Griffin, a senior public relations major from Arlington, is an intern at Women's Protective Services.

Unlike many interns, Griffin said, she is writing press releases and working on fund-raising projects instead of getting coffee and making copies.

"There's an advantage to interning for a non-profit organization,"

Griffin said. "You get a lot more experience. I do the same thing my boss does. We just divide the work down the middle."

The other advantage to her internship, Griffin said, is the good feeling it gives her. She looks forward to coming to work because she's accomplishing something.

"It's so much more rewarding," she said. "I'm actually making a difference in people's lives. The harder I work, the better off they are."

Hattie Heiner, coordinator of development and community education at Women's Protective Services, said the organization will be holding training sessions for potential volunteers this week. Heiner said she hopes the sessions have a good turnout because the organization needs more help.

"We're very short-staffed," she said. "We have a constant need for volunteers."

Women's Protective Services helps abused women and children find a way to change their situations. The organization provides them with

a place to stay, transportation, counseling and help finding a job.

Because the organization offers different services, Heiner said, volunteers have the opportunity to choose the kind of work they would like to do.

"We have quite a few different kinds of volunteers and interns with many different interests," Heiner said. "The only real requirement is a compassion for people. They need to want to help."

She said though the organization focuses mainly on helping women and children, it also needs male volunteers.

"Many of our clients have had bad experiences with men," she said. "A

good male volunteer helps them realize that not all men are bad."

Josephine Cheadle, a senior human development and family studies major from San Antonio, is doing her practicum at Women's Protective Services. She said her work for the organization is a lot of responsibility, especially while she is going to school, but the helpful staff makes it easier.

"They're very flexible," Cheadle said. "They work with your schedule, and they always make sure you feel comfortable with what you're doing."

Volunteer training sessions will be held this week beginning 6 p.m.

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— HATTIE HEINER
Development and Community
Education Coordinator

Tuesday in the Family Life Center of the First Christian Church on the corner of 13th Street and Avenue X. The session on Tuesday will last until 9 p.m., and training will resume again at the same time Thursday. A final session is to be held on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Heiner said the training session is the perfect opportunity for anyone who is considering working for Women's Protective Services to find out more about the organization.

"If you're thinking about volunteering, at least come out on Tuesday," she said. "Come and see what

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we're about. If you go through training an decide it's not for you, fine, but at least come out and give it a try."

Many volunteers put in a few hours a week in between their other commitments, but Griffin said her internship is 20 to 25 hours a week. She said between going to school and working another job she often feels a strain on her schedule, but her internship is such a rewarding experience it makes up for any added stress. Her volunteer work has become top priority in her life.

"This is the most important thing I'm doing now," she said.

'American Idol' picks 24 semifinalists

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The 24 "American Idol" semifinalists are split equally between the sexes, but when it comes to geography the South prevailed.

Eleven of those who will compete in the semifinals are from southern states. The lowest representation was from the West, with two Nevada residents and one Californian making the cut on Wednesday's show.

Judges Simon Cowell, Randy Jackson and Paula Abdul narrowed the field from thousands of hopefuls nationwide, but viewers will be deciding the winners and losers starting next week.

The No. 1-rated Fox series, which is reaching up to 30 million viewers an episode in its fourth season, will air three times weekly for the next three weeks. The men will perform Monday and the women Tuesday, with four contestants eliminated Wednesday.

Cross-gender competition begins March 15, when the program returns to twice-weekly airings, with the finale May 24-25.

After last season, dominated by female contestants including winner Fantasia Barrino, producers decided to give men a boost by splitting the semifinalist spots equally between the sexes.

Capitalizing on the show's popularity, the bimonthly "American Idol: The Magazine" was launched this week, available on newsstands.

"You watch the show, follow your favorites, vote every week and let us know your preference for the next 'American Idol,'" the series creator, Simon Fuller, tells readers in a letter in the magazine.

Included are scorecards that viewers can use to keep track of the show and profiles of the 75 contestants who made it through the selection process to Hollywood.

The 24 semifinalists competing for the title and a record contract:

— David Brown, 20, New Orleans. Had classical training and studied music business in college.

— Anthony Fedorov, 19, Trevoise, Pa. The Ukrainian-born Fedorov is a college student who sings on weekends in New York City.

— Judd Harris, 27, New York City. A New Orleans native who came to New York to study music and is the lead singer for Visible From Space.

— Constantine Maroulis, 29, New York City. A graduate of the Boston Conservatory, he has a hard rock band called Pray for the Soul of Betty.

— Joseph Murena, 26, Smithtown, N.Y. Works at a courthouse in Suffolk County and is studying acting and voice in New York City.

— Bo Bice, 29, Helena, Ala. Has performed live and recorded with Johnny Neel of the Allman Brothers.

— Anwar F Robinson, 25, Elizabeth, N.J. Teaches at a New Jersey middle school and is a member of a group called The Perfect Combination.

— Scott Savol, 28, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Father of a 4-year-old, he plays the trumpet and performs at city and church functions.

— Nikko Smith, 22, Town & Country, Mo. Has performed at jazz and blues clubs, is the son of Hall of Fame baseball player Ozzie Smith of the St. Louis Cardinals.

— Travis Tucker, 21, Manassas, Va. A college math education major who describes his style as R&B with hip-hop.

— Mario Vazquez, 27, New York City. Was a member of the City Kids Repertory Group and works with emerging New York musical artists.

— Jared Yates, 18, Danville, Ill. A high school senior who performs in school events and lives near an apple orchard.

— Amanda Avila, 23, Las Vegas. Studied singing, dancing and acting and was a backup singer for Motown star Smokey Robinson.

— Lindsey Cardinale, 20, Ponchatoula, La. A university student who plays guitar, piano and drums.

— Janay Castine, 17, Lawrenceville, Ga. A high school senior who's been singing since age 3.

— Mikalah Gordon, 17, Las Vegas. A high school junior who performed at the White House with the Helen Joy Young Entertainers.

— Melinda Lira, 19, Hanford, Calif. Played volleyball and basketball and sang in high school, works for a sporting goods store.

— Sarah Mather, 22, Wilmington, N.C. A community college graduate who is a member of a Top 40 cover band.

— Aloha Mischeaux, 18, St. Louis. Studied music and drama and has participated in dance competitions.

— Celena Rae, 29, Fort Worth. A newlywed who attended a Dallas art

institute for fashion marketing who is studying voice.

— Jessica Sierra, 19, Tampa, Fla. Works as a nanny and has performed at talent shows, corporate events and in church.

— Vonzell Solomon, 20, Fort Meyers, Fla. Attended a high school for the arts and has a martial arts black belt.

— Nadia Turner, 28, Miami. A bartender and waitress and member of the Tool Box, a rock-soul Christian band.

— Carrie Underwood, 21, Checotah, Okla. A college senior, she plays guitar and piano and rescues stray animals.

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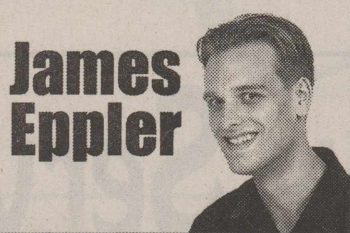
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'Constantine' cool to look at, dumb to watch

Recently, Marvel Comics has dominated the superhero movie scene ("Spider-Man," "Hulk," "The Punisher"). D.C. Comics suffered a severe black eye with "Catwoman" last year, which really was a shiner for comic book movies as a whole.



James Eppler

But D.C./Vertigo is looking to make a comeback, and "Constantine" gives them a half-decent start. Based on "Hellblazer," a comic about a demon-fighting superhero, "Constantine" is a blazing fireball of special effects that, at times, makes us forget how lame the story is.

"Constantine" seems to be comfortable being in limbo. It resides somewhere between ultra-cool and laughably awful.

John Constantine, as conceived in the comic, is a Britain-born boy who has a gift to see demons and angels.

smoking paranormal detective who is so in touch with the spirit world that he smokes even when he doesn't have a cigarette.

But who do we get to play the British hero? Not Jude Law, not Ewan McGregor, not even Jason Statham. Nope, we get Keanu Reeves, not attempting to be British (which is a good thing).

You'll see what I mean. As a young boy, he committed suicide to try to escape the torture of his "gift" to see the spirit world. But it didn't take. He got sent back to earth and now is trying to get back into heaven by working to send demons in human form back to hell.

So what if Reeves is a bad actor who gets cast in good movies? Good for him. He works hard at giving Constantine a mysterious and dark side, while trying to be a toughie who orders demons back to hell.

You see, God and the devil made a bet long ago for the souls of humankind. The only rule: angels and

demons cannot interfere with free will. They can only influence.

But rules get broken. On an easy day, Constantine might have to perform an exorcism on a possessed girl. No "The power of Christ compels you!" from him — he has his own style.



Photo courtesy of Warner Bros.

On a bad day, Constantine might actually have to go to hell personally to do business.

If the demons themselves don't kill Constantine, his 30-cigarettes-a-day habit might.

He also is being hassled by Angela (the yummy Rachel Weisz), an L.A. cop whose twin sister just committed the mortal sin of suicide.

Angela's sister had the same gift Constantine has of being able to see demons. Now Angela wants the gift in the hopes of finding her sister again.

RACHEL WEISZ PLAYS an L.A. cop whose twin sister just committed suicide in the film "Constantine."

In one of the film's more fascinating scenes, Constantine performs a baptism of sorts on Angela so she can experience the spiritual world surrounding her.

Yet the film is not as philosophically intriguing as, say, "The Matrix." It is more interested in blowing demons' heads off and the like.

Most of the demons are CGI monsters, but watch for the half-breeds — those that look like humans.

Gavin Rossdale (from Bush) is evil goodness as Balthazar, a demon who may have more than murderous feelings for Constantine.

Director Francis Lawrence (who has directed Britney Spears and Justin Timberlake music videos) gives "Constantine" a foreboding feel, and cinematographer Philippe Rousselet shoots a dark and cigarette-hazed beauty.

Much of the blame for the film's follies resides with screenwriters Frank Cappello and Kevin Brodbin, who over-pack the film with too much plot and too little story.

By the time Constantine confronts Satan (Peter Stormare) and gives him the finger, you know we are closer to hell than when we started.

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somewhere in between ultra-cool and laughably awful.

EPPLER'S RATING:



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PBS warning stations about swear words in war documentary

NEW YORK (AP) — Worried about the FCC, PBS is taking the words out of the mouths of some soldiers filmed during combat in Iraq.

about the Iraq war, titled "A Company of Soldiers," and is warning it can't insure stations against FCC fines stemming from the language.

The public broadcaster is distributing "clean" and "raw" versions of Tuesday's "Frontline" documentary

about Federal Communications Commission standards for language and content, and a real-life echo of last fall's decision by 66 ABC affiliates not to air the movie "Saving Private Ryan."

The documentary contains 13 expletives spoken by soldiers. "Frontline" producers decided to leave them in because it presented a true picture of how these men and women react

to the fear and stress of war, said David Fanning, the show's executive producer.

The producers also made a separate version of the documentary with the words edited out, for use by some of PBS's 170 stations in more conservative parts of the country. "Frontline" is produced by Boston's WGBH, which will air the raw version.

Instead, PBS decided to send the clean version out to all of its stations. The raw version will also be made available, but station managers will have to make a special effort to tape it in advance.

PBS also is warning its stations that if they want to put themselves at risk of an FCC fine for language, the system can't insure them, said senior programming executive Jacoba Atlas. To air the raw version, stations must sign a statement acknowledging the financial risk is theirs.

"It's a financial decision," Atlas said. "It's not a decision that reflects on the merit that we think the film has."

Fanning said he wished this was

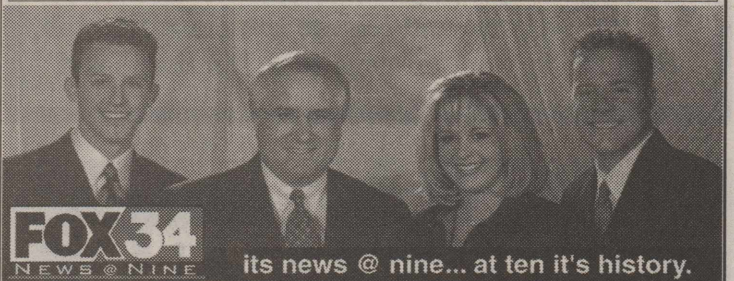
something PBS could take a stand on, but understood why not.

"I'm not upset about PBS," he said. "We're upset that we're put in the position of having to make a special circumstance of this and PBS is put in the position of not being able to have viewers see this."

Since station managers were only informed of this Thursday, Atlas said she had no count on how many stations would air each version.

Wednesday, PBS is re-airing the HBO movie "Dirty War," about a terrorist attack in London, and will alter a scene to avoid showing the front of a nude woman being scrubbed down after a fictional chemical attack.

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TEXAS TECH 56, TEXAS A&M 53

Lady Raiders close deficit to beat Aggies

By David Wiechmann/The University Daily

Erin Grant passed her way into the record books Saturday in time for the No. 15 Lady Raiders to slip past the Texas A&M Aggies in a 56-53 come-from-behind win at the United Spirit Arena.

The junior point guard had 10 assists to become the career assists leader at Texas Tech, surpassing Melinda Schmecker-Pharies by two and setting the record at 605. Grant has three more games, the postseason and all of next season to add to the mark, but she said the record would not be possible without teammates who were able to do something with the passes she sends their way.

"It feels great to me, and I have to also thank my teammates for putting it in the hole for me," she said.

Grant played a large part in the game with 10 assists, and she took command of the offense as a scoring threat late in the game to enable Tech (19-5, 10-3 Big 12) to make its comeback against A&M (13-11, 3-10).

Tech trailed at halftime, 30-25, but went on a 9-0 run to reclaim the lead at 34-30. However, the Lady Raiders found themselves down again, 53-48 with 3:20 remaining in the game. It was then coach Marsha Sharp's squad began its move to shut down the Aggies.

After a timeout by Tech with 3:03 left, freshman Darrice Griffin scored on a quick inbounds play by Grant to close within three points. A missed shot and a turnover by A&M allowed Grant an opening to score.

Grant drove the lane, scoring with 1:41 to go. On Tech's next possession, she did the same and was fouled by A&M's Morenike Atunrase. Grant made one of two free throws to tie the game.

Another turnover allowed Grant to lead Tech on a fast break and pass the ball through a lane to senior Cisti Greenwalt to take the lead

with 29.7 seconds in the game. When Griffin pulled down a rebound off another A&M missed shot and was fouled with 13.1 seconds left, the Lady Raiders sealed the victory. She made one of her free throws, and the Aggies missed their last-second attempt, solidifying Tech's win.

Sharp was proud of the win because different players came up big in a variety of situations down the stretch, which her team will need in the postseason.

"I thought at the end of the game we made some big plays," she said. "I thought Erin's takes to the basket were big time. She scored once and got herself to the free-throw line the other time. We had players making plays when they needed to to give us a chance to win, I think this time of year you're always glad when you have people who will step up and do that."

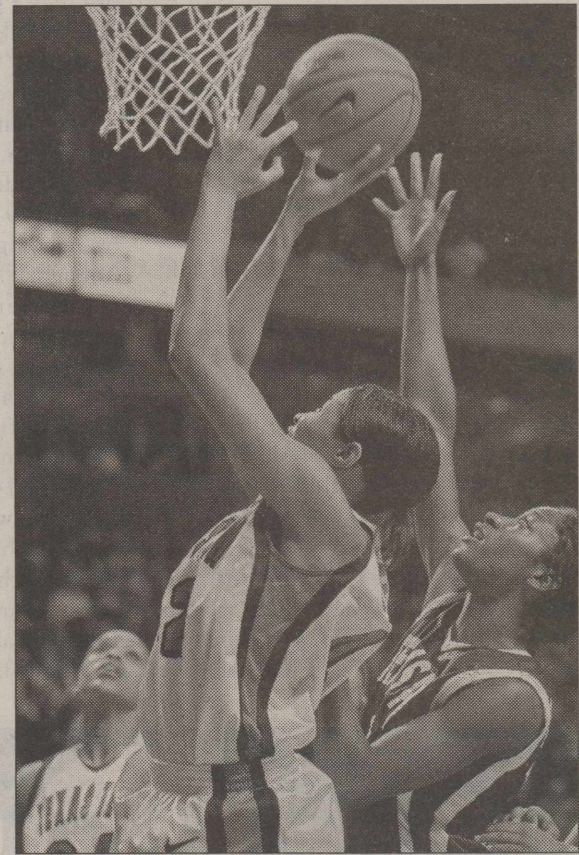
Tech held A&M scoreless the last 3:20 of the game and finished the game on an 8-0 run. Grant said the win was not pretty, but they were happy to come away with a win and get one step closer to the Big 12 Conference title race in two weeks.

"It's a win for us, and we're excited about that," she said. "We're not thrilled that we had to come back at the end and try to win, but now we can go to Oklahoma with another chance to win again."

Tech shot 46 percent from the field, but LaToya Davis said the No. 1 defense in the Big 12 brought the victory.

"Defense always wins the game," Davis said. "In the end, everyone came together and played great defense and didn't let them score."

Greenwalt added another landmark of her own, cracking the 1,000-point milestone for her career. Tech travels to Oklahoma (15-9, 7-6) before its final home game of the season Saturday against Oklahoma State (7-16, 2-11).



FRESH-MAN FORWARD DARRICE GRIFFIN attempts a shot during the first half of the game against Texas A&M Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

STEVE LEWIS/The University Daily

Oklahoma State hands Tech a 29-point loss

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — John Lucas III scored 25 points and James On Curry had 10 of his 15 in the second half Saturday as No. 8 Oklahoma State beat Texas Tech 85-56 to move into a tie for first place in the Big 12 Conference.

The win lifted Oklahoma State into a tie with No. 2 Kansas atop the league standings after the Jayhawks lost 63-61 to Iowa State in overtime earlier Saturday. The Cowboys play at Kansas Sunday.

Curry scored 10 points during a 14-2 run that helped Oklahoma State (20-3, 10-2) pull away early in the second half.

Curry hit a 3-pointer from the right wing to start the run and Lucas added a fast-break layup, then slashed across the lane on the Cowboys' next possession, passed the ball to Ivan McFarlin who dunked it with two hands.

Curry added a jumper from the right wing and a long 3-pointer from beyond the top of the key before finishing the run with a right-handed jam on a fast break to make it 54-32 with 13:29 to play.

Lucas stretched the lead to 67-40 when his 3-pointer from the right wing hit off both sides of the rim, took a high bounce and fell in.

Jarius Jackson brought Texas Tech (16-7, 8-4) within 76-55 with a banked 3-pointer from the right wing, but Oklahoma State scored the next seven points and emptied its bench after Marcus Dove's two-handed alley-oop jam made it 83-55.

McFarlin added 12 points and 11 rebounds for Oklahoma State, which won its sixth straight game and extended its home-court winning streak to 28 games at Gallagher-Iba Arena. The streak is the longest in the country and is tied for the third-longest in school history.

Martin Zeno had 19 points, Devonne

Giles scored 12 and Ronald Ross added 10 for Texas Tech, which was after its second win against a Top 10 opponent in a week. The Red Raiders beat Kansas in double overtime on Monday.

The Cowboys came out playing at a frenetic pace and every starter scored during a 14-6 run to open the game. The lead stretched to 24-14 after a run of six straight points capped by a fast-break layup by Lucas.

Oklahoma State shot 48 percent and Tech hit 32 percent of its shots in the first half as the Cowboys took a 35-26 lead.

Guard Horton suspended for rest of Wolverine's season

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Daniel Horton was suspended for the rest of Michigan's season on Sunday.

Horton was indefinitely suspended on Jan. 25 after he was charged with domestic violence. The standout point guard pleaded guilty on Monday.

"As we stated all along, we understand the seriousness and sensitivity of this situation," Michigan coach Tommy Amaker said in a statement. "As with all of our decisions, we will do what we feel is right."

Horton, a junior, recently started practicing with the Wolverines and will continue to be permitted to do so.

"This has been a very difficult time, and I've learned a lot," Horton said in a statement issued by the school. "I'm grateful for the chance to get back with my teammates."

The suspension means Horton will miss 11 games in the regular season, plus the Big Ten tournament and any possible postseason games. He missed six games earlier this season with a knee injury.

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Stories by Clara Cobb/The University Daily



College students flock in groups to get away from the classrooms

Katie Daneker cannot wait for spring break. She took an early break and went to Ski Santa Fe last weekend.

"It is just a new experience on the slopes," the senior civil engineering major from Midland said. "You meet so many different people with the same interest as you, from different parts of the world and different backgrounds."

She said skiing is a completely different experience every time she goes.

"I like cold weather better than hot weather," Daneker said. "There is not a lot to do on a beach. Skiing is different — you can take a different run every time you go down, and there is skiing for all different levels."

Daneker is skiing for free in New Mexico, a perk of her job working at the Outdoor Pursuits Center at the Robert H. Ewalt Recreation Center on campus.

Melissa Strawn said she loves Taos, N.M. She, like Daneker, said she is more than ready for spring break.

"Taos is a lot of fun — it is a different culture almost," Strawn said. "You get a mix of Hispanic and new age cultures."

Because of the fact that she loves Taos, Strawn said she is excited to experience it in a new way.

"I love the mountains in the winter," she said. "I've been there in the winter, but I've never been skiing. It is just beautiful in the winter."

Strawn, a sophomore pre-med major from Claude, said she is hoping to spend no more than \$300. She is going with a group, which she said helps keep the cost of the trip down. She plans to borrow ski clothing from family and friends and rent her skis at the slopes.

"I am very excited to be going since I have never been skiing," Strawn said. "It will be a first experience."

Strawn said going skiing for the first time was an obvious choice for spring break.

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Robyn Billingsley, like many Texas Tech students, is ready to hit the beach.

"I'm ready for some warm weather," Billingsley said. "I am hoping for good weather, because it's usually cold during spring break, so, I'm hoping it's really, really warm."

Billingsley, a junior marketing major from Boerne, is going to Rockport with three of her girlfriends. She said she would spend about \$100 on spring break, because she was able to save money by staying for free at a house her parents own.

"We are going to the coast," Billingsley said. "We are going to lay out and drink margaritas."

While the Texas coast is a popular destination for spring break, some Tech students are going all out for their beach party destination.

C.J. Freeman, a sophomore marketing major from Dallas, and Andrew Little, a sophomore finance major from San Antonio, are flying to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, on a chartered plane out of Dallas. They said they are going with a huge college group through the University Beach Club, a travel company. The total estimated cost of the trip is between \$1,300 and \$1,800.

"It's all-inclusive," Freeman said.

He said he is looking forward to drinking Modelo and Bacardi Dark on the beach.

Little said he was looking forward to lazy days in the Mexican peninsula.

"During the day, we're going to do some deep sea fishing, sit in the sun, and drink," he said.

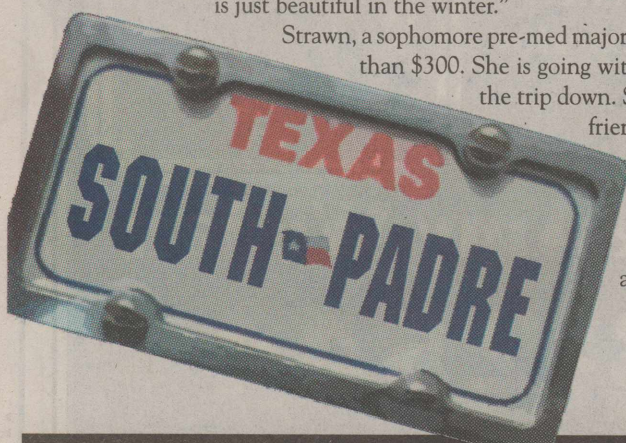
"Also we're going to play golf. They have good country clubs."

Little and Freeman also are planning to experience the nightlife at the clubs. They went to Acapulco last year.

"I am very much excited," Little said. "I need a break now."

Jamie Flannery, a sophomore exercise and sport science major from Austin, is going to Ciudad Acuna, but staying in Del Rio. Like Little and Freeman,

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MONDAY, Feb. 21, 2005

The University Daily

Village Townhomes designed specifically for students

If you are looking for a fun place to live with unmatched service, you should look no further than The Village.

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"We've created a college community in which it's our goal for you to live comfortably for three, four or five years," Amy Wisian said. "We hope you will live here until you graduate and move on."

All of the bedrooms are the same size and are equipped with private bathrooms and walk-in closets. The homes have separate utility rooms, large garages, ample cabinet space and all major kitchen appliances. In addition, all homes have private front and backyards with sprinkler systems. Actually, The Village does not feel like a townhome at all; it feels more like a house.

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Amy and Joel, both Tech grads, work seven days of the week and appreciate your calls anytime. They can be reached 773-2544, 773-2543 or the Model Home at 534B North Brentwood Avenue.



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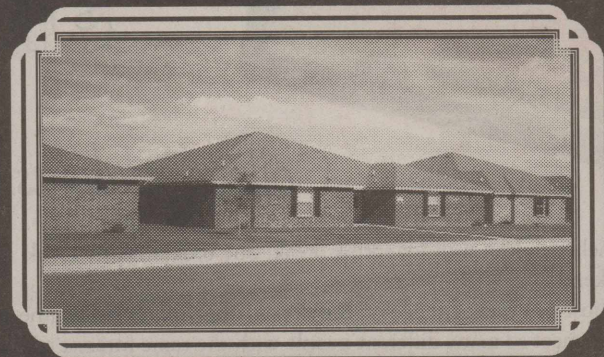
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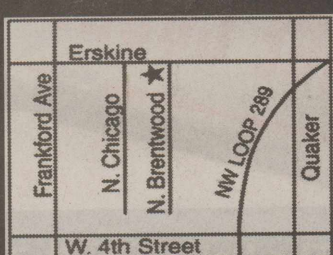


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Real cost of lift tickets at the resort: \$48/day

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Splurging Money

A Trip to Breckenridge, Colo., would cost...

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Average cost of roundtrip airfare from Lubbock to Denver: \$1000

Average cost of a rental SUV vehicle for the week of spring break: \$1000

Real cost of lift tickets at the resort: \$71/day

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In the sun...

Spending it all

A Trip to Orange County, Calif., would cost...

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Average cost of a rental convertible vehicle for the week of spring break: \$1200

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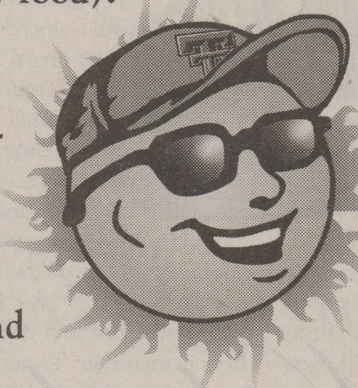
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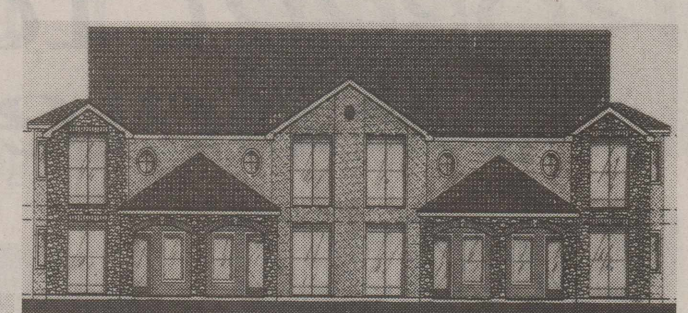
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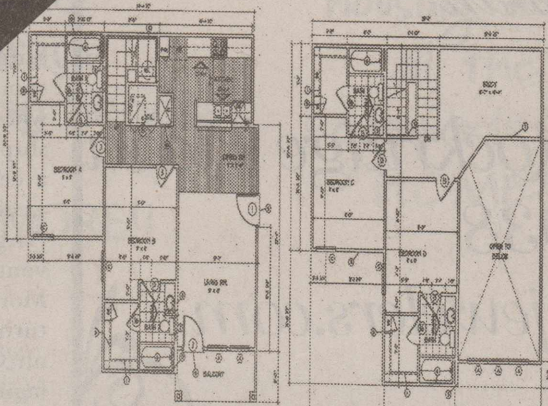
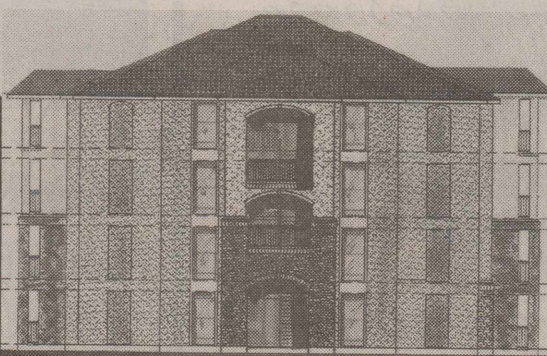
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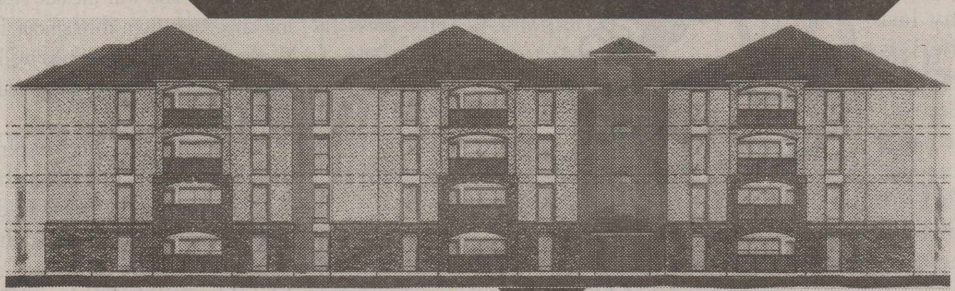
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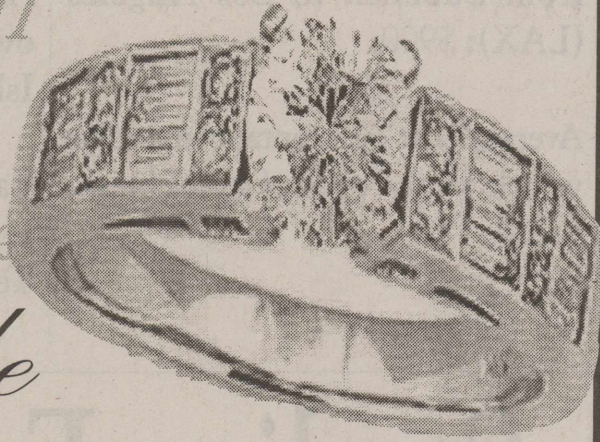
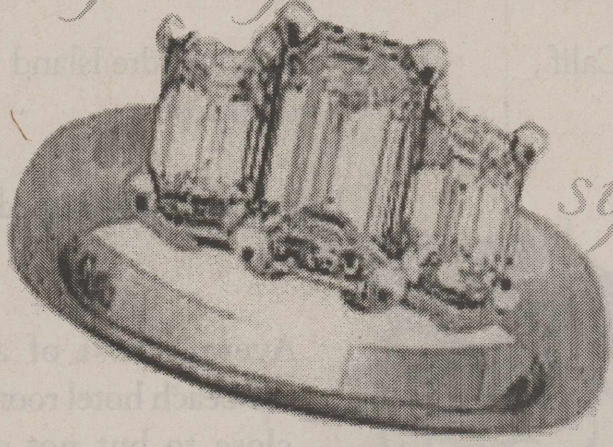
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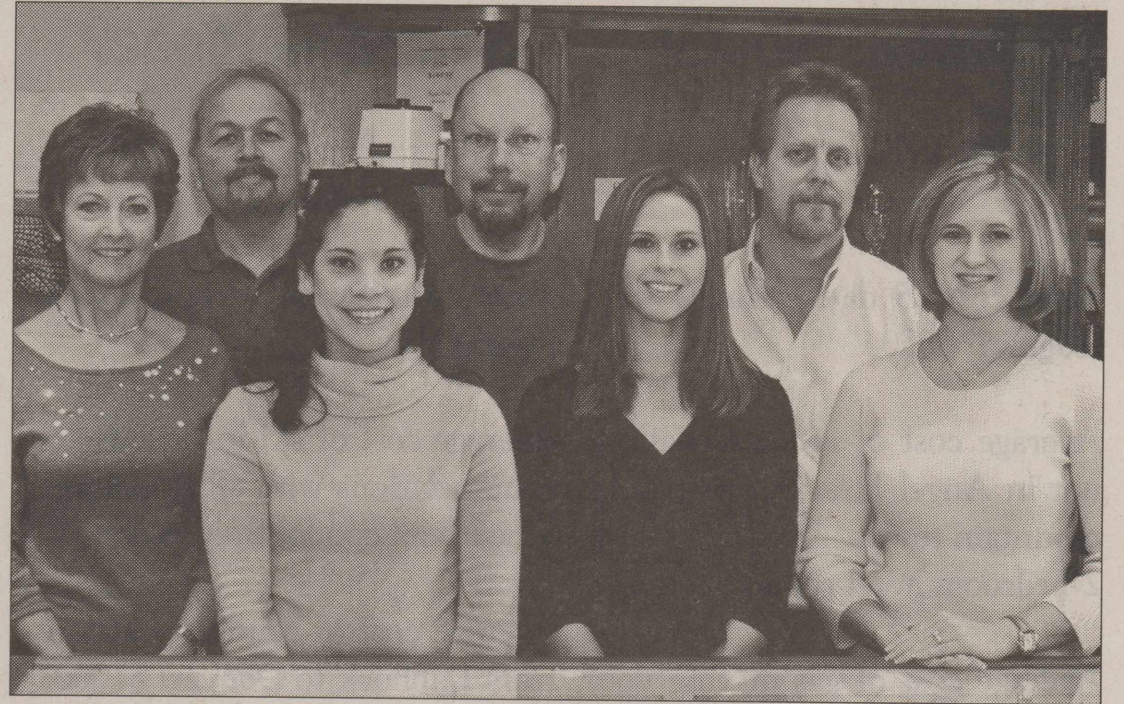
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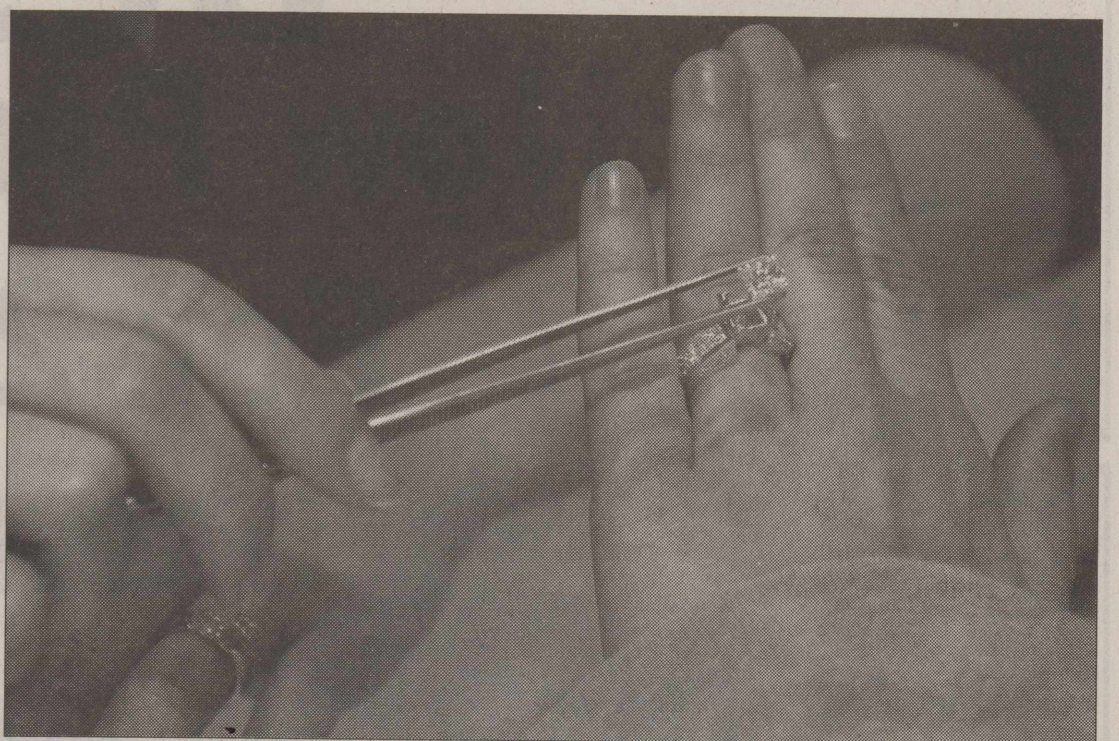
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Canadian Alanis Morissette said in a statement Wednesday. "I consider myself a Canadian-American citizen."

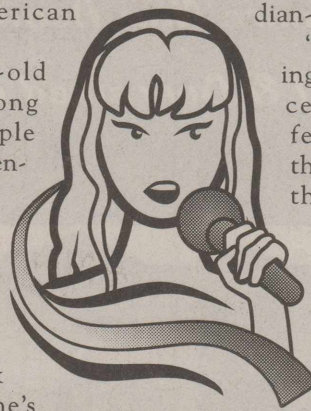
The 30-year-old singer was among some 4,500 people who took the citizenship oath during a ceremony last week at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Morissette isn't turning her back on Canada — she's maintaining dual citizenship.

"I will never renounce my Canadian citizenship," Morissette

said in a statement Wednesday. "I consider myself a Canadian-American citizen."

"There was a turning point during the ceremony where I felt connected to this country in a way that I didn't quite expect," she said. "America has been really great to me and I have felt welcomed since the day I came here."

Morissette's songs include "Ironic" and "You Oughta Know."



Newhart, 75, writing memoir

NEW YORK (AP) — Could a book be called deadpan or button-down? It could, if Bob Newhart's writing it.

The 75-year-old comedian has agreed to write a memoir, scheduled for publication in fall 2006. Hyperion describes the book, not yet titled, as a work of humor that will be "organized thematically and will include stories and anecdotes from throughout Bob Newhart's life and career, as well as thoughts and observations on a multitude of topics."

"He is a national treasure," Hyperion Editor-in-Chief Will Schwalbe said in a statement Tuesday. "We are thrilled to be publishing his first-ever book, which promises to be every bit as funny and delightful as Bob Newhart himself."

Billboard's Top Five List

TELEVISION

1. "American Idol" (Tuesday), Fox.
 2. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.
 3. "American Idol" (Wednesday), Fox.
 4. "Desperate Housewives," ABC.
 5. "Without a Trace," CBS.
- (From Nielsen Media Research)

FILM

1. "Hitch," Sony.
 2. "Boogeyman," Sony/Screen Gems.
 3. "Are We There Yet?," Sony.
 4. "Million Dollar Baby," Warner Bros.
 5. "Pooh's Heffalump Movie," Disney.
- (From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

HOT FIVE

1. "Let Me Love You," Mario. 3rd Street. (Gold—certified sales of more than 500,000)
 2. "1, 2 Step," Ciara (feat. Missy Elliot). Sho'nuff-MusicLine. (Gold)
 3. "Boulevard of Broken Dreams," Green Day. Reprise.
 4. "How We Do," The Game (feat. 50 Cent). Aftermath/G-Unit/Interscope.
 5. "Disco Inferno," 50 Cent. Shady.
- (From Billboard magazine)

ALBUMS

1. "The Documentary," The Game. Aftermath.
 2. "All the Best," Tina Turner. Capitol.
 3. "American Idiot," Green Day. Reprise. (Platinum—certified sales of 1 million units)
 4. "Be as You Are: Songs From an Old Blue Chair," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
 5. "Get Lifted," John Legend. Good Music.
- (From Billboard magazine)

CONCERT TOURS

1. Bette Midler.
 2. Metallica.
 3. Cher.
 4. Jay-Z & Friends.
 5. Toby Keith.
- (From Pollstar)

KID VIDEO SALES

1. "Dora the Explorer: Catch the Star," Paramount Home Entertainment.
 2. "The Land Before Time XI: The Invasion of the Tinysauruses," Universal Studios Home Video.
 3. "Dora the Explorer: Dora's Fairytale Adventure," Paramount Home Entertainment.
 4. "SpongeBob SquarePants: Home Sweet Pineapple," Paramount Home Entertainment.
 5. "Dora the Explorer: Silly Fiesta," Paramount Home Entertainment.
- (From Billboard magazine)

VHS RENTALS

1. "Alien Vs. Predator," FoxVideo.
 2. "Friday Night Lights," Universal Studios Home Video.
 3. "The Forgotten," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
 4. "Sky Captain & The World of Tomorrow," Paramount Home Entertainment.
 5. "Cellular," New Line Home Entertainment.
- (From Billboard magazine)

VHS SALES

1. "When a Man Loves a Woman," Touchstone Home Video.
2. "Dora the Explorer: Catch the Star," Paramount Home Entertainment.
3. "The Land Before Time XI: The Invasion of the Tinysauruses," Universal Studios Home Video.
4. "Garfield the Movie," FoxVideo.
5. "Platinum Series: Abs & Chest of Steel 2000," Warner Home Video.

DVD SALES

1. "Alien Vs. Predator" (widescreen), FoxVideo.
2. "Alien Vs. Predator" (pan & scan), FoxVideo.
3. "Sky Captain & the World of Tomorrow" (widescreen), Paramount Home Entertainment.
4. "Friday Night Lights" (widescreen), Universal Studios Home Video.
5. "The Forgotten," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.

Omarosa knocks black depictions on 'Apprentice'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Omarosa Manigault-Stallworth, tagged as an imperious diva on "The Apprentice," criticized the NBC reality show for stereotyping her and other black contestants.

"Once you start looking at how all the black men are lazy and laid-back and non-assertive and nonaggressive and all the black women are quite the opposite, I think there is a pattern," she said Wednesday.

Speaking at an NBC teleconference for another reality show, Manigault-Stallworth said she wasn't "sassing" executive producer Mark Burnett but contended that the show's editing was to blame.

Burnett fired back when asked to respond.

"How insulting to other African-Americans," Burnett told The Associated Press. "What African-American man have we shown to be lazy? None of them. Kwame almost won the whole thing."

Burnett referred to Kwame Jackson, the runner-up to winner Bill Rancic in the first edition of

"The Apprentice." On the show's second season, the only black male contestant was among the final four.

Manigault-Stallworth, part of a Feb. 28 episode of "Fear Factor" featuring reality show contestants, competed for a job with Donald Trump in "The Apprentice's" debut season.

She was fairly depicted, Burnett said Wednesday.

He said he would advise her to "take responsibility for your own behavior and stop disparaging other African-Americans."

Manigault-Stallworth was no friend to Jackson in the contest, Burnett said.

During Jackson's final "Apprentice" test, staging a concert with Jessica Simpson, Manigault-Stallworth flubbed transportation for the pop

singer and appeared to fib about it. Jackson said later he thought she'd lied.

Manigault-Stallworth said this season continued the manipulation of contestant images. When black contestants don't fit a certain percep-

tion, they tend to be ignored, she said.

She's spoken with a black female contestant who's dissatisfied with her treatment, she said. She didn't identify the woman, but a subsequent comment indicated she was referring to Tara, a New York City government manager.

"She was kind of crying, saying, 'They're not showing me at all and I did all the right things,'" Manigault-Stallworth said.

"She's well-behaved, well-spoken, she doesn't argue with anybody," Manigault-Stallworth said, and she is getting "absolutely no air time."

Burnett said contestants tend to receive more camera time when their future on the show appears in question.

"I think this is more of an extension of what's happening overall in Hollywood," Manigault-Stallworth said. "There's not a whole lot of roads for black women on television, and the roads that are presented don't always seem to be positive."

She's said she's writing and pitching projects because black women need to "tell our own stories" with positive images.

Burnett is a dominant figure in reality TV whose other projects include "Survivor" and the upcoming boxing show "The Contender." One of the boxers committed suicide after filming, a tragedy that Burnett said was unrelated to the series.

“What African-American man have we shown to be lazy? None of them.”

— MARK BURNETT
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
FOR NBC TELEVISION

Singer Aguilera gets engaged

NEW YORK (AP) — Christina Aguilera says she was shocked when a Valentine surprise turned into a marriage proposal.

The 24-year-old pop diva says music executive Jordan Bratman, her boyfriend of two years, popped the question at Big Sur, Calif., last Friday after recreating a romantic dinner the two had while touring India in the fall.

"It was unbelievable," Aguilera told Us Weekly magazine. "Every cute thing he did, I total-

ly thought was just a Valentine's Day surprise — he got me!"

"He sent me on a scavenger hunt," she said.

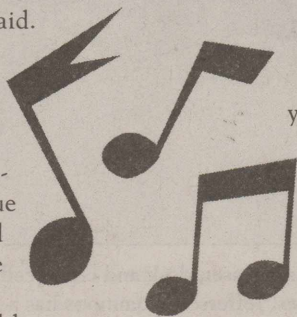
"My mom used to do scavenger hunts for me when I was a kid, so it had sentimental value. Each clue was a poem — and in the final clue he proposed!"

The 26-year-old Bratman gave Aguilera a 5-carat diamond ring designed by

jeweler Stephen Webster, who also made wedding bands for Madonna and Guy Richie.

"I'm finishing my album, so we haven't set a date yet," Aguilera said. "But it's definitely given me inspiration to make my best record ever."

Her hits include "What a Girl Wants," "Genie in a Bottle" and "Beautiful."



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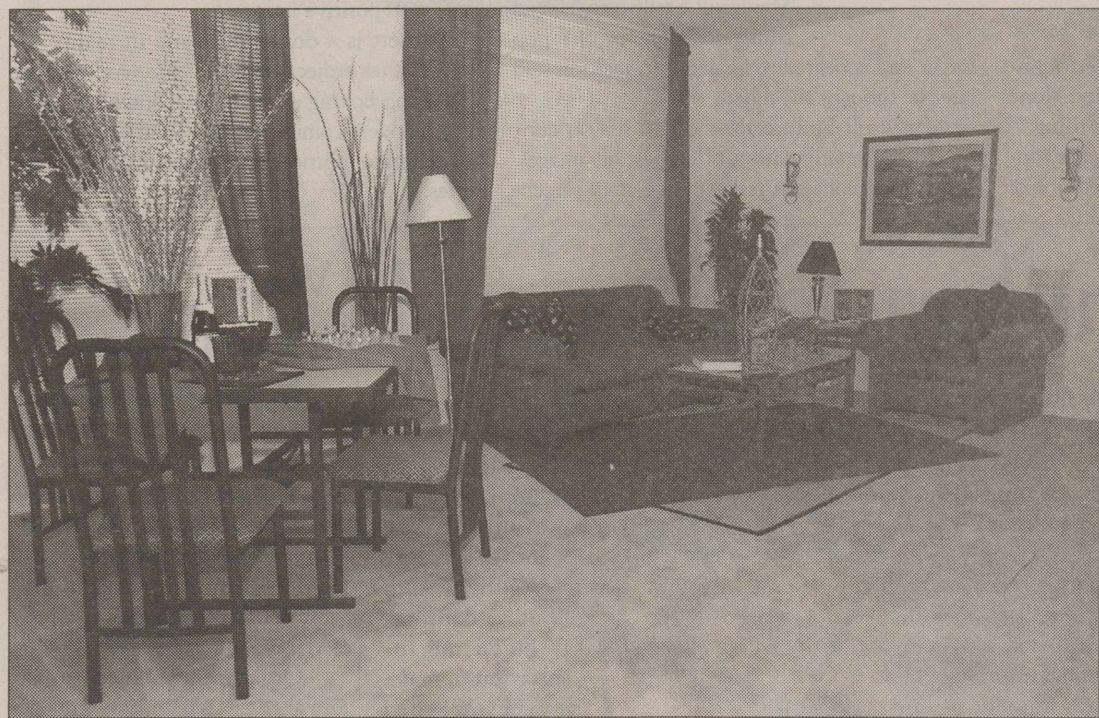
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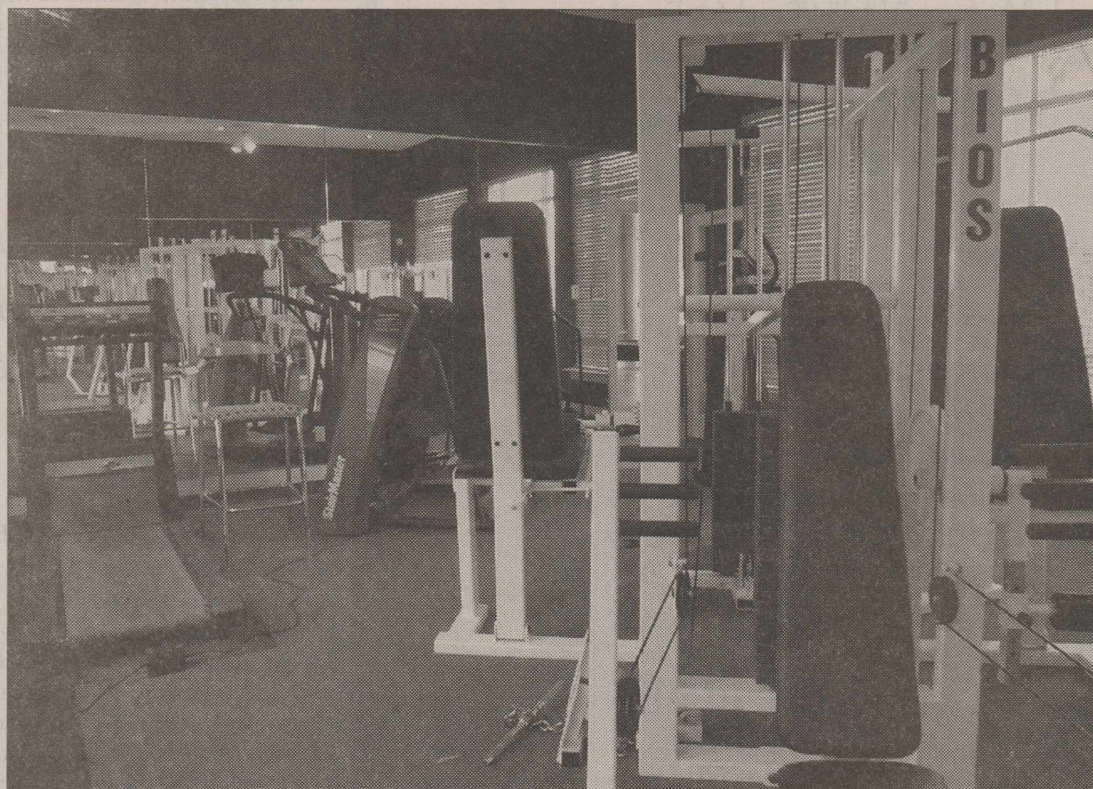
The staff is now taking applications for August move-in. The one-year leases are being signed quickly, so if you are interested in living in Jefferson Commons, you need to act quickly.

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Beaches

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Flannery plans to use the Mexican border as a way to do some drinking during spring break.

"It's really, really cheap, and it's legal," Flannery said.

She said the room at the hotel where she is staying is \$90 per person per week, but she did not know how much total week would cost. She has been to Acuna before. She said she went for a Pat Green concert and had a good time, which is why she is returning with a group of about eight friends.

"We are just going to drink and lay out at the pool," Flannery said. "They have long islands in those really big, tall cups, and we dance on the bars."

Not all Tech students are going

to the beach to get drunk. Alonzo Key, a sophomore history major from Lubbock, is going on a mission trip with his church.

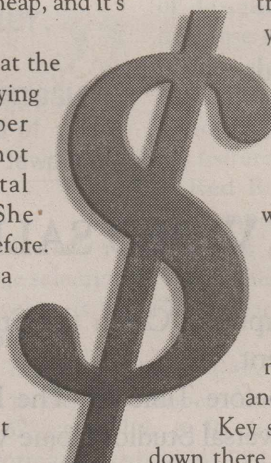
"We're going to the best place ever — we call it G-town," Key said. "We've been doing ministry down there for 15 years."

Key's trip cost comes to a total of \$50. He is carpooling to Galveston and doing mission work for the majority of his trip.

"We take a van down to the beach, play '50s and '60s music, 'Twist'n'Shout' and 'Brown-eyed Girl,'" Key said. "That's all that's down there is college kids on the beach."

He said he is looking forward to bonding with the other students.

"We get really close to one another," Key said. "We just hang out, chill, and talk about our day."



Mountains

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"I'm fair-skinned, and I hate the beach," Strawn said. "I don't like sand."

Dane Dedmon, a senior general studies major from Arlington, is looking forward to snowboarding in Colorado. He plans to go to Beaver Creek, Vail and Copper Mountain resorts, which he has been to before.

"We have a time-share, so we go every year," Dedmon said. "I don't drink, so that's another reason not to go down where everyone's drinking, to the beach."

He said he is going to Colorado with his mother and his girlfriend. He owns all of his snowboarding gear, and with his parents owning their accommodations, he said keeps his total trip cost low.

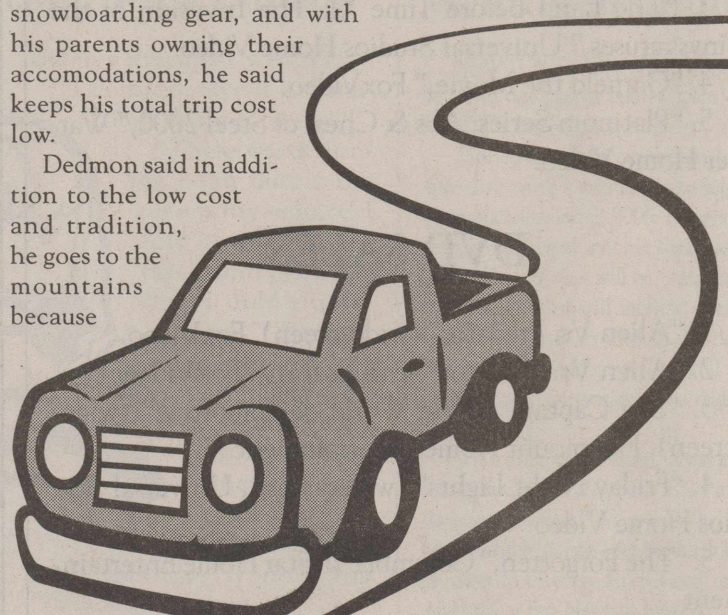
Dedmon said in addition to the low cost and tradition, he goes to the mountains because



he loves snowboarding. "I just like going down the mountain," Dedmon said. "It's calm, peaceful."

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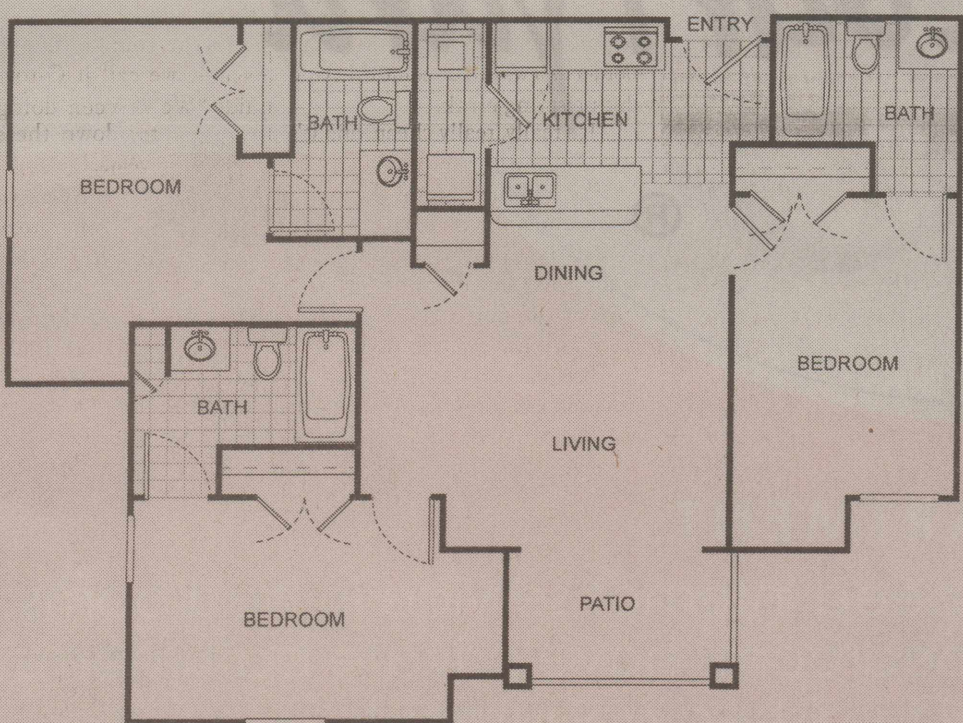
Sophomore Lynsey Lippert said, "University Courtyard is such an open community, there are several areas for play, study, leisure and just to relax. I am extremely excited about living at University Courtyard. It offers so much for so little."

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