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Lady Raiders look to thwart the Cyclone 3-point shooters.



QUOTABLES

The vice president didn't see him. The covey flushed and the vice president picked out a bird and was following it and shot. And by god, Harry was in the line of fire and got peppered pretty good."

Katharine Armstrong, the owner of a Texas ranch where Vice President Dick Cheney accidentally shot fellow hunter Harry Whittington. (AP)

It's been across the media for the last 50 days. Does anyone really believe that, after 50 days of having this program on the front page of our newspapers, across talk shows across America, that al-Qaida has not changed the way that it communicates?"

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich., on the questionable value of President Bush's eavesdropping program. (AP)

Down with the agents. Down with Bush. Long live the nation."

Saddam Hussein at his trial Monday. (AP)

STATE

Woman pleads not guilty in baby death

McKINNEY (AP) — A woman accused of killing her 10-month-old daughter by cutting off the baby's arms with a kitchen knife pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity Monday at the start of her capital murder trial.

Dena Schlosser, 37, said nothing and stared straight ahead, sometimes gently rocking back and forth, as her attorney entered the plea.

Later, during opening statements, her attorney said Schlosser clearly did not know right from wrong during the November 2004 death of baby Margaret.

"This is somebody who at the time was not capable of knowing what she was doing was wrong," defense attorney William Schultz said.

NATION

Classes, flights canceled after record snowstorm

(AP) — Drivers shoveled out their cars, marooned travelers waited impatiently for trains and planes to get back to full service, and utility crews struggled to restore power Monday after a record-breaking weekend snowstorm across the Northeast.

Most highways were in good shape in time for the morning commute, though many city streets and sidewalks were still snow-packed and slippery.

Hundreds of schools canceled classes from West Virginia to Massachusetts, but youngsters did not get a holiday in New York City, where subways continued running and major streets had been plowed despite a record-breaking 26.9-inch snowfall.

"I never want to see snow again," Laura Guerra, 27, of Miami, said.

WORLD

Couples say 'I love you' with matching noses

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — Nothing says I love you on Valentine's Day like a box of candy and a bouquet of roses. Err, make that noses.

China's obsession with plastic surgery is finding an outlet in couples who are going under the knife to get matching noses or eyes as a sign of their love for one another, the official newspaper China Daily reported.

"I suggested it as a way of celebrating our relationship and bringing us closer together with a special kind of bond," Liu Yan, 24, was quoted as saying of the nose jobs she suggested to her 28-year-old boyfriend.

Liu said her boyfriend "loved the idea" and readily paid the \$1,200 cost.

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More details arise in fatal crash

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

The driver of the vehicle who allegedly is responsible for taking the life of Texas Tech student Amber Menefee was intoxicated at the time of the accident early Saturday morning on West Loop 289, police officials said.

Erin Nicole Reagan's vehicle was traveling south in the northbound lane on Loop 289 when her vehicle crashed into Menefee, who was traveling north in the northbound lane. "An EMS vehicle was close by and a witness to the accident,"



Reagan

on the scene, according to reports. The time of the accident was reported just after midnight, and police arrived immediately following. Upon arrival, they arrested Reagan and took her into custody.

said Lubbock Police officer Lt. Roy Bassett. "They tried to get Reagan's attention, but it was too late." Menefee was pronounced dead

"When there is a fatality involved, it is mandatory for police officers to give a Breathalyzer test," said Capt. Neal Brumley of the Lubbock Police Department.

Records show 20-year-old Reagan had a blood alcohol content of .147 at the time of her arrest after her car collided head-on with Menefee's vehicle.

"Anybody with that BAC level, definitely had more than one or two drinks," Bassett said.

Reagan was arraigned Saturday evening and charged with intoxication.

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COLUMN FROM THE EDITOR

DT staff took necessary steps, but regrets misidentification of woman

In the online edition of *The Daily Toreador* Sunday evening, a young woman briefly was misidentified as having been involved in a drunken driving accident. I would like to take some time to apologize for the misunderstanding and explain what occurred.

The Daily Toreador staff strives to report fair, accurate and objective news to its readers, and we

apologize sincerely to the young woman, her family, friends, and anyone else the situation may have impacted or affected.

The story involved an accident that claimed the life of a

Joey Kirk



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Heart-Shaped Box



STEVE LEWIS/The Daily Toreador

TYLER HARRIST, A research assistant and 2005 Texas Tech graduate from Lubbock, works with the left-heart simulator Monday afternoon in the Mechanical Engineering building. The simulator tests real and artificial hearts.

On Valentine's Day, Tech researchers literally tugging at heart strings

By LAUREN HENCKEL
FEATURES WRITER

A team from the Texas Tech mechanical engineering department is building a left heart simulator that will be revealed to the public Feb. 23. The simulator is being used to test actual hearts, as well as not-synthetic hearts.

The three-person team is currently using pig hearts donated from the animal sciences department for their research. They hope to use canine hearts in the future.

Zaoming He began the project in January and recruited a team to help. Tyler Harrist and Shamik Bhattacharya are building the simulator by hand.

He, originally from China, was completing post-graduate work at Georgia Tech before moving to Lubbock and bringing his research with him. He teaches biomechanics at Tech. He will be working with the

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Officials want phone scam to serve as warning

By DANIELLE NOVY
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Today may be Valentine's Day, but that does not mean that Lubbock residents can automatically assume that an anonymous call is from a secret admirer; the Better Business Bureau of the South Plains recently issued a warning to alert citizens of the latest swirl of scam telephone calls.

Nan Campbell, the president of the South's Plains division of the BBB, said people have been receiving phones calls requesting their bank account numbers and other person identification information during the course of the last week.

The reported phone calls have featured an individual telling South Plains residents that they will receive a monetary award if they tell the caller their checking account number, according to a BBB news release.

Campbell said the anonymous culprit likely still is making such calls, and the best tool to put an end to such scams is awareness.

"Never give out personal information over the phone," she said.

An additionally important objective is to try to determine who the caller is, Campbell said. During the recent surge of fraudulent telephone calls, the scammer has slurred the name of the alleged company he is calling

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Experts: Wikipedia's research convenience necessitates caution

By ANDREW WOOD
STAFF WRITER

For some procrastinating college students who are suddenly limited on resources for a research project, Wikipedia, an online encyclopedia, has proven to be an easy way out.



WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia

Although the encyclopedia's use has grown tremendously during the last five years, the popular cyber source also has raised some ethical discussion.

Although Wikipedia is convenient, it has created credibility issues, partly because anyone can edit the information.

The credibility was heavily scrutinized last November after it mistakenly linked journalist John Seigenthaler to John F. Kennedy and Robert Kennedy's assassinations. The information stayed on Wikipedia for more than four months before it was deleted.

The Web site even created its own site with information about the fiasco.

"The system failed in this case," said Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales on CNET News.com. "A bad entry was kept for some time until (Seigenthaler) actually fixed it himself."

Jack Becker, interim head of information

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PASS Center launches online tutoring program for students

By CARLOS BERGFELD
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Between classes, jobs, projects and socializing, students may not have time during the day to seek additional help in troublesome classes.

These busy students now have another option, as Texas Tech's Programs for Academic Support Services (PASS) Center launched its online tutoring program Monday for students looking for help in math and science classes.

The tutoring will be available three nights during the week and late Sunday evening, times when most students have finished classes, work or other obligations.

Starting as a pilot program, the online tutoring will expand accordingly to match the demand for its services.

"We'd rather start out small and do a really good job than start out kind of grandiose and fall on our face," said Rebecca Owens, managing director of academic support services.

Owens said she has wanted to implement online tutoring for a long time, and after years of planning and research, the program has finally come together.

Calculus and physics tutors are available online currently, with tutors logged on from 8 to 11 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Students worried about having to learn new, complicated technology to utilize the service can rest easy, as only an eReader

username and password are required to log on and use the software.

"The setup that we have right here is nothing but a souped-up chat application," said Chris Pazhayanoor, programmer analyst of Academic Support Services.

The PASS Center uses a program called WWWwhiteboard from Link Systems, which allows tutors to use features like equation editors, graphs and drawing tools.

In addition, all chats through the online tutoring program are archived, so students can look through the archives for answers when tutors are off-duty.

Students also can submit questions for tutors to answer offline.

These features give students the ability to use tutoring services at 2 a.m. or any hour of the day or night.

The center's three-hour online tutoring periods four days a week may not fit all students' needs, but Pazhayanoor said there definitely will be a possibility of extended hours if the program is a success, and possibly even 24-hour tutoring if need be.

"We're taking a really small baby-step — this is our pilot. We're hell-bent on expanding," he said.

The PASS Center conducted student research for the past two years to find the best times, subjects and methods to use when implementing the online tutoring program, Pazhayanoor said.

The chat-like nature of the tutoring allows it to be more of a group-discussion than traditional one-on-one tutoring, although

on-looking students will have to take turns asking questions.

"Ideally, we would like it to be like a classroom," Pazhayanoor said.

The tutors have special drawing pads and other equipment to allow them to communicate concepts and ideas to students better. Students needing intensive tutoring may need to come to the center for face-to-face tutoring, as students in online tutoring will not have the advanced facilities available to the tutors to communicate back with them.

Tutors like Travis Turnbull underwent 15 to 16 hours of training to prepare for the project.

A sophomore from Alamogordo, N.M., studying mechanical engineering, Turnbull said he has helped students of various academic strengths since he started working at the PASS Center his freshman year.

"You see kids who may just be missing one little piece, and it'll set them off, and they'll do the rest of the assignment on their own," he said.

To use the service, students can go to <http://www.pass.ttu.edu> and click on the "Online Tutoring" link in the toolbar on the left side of the page.

Tutoring for physics I will be on Mondays and Tuesdays, and calculus I tutoring will be held on Wednesdays and Sundays.

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ASHLEY GREEN, LEFT, a junior broadcast major from Lampasas, and Jessica Tuttle, a sophomore early childhood education major from Lampasas, play condom bingo in the Red Raider Lounge at the Student Union Building Sunday night.

40 positions up for re-election in Texas midterm elections; students explain key reasons why the demographic doesn't vote

By SETH BURT
STAFF WRITER

With the 2006 midterm elections approaching in November, candidates ready themselves for a long election year. Texas, Lubbock and Texas Tech students have a significant undertaking in deciding who will fill the 40 positions up for re-election in November.

A midterm election is a general election that does not coincide with a presidential election year, but occurs two years into the term of a president in which many members of the U.S. Senate and all of the members of the House of Representatives are voted on, according to Google.

Lubbock's Republican Representative Randy Neugebauer stands for re-election against Democrat Robert Carlton Ricketts and Libertarian Fred Jones.

Neugebauer joined other Republican representatives in holding the 19th Congressional District routinely Republican for multiple years, according to *The Washington Post*.

Neugebauer's future, however, rests on the voters' decision.

Political science professor at Texas Tech, Clarke Cochran, explained the fundamental reasons why a person votes.

"It is an expression of one's citizenship. Voting is one of the minimal means of showing that," he said. "Second, the very practical reason of having your candidate elected."

Midterm elections, however, draw very little voter turnout; in 2002, 37 percent of the voting age population voted, according to Pearson Education, publishing as Info-please. As low as voter turnout is, college students are the least likely to vote in elections, whether federal, state, or local.

According to "American Government" by James Wilson and John Dilulio Jr., about 30 percent of college students voted in the 1996 election, which was not a midterm election.

Cochran, tried to explain why college students are apathetic going to the polls.

"Generally younger people vote less than older people," he said. "Young people are generally less interested. They are generally less informed as well about politics."

Brian Smith, a freshman petroleum engineering major from The Woodlands, confirmed Cochran's reasoning.

"I am not very politically active," Smith said. "I don't have any idea when or where they are or what they are for. I don't pay attention very much."

Young people are generally less interested (in voting). They are generally less informed as well about politics.

— CLARKE COCHRAN
Professor
Political Science

Jordan Strebeck, a sophomore agriculture and applied economics major from Clovis, N.M., offers a different reason why college students fail to vote.

"Laziness," he said. "Young people don't see the short term benefits of voting. Young people in general are horribly short sighted. Voting doesn't benefit you this second."

Laziness and lack of knowledge are an over-casting theme throughout students' talk. In an

unscientific poll of 12 students, three knew at least one of their representatives.

Yet, this "laziness" and "lack of knowledge" allows older people to decide the outcomes of who will run the government. Sixty-six percent of those between the ages of 65 to 74 voted in the 2000 elections, according to the Population Resource Center.

Consistently, the 65 and older demographic has stayed near the top of voter turnout, according to "American Government." People between the ages 45 to 64 also have a historically high voter turnout.

Strebeck said the college demographic of 18- to 24-year-olds shows apathy towards voting, many college students take their duty as serious.

"If you don't have good people representing you, it could have a horrible impact on the future," Strebeck commented.

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Transportation secretary calls Britney Spears 'irresponsible,' urges car-seat safety awareness

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta chided pop star Britney Spears as "irresponsible" for driving with her baby on her lap as he announced a new initiative Monday to improve child car-seat safety.

"Recent photos of Britney Spears driving with her infant son on her lap are troubling. And while Ms. Spears has acknowledged her mistake, her actions still send the wrong message to millions of her fans," Mineta said at an event at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia to mark the start of Child Passenger Safety Week.

Photos published earlier this month showed Spears driving her sport-utility vehicle in Malibu, Calif., with her 4-month-old son perched on her lap. The pop star

acknowledged that she made a mistake but said she acted instinctively when frightened by paparazzi.

"No matter who you are, there's absolutely no excuse for this display — not instinct, not fear, not even reckless paparazzi," Mineta said. "It's irresponsible to compromise the safety of a child for the sake of the moment."

After a tour of the hospital's emergency department, Mineta announced \$25 million in new federal funding over the next four years to states that pass and enforce new or tougher booster-seat laws. Sixteen states do not currently have such measures on the books, he said.

"Each year, over 53,000 kids are needlessly injured in crashes," he said. "If all of these children had been riding in a booster seat, it's

possible that thousands of them would have escaped their crashes virtually unharmed."

Booster seats — designed for children too big for traditional toddler seats and too small for safety belts — raise a child up so the safety belt fits properly.

Mineta said children roughly from about age 4 to age 8, as long as they are under 4-feet-9, should be placed in booster seats.

Smaller children who are belted in without a booster seat run the risk of serious — and preventable — injuries by seat belts that are designed to fit adult frames, said Dr. Dennis Durbin, a pediatric emergency physician at CHOP. "Seat Belt Syndrome" can cause damage to a child's abdominal organs, spleen and spine because the belt is strapped across the abdomen instead of low in the hips, he said.

Two air marshals accused of smuggling drugs through security

HOUSTON (AP) — Two U.S. air marshals face federal drug charges after being accused of using their positions to smuggle narcotics through airport security and onto planes for transport, officials with the U.S. Attorney's Office said.

Shawn Ray Nguyen, 38, and Burlie L. Sholar III, 32, both from Houston, were ordered during their first court appearance on Monday to remain in federal custody until a bond hearing on Thursday.

Both men were arrested on Thursday after an informant had delivered 15 kilograms of cocaine and \$15,000 to Nguyen's Houston home.

"We expect and demand that our law enforcement officials will themselves abide by the laws that they are sworn to uphold," said First Assistant U.S. Attorney Don DeGabrielle. "The abuse of the badge will not be tolerated."

Kent Schaffer, Nguyen's attorney, said he could not say much about the charges because he doesn't know enough about the government's case at this point. But Schaffer questioned the motivation of the informant that worked with authorities.

"This is going to be a very complicated case," he said. "The government has been working on it for several months. Our plan now is to deal with the bond issue on Thursday, then move forward in defending the case."

Sholar had not yet hired an attorney on Monday.

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4 U.S. troops, 5 pro-government militiamen killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A bomb killed four U.S. troops when it hit their armored vehicle Monday in a volatile mountainous region in Afghanistan, the deadliest loss for the U.S. military in the country in four months.

Officials also said five Afghan members of a U.S.-backed militia also were killed in a firefight in the

southern province of Helmand.

The violence was a reminder of the dangers thousands of British, Canadian and Dutch troops will face when they take over from U.S. forces in southern Afghanistan by midyear.

The four American troops were patrolling with Afghan soldiers along a valley road in Uruzgan province's Dihrawud district, a hotbed of the in-

surgency, when they were attacked, U.S. military spokesman Lt. Mike Cody said.

Shortly after the blast, militants opened fire with guns and rocket-propelled grenades. The troops fought back and called in attack helicopters and fighter planes to pound the militants' positions, a military statement said.

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Facilities vice chancellor Ellicott proves to be a jack of all trades

By **KATIE KINNEY**
STAFF WRITER

At Texas Tech, there are many different vice chancellor positions and each one does a specific duty for the Tech community. Vice Chancellor Michael Ellicott is no exception.

Ellicott is the vice chancellor of Facilities Planning and Construction and helps develop most of the ideas for expanding or remodeling at Tech.

Ellicott was born in upstate New York and went to Lafayette College in Pennsylvania where he got his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

Ellicott attended graduate school at the University of Missouri where he received his master's in mechanical engineering.

While in college, he became president of the Theta Chi fraternity and also was in the army ROTC.

After college, he joined the military and was in the army for 26 years — he was in Germany for 14 years and spent a year and a half in Korea.

Ellicott was a district engineer in Europe before he went on to be a Harvard professor. From there, he taught at Wayne University in Detroit, West Point and Bucknell University for sometime before he was told of the vice chancellor position that had opened at Tech.

Ellicott said he applied for the position and was hired in 1999.

"I think I always felt I would work for an educational institution since they build for the long haul," he said. "To me, that's the fun, to build good buildings."

As vice chancellor of Facilities Planning and Construction, Ellicott said he sees many expansion and renovation plans on a daily basis.

"We do master planning, we manage all major new construction, repair, renovation or whatever the chancellor or president wants me to repair," he said. "We also manage the landscape enhancement program and the public art program. The landscape outside of the Student Union Building and the hands outside of the English building are things we have helped oversee."

Most of the projects Ellicott undertakes on a regular basis have a budget of less than \$2 million, yet many of the recent building projects have cost twice that number.

One of Ellicott's first projects when he arrived at Tech was the expansion of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. He said this was his first chance to show his technique of use of buildings.

"The space between buildings is what makes the building," he said. "Having spaces for researchers to meet and talk or professors to stop



Ellicott

and talk is really what makes things happen. So I work hard on the spaces."

With the many projects that Ellicott sees, he said he often deals directly with the board of regents.

Regent Robert Black feels that Ellicott is just the man for this job.

"I think he's absolutely outstanding. He is complete and has a world of experience," Black said. "He's also very energetic and enthusiastic about his job."

Black also seems impressed by how Ellicott approaches his job.

"I am chairman of Facilities Planning and Construction, and he makes my job very easy," he said. "He's very committed to his job, and he's all

about doing the job right and getting it done."

Ellicott's latest job has been the proposed plan to build a parking garage and luxury boxes at Jones SBC stadium.

Ellicott said the garage will hold 1,080 cars, will also be a bus stop for the university and that there will be about 18 to 19 suites in the stadium. He said with completing the bowl of the stadium and adding 300 club seating in front of the boxes, it will increase the stadium capacity to about 62,000.

Ellicott said he feels this project will be a great benefit for the campus, especially for parking issues.

"I think this gets more parking on campus. It's not ideal but it helps," he said. "It improves the appearance of the campus, and gets more people to come and check out the university."

Dylan Hoffman, a junior chemical engineering major from Clear Lake, believes that is what Ellicott is succeeding at in his office.

"I think people coming in to Tech to look around will first notice all the new buildings we have and the new things coming in," Hoffman said.

With all the new construction and plans being made for the future of Tech, it looks as though Ellicott will have his work cut out for him.

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Town Hall meeting focuses on community improvement

By **BRYAN WENDELL**
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ners, business or finances.

"What we're giving these kids is a life-changing moment," Jackson said.

The program does not cost a dime for parents or their teens; instead, graduating members leave with a check for \$500, she said.

After their service, Jackson said, participants are asked to complete a once-a-month service project for the next 10 months in the Outreach Program. Each completed project nets participants an additional \$50.

For more information, interested parties can contact Youth Corps at <http://www.youthcorpsinc.org/>.

At the end of the meeting, residents were given the microphone and the chance to address the citizens and officials. Lubbock resident Carlos Quirino Jr. took this opportunity to air his complaint in English and Spanish.

Quirino said he and his fellow citizens of District 1 are concerned that Lubbock's growth is only helping the higher-income areas.

"Lubbock seems to be growing and developing in a very positive way, but a whole section and a big, very important population is being left out," he said. "The growth and development has gone one way, and that's to the southwest."

DeLeon concluded the meeting with a response to this and other complaints, saying in Spanish that the citizens must choose elected officials who will represent the needs of constituents and be willing to effect change. She is up for re-election May 13.

"I am only one person," she said in Spanish. "The only way to keep that is to elect some more people like me."

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Scams

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from, making it difficult to trace.

"There are legitimate telemarketers out there," she said. "Trying to weed out the good from the bad is the hard part."

Campbell said residents should consider registering their phone numbers with the National Do Not Call Registry at www.donotcall.gov and with the Texas Do Not Call Registry at www.texasnocall.com.

She said if the alleged telemarketer calls from a toll-free number or is hesitant to talk about their company, suspicions should be aroused.

"If you answer the phone and you have trouble getting any information from the person calling, and they won't give you their company name or address, that is a sign," she said. "We hear about these scams from time to time. They have different scenarios, but they are always trying to get information."

Campbell said the easiest way to handle a suspicious call is simply to put good manners aside and hang up the phone.

"I know it's not real southern hospitality to hang up on somebody, but when someone is calling you, being secretive and not telling you any of their information, you have every right to hang up," she said.

The dual problem of scam calls and persistent telemarketers is not one that even the Texas Tech campus has managed to escape, according to Tech's Housing and Residence Life.

Matt Kovach, assistant director of residence life, said although he is aware that such calls are received by students in the residence halls, he has not seen it explode as a huge problem.

"I know they occur, but nothing's been shared to me about a large number of students complaining," he said. "Also, the number of students who use their dorm phone as their primary phone line has greatly diminished."

Kovach said the companies who target college students gain access to their residence hall telephone numbers by purchasing a campus directory or by generating the numbers on a computer.

Imran Memon, a sophomore pre-medicine major from Houston, said he receives telemarketing calls about once a week on his residence hall phone line in Gordon Hall.

He said because none of his family or friends use the dorm phone as a way to contact him, when it rings he knows it is from a telemarketer or a scam caller.

"If they want to talk to me, they are not going to call me on that phone," Memon said of his relatives and pals.

For more information on scam calls, contact the BBB at (806) 763-0459 or visit the Web site, www.bbbsouthplains.org.

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Wikipedia

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services at the Texas Tech library, said Wikipedia should be a "starting point" for a research project and not a key reference.

"Wikipedia is like anything else on the Internet," he said. "You have to realize it's free and out there."

Becker said Wikipedia lacks the scholastic acclaim the other documents, periodicals and resources have.

According to a study conducted by Nature, a Great Britain-based publication, Wikipedia's accuracy may not be as different from its rival, Encyclopaedia Britannica, according to news.bbc.co.uk.

People in the study reviewed the two encyclopedias without knowing the source of information. After the project, both sources showed they have some flaws.

Eight serious errors, such as misinterpretations of important concepts, were detected in the pairs of articles reviewed, four from each encyclopedia, according to the BBC's Web site. Reviewers also found many factual errors, omissions or

misleading statements: 162 and 123 in Wikipedia and Britannica, respectively.

While Wikipedia aims for more accuracy, it also wants to be fair and objective like the other traditional encyclopedias, according to its Web site. The site also encourages people to avoid copyright infringement and respect other contributors and has entries about Wikipedia civility and etiquette.

Becker said the library has other online encyclopedias that are as accessible as Wikipedia, including an electronic Britannica, which has an estimated 200 words per topic.

Myra Brown, librarian at the library's Digital Media Studio, said Wikipedia presents good information, but is too basic.

"The best thing for (students) to know is the library spends a lot of money and a lot of effort for full-text, peer-reviewed information," Brown said. "I know online is convenient, but may not offer the best information."

Carrye Syma, librarian at the Tech Library, said she knows more people are using Wikipedia because it is so accessible.

"For general information, it's OK, but

I wouldn't rely on it to write a paper," Syma said. "Look at the source and make sure it's a reputable source."

Syma said she has seen a slight decline with students using library references because it is so easy to go online.

Wikipedia started in 2001, and has produced more than 1.8 million articles in more than 200 languages during the last five years, according to the BBC's Web site. Last fall, as many as 1,515 new English-language entries were posted every day, according to CNET's Web site.

"I'm not saying it's a bad thing," Brown said. "Don't just depend on that."

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Conservatives and Liberals make good valentines

Dining with Caliva an interesting experience

Eleventy billion years ago, when dinosaurs roamed the Earth, when I walked uphill both ways to class in the snow, before Facebook was in college, I went on a blind date.

Not to reveal what generation I belong to, but I went on this date to go see "Titanic." I had no intention of seeing "Titanic" in the theater, or ever, actually. That is why, ladies, when a guy asks, you should take initiative and make the decision.

Anyway, I went to see "Titanic." Mr. Blind Date was so moved by the movie, he began crying like, five minutes into the movie.

He never stopped crying.

He had to leave the movie to go blow his nose. (I had to leave the movie to try and escape the worst date ever — but to no avail.) He was still crying when we left. He was still crying when he dropped me off. This was a 30-minute drive after a 30-hour movie.

Finally, still in tears, Mr. Blind Date asked if he could kiss me — FYI guys — don't ask, just kiss — however, I was really glad Mr. Blind Date did, because it gave me just enough time to shake his limp fish tail hand and jump out of the car.

Now, with all this said, there could be nothing worse than the "Titanic" blind date. So, when the lovely editor and colleague asked me to go on a "date" with fellow columnist and very conservative

Trey Caliva, I hesitantly agreed. Caliva was not my first conservative, so this wasn't my first rodeo. While I have been described as a liberal, hippy, feminist, word-that-starts-with-b-and-rhymes-with-witch (did I give too much away there?) I can take 'em.

And, while Caliva is totally a conservative by West Texas standards (i.e. he hates women, gay people, people who aren't the same color he is, poor people, the environment and parts of the world not owned by the U.S.), conservatives are people, too and Trey is a nice guy.

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counts as a person, I didn't run him through the entire gauntlet. It's not like columnists get paid.

But I digress. Dating a conservative was overall, surprisingly, a somewhat pleasant experience.

I know men think it takes women a long time to get ready. This is not true. I hate to betray all women, but for the men reading this, I have a little secret to share: We're smarter than you. That's why you can't figure us out.

It took me 13 minutes and 47 seconds to prepare for said date, still, I arrived fashionably late. On purpose. Trey was already there. He waited for me to sit down first although I took a painstakingly long time to do so, including making silly small talk with the hostess.

Five points for Trey.

I dropped the "A bomb" (c'mon, the "abortion" word) at least five times and Trey didn't even bite the bait. But that's OK

— as a make love not war type of girl, I'm not much for fighting.

And, as a "liberal" I have more tolerance than Trey.

The most impressive thing Mr. Caliva did was he maintained eye contact — the whole time. Women don't dress in mumus because they want to be stared at. Women dress in shiny when they want to be stared at. Let's just say I wasn't wearing a mumu.

Trey gets 10 points for tucking in his shirt, too.

Women, also, because we're smarter than men, do intentionally irritating things such as never look at the menu until the waitress asks for the order, or try to pick up the bill or call a lot of things "cute" unnecessarily. I was good, since it was for work, and let him pick up the tab. That, and half the reason I agreed to go is because I'm not getting paid until Wednesday.

Dating a conservative, I must say, is far cry from dating a rock star. I'll tell you how to date a rock star next week. This week is about the conservative race.

And honestly ladies, they're boring. They're stuffy. They will never own motorcycles or take you cliff diving. However, if you really, really, really want to get that MRS degree, honey, date a conservative.

Conservatives will own lots of stock, cabins in cool ski towns and be great Boy Scout leaders and NRA members.

As for us "crazy liberals," we're all going to move to nudie colonies and grow organic squash when we graduate. What else do you do with five degrees in things such as the Democracy of Basketweaving?

Conservative "taxpayer this, and liberal media that aside," Trey was a really nice guy. He didn't cry, he didn't ask to kiss me and he didn't give me limp, damp, clammy fish tail when I went to shake his hand. So Trey, 30 points. Good date.

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Evening out with Cobb enjoyable despite differences

Liberals and Conservatives, Democrats and Republicans, political life in America is a constant struggle. From Washington, D.C., to Washington State, neither side, left nor right wants to get along. We argue about the Iraq war, domestic spying, lobbying scandals and Dick Cheney's shotgun.

There is as strong a divide between the Left and Right in America as there ever has been. But does that mindset carry into the dating arena? When we go on a date, or even look for potential dates, are we trying to meet a preconceived idea of what we need, as opposed to what we want? In modern America, with all the disparities between our two great political parties, is it possible for a Liberal and a Conservative to go out on a date, and not kill each other?

To answer the question, Clara and I were sent on a date with the goal of seeing what would happen. As both of us appear in the paper today, it's a testament to bipartisan spirit that we both survived. Cross party and cross-ideological dating happens all the time, and with much success. But there's an equal amount of, if not more, failures. Perhaps the key to avoiding any unpleasantness is to elude any topics that are too controversial. If it's on my predate agenda to try to discuss abortion, religion and the Iraq war, I'm doomed for failure from the beginning. I avoided these subjects during dinner with Clara. Having a manageable date, without derailment is as simple as avoiding major political topics

on which liberals and conservatives are clearly divided. There's plenty of time, if the date goes well and a relationship develops, to cross those bridges. Once you've cleared that hurdle, you can easily bring up other topics for conversation that you might normally be reluctant to discuss.

Conversation and small-talk are essential to a successful date, nothing is easier to small-talk than political issues, albeit "safe" political issues. Safe issues to discuss are ones on which most people probably agree on, the elimination of al-Qaida, for instance. Rarely are you going to meet someone who thinks that al-Qaida has a legitimate right to

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For me, dating isn't a game to play with; it's a process of determining a future mate, so you might as well tackle a few things early on simply to avoid wasting your time.

In the past and in my future as well, I simply can't date a liberal; it's impossible for me. Despite my attempts to listen to opinions and weigh their views, I can't do it. It's not that I don't understand their viewpoint. I do and my ways are just too set into stone. I'm less "why can't we all get along?" and more "let's agree to disagree." Besides, if a conservative doesn't like you, we just shoot you, right Mr. Cheney?

When I sat down for dinner with Clara, I really wasn't sure what to talk about. I didn't know if a hot-button issue would be OK, so I decided to shy away from that. But that didn't mean we didn't talk

about politics. We discussed several interesting political issues, some of which I didn't agree with her on and some that I sort of agreed with her on. Not necessarily topics that greatly interest me and she certainly wasn't going to convince me of anything, but it was fun to discuss it, nonetheless.

For me, dating is much more about similar interests and thoughtful conversation than political views. I'd much rather date someone with an opinion, even if it differs from mine, than date someone that couldn't formulate one if her life depended on it. If I were given the choice of going out with Cindy Sheehan or Lindsay Lohan, I'd pick Sheehan although I would probably want to stab myself in the eye by the time the date was over. No matter my thoughts about what she was saying, it would still be more interesting that anything Lindsay Lohan could throw out of her mouth.

Even if the dating conversation does get slightly out of control and someone slips up, mentioning that they're pro-choice, or an atheist or anti-death penalty, I'm not going to punch them, curse them (at least to their face) or burn their house down. Everyone has a right to his or her opinion, and we should always respect that. When confronted with that on a date, it should just be the beginning of open dialogue to understand why they believe what they do.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Family clarifies mistaken identity in car accident story

We regret the tragedy that occurred this past weekend involving Amber Menefee. We do wish to

clarify that the person implicated in this unfortunate incident, Erin Nicole Reagan age 20, is not Erin Hollyfield

Reagan age 19, daughter of Brandt and Laura Reagan of Lubbock. Our hearts and prayers are with all those

involved during this difficult time.

— Brandt, Laura and Erin Hollyfield Reagan of Lubbock

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Egg donation allows students to give part of themselves to others

By DANIELLE NOVY
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While some college students have a variety of terms to describe themselves, including broke, strapped for cash and penniless, the list of solutions for such conditions is considerably shorter.

As some students search for jobs to fill their wallets, others opt to give something of themselves — literally. A mounting number of women are donating their eggs

to respond to the growing assisted reproductive technology industry, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Dinah Finley, a patient coordinator at The Fertility Institutes, said women choose to donate their eggs for several reasons including the financial benefits they reap and the desire to help an infertile couple.

"Many people who are college students do it to help finance college," she said.

Jenn Machovina, director of the Donor Egg Department at the Genetics and IVF Institute, said between 15 and 20 percent of donors are college students at the time of the extraction.

She said while some people donate to help pay their way through higher education, many donors' interests are sparked because they have family members who have struggled with fertility issues in the past.

"The majority of donors are doing this program for the right reasons," Machovina said. "People go through the process because it touches them on a personal level."

Still, for students struggling with tuition fees and living expenses, the thought of a single check scripted for thousands of dollars can be appealing.

The Egg Donation Center of Dallas Inc. hands each donor a paycheck ranging between \$3,500 and \$5,000 for a single donation, according to www.eggdonorcenter.com. The Web site additionally includes criteria for possible donors; donors must be non-smokers who received cumulative scores of higher than 1100 on their SATs.

Finley said the general cutoff age for donors at most clinics is about 35, which means most college students are in the proper age window to donate.

"When you have infertile couples, maybe the woman is menopausal or

there are medical issues with the reproductive organs, egg donors can help," she said.

The egg is extracted with a fine needle in a procedure that takes about 20 minutes to complete, Finley said. "Normally it isn't painful," she said. "We always use a sedative."

Thanks to airtight contracts the donor must sign before the operation begins, custody battles between the donor and the egg's receiver never ensue, Finley said.

"It's just not something we hear about," she said.

Trina Leonard, the communications director of the Genetics and IVF Institute, said another way clinics eliminate possible problems from occurring is by performing mandatory psychological exams on all possible donors.

"One of the things we do is make all donors have psychological testing before they donate," she said. "We are very concerned with the physical and emotional health of our donors."

Amalia Riojas, a senior psychology major from Lubbock, said she could see ramifications for those who choose to donate their eggs.

"I personally wouldn't do it," she said. "Ultimately it's your egg; it's part of you. It's kind of like having a baby out there that is yours but you have no responsibility for it."

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Children with Down syndrome increasingly are sought for adoption

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Seven was not enough for Diane and David Petersohn, so they decided to adopt.

And since one of their seven children has Down syndrome, they decided they wanted another one with Down syndrome.

The Petersohns found that they had plenty of company. The couple from Liberty, Mo., placed their names on national lists of people seeking to adopt children with Down syndrome, and waited.

After waiting nearly three years they turned to a private agency that facilitates international adoptions. Today, they're raising money and completing paperwork to adopt a 6-month-old boy from Ecuador who has the syndrome, a type of retardation caused by a genetic malfunction.

Most who seek to adopt Down syndrome children have had a family member, friend or acquaintance with the disorder, or work with them in medical or school professions.

"People think they are just great kids, people feel like they are very lovable," said Rachel Crews, a social worker with the Special Additions adoption agency in Stillwell, Kan.

Changing attitudes toward people with all disabilities and improved medical treatments also are helping unite these children with families, advocates say.

"Society as a whole is much more accepting," said David Tolleson, executive director of the National Down Syndrome Congress in Atlanta. "You are much more likely today to see people with disabilities in the media, places of worship, schools."

"Whereas in a prior generation, mothers were told when they had a baby with Down syndrome or another

disability, put the child in an institution and forget about them."

That's what happened 34 years ago to a little girl named Martha, whose single mother gave her up for adoption. She was diagnosed with Down syndrome and placed in a group home in Cincinnati.

But when Martha turned 4, Robin Steele and her husband met her and fell in love immediately. With one son already, they adopted Martha and have gone on to adopt nine other children — three of them with Down syndrome.

"We just knew we wanted to make Martha part of our family," Steele said.

Martha's adoption also spurred the Steeles to help connect other families like theirs with families who felt they could not raise children with Down syndrome.

So, 23 years ago, they started the Adoption Awareness Program in conjunction with the Down Syndrome Association of Cincinnati. Steele connects people who want a child with Down syndrome with birth mothers or adoption agencies.

In the first year, she helped find homes for three children with Down syndrome. Now, Steele works with three to five situations a week, she said, and has a waiting list of 150. Waits average six months to a year.

"People with Down syndrome are pure in heart and spirit," said Amy Allison, executive director of the Down Syndrome Guild of Greater Kansas City. "They keep you grounded."

Allison said the organization does not monitor trends, but "there are easily more people contacting us interested in adoption than we have ever seen before."

Adoption advocates say they stress

to prospective parents that all people with the syndrome are not the same.

Nearly half will have some heart defect and about one-third will develop thyroid problems. Roughly 1 percent develop leukemia, and nearly all will have some delay in motor and speech development. Other potential problems include intestinal or spine malformations and hearing difficulties.

Better medical treatments and earlier intervention have increased the life expectancy of people with the syndrome to the 50s and 60s.

Still, some of the Petersohns' friends and family questioned their wisdom when they adopted Darcie, who is now 5. Darcie has had six minor operations on her eyes, ears and nose, but did not have heart problems.

DOWN SYNDROME FACTS

(AP) — WHAT IS DOWN SYNDROME? — There are three different forms, but the most common occurs when an egg or sperm cell has an extra chromosome No. 21.

HOW PREVALENT IS IT? — The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that there is one for every 733 live births. There are approximately 350,000 people with Down syndrome in the U.S.

WHAT CAUSES THE SYNDROME? — No one knows. Possible causes include hormonal abnormalities, viral infections or genetic predisposition. The risk of having a child with Down syndrome increases as the mother ages. However, more than 85 percent are born to mothers younger than 35.

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Mass Comm introduces new study abroad programs in Mexico, Britain for Summer 2006

By JENNIFER POWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The College of Mass Communications is introducing two new study abroad programs for Summer 2006. Electronic media in Britain and travel photography in Mexico will be faculty led in early summer.

Judy Oskam will be taking 15 Texas Tech students to study abroad in late May. She will be teaching electronic media for 10 days in Britain.

Oskam said her London class is not limited to mass communications majors.

"It's open to all students," Oskam said, "and can serve as an elective."

While earning three credit hours, students will prepare a media project and go sightseeing during the 10-day stay, Oskam said.

The projects range from research papers to video essays and are not limited to news.

"Any mass com major could benefit," Oskam said.

In addition to GPA and meeting academic requirements, a student must submit an application, statement of purpose, recommendation form, transcripts and a deposit to be eligible.

Counselors at the International Cultural Center assist students in registering for study abroad programs each semester.

Senior Counselor Richard Menard said study abroad programs are popular among mass communications students, but courses are available for all majors.

When choosing a study abroad destination, Menard said students should look for a country that caters to their personality.

"There are a ton of programs," he said. "But students should research them based on their personal academic needs and interests."

With a continually growing number of study abroad opportunities, only a small percentage of students will actually go.

"Less than 5 percent of U.S. college students study abroad," Menard said.

The projected cost for semester programs should not deter student interest, he said.

"The average Tech student spends \$8,000 each semester," Menard said. "A semester abroad costs around \$12,000."

Menard said various scholarships are awarded to help students compensate for the increase, and 80 to 85 percent of those who apply receive scholarships.

Menard said he recommends that

all students study abroad, especially those looking at graduate school.

"This is a great resumé builder," Menard said.

Summer study abroad programs are common among Tech students. Menard said three-fourths of students interested in study abroad are interested in the summer programs.

Rachel Bruton, a senior journalism major from Andrews, said study abroad opportunities are invaluable.

"I learned so much more than Spanish," Bruton said. "I learned about the culture and the importance of family."

Bruton said she spent last summer in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. She and 34 other Tech students traveled surrounding areas learning the Spanish language and culture for five weeks.

This journalism major said she is interested in the mass communications study abroad programs.

"I would love to study abroad for my remaining hours if possible," Bruton said.

For more information regarding study abroad programs, visit the International Cultural Center or the College of Mass Communications advising office.

Application deadlines for both mass communications study abroad offerings have been extended and will be accepted through Feb. 17.

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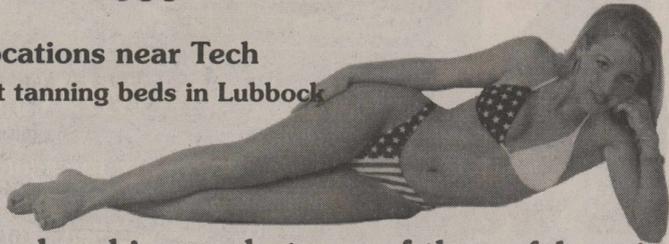
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Sex ed teaches abstinence only

By RUTH BRADLEY
FEATURES WRITER

There are at least two things one will learn about sex in Lubbock schools. How to do it, and that one shouldn't.

The Lubbock Independent School District uses an abstinence-based program to teach students about sex, said Jack Booe, assistant superintendent for secondary schools.

"Abstinence is what we teach," he said. "Do we talk about other contraceptives? Yes. But abstinence is what we drive home."

Texas Law 28.004, Local School Health Education Advisory Council and Health Education Instruction, states that schools in Texas are required to teach abstinence education in schools as part of a student's health education. This does not mean, however, that schools are required to teach abstinence only, said Suzanne Marchmann, spokesperson for the Texas Education Agency.

"Every district in the state can slightly differ on sex ed," Marchman said.

According to the law, these differences are determined by the board of trustees for the school and by the local school health education advisory council. Marchman said schools can choose how extensive their teaching on contraceptives is, and how many days to devote to the subject — anywhere between one day to six weeks are allowed.

In Lubbock, schools teach almost the minimum.

Krystal Reinitz, who graduated from Lubbock High in 2002, said her sex education as a student in Lubbock was limited to one class period of discussion during health class in ninth grade and one school meeting where a local pastor gave a speech.

Booe said all LISD students are taught about premarital sex, STDs and pregnancy. Any additional information is provided at the discretion of the health teacher.

"Some teachers are comfortable with saying 'yes there are contraceptives out there,'" he said. "But the only way to be 100 percent sure of avoiding an STD or pregnancy is abstinence."

It is a message that may not be getting through.

"In my opinion, this is not sufficient," said Tony Thornton, CEO of Planned Parenthood in Lubbock. "If it were sufficient, we would not have the teen pregnancy rate we have in this town."

Thornton said the numbers for teen pregnancy are exceptionally high in Lubbock and in Texas as compared with the rest of the nation. He believes that better sex education would help bring these numbers down.

"If you talk about avoiding pregnancy," he

said, "in communities where they teach sex ed, they have a much lower teen pregnancy rate."

The numbers may be slanted however, said Joe Grimes, chairman of Lubbock Right to Life.

"They could be high teen pregnancies inside wedlock," he said.

Although increased education about birth control may help bring down the pregnancy rate, Grimes said students who are sexually active risk more than pregnancy. Grimes said contraceptives are not always reliable, and anyone who has sex could contract a sexually transmitted disease.

STDs are common in Lubbock. The Texas Department of State Health Service's annual Texas HIV/STD Surveillance Report for 2004 reported high numbers of new cases in Lubbock County; 1,316 new cases of chlamydia and 438 cases of gonorrhea were reported for the year.

Thornton said he does not believe Lubbock sex education is stressing the seriousness of these diseases enough or teaching students how to avoid them.

"I don't think those facts are out there in the school system for kids to know it," Thornton said.

Booe said the numbers might not be as bad as they seem. These rates are determined by county, which means that students from five school districts in addition to Texas Tech are included in the count.

"I don't think our kids are any more sexually active than kids in any other state in this country," he said.

Booe said students are presented with information about the seriousness of STDs. Depending on the teacher, the students may be told that there are methods of protection, though those methods are not presented.

"We are not going into detail on any of them," he said. "If you're going to teach about it... basically you're saying, 'you're going to have sex, here, have some condoms.'"

Grimes said he also believes there is such a thing as "too much" sexual education.

"We're worried that sex ed frequently ends up being a primer on how to have sex," Grimes said. "Look at the way we approach smoking. Do we have a program on safe smoking? To me, it's an inconsistency."

Thornton said this is an "ideological argument."

"It's not promoting sex, it's educating them about sex," he said.

Booe said when it comes to prevention, it is up to parents to make the call on whether to teach their children methods of so-called "safe sex."

"If parents want to go into that, that's their business totally," Booe said.

Grimes said he is surprised that people advocate the teaching of such a socially charged issue in schools.

"That is a parental responsibility," he said, "and it speaks a lot to the moral and spiritual position of the parents, and therefore, that's where it ought to stay."

But the majority of parents do not seem to mind. LISD allows parents to opt out their child out of sexual education classes, but only one or two families do so each year, said Booe.

Grimes said he believes many parents may be shirking their duty when it comes to sex education.

"Ultimately, the parents owe all the responsibility for the education of their children," he said. "In many cases, parents have delegated that responsibility."

Thornton said many parents might be leaving their responsibilities in the hands of the school district, because they do not realize the problems their children are facing.

"I just think a lot of parents in this town don't want to talk about it," he said.

And the school system does not talk enough, he believes.

"I don't think these facts are out in the school system for the kids to know," he said.

Grimes said he believes students must be reminded often of what they are risking through a sexual lifestyle.

Thornton said sex education should be less limited and students must be taught about safe sex.

But Booe said the programs the system has are fulfilling the school system's responsibilities.

"What we're saying here is what [sex] is," he said. "Here are the results if you elect to have this type of behavior."

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Media stereotypes lesbian, gay community false

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Bright-colored lights flashing to the beat of electronic music while dozens of white, middle- and upper-class shirtless men dance the night away. Men having casual sex in dark backrooms, supplemented by illegal drugs. The mainstream media has decided on this image for the gay community as a whole.

Paisley Currah, executive director for the Center for Lesbians and Gays for the City of New York University, said he believes the media has greatly focused its image of the gay community through lenses of race, class and wealth.

Currah said the majority of the gays and lesbians he comes into contact with in New York are immigrants or children of immigrants, members of the working class, women and people of color.

Bob Schoenberg, director of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgendered Center at the University of Pennsylvania, said no one TV show could completely capture all the aspects of gay culture. Many of the shows, he said, reference men almost exclusively and that is not accurate.

Romona Oswald, an associate professor of family studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, researches gay and lesbian culture and specializes in gay communities in rural areas, and gay and lesbian family studies.

"Most gays and lesbians are closer to their next door neighbor," Oswald said, "Not somebody from 'Queer as Folk.'"

Oswald said many people in small-town communities could be gay or lesbian, but the communities generally do not discuss it openly. Homosexuals blend in with their neighbors, whether it is in the country or in a more metropolitan area.

"The overall dynamic is 'don't ask, don't tell,'" she said.

According to data from the U.S. census gathered by gaydemographics.org, there are gay families in almost every county in the country. The census data shows that there are about 594,361 gay couples across the country and 396 couples in Lubbock County.

Oswald said in more rural gay communities, they tend to be made up of men, because men generally have better access to public places.

Lisa Henderson, associate professor of communications at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, said in many gay medias, the producers are responsive to their viewers.

Henderson said many of the gay medias have shown political activism or fights against homophobia. Many "gay" media outlets try to show characters that do not conform to the typical gay images for men and women.

Some gay TV shows have shown an interesting integration, Henderson said, by trying to integrate straight families into gay communities. In real life, she said, that tends to be the opposite, and gay couples try to integrate themselves into their predominantly straight families.

Henderson said she believes a culture exists in gay cinema and TV about loving the gay community when it is dying, but not when it is being political or making trouble.

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Selling sex: Ad effectiveness increases desire

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The saying "sex sells" has been used time and again to describe the media's marketing principles, and in addition to being overly cliché, the phrase is something of a misnomer.

"The point is that the overt message is sexual, or sexuality sells," said Patrick Hughes, an assistant professor of communication studies. "They're not talking about the act."

From Pizza Hut using Jessica Simpson to sell their goods in a Super Bowl ad, to a scandalous episode of "Desperate Housewives," overt sexuality pervades television shows, film, Web sites and advertising.

But what effect do these types of images have on the viewer?

Hughes said the constant barrage of mostly female sexual images can lead to interrelational and gender problems.

"I think repetitive exposure to those messages shapes our reality," he said. "We begin to see each other as sexual things. It programs us in a particular way."

With its first iteration in 1979, Jean Kilbourne's "Killing us Softly" video series has focused on the images of women in advertising and the effects of these images on society.

In "Killing us Softly III," Kilbourne highlights the impossible physical standard of women shown in advertising and the subversive patriarchal themes of female objectification and sexualization.

Kilbourne also focuses on what she calls "dismemberment" in print advertising, or how

images show women's body parts as opposed to whole bodies.

This intense objectification of women's body parts can lead people to think of women as the sum of a few sexual objects, rather than a complete being, Hughes said.

Some may find the effectiveness of this type of advertising insulting, as it insinuates a society based on animal compulsions.

"I don't think people can be reduced to thinking that sexual appetite is the only value they seek to have accommodated by a product," said Hughes.

It would be difficult to say advertisers stand alone in their sexualization of images, as other forms of media may have even more blatant displays of these representations.

The fact that television, film, Internet sites and ads deliver these messages may be a disturbing glimpse at American culture.

"What you will find, I'm sure, is that advertising reflects society," said Donald Jugenheimer, a professor of advertising.

Advertising mirrors both media and society, Jugenheimer said, so it would be wrong to place the blame for sexuality in the media on those in marketing.

Students studying advertising should learn to set ethical boundaries for their work, although these sometimes fall by the wayside when money is involved, he said.

Is it possible to include sexual themes in media and not be tasteless? It may depend on the medium.

"Sex, violence, anything that can be seen as sort of offensive, (as long as) it's not gratuitous—I

think that's a key that many critics use," said Scott Baugh, an assistant professor of English who specializes in film studies.

For films, a movie may lose some of its emotion and feeling if it is too sterilized, he said.

Some have differing opinions on what is offensive, and for those with more conservative tastes, a cottage industry of digital "bowdlerizers" has emerged.

These people remove explicit content from films and resell them or offer them for rental.

Internet companies like CleanFlicks have taken this market and made it into a profitable business, although the censored-cinema suppliers have been targeted by the movie industry in the past for allegedly abusing fair use laws.

The effectiveness of sexuality when promoting media may increase the desire for this type of good, causing a cycle that can be hard to draw hard lines for, especially when making money is the desired result.

"I think it's wrong, but the only ethic that I know of (in media) is that if it sells, it's good," Hughes said.

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SEX AT THE M... SEXUALITY OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS



Here at The Daily Toreador, we're concerned. We teach abstinence-only or abstinence. We're concerned many Texas Tech students or abstinence-based sex education. Therefore, we must ask how we learned about sex, and how do our ideas of sex and sexuality affect our relationships especially during this Valentine's. We are concerned with socialization, controlled methodology. We are concerned with virginity, body image, hook-up culture and the fact we live in what has become This is not "Sex in the City." This is

AT TECH

More than birds and bees

Texas Tech students share where they first learned about sex

By DANIELLE NOVY
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The "birds and the bees" talk may be considered a childhood staple, yet many Texas Tech students have mixed feelings about the moment they first learned the facts of life.

While some students had parents that ventured into a formal discussion, others discovered the falsity of the "baby-bearing stork" story on the playground or in the classroom.

Dan Pobuda, a senior advertising major from San Antonio, said his older brother and sister were the first ones to break the news to him when he was in the fourth grade.

He said it was not until a few years later when he was about 16 that his stepfather approached the subject with him.

"My step dad said, 'You're 16 now and you are going to be getting your license soon, so do whatever you want, but if you get a girl pregnant come and tell me soon,'" Pobuda said of the speech. "My mom was too embarrassed to talk to me about it."

Charlie Givens, a junior accounting major from Ingram, said he received the sex talk from his father, calling it "uncomfortable."

"I first learned about it from my friends," he said. "I don't know exactly how old I was

— probably middle school."

Apparently the "talk" can be difficult for parents as well; Web sites such as www.mayoclinic.com offer tips to coach parents through the conversation with their children.

Kendra Dean, a sophomore psychology major from Lubbock, said she was introduced to the subject by friends, although her school provided a sex education eighth grade students.

Dean said talking to her parents about sex was awkward because of their traditional backgrounds.

"They were both virgins when they got married," she said. "They are very conservative Baptists, but they have gotten more liberal over the last five years."

Michael Hempstead, a sophomore physical therapy major from El Paso, said he was in fourth grade when he first learned about sex from his friends.

"The only thing my mom ever told me was to wear a condom," he said.

Meanwhile, other students received the full-fledged, sit-down version of the conversation.

Michelle Lyles, a junior mathematics major from Fort Worth, said she was first learned about sex from her school when she was in the fifth grade.

She said that not long after the educational crash course in sex, her parents gave her the "birds and bees" talk.

"It was very awkward," she said with a laugh. "I think my brother was in the room, as well."

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Porn leads to unrealistic sex ideals

gressive style.

"Those women make a career out of it," Kimmons said. "They have the perfect body, the perfect hair and the perfect boobs. Real women cannot live up to that; we can work with what God gave us. Guys have an expectation we can't meet."

Bojan Szumanski, a junior personal financial planning major from Poland, said it is natural for people to get their sexual fantasies from pornography because of the nature of it.

"That's what young kids are exposed to," he said. "Every 10-year-old wants to watch it because it's taboo."

Rosemary Cogan, a professor of psychology, said getting ideas from pornography is OK, but there are some problems that come with it.

"They give odd ideas of men and women," she said. "They give the idea that even when a woman says no, no, no, she can be persuaded with a little help to say yes."

Cogan said the adult film industry gives a bad interpretation of men, because they portray men as always being ready, and she said this was not the case.

Kelsey Stewart, a freshman physical therapy major from Georgetown, said she was against pornography and the implications it brings to a relationship, but said it would be OK for a committed couple to view pornography.

"I think it's OK to fantasy a little bit, but if it ever takes over your thoughts or becomes more important than other areas of the relationship than no I don't think it's OK," she said.

Watching adult films is a good way for couples to spark the imagination, Stewart said. But, does not believe

someone should watch them every day. Only occasional viewing is healthy, she said.

"I've seen the harmful effects it does," she said. "It puts images into people's heads and they get addicted to those sorts of things and they're going to look for it else where in life."

By looking for it elsewhere, people rely on a relationship to satisfy the need, and Amanda Betz, a senior psychology major from Plano, said it might be the easy way out.

"I think porn is a way for people to satisfy a need, but doesn't require anything out of them," she said.

Betz might condemn pornography but she does not deny many people get their fantasies straight from it. She said getting a fantasy or two from an adult film is fine as long as the people doing it are in a committed and healthy relationship. Watching pornography and then going out and hoping someone will replicate what he or she saw in the film is something that is not only wrong but also unrealistic.

Katy Carter, a senior exercise sport sciences major from Dalhart, said she did not feel people get the majority of their sexual fantasies from porn. She said most people do it the old fashion way and get them from their own imagination. She also does not believe people should trust the actresses who perform in pornographic films.

"I think (porn) makes their bodies seem like they're obtainable but they're really not," Carter said.

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Virginty worth the wait for more than Christians

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Virginty may not be just for Christians any more.

"I don't think it's necessarily a Christian argument," said Chris Newport, director of Campus Crusade for Christ.

Newport said many virgins are saving themselves because of religious conviction, but there also are many other reasons to remain sexually pure until marriage.

"The only place where sex will be what it's supposed to be," Newport said, "is in an environment of a total trust and a total commitment relationship."

But students who are willing to wait may be hard to find. About 86 percent of North American college students say they are sexually active, a number that seems to hold true at Texas Tech, according to research conducted by Tech professors Jerome Koch, Alden Roberts, Myrna Armstrong and Donna Owen. The group determined this percentage during a study of correlations between tattoos and sexual activity among 450 Tech students.

"I think it's OK to have sex with people you love," said Ryan Blom, a junior psychology major, "regardless of whether you'll be with them the rest of your life."

Blom also said sex should not be taken lightly.

"I don't think it's something you should throw around," he said.

Jacinth Hunter, president of the Christian sorority Sigma Phi Lambda, said he believes sex is a special gift.

"Whether you believe in God or not, your virginty is a very precious thing," Hunter said.

As a Christian, Hunter said she believes God asks that sex be saved for marriage.

Chastity, though not a fundamental belief of most religions, is usually greatly emphasized in Christianity and other faiths. Koch, Roberts, Armstrong and Owen reported that they were "surprised by the amount of sexual activity" among the students surveyed, the majority of whom reported to be religious.

Staying pure is not easy and requires a game plan, Newport said.

"I think you need to decided those things beforehand," he said. "When you're in the back seat of the car, it might be a little late."

Making rules as a couple, like observing curfews and visiting primarily in public situations can help students to stay pure, Newport said.

For Hunter, staying involved in the Christian community is a big part of maintaining sexual purity.

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Dating barely breathing, but not dead yet

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The 1950s may have been a half a century ago, but Kaley Johnson, a sophomore political science major from Arlington, said the ideals of dating from that time should not have faded away.

"There was more emphasis on the guy picking the girl up and paying for her dinner," Johnson said. "It's a nice gesture, and it's really hard to find it now."

For Valentine's Day, Johnson said she does not expect much from her boyfriend. She wants to go out on a "real date."

She said the basic chivalrous ideas from her parents' generation have faded almost faded from this generation. The general things such as opening a door and paying for a date still are visible, she said, but after the first part of the relationship, those ideals evaporate.

"It falls away really quickly, and we go into that comfort zone," she said.

Jessica Cass, a junior psychology major from Keller, and Brad Crawford, a sophomore biology major from Keller, were friends for five years before they started dating.

Cass said the formal part of dating is dead, but there are parts she wished were not gone.

"Stuff like manners shouldn't be dead and like chewing with your mouth closed and standing up for girls," Cass said.

Slam dating, a recent cultural phenomenon, refers to the idea of people hanging out together for a period of time and then "slamming" into a relationship without the formal courting or dating period.

Robin Kunz, a sophomore early childhood development major from Flower Mound, said she never had

heard of slam dating, but she knew what she would say if it ever happened to her.

"I would be like excuse me," she said, while laughing. "Dating used to be something very special."

Robin Milstead, a former Tech student who now works as a relationship specialist in Houston, said girls in college expect less than women out of school when it comes to traditional ideals.

"Until they expect more, they're not going to get more," she said. "If a guy doesn't open your car door, stand there until he does. If he does not call you when he says he will, then don't put up with it, because in the real world you don't have time to play those games."

Milstead said what a woman expects and how a man acts is primarily based on his or her age, but as far as dating being dead, she said it absolutely was not.

"I think the way people go about it is completely different," Milstead said.

The real key to dating today is the Internet, said Ashley Roby, a sophomore accounting major from Katy. She said Facebook has the most impact on a relationship.

"Unless you're dating on Facebook, it is not official," she said.

Stephanie Valdez, a junior advertising major from Houston, said she knows all about the hazards of dating and how Facebook has changed the dating scene.

She said she had been dating a guy for three weeks when he added her as his girlfriend on Facebook. Valdez said her relationship status bar was not visible although she accepted the invitation, and the guy got really mad about that and then removed her from his relationship bar and a week later they broke up.

She said she also was in a serious relationship with a guy for three months when he added her to his relationship status bar. She said at the time she was in

a joking relationship with her female friend, and she would not claim him.

"He got really mad about it," she said.

Santiago Valdez, a senior English major from Miami, said his advice to anyone is to stay away from Facebook.

"Facebook ruins lives," he said. "The key to a good relationship is staying away from Facebook. I can't even get poked anymore."

Jessica Quarles, a freshman pre-med major from Richardson, said dating has changed tremendously for the better in recent years.

"Dating is different than boyfriend and girlfriend," she said. "You can date four people at once. I think it's fine; you have to find the one you like."

Anna Thomas, a junior early childhood development major from Ennis, said dating is not dead, though it tinkered off for a little while. As for slam dating, she said she has seen it and does not like the idea of it.

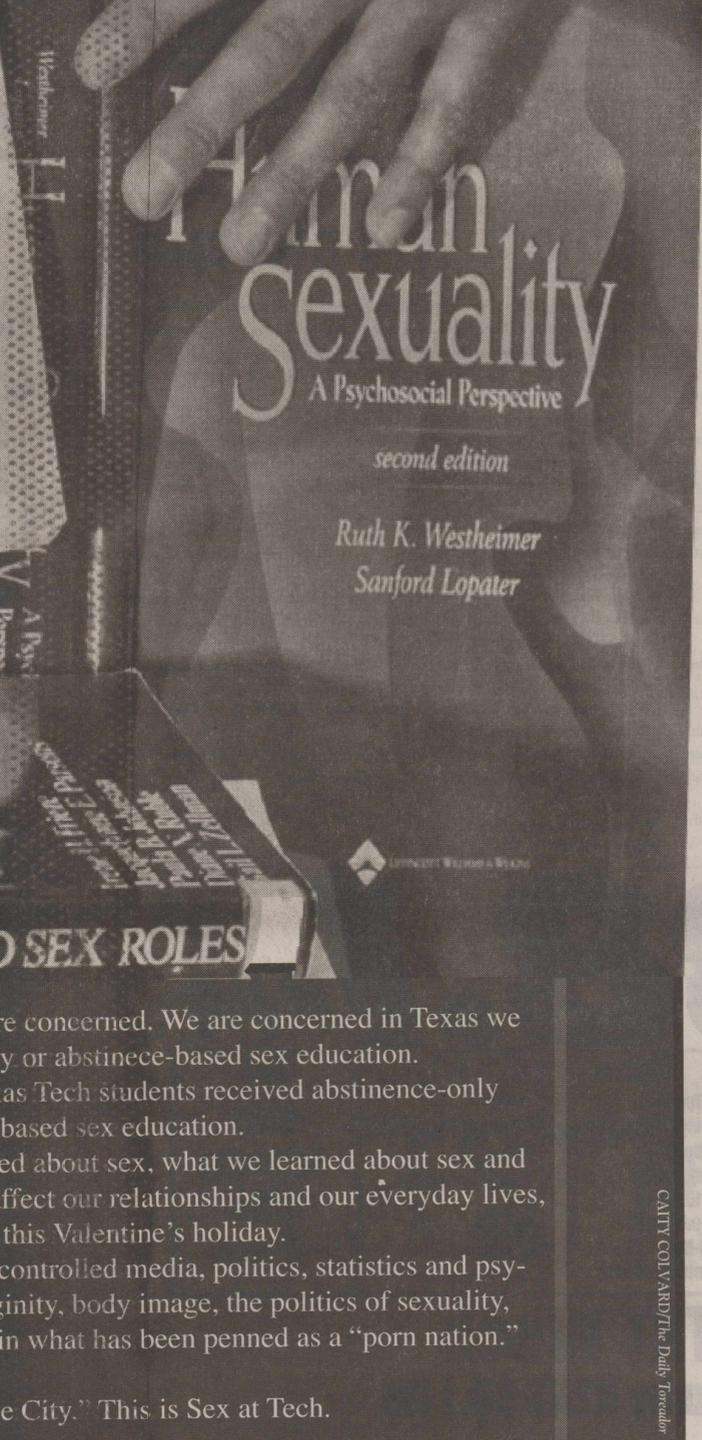
"I don't like slam dating," she said. "Because, if there're no boundaries, then there's no reason to have a relationship."

Dating, in Corey Moersch's opinion, is not dead because it is still a tradition. Moersch, a freshman music education major from Odessa, said he never has asked a girl's father permission to date the girl, but he would if he had to.

Tyler Terry, a junior agricultural leadership major from White Deer, said not only has he asked a girl's father's permission to date the girl, but he did it without the girl telling him to.

"I wouldn't always do it," he said. "It all depends on the girl."

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Online dating, romance reaches peak

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More and more singles across the globe are hanging up their party clothes, skipping the club scene and putting their fingers to work on the keyboard as they go online in hopes of finding romance.

Online dating is now easier and more common than ever; a Google Internet search for the phrase "online dating" drew up more than eight million results from across the Web, while a Yahoo! Search for the same key phrase produced links to more than 34 million Web sites.

Joe Tracy, publisher for the Web site www.online-datingmagazine.com, helps daters sort through the sea of possibilities for finding love with the click of a mouse.

Tracy said hundreds of thousands of people from around the world have gotten married to partners they met online, a fact that makes the online option an appealing route for many singles.

"Some of these Web sites just do a really good job of matching people together," he said. "A lot of people have checklists in their minds of their own personal criteria for a partner, and online dating allows them to be matched with someone who fits that criteria."

Tracy said there are a variety of ways the Web sites link people together.

Some, like www.eharmony.com match up individuals according to personal profiles, while others, like www.match.com act as a virtual dating shopping mall, allowing daters to browse profiles and chat online with whomever they wish.

Tracy said anyone interested in online dating should take several safety measures to assure they have a safe and fun experience.

"It sounds basic, but just always trust your instincts," he said. "Also, always meet for the first time in a public place, be cautious about giving away personal information, and always be respectful of the other person."

It is additionally important that online daters withhold their home telephone number because it can be tracked to their residence, Tracy said.

"I would definitely say that online dating is one of the best ways to meet people as long as the person takes precautions," he said.

Kelly Keenan, a senior psychology major at Georgia Southern University, said he has had several negative experiences imbedded in a sea of positive ones in the four years he has been meeting people online.

"When I was 18, I had a guy that was stalking me ... it was kind of scary," he said. "I made the mistake of giving him my number, and he would call between four to six times a day."

Keenan said he eventually had to get a new phone number, and he has had many positive experiences since the incident.

"In general, I have met some pretty fascinating individuals," he said. "My favorite part is finding someone who actually understands me."

Michael Stevenson, a customer support representative for the religious-oriented matching Web site www.christiansingles.com, said he believes online dating opens up new avenues to meet someone special safely.

"You have the security of not revealing everything," he said. "Your identification information is in the network, but no one can access it."

Stevenson said his Christian dating organization began in 1995 and has grown by leaps and bounds with new members signing up daily for the chance to perhaps meet "the one."

Despite Internet dating's recent popularity, Tracy said he suspects it is an industry that will slow down in the next decade.

"In my opinion, online dating will flatten out to potentially decreasing in coming years," he said. "This is because the biggest online dating sites are charging more and more and decreasing their features."

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Virginity

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"You're able to not fall on the wayside because your Christian friends will hold you accountable," she said.

Newport said the difficulties in waiting are a test of selflessness that helps build a foundation of care for marriage.

"The thing that makes sex great in marriage is that you're not holding back," he said. "There's total trust, you're not trying to protect yourself."

The strong bond of marriage eliminates the emotional risk of total intimacy, which can only be held between people who are fully committed to each other and to their relationship, Newport said.

Blom believes that it is important to have sexual experience before marriage, in order to be on a level playing field.

"How are you going to get good at it?" he said. "So when you find that someone, how do you know what to do?"

Blom said a good marriage does not mean that there will be good sex.

Newport said the opposite.

"Great sex will not produce a great marriage," he said. "But a great marriage will produce great sex."

Newport said practicing sex is unnecessary.

"Anybody can learn to have sex," he said. "It's not that complicated."

Blom said even when people do wait, they will probably end up with a partner who has not and will be at a disadvantage.

Newport, who was sexually active before he became a Christian, found himself in this situation.

"That was a sad day, when I had to tell my girlfriend," he said.

Newport committed himself to sexual purity and waited to have sex again until his girlfriend became his wife.

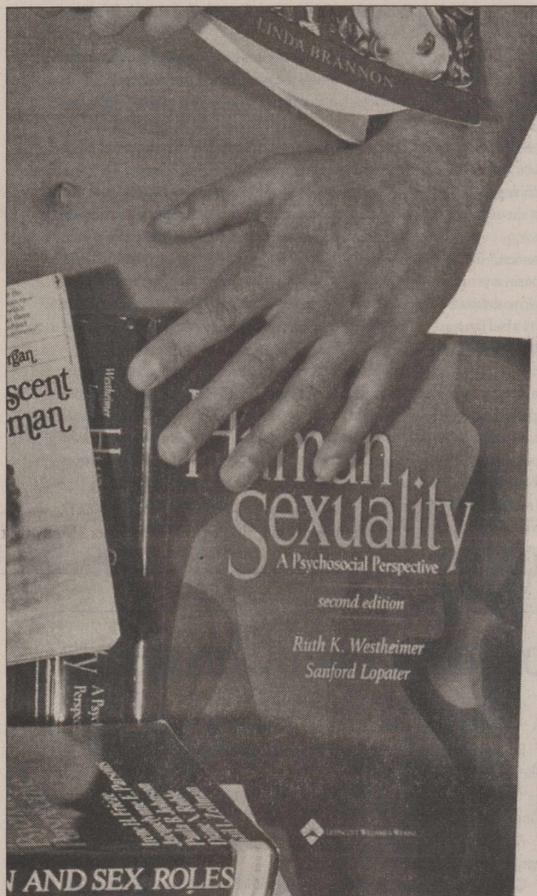
Today, people who make this choice are popularly known as "born-again virgins." This means that though they have had sex in the past, they are recommitted to chastity until marriage.

Hunter said she commends anyone who makes this choice.

"I think that's great," said Hunter. "I totally respect that."

Newport said it is important for people to realize that they cannot change their past, but they can make choices in the present.

And for Newport and Hunter, the choice for chastity is worth the wait.



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Barbie, G.I. Joe not so all-American

Experts say popular toys set impossible body, beauty standards

By LAUREN SCOTT
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Who can't remember the days of elementary school when the bus would drop off students at their front doors — not half a mile away — and mom would be waiting at the door with lemonade and popsicles, and Barbies or GI Joes were strewn across the house.

According to www.mattel.com, Barbie is the No. 1 selling girl's brand in the world. Mattel advertises Barbie as "from urban teen to fantasy queen, she's every girl."

But is she?

According to www.absoluteastronomy.com, if Barbie were a life-sized woman, she would be extremely disproportionate. The five-foot-nine-inch woman would have a 36-inch bust, an 18-inch waist, 33-inch hips and would weigh 101 pounds.

She would be so thin she would lack the required amount of body fat to menstruate each month and would need help walking because of how top heavy she would be, according to the Web site. The odds of meeting someone with these measurements are one in 100,000.

Melissa Boone, a senior advertising major from Austin, said women today are a good size.

"Barbie would be like a walking skeleton," she said. "That's not very attractive. If I was a guy, I wouldn't like that."

The average American woman does not even compare, in a good way, to these measurements, according to the Web site. In the U.S., a woman is 5 feet 4 inches tall, has a 35-inch bust, a 29-inch waist, 37-inch hips and weighs 145 pounds.

Andy Krenz, a senior management information systems major from San Antonio, said women today are a good size.

"I like females just the way they are," he said. "I like them with some meat on their bones. Being too skinny is a big turn-off."

He also said Barbie's proportions, if she was real, would be a turn-off.

But young girls are not the only ones subjected to these types of dolls. GI Joe, labeled as the "real American hero," has implications on young boys as well. While GI Joe's measurements are not as exaggerated as Barbie's, he is still overly buff.

According to www.pipeline.com, GI Joe's waist, if he were a real man, would be 32 inches, and the average American man's waist is 34 inches. His chest would be 44 inches, compared to 40 inches on an American man. His biceps were 12 inches, but a recent change to his stature put his biceps at a whopping 27 inches; the average American man has 13-inch biceps. GI Joe's measurements are ideal for bodybuilders, according to www.bodybuilding.about.com.

As western culture continues to stress physical beauty, there will be more cases of eating disorders for both men and women, according to Anorexia Nervosa and Related Eating Disorders Inc.

Charlotte Dunham, director of women's studies at Texas Tech, said the media has an impact on the way people perceive themselves.

"When people watch TV shows of pencil-thin women it becomes the standard," she said. "When in actuality, we come in all different shapes and sizes."

A study done by Exeter University in England in 1998 examined 37,500 girls between the ages of 12 and 15. More than half of these girls said appearance was the most important concern in their lives.

The same study concluded more than half of teenage girls are or think they should be a diet. Researchers link this to the average of 40 pounds girls gain between the ages of 8 and 14.

Dunham said eating healthy is one of the most important things young women can do.

"Young women need to feel good physically so they can go out in the world and teach in classrooms and run corporations," she said. "People think that in order to have it all you have to be thin, but that is so unrealistic."

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Wet T-shirt contests objectify, entertain

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Wet T-shirt contests, wet boxer contests and amateur strip contests are popular events that college students enter for a variety of reasons. Whatever the reason for entering one of these contests, the effects on the participants is a heavily debated topic.

Many nightclubs and bars in Lubbock host this type of contest, including Graham Central Station, which hosts a wet T-shirt contest Thursday nights.

Allen Barreras, general manager of Graham Central Station in Lubbock, said the club's wet T-shirt contest involves women wearing white T-shirts and being sprayed with water. The women then dance in front of the crowd, and the crowd chooses the winner through applause. He said the club provides the women with a white T-shirt and bikini bottoms. The women decide whether to wear anything underneath the T-shirt.

Barreras said the contest serves to entertain the patrons at the club.

"It's just something that we do," he said. "They come out for a good time, and that's just part of the entertainment we provide."

The contest is not demeaning to the women who participate because they volunteer for the contest, Barreras said.

"It's all on a volunteer basis," he said. "She signs up for it."

Danielle Sorelle-Miner, the assistant director for pediatrics at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, said she is familiar with theories involving the objectification of women. She said there are two main theories regarding events where women are objectified such as stripping and wet T-shirt contests.

Sorelle-Miner said one theory is that any type of objectification is harmful and the other theory is that it can sometimes be empowering to the women involved.

"There are those who believe stripping is really harmful for all women because it objectifies them," she said. "Others believe it is in some ways sexually empowering women."

Men usually own venues that host events such as strip contests and wet T-shirt contests, Sorelle-Miner said. This creates a power struggle that the male owners typically win because they are making money off of women.

"Other people are really making more money off of them," she said.

Rachel Treadwell said she has emceed the annual wet T-shirt contest at Bash Riprock's for three years and does not believe the contest negatively affects anyone involved.

"In my opinion, they sign up and they know what they're getting themselves into," she said.

Participants volunteer to be in the contest for many reasons, Treadwell said, including money. Once they are in the contest, Treadwell said the participants' actions are often influenced by peer pressure.

"Nine times out of 10, it gets a little bit out of control because one girl does something she normally wouldn't do and the other girls do it, too," Treadwell said. "It usually goes a little bit further than everybody expects."

Treadwell said the primarily male crowd watches about 15 girls in the contest. She said the males and females sometimes get out of control.

Many theorists would not accept the contention that amateur stripping and wet T-shirt contests are entertainment, Sorelle-Miner said.

"That just furthers the objectification of women," she said. "While women may feel powerful in that moment, they are only being seen a body and not a person."

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Education Testing Service pushes back introduction date for new GRE exam

By JAMES D. YOO
MINNESOTA DAILY (U. MINNESOTA)

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS — Jeffrey Golden, a student at the University of Minnesota who will don cap and gown in a few months, plans to apply to graduate school afterwards. Before he applies, however, he has to take the Graduate Record Exam.

"My goal is to take it right over the summer and score very high so I don't have to retake it," Golden said.

If Golden does not get the score he wants, he would have been faced with a new test this fall, one that would be longer and different to the one he expects to take this summer. But the senior information management and technology major no longer needs to worry. That version of the GRE has been pushed back one year.

The Educational Testing Service announced last week that the new GRE will not be introduced until fall 2007. ETS had originally scheduled it for this October. Some of the changes to the GRE include its length, when test takers can take it and how it is scored.

Reasons for the delay relate to logistics. Peter Englot, director of graduate recruitment, said there were some concerns about how the GRE would be administered abroad because access to the Internet varies across countries.

"Because it's computer-based, you have to be at a certain place to be able to take it," Englot said. "The question of availability of seating comes back into play, whereas we thought it had been eliminated with the old format."

As different groups raised concerns, ETS changed its schedule. "They came to understand that there were going to be significant logistical challenges that they had not anticipated," Englot said.

Test preparation companies like Kaplan are encouraging students to take it as early as possible.

"We certainly advise students to take it if they have the resources to take it now," said Matt Fidler, GRE program manager for Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions.

The extra year also gives students more time to prepare, Fidler said.

But Fidler said students should move forward according to their circumstances. "Students will have to decide on their own, tailored to their specific graduate school," he said.

Brad Murray, a freshman bio-engineering major, is like Golden — they both want to go to graduate school. Unlike Golden, Murray said he does not plan to take the exam this summer, despite the delay, because he does not feel ready.

"I plan on taking it junior year," he said.

Debit card for tattoo among millions in squandered Hurricane Katrina aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ann Archer says she was puzzled when she suddenly received a \$2,358 check for Katrina housing relief last fall. While many of her neighbors were still awaiting aid, the government was repeatedly offering her money and a trailer she didn't ask for.

The New Orleans retiree says Federal Emergency Management Agency workers were surprised, too, when she tried to send the money back.

"They shouldn't be making a salary if they're screwing up this badly when our city needs help," Archer said. "It's wrong, flat out wrong."

In the weeks after the Aug. 29 storm, the government squandered millions of dollars in Katrina aid, including handing out \$2,000 debit cards to people who gave phony Social Security numbers and used the money for such items as a \$450 tattoo, federal auditors said Monday.

Overcharges, poor accounting and abuses will take "months or years" to rectify, the Government Accountability Office and the Homeland Security Department's inspector general concluded in preliminary reports on how billions of dollars in taxpayer money is being spent.

FEMA recognizes it "made many, many mistakes," and is working on improvement, said Homeland Security inspector general Richard Skinner. "But they're not where they should be. In some cases, the government will have little legal recourse to recoup payments to contractors for payments."

Separately, the Justice Department said Monday that federal prosecutors had filed fraud, theft and other charges against 212 people accused of scams related to Gulf Coast hurricanes.

Forty people have pleaded guilty so far, the latest report by the Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force said. Many defendants were accused of trying to obtain emergency aid, typically a \$2,000 debit card, issued to hurricane victims by FEMA and the American Red Cross.

The GAO report found that up to 900,000 of the 2.5 million applicants who received aid under the emergency cash assistance program — which included the debit cards given to evacuees — based their requests on duplicate or invalid Social Security numbers, or false addresses and names.

In other instances, recipients improperly used their debit cards

intended for food and shelter for \$400 massages, a \$450 tattoo, a \$1,100 diamond engagement ring and \$150 worth of products at "Condoms to Go."

The reports called for stronger controls to verify the eligibility of disaster victims who apply for aid over the phone and Internet, better planning of emergency supplies for hurricanes and improved accounting of FEMA's vast inventory of temporary housing.

The White House and Homeland Security officials defended administration actions against the criticism that is still going strong more than five months after the storm.

"I reject outright the suggestion that President Bush was anything less than fully involved," White House homeland security adviser Frances Fragos Townsend said.

And Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff rebuffed the idea that his department was preoccupied with terror threats at the expense of natural disasters.

Chertoff announced the creation of a full-time FEMA response force of 1,500 new employees and the establishment of a more reliable system to report on disasters as they unfold.

Senators decried the problems shown in the new reports.

"Once again, FEMA failed to adequately plan for the very type of disaster that occurs virtually every year," said Susan Collins, R-Maine, who chairs a Senate panel reviewing the government's response to the storm.

Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., said hurricane victims and taxpayers alike were being "ripped off." "It's unacceptable and ultimately infuriating."

We need to do everything we can to insist that FEMA and DHS prepare for the next disaster," he said.

The audits released Monday do not try to estimate a total dollar figure on waste and abuse, but GAO auditor Gregory Kutz told senators during a hearing that it was "certainly millions of dollars; it could be tens or hundreds of millions of dollars."

That includes money for hotel rooms for evacuees that were paid at retail cost. Among the charges: \$438 rooms in New York City and beachfront condominiums in Panama City, Fla., at \$375 a night.

FEMA also may have bought too many temporary homes, including 10,777 units that currently sit empty in sinking mud in Hope, Ark.

Meanwhile, a one-day "snapshot" investigation found a handful of cases where hurricane victims improperly sold free military foodstuffs known as "Meals-Ready-to-Eat"

on eBay. The reports weren't all negative. An initial review by Skinner found that FEMA's decision to sign a contract with Carnival Cruise Lines for Hurricane Katrina housing shortly after the Aug. 29 storm "was reasonable under the urgent circumstances."

The six-month, \$236 million deal with Carnival for three full-service cruise ships — which initially sat half empty for several weeks on the Gulf Coast — had been criticized by lawmakers of both parties as a prime example of wasted spending in Hurricane Katrina-related contracts.

However, Skinner said the decision appeared to be an economical choice "in a high-cost area such as New Orleans so long as occupancy remains high." A review of the contract's specific terms was continuing.

KATRINA SPENDING WASTE DETAILED BY AUDITS

(AP) — Since Hurricane Katrina hit on Aug. 29, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has obligated or otherwise spent roughly \$22 billion of the \$36.6 billion in federal money it received for hurricane-related contracts, grants and other disaster aid.

In two audits, government investigators found that:

—The \$2,000 debit cards issued to hurricane evacuees for emergency supplies were often used for purchases unrelated to disaster aid, including: adult entertainment, gambling, a \$450 tattoo, a .45-caliber handgun for \$1,300 and a diamond engagement ring for \$1,100.

—There was little or no verification of the names, addresses or Social Security numbers of applicants registering by phone or the Internet for the \$2,000 in aid, resulting in thousands of checks issued to those with duplicate or bogus information.

—Duplicate payments were made to about 5,000 of the nearly 11,000 debit card recipients who received Katrina aid, first with debit cards and then again via electronic bank transfer.

—Discrepancies were found in FEMA's documentation of the number of travel trailers ordered, received and occupied, making it difficult to ascertain

the exact units available or whether government-owned property was otherwise accounted for.

—FEMA may have bought too many temporary homes — 24,967 manufactured homes obtained for \$857.8 million and 1,295 modular homes at \$40 million — resulting in 10,777 such homes sitting empty in Hope, Ark., in sinking mud without proper storage. "It was unclear how the decision was made," the Homeland Security audit stated.

Separately, the Justice Department's Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force reported that 212 people have been charged in schemes involving fraud, identity theft, theft of federal funds and public corruption. Forty have pleaded guilty. Among the report's other findings:

—FEMA has collected more than \$6.1 million in disaster-assistance money returned from people who were ineligible to receive it. The Red Cross has collected about \$1.9 million in returned money.

—The FBI has shut down 44 "questionable" Web sites that purported to be involved in hurricane relief.

—The Secret Service has shut down 16 Web sites in which the people operating them were accused of trying to harvest personal data for identity theft and fraud.

Heart

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

university to implement more biomechanical courses at Tech next year, Bhattacharya said, as the College of Engineering is attempting to begin a master's program in biomechanics.

Harrist is a research assistant for He, and recently completed his master's degree in mechanical engineering at Tech.

"When I started grad school I wanted to build airplanes," Harrist said. "I ended up taking a biomechanics class taught by Dr. He. He asked me what I was doing after graduation and offered me the job. I shifted to the medical engineering field because you can help people on a personal basis."

Bhattacharya is a teaching assistant and graduate student studying mechanical engineering and biomechanics from West Bengal, India.

"And the pay is great (in the actual field)" Bhattacharya said. "I even take courses in the (Texas Tech) Health Sciences Center."

It is his first year in Texas, and it is also the simulator's first year in Texas, or anywhere, as the simulator is the only one currently testing mitral valve regurgitation.

The first study executed by the simulator will focus on bettering surgery for mitral valve regurgitation.

Mitral valve regurgitation is the leaking or backflow of blood through the valve between the left upper heart chamber, the atrium, and the left lower heart chamber, the ventricle, according to www.webmd.com.

The simulator, which will begin its first set of tests next week, uses a National Instruments program called LAB View, Bhattacharya said. Because human hands for all parts of the experiments cannot control the simulator, LAB View uses a graphical language and interface technology.

Right now, such a surgery requires open-heart surgery. The goal of the research team is to minimize

invasive heart surgery and utilize the process of endoscopic surgery instead, Harrist said.

"The left heart simulator will be used to produce a physiological pulsatile flow through the mitral valve which is being studied," he said. "Our goal is much more complicated (than other heart simulators) because this model has to be physiological."

Next week, during the simulator's unveiling, films will be taken of the valve in motion with two special high-speed cameras.

The project receives funding from Tech, but also has received some donations. Alone, the project's heart valve would have cost the team \$5,000. The valve is the same used in humans and is made out of titanium alloy and carbon.

The team is preparing to submit its development findings and research discoveries to medical journals. He has submitted a proposal to the American Heart Association for further funding.

The team's work will be on display next week in conjunction with the College of Engineering's Engineering Month. Demonstrations of the simulator also will be available.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- 1 Surface life
 - 6 Nail puller
 - 10 Stalled construction
 - 14 Mazda two-seater
 - 15 Famed framed Mona
 - 16 1997 Peter Fonda title role
 - 17 Gaucho's goodbye
 - 18 Sworn statement
 - 19 Tug at the heartstrings
 - 20 Relax!
 - 23 Morse bits
 - 24 Purely academic
 - 25 Sch. auxiliaries
 - 28 Han Solo's love
 - 30 On the up-and-up
 - 34 Resistance measurement
 - 35 Mourful utterance
 - 36 Break in twain
 - 37 Relax!
 - 40 Set sail
 - 41 Private English school
 - 42 Conquistador's gold
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 - 44 Fluid tributary
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 - 56 Confidential assistant
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 - 63 Nobel Institute
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By James E. Buell
Edgewater, FL

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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 - 10 Bad advice
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 - 22 Hit town
 - 25 Big house
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 - 32 "It floats" soap
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 - 35 Beach, S.C.
 - 36 For a group of singers
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 - 39 Set foot, say
 - 44 Runs the show
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 - 53 "la Douce"
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 - 55 Discount word
 - 56 Remains in a tray

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From way downtown

Iowa St. leads conference in threes, Tech leads in defending them

By TRAVIS CRAM
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Love it or hate it, Iowa State lives and dies by the 3-point shot.

The 7 p.m. Valentine's Day match-up between the Cyclones (14-8, 5-6 Big 12) and Texas Tech (12-10, 7-4) at Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa, will feature one of the most 3-point-happy shooting teams in the country against the Big 12 leader in defending the three.

Iowa State averages eight 3-pointers per game, ranked fourth nationally, which accounts for more than 32 percent of the shots the Cyclones take from outside the arc.

On the other hand, the Lady Raiders hold teams to 26.9 percent of threes they attempt.

Tech coach Marsha Sharp said the key will be defending the Cyclone perimeter game without losing focus on the middle of the lane.

"We'll have to guard them on the three-point line, particularly when they're at home," she said. "Their fans are energized by the 3-point shot and that whole program is built around it."

Two players the Tech defense will be locked-on are freshman

guard Heather Ezell and junior forward Megan Ronhovde, who account for 108 of the 176 threes the Cyclones have made this season.

But the three is not the only shot the Cyclones can make.

Iowa State leads the conference in field goal percentage (36 percent) led by junior Lyndsey Medders, who averages more than 18-points per game for the Cyclones.

The Lady Raiders barely survived their last encounter with Iowa State at last year's Big 12 Tournament in Dallas, as junior Alesha Robertson put-in two free throws with 2.7 seconds remaining to lift Tech past Iowa State, 61-59 in the conference semifinals.

Tech now sits in a three-way tie with Baylor and Missouri for third place in the Big 12.

The Lady Raiders will face Baylor in Waco Sunday while Missouri seems to have a clear road ahead.

Robertson said winning on the road would be a huge lift for

this team, if it hopes to make the NCAA tournament come March.

"It's going to be a steal on the road," she said. "That's going to make our confidence go that much higher once we get a win up there."

One key will be senior LaToya Davis, who will try to feed off her 22-point performance last game against Colorado.

Davis averages 19.5 points per game (Third Big 12/19th NCAA) and 10.9 rebounds per game (Second Big 12/10th NCAA).

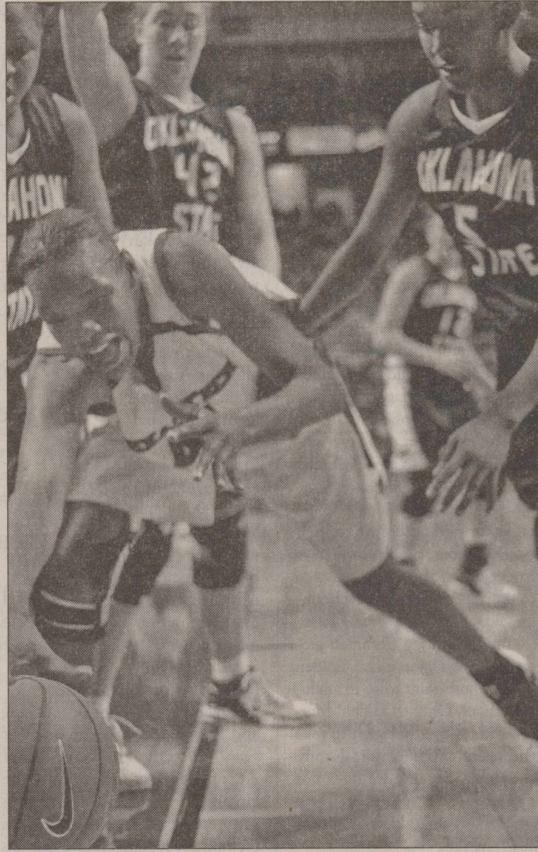
Davis and sophomore Erin Myrick will be challenged by the defensive rebounding squad of the Cyclones, who average a Big 12-best 29.36 rebounds per game on the opponent's glass.

Sharp said the duo of Davis and Myrick will have to stay out of foul trouble, but Sharp has become confident in the Lady Raider D.

"It's our strength," she said. "There's no doubt about it."

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STEVE LEWIS/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH FORWARD LaToya Davis goes for the loose ball in the Lady Raiders' 48-35 victory over Oklahoma State Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena. Davis and the Raiders enter today's match-up with Iowa State in a three-way tie for third place in the Big 12 with Missouri and Baylor.

OLYMPIC UPDATE MONDAY'S RESULTS

SPEED SKATING: MEN'S 500M

MEDAL	COUNTRY	ATHLETE
GOLD	USA	J. CHEEK
SILVER	RUSSIA	D. DOROFEEV
BRONZE	S.KOREA	L. KANG SEOK

SNOWBOARDING: WOMEN'S HALPIPE

MEDAL	COUNTRY	ATHLETE
GOLD	USA	H. TETER
SILVER	USA	G. BLEILER
BRONZE	NORWAY	K. BUJAS

BIATHLON: WOMEN'S 15KM INDIVIDUAL

MEDAL	COUNTRY	ATHLETE
GOLD	RUSSIA	S. ISHMOURATOVA
SILVER	RUSSIA	O. PYLEVA
BRONZE	GERMANY	M. GLAGOW

OVERALL MEDAL COUNT: TOP 5

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOT.
NORWAY	1	3	4	8
RUSSIA	3	3	1	7
USA	4	2	0	6
GERMANY	2	0	1	3
NETHERLANDS	1	2	0	3

No. 61 Women's Tennis

DROPS FIRST MATCH

The No. 61 Texas Tech women's tennis team ran their record to a perfect 4-0 by handling UTEP 7-0 Saturday at McLeod Tennis Center in Lubbock.

Though Sunday wouldn't go as well for the Raiders as this time they were on the receiving end of a lopsided defeat, having their record blemished for the first time this season by No. 32 New Mexico.

The results from Sunday's match are as follows:

NEW MEXICO 6, TEXAS TECH 1

DOUBLES

1. Kovacek/Gersic (UNM) def. Browning/Wagley (TTU), 8-6

2. Abou-Zekry (UNM) def. Kovacic/Hunter (TTU), 8-6

3. Quintal/Ryba (UNM) def. Duru/Durham (TTU), 8-4

SINGLES

1. Kovacek (UNM) def. Browning (TTU), 6-3, 5-7, 10-6

2. Gersic (UNM) def. Duru (TTU), 6-2, 6-3

3. Abou-Zekry (UNM) def. Durham (TTU), 6-0, 6-4

4. Quintal (UNM) def. Kovacic (TTU), 6-4, 6-3

5. van der Drift (TTU) def. Scott (UNM), 6-2, 6-1

6. White (UNM) def. Hunter (TTU), 7-5, 6-3

The women are back in action Saturday in Spartanburg, Miss. Against Mississippi State.

BIG 12 BASKETBALL

STANDINGS

MEN

	BIG 12 ALL		BIG 12 ALL
TEXAS	9-1	21-3	
KANSAS	8-2	17-6	
OKLAHOMA	7-3	16-5	
COLORADO	6-4	16-5	
NEBRASKA	5-5	15-8	
TEXAS A&M	5-6	15-7	
KANSAS ST.	4-6	13-8	
IOWA STATE	4-6	14-9	
TEXAS TECH	4-6	12-12	
MISSOURI	4-7	11-11	
OKLAHOMA ST.	3-7	13-11	
BAYLOR	2-8	2-8	

WOMEN

	BIG 12 ALL		BIG 12 ALL
OKLAHOMA	11-0	21-4	
TEXAS A&M	8-3	19-5	
BAYLOR	7-4	17-5	
MISSOURI	7-4	17-6	
TEXAS TECH	7-4	12-10	
KANSAS ST.	7-5	17-6	
TEXAS	6-5	12-10	
IOWA ST.	5-6	14-8	
NEBRASKA	4-7	12-10	
KANSAS	3-8	14-8	
COLORADO	2-10	7-17	
OKLAHOMA ST.	0-11	6-16	

Talented teammate motivates Dresser

By JAY LANGLEY
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Michael Jordan had Scottie Pippen. Babe Ruth had Lou Gehrig. Magic Johnson had James Worthy. Oscar Floren has Andrew Dresser.

Dresser, a senior from Carrollton, said he does not mind being the No. 2 golfer on the Texas Tech men's team. Dresser said the attention given to his teammate does not bother him. Floren gained national recognition last year when he qualified for the 2005 British Open.

"I think any attention Oscar gets is good," Dresser said. "Any attention he gets brings attention to Texas Tech and in turn to me."

Dresser said there is friendly competition between him and Floren.

"We both push each other," Dresser said. "We always want to try to beat the other guy. But I feel like I am right there with Oscar."

Coach Greg Sands said Dresser has beaten Floren twice in five tournaments this season.

"A year ago Andrew was better than Oscar," Sands said. "But

Oscar got better and now he is a little ahead of Andrew. Now may be the attention that Oscar gets will help elevate Andrew's game."

Sands said Dresser is a consistent golfer.

"He doesn't get rattled no matter what the situation," Sands said. "He is someone we can always rely on in tournaments."

Sands said Dresser is the only member of the team to play in every tournament over the last four seasons.

At Tech's last tournament on Feb. 7 in Ponte Verda Beach, Fla., Dresser captured his sixth career Top 5 finish only to see his teammate win the tournament.

"Holding 6 to 10 foot putts is where a tournament is won," Sands said. "Oscar made his putts

and Andrew didn't. There was not that much difference in the way they played."

Dresser said his confidence in his golf game is high.

"I feel really good right now," Dresser said. "I think I am playing some of the most solid golf of my career."

Dresser said his ability to keep the ball in play is what he is most proud of. Dresser said in each of his first three seasons at Tech he has been in the Top 10 nationally in percentage of fairways hit.

Sands said Dresser is successful in everything he does.

"He is kind of a model citizen on the golf course and in the classroom," Sands said. "One of the reasons he goes so unnoticed is because he goes about his business in such a quiet manner. But he always takes care of things."

Dresser, a business major, said he hopes to play professional golf after college.

"I will give it my best effort," Dresser said. "But if after four or five years I am not successful, I guess I will try something else."

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Dresser

0-242? Winning isn't everything

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — If basketball were rocket science, Caltech would be flying high.

Instead, the brainy Beavers have turned losing into a mathematical constant. They're 0-242 in conference games, a streak dating 21 years, and have lost 195 in a row against NCAA opponents.

"Those numbers are impossible, even at a place like Caltech," Beavers coach Roy Dow said. "It's impossible to the point of silliness."

The world-renowned institution where Albert Einstein lectured, where Linus Pauling was a professor and where 31 Nobel Prize winners either have taught or studied, draws only the best and brightest students in science and math.

But not necessarily the tallest and most coordinated.

Like other Division III schools, the California Institute of Technology does not offer athletic scholarships. Only six members on this season's squad so much as played varsity in high school, and all of those are underclassmen.

At a recent game, youngsters in the stands held a sign reading "Pi(10th power) + Z x XJust One!"

Didn't happen.

Although Caltech stayed relatively close in the conference game against Division III foe Occidental, the 12th-ranked Tigers beat the Beavers 80-66.

Jordan Carlson, who played intramural basketball in high school, scored 29 points and was Caltech's

lone player in double figures. The senior physics major was able to put the loss, and all the others while he's been at Caltech, in relative terms.

"It's been fun a lot of the time. It always gets frustrating when you have homework to do and you're tired, but that's natural, that happens everywhere," said Carlson, at 6-foot-5 one of the tallest on the team.

Asked if his knowledge of physics helps him propel the ball through the hoop, Carlson chuckled and said, "No."

All has not been completely lost for Caltech basketball. The Beavers have won two games in recent years, against a pair of non-NCAA schools. The most recent was a 51-49 victory over Life Pacific at the beginning of last season.

Day Ivy, a 6-1 senior guard with a double major in applied math and economics, said basketball provides a much-needed break from the arduous academic load.

"It's a good relief from my classes and studying all the time. The work here is very hard. You play basketball to have fun," said Ivy, whose shooting repertoire includes a one-handed set shot. "Sure, you want to win, but if I didn't enjoy it, I wouldn't still be playing."

The streak aside, there are no losers playing for Caltech, which has about 850 undergraduates. Eight members of the squad were high school valedictorians, and Dow said the lowest grade-point average for any of the seniors is a 3.8.

"Almost all of them have a 4-point average or higher," the coach said. "The material they're being exposed to at Caltech is off the charts. And that's what they're here for, that's what engages them."

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Olympics don't get the love they deserve

There are 1,230 NBA games in the regular season. That's 59,040 minutes of often-monotonous basketball. The NFL has fewer games (256), but still tells the same tired story each year.

The players may change, and the scenery may vary slightly, but it is impossible to say that there is much variation in the run-of-the-mill sports from year to year.

Even in college sports, the rivalries never fail to renew each year, because money-hungry sports organizers aren't going to let Duke and North Carolina take a year off from their financially lucrative rivalry.

That's where the Olympics come in. For me, every other sport fades to the background when the ultimate worldwide competition takes center stage.

The Olympics are the only place where you really see athletes become champions of the world. All of Russia will rally behind its crop of beloved athletes, while countries like Venezuela's hopes rest on Boise State professor and luger Werner Hoeger — the country's lone athlete.

The Pittsburgh Steelers and Chicago White Sox may be "World Champions," in their respective sports, but the Olympics take the American arrogance out of that phrase and actually prove who the best players, teams and nations are in the world.

That's why I love the Olympics. All this is done without high salaries, arrogant owners, cocky end-zone celebrations or excessive marketing.

I love the Olympics because the chances these amateur athletes have to be the best in their sport aren't renewed each year with a new season.

The majority of these athletes get one shot at greatness. Imagine it: An entire four years of your life hinging on one blistering 15-story ski jump, one gold-medal ice hockey game, or one trip down a ice-covered run on the

Bryan Wendell



bobsled you and your teammates have been honing for the past four years.

You just don't get that kind of passion or do-or-die mentality in regular-season baseball, football, basketball or hockey.

I say regular season because professional playoffs do have a bit more finality, but still provide second chances to the majority of teams and players.

The Seattle Seahawks will have more chances to hoist the Lombardi Trophy, but if short-track speed skater Apolo Anton Ohno misses out on the medal podium in these Games, he may never get another chance to taste gold, silver or bronze.

That's another key reason I love the Olympics. You will see people break down and cry with joy if they end up in third place and get to feel the heavy medal hang from their necks.

In major sports, the third-place teams — or the losers of conference championships — don't feel that type of joy.

Not only are the Games lovable because they are an exclusive opportunity for most competitors, they also are a special chance to look into the sports that consume peoples' lives.

Some NFL and NBA players claim they don't need to practice for their teams to win. I think I remember a guy named Allen Iverson making that claim. His 76ers are two games under .500.

For many of these Olympians, the sport they love is their second job. (It's no surprise

that being best in the world at falling down an icy hill doesn't earn you six figures.)

So they work at Home Depot or wait tables and spend their nights and weekends and every free nanosecond of time they can find training to become world-class athletes.

You'd never see that kind of dedication from the majority of athletes who play professional sports in the U.S.

I mean can you blame them? Some are getting millions of dollars to sit on the bench.

Take Dallas Mavericks rookie Rawle Marshall. He's played all of 10 minutes in Dallas' 50 games this season.

In the NBA, that's good enough to net him almost \$400,000 this season (or \$40,000 a minute) — for riding the pine. Heck, give me half that and I'll sit courtside at Dallas Mavericks games all season and happily give out all the high-fives that Dirk and Jason Terry deserve.

The NBA slogan is "I love this game." But for the next few weeks, everyone in the world will unite to say, "I love these Games."

I'm definitely not saying that professional sports are worthless. They keep sportswriters in business, and its hard not to be drawn to the playoffs.

What I am saying is that all sports — not just the NHL — would be better served by going on an Olympic break every two years.

Because when the Olympics are on for these next two weeks, I'll be watching the raw emotion of competition in which it's not Team A vs. Team B, but instead it's the U.S. vs. the world.

I love these Games because it's only when a whole nation is cheering for its athletes that you can truly crown a world champion.

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OSU's Sutton cited for DUI, done for season

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Eddie Sutton may have coached his last game, a 35-year career possibly ending six victories short of 800 because of a traffic accident in which he was injured and cited for driving under the influence.

Oklahoma State announced Monday that the 69-year-old Sutton would take a medical leave and that Sean Sutton, his son and designated heir apparent, will finish this season as coach. The school said no decision had been made on who will coach next season.

Sutton said in a statement released by the university that he nearly took medical leave after a Feb. 4 trip to Kansas State because of chronic back pain that was "making it very difficult to coach."

"After Friday's events, I know it is best to go on medical leave the remainder of the season to address my future health," he said. "It is very difficult to step away from the team. But I know they are in great hands."

Eddie Sutton spent the night in the hospital with a head injury following Friday's accident in Stillwater.

Witnesses described Sutton's sports utility vehicle as driving dangerously and erratically, forcing cars to swerve out of the way before he hit another SUV from behind at about 60 mph, according to police reports released Monday.

The driver of the other SUV received minor injuries and was released at the scene.

One witness at the accident scene told police that Sutton seemed confused, responded angrily to questions and had a "slight fruity odor" on his breath.

The same witness reported seeing a bottle of prescription hydrocodone, a narcotic painkiller, on the seat of Sutton's SUV.

Stillwater police cited Sutton after the accident but did not jail him on a complaint of driving under the influence because of a lack of physical evidence, the city's police chief said Monday.

Witnesses told police that shortly before the accident, Sutton was unsteady on his feet and

struck his head after falling in the parking lot of Gallagher-Iba Arena before entering his vehicle. Sutton refused an ambulance at that scene and insisted on driving, police reports show.

The results of blood tests — which could take six to eight weeks to receive — will show whether the coach was driving under the influence, Stillwater Chief Norman McNickle said. Sutton was not given a field sobriety test at the time because he needed medical treatment, he said.

Police also filed complaints against Sutton for speeding and crossing the center line.

Under Oklahoma law, driving under the influence can include a range of substances, including prescription painkillers or alcohol. The university said it would not comment on the DUI citation because of privacy and legal reasons.

When Sutton came to his alma mater in 1990, he acknowledged he had undergone treatment for a drinking problem and said "I've dealt with it."

In Monday's statement, Sutton said he had been under a tremendous amount of stress because of "my deteriorating physical condition and other issues."

"I hope he's back next year. I mean this sincerely," Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said. "I've never coached against a better coach than Eddie Sutton."

The Cowboys are 13-11 and 3-7 in the Big 12 with six regular-season games left. Sutton recently criticized his team's toughness, calling it the "softest team in 16 years that I have ever coached."

With Oklahoma State scheduled to play Kansas at home Monday night, Sutton spoke to players twice Sunday, assistant coach James Dickey said during the Big 12 coaches conference call Monday.

"I'm sure they were disappointed," Dickey said. "As you can imagine, the players listened intently. But they all wished him the best, told him they loved him. He told them he loved them, to stay on the books and play hard and do their best."

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a Texas Tech student early Saturday morning.

The Daily Treador news editor first learned of the situation during a local TV newscast Saturday evening. In the newscast, it was reported that one Tech student was dead, and another Tech student was in jail after the accident.

The news editor assigned the story to a reporter late Saturday evening, and the reporter began working on the story Sunday afternoon.

Working under the assumption that the suspect was a Tech student, staff members searched both the online and print versions of the Tech directory. When only one student matched the name that had been reported, DT staff members believed her to be the suspect.

Numerous calls were made to confirm the identity. The first and last names of the student matched all reported descriptions, and were confirmed by a jail log and jail spokesperson; only one student's name fit, and the middle name provided by the jail log erroneously was dropped.

Calls were made to the Lubbock

County Jail and the Department of Public Safety, and a staff member visited the Lubbock Police Department. Aside from the name, the charge, the bond and time of release, no additional information was made available.

Attempts to obtain a mugshot of the actual accused woman were fruitless.

Also, the Lubbock Police Department had not yet made a police report or summary available to the press, and an LPD lieutenant was contacted via e-mail, but to no avail.

Again, the first and last name matched in every case, and the information recovered by staff members was equivalent to the information reported in other news outlets.

It never is acceptable to use another news media's information without attribution, but information acquired by other news media often is used for comparison. The previously reported name, major and residence were almost identical to the misidentified woman's actual information.

With the name and the information the staff gathered, the Student Media photo files were searched, and contained a photo of the woman we believed to be the suspect. Again, the first and last names matched, and we

believed the person in the photograph was the person involved.

The story containing this information was put on The Daily Treador Web site after 6 p.m. Sunday. When staff members were informed of the error, both the story and the photograph were removed immediately.

The print version of the newspaper was corrected late Sunday night before it was printed, and the version distributed throughout campus was accurate.

We take full responsibility for the error and assure both our readers and the persons involved it was wholly unintentional.

The Daily Treador, a student publication, is a learning experience for all members involved, and the entire staff has learned from the consequences of our actions.

We also have changed our policy regarding naming the accused to require a middle name.

We sincerely apologize to the misidentified young woman, her family and friends, and everyone else involved. We greatly regret the error, but at the time believed we had taken all necessary precautions to ensure the accuracy we always strive for.

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Rising energy costs hitting Tech student's pocketbooks

By JENNIFER POWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Two Texas Tech students and one faculty member agree that the fundamental rules of supply and demand apply to Lubbock energy costs increasing as energy supply declines.

Austin Adams, a senior history major from Big Spring, said he personally has been affected by this change in energy supply.

"Our gas bill went from \$80 to \$120," Adams said.

He said the electric company offered reasoning for consumers receiving abnormally high bills.

"There was a note at the bottom of the bill," Adams said, "that said bills were higher because of the price of energy."

Ashley Whitson, an economics major from Albuquerque, N.M., said she does not expect energy costs to decrease.

"It's simply supply and demand," Whitson said. "Why lower prices if they can get what they're asking?"

Amlan Datta, an economics graduate instructor, said the increasing cost of natural gas is the reason

for utility costs going up.

"Natural gas demand has increased 30 percent, and supply has increased 10 percent," he said.

Datta said there are measures we as consumers can make to stabilize this problem.

"Be less wasteful," he said.

Datta, like many Tech students, said he leases an apartment with bills pre-rated. He said that if utility costs continue to increase, residents may face additional charges or a higher rent.

Datta said the cost of excessive utility use at home or even on campus will hit students' pocket book.

"Ultimately it is going to affect all of us," he said. "We could be less wasteful."

He said customers could influence the outcome of energy prices by monitoring heat and air usage, and remembering to turn the lights off when they are not in use.

Datta said an energy conservation movement beginning with a small group of people could make a huge impact.

"It's small drops that make the ocean," Datta said.

Datta said the situation in Lubbock makes the situation a little

more difficult.

"Basically we're looking at a monopoly situation," he said.

According to the Atmos Energy Web Site, a warning was mentioned to customers in July 2005. The warning addressed an expected decrease in natural gas resources and cost effects. The Web Site states, "A preliminary federal forecast predicted residential natural gas customers would pay, on average, 52 percent more than they did throughout last winter."

The Lubbock energy supplier agrees that this is an issue of supply and demand. According to the Atmos Energy Web Site, "Natural gas prices have also risen in recent years because the demand for natural gas has increased faster than gas supplies."

Datta said he does not expect utility costs to decrease. The utility companies will convince the public that their costs are justified and demand high prices from consumers.

For customers concerned with energy supply, Atmos Energy suggests contacting Sen. Robert Duncan.

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tion manslaughter, said a spokesperson from the Lubbock County Jail.

"Intoxication manslaughter is a second degree felony offense," Brumley said.

Wade Jackson of the Lubbock District Attorney's Office said it is up to the judge and jury to determine Reagan's punishment.

"She could face anywhere from two to 20 years in a penitentiary," Jackson said. "Probation is a possibility if Reagan has never been convicted of a felony offense."

Reagan was released late Saturday on a \$10,000 bond.

"The individual case and criminal history of the persons involved are certain areas used to decide the bond," Jackson said. "It just depends on the case."

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Lawyer accidentally shot by Cheney improving

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP)—Millionaire lawyer Harry Whittington's condition continued to improve Monday after Vice President Dick Cheney accidentally shot him during a quail

hunt, but doctors said he would probably live out his days with pellets inside him.

Whittington, 78, was flown by helicopter to Christus Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-Memorial Saturday night after getting caught in Cheney's line of fire and sprayed by birdshot.

He was moved from intensive care to a "stepdown unit" Monday morning. David Blanchard, the hospital's chief of emergency care, said his recovery and spirits have been excellent. He remained listed in stable condition.

"There will be a good outcome in this particular case," Blanchard said. "His progress is excellent. He is awake, alert, in good humor, has made a few jokes. ... So far everything is following a textbook case. There have been no complications."

Blanchard said that in cases like Whittington's, where a number of pellets lodged in the skin that was "more than I can count on the fingers of my hand, but less than 100," it was better to leave them there than to try to extract them.

"In all likelihood, he will continue the rest of his long life and his longevity with those pellets remaining in place," Blanchard said.

Whittington was expected to stay in the hospital at least one more night.

The Austin lawyer was hunting

with Cheney at the Armstrong Ranch, a 50,000-acre spread 60 miles south of Corpus Christi.

The accident was not reported publicly by the vice president's office for nearly 24 hours, and then only after the Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported it Sunday. Cheney spokeswoman Lea Anne McBride said the vice president's office did not tell reporters Saturday because they were deferring to the ranch owner to announce it.

Cheney visited Whittington and his wife before returning to Washington on Sunday.

Cheney "was pleased to see that he's doing fine and in good spirits," McBride said.

Whittington sent word through a hospital official that he would not comment.

Ranch owner Katharine Armstrong told The Associated Press that Cheney was using a 28-gauge shotgun, and Whittington was about 30 yards away.

Armstrong said Whittington was retrieving a bird that he shot while Cheney and a third hunter, whom she would not identify, walked to another spot and discovered a second covey of quail.

Whittington "came up from behind the vice president and the other hunter and didn't signal them or indicate to them or announce himself," said Armstrong.

"The vice president didn't see him," she said. "The covey flushed and the vice president picked out a bird and was following it and shot. And by god,

Harry was in the line of fire and got peppered pretty good."

She said the pellets missed Whittington's eyes and he remained conscious. Each hunter was wearing a bright orange vest, she said.

Sandra Guzman, the secretary for Kenedy County Sheriff Ramon Salinas III, said no charges have been filed and that reports on the incident are pending.

The local prosecutor's office has not been contacted and would only get involved if there were an indication of criminal wrongdoing or the facts were in dispute, said District Attorney Carlos Valdez.

Game wardens, who investigate hunting mishaps, have not alleged violations of hunting rules in the shooting. Texas Parks and Wildlife spokesman Tom Harvey would not provide specifics on the information they gathered.

Hunting parties are not required to report accidents, Harvey said. The state penal code requires people to report fatalities, and law-enforcement would investigate those.

Armstrong, who comes from a prominent and active Republican family, said Cheney is a longtime friend who comes to ranch to hunt about once a year and is "a very safe sportsman."

She said Whittington also is a regular, but she believed it was the first time the two men hunted together.

Cheney purchased a hunting license in November, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department spokesman Steve Lightfoot said.

Peter Banko, the hospital's administrator, said the hospital was familiar with such hunting accidents.

"This is not a big deal," Banko said. "Everybody's wondering what the fuss is all about."

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