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Tech students sow the seeds of love.

QUOTABLES

"There could be worse things in life, you know?"

USC quarterback Matt Leinart, who almost surely would have been the No. 1 overall pick last year after winning the Heisman in 2004, dropped all the way to No. 10, where he was taken by Arizona. (AP)

"I'm coming in there strong, I'm coming in there to help win some games, and I'm coming in there to help the city get turned around."

USC running back Reggie Bush, who was all but guaranteed the top spot for months, but instead went No. 2 to New Orleans. (AP)

"Last night at 2:30, I was on my knees praying ... he will rewrite the position."

Tennessee Titans general manager Floyd Reese, speaking about his team's selection of Texas quarterback Vince Young with the No. 3 pick in the draft. (AP)

STATE

Baylor equestrian team loses horses in tornado

WACO (AP) — A tornado killed two horses belonging to Baylor University's new equestrian program early Saturday, and six other horses suffered cuts and bruises in the storm that also destroyed the home of the team's coach. The tornado was part of powerful winds and thunderstorms that produced baseball-sized hail and knocked out power in northern parts of the state. No serious injuries to people were reported. The horses were being kept on coach Ellen White's land until construction on Baylor's equestrian center was complete. White's two-story home, her barns and an arena used for practices and shows were destroyed by the tornado that touched down around 12:45 a.m.

NATION

The Boss closes first weekend of jazz fest

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Opening weekend of the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival drew thousands of fans as superstar acts and local musicians supported and celebrated the city and its music scene, suffering since Hurricane Katrina. Bruce Springsteen headlined Sunday's performances — his first appearance at the festival. Though New Orleans is known as the birthplace of jazz and closely identified with a multitude of genres, including zydeco, blues and rap, its status and a premier music city took a huge hit last year as its musicians scattered in the storm's wake. So having two weekends of the massive Jazz Fest was critical to helping restore the city's once vibrant music life.

WORLD

Scientist held in nuclear investigation is released

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — A senior Pakistani nuclear scientist detained more than two years ago in an investigation into the spread of sensitive technology has been released, a Pakistan army spokesman said Sunday. Mohammed Farooq, who worked at Pakistan's top nuclear weapons facility, was detained in December 2003 along with 10 other people after a scandal broke that the head of the facility, Abdul Qadeer Khan, gave sensitive technology to Iran, Libya and North Korea. Farooq was director general at Khan Research Laboratories and was suspected of leaking technology on Khan's orders. Farooq was released from detention last week.

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Celebrities, activists rally for Darfur

By ELIZABETH WHITE ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of people joined celebrities and lawmakers at a rally Sunday urging the Bush administration to use its political muscle to help end genocide in Sudan's Darfur region. "Not on our watch," the crowd began chanting as a parade of speakers lined up for their turn on a stage on the National Mall, the Capitol serving as a backdrop. "The personal motivation for a lot of us is the Holocaust," said Boston-based Rabbi Or Rose of Jewish Seminarians for Justice. "Given

our history and experience, we feel an obligation to stand up and speak out." The organizers' permit estimated a turnout of 10,000 to 15,000 for the rally, one of several planned in U.S. cities over the weekend over what the United Nations has termed the world's worst humanitarian disaster. "It is the socially responsible, good conscience thing to do," said Ron Fisher, who took a pre-dawn bus from Cleveland with his 15-year-old daughter Jordyn to attend the demonstration. "It's an opportunity to show my daughter what people do when they care about something." The U.S. Park Police, which does not is-

sue crowd estimates, reported no arrests. "It's a large crowd. I think they have a really good turnout," Sgt. Scott Fear said. The event attracted high-profile speakers from the worlds of screen, athletics, religion and politics: actor George Clooney, just back from a trip to Africa; Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill.; House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California; Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel; Olympic speedskating champion Joey Cheek, who donated his bonus money to projects in war-torn Darfur; and Roman Catholic Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, archbishop of Washington. Refugee Hassan Cober said he was forced

to leave his family and flee Sudan four years ago after many were killed and raped in his village. He urged the U.S. and the United Nations to act quickly, saying he had no idea where his family was or if they were OK. "We need deeds, not words," said Cober, who now lives in Portland, Maine. "They need to come to Darfur today, not tomorrow, because what is going on is a disaster." Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, in a broadcast interview, noted developments Sunday in Nigeria, where Sudan's government said it was ready to sign a peace agreement to

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Prostitution sting leads to student arrest

By PAUL ROBERTS STAFF WRITER

Lubbock Police now are using the Internet to crack down on local prostitution. A new sting operation online has led to the arrests of seven people in Lubbock so far, including one high-profile Lubbock attorney and one Tech student, police said. Lubbock attorney Charles Dunn, 51, Calvin Glinn, 41, an employee of the Texas Department of Agriculture and 23-year-old Garland Buske, a Texas Tech student, were a few arrested in the prostitution sting. The first online prostitution sting for LPD succeeded in receiving more than 180 hits as it continues in popularity despite media coverage, LPD Lt. Greg Stevens said. "The media has not had much of an effect, because there is so much out there," Stevens said. "We are

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RIDING HOODS



MEMBERS OF THE Matador Mustang Club display their cars at the car show in the Depot Entertainment District Saturday afternoon.

DAVID JOHNSON/The Daily Toreador

Animal Instincts: Tech professor turns love of nature into career

By LINDSAY RANSON CONTRIBUTING WRITER

With lizards and bugs as pets growing up, Mark Wallace said he always knew he was different. While watching a video of deer on his computer, Wallace's love for his profession beamed through his explanation of his latest research project. "I am different from my family," Wallace said while he was positioned in his office, surrounded by maps. "My mother became a botanist, which is one reason I think I went this way in my profession. It wasn't until I was in an undergraduate program with my peers that I realized I wanted to pursue this." In the basement of the Goddard building, Mark Wallace, associate professor of range, wildlife and fisheries management, expressed

his interest in nature. Wallace was born in Seattle, but grew up in several different cities before returning to his birthplace to attend the University of Washington. It was in this undergraduate program that he decided he wanted to pursue a career in wildlife. Before talking with Wallace, people might summarize him as a professor who teaches a few classes; yet, after learning more about him, it is clear he is more than just a professor. "In reality, teaching is a small part of what I do," Wallace said. "I compete for external grants to support my family of graduate students of around 20, and I administer budgets for multiple research programs. I deal with university and faculty growth issues, mentor students, publish research, and provide outreach from university to the public." According to his Web site, www.rw.ttu.

edu/wallace, Wallace's research projects include "Rio Grande Turkey Research in Texas & Kansas," "Biodiversity Associated with Prairie Dog Towns," "Elk Impacts in New Mexico" and "Burrowing Owl and Prairie Dog Studies." Diana Mazur, a junior public relations major from Coppell, said range and wildlife professors often go unnoticed for the work they do. "I look up to scientists, researchers and professors who care enough to study our world simply to make it better," she said. "I think people like Mark Wallace should be praised for what he does; there aren't many people out there who are willing to dedicate their lives to something as special as this." Though Mazur said she does not know

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MARK WALLACE, ASSOCIATE professor of range, wildlife and fisheries management, holds a turkey. Wallace has done extensive research into several animals, including turkeys, prairie dogs, elk and owls.

SAVED FOR A RAINY DAY



A RAINBOW APPEARED on campus Saturday afternoon, pictured here framing the Administration building.

STEVE LEWIS/The Daily Toreador

Some immigrants reluctant to boycott

By ERIN TEXEIRA AP NATIONAL WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Now that immigrants have grabbed the nation's attention, what next? Today has been set aside for immigrants to boycott work, school and shopping to show how much they matter to their communities. But with some growing tired of street protests, and others afraid they'll be deported or fired for walking out, people are planning to support the effort in myriad ways. Some will work but buy nothing today. Others will protest at lunch breaks or at rallies after work. There will be church services, candlelight vigils, picnics and human chains. The range of activities shows both how

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And, cut: *Campus bookstore cuts coupon-book advertisement for purchasing term papers*

By **ELLIOTT COCHRAN**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Barnes & Noble bookstore on campus has pulled an advertisement for uniuqetempapers.com in its "Campus Cash" coupon book.

Joanna Koliba, general manager of the Barnes and Noble bookstore, said the coupons for uniuqetempapers.com were a surprise to her and the staff, and the advertisement was not approved or authorized by the university.

"We distribute the coupon books, but we don't produce them," she said. "We realized there was a coupon promoting plagiarism and had it removed."

Koliba said she called the distributor and told them about their disapproval of the advertisement, which led to the removal of the coupon from the books.

"I called the distributor that produces the book," she said, "and they sent a crew out to remove the coupon."

Despite the efforts of the distributors, a select amount of books made it out to the public, Koliba said.

University of Texas graduate Sohrab Colabawalla founded Unique Term Papers. He said he created Unique Term Papers in Fall 2004 and his company is based in Newton Highlands, Mass.

Colabawalla said he employs six professional writers on staff, and he guarantees all papers are 100 percent original.

The advertisement asked, "Are you having difficulties with that next paper?" and "Do you not have time to write it?" It continued, "We can ease your workload and help you make a good grade."

Colabawalla said no paper his company distributes ever is recycled, therefore plagiarism

is not conceivable.

"What I'm doing is completely 100 percent legal, and obviously the universities aren't going to like it," Colabawalla said. "Once the paper is bought, they choose what to do with the paper."

Colabawalla said he believes what the bookstore did was wrong, and discriminated against his business.

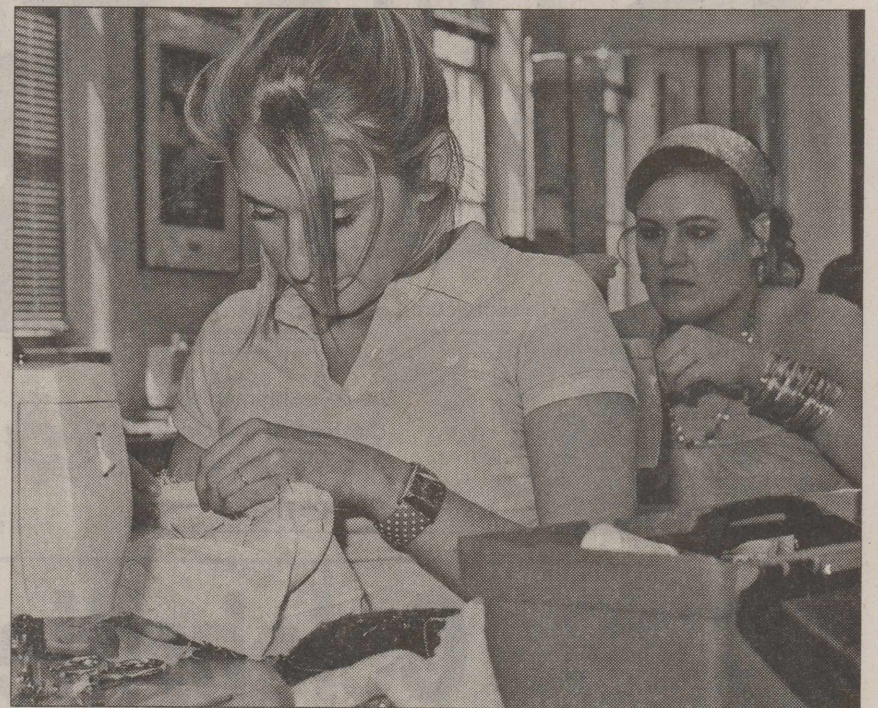
"I am quite annoyed with Barnes and Noble," he said. "Technically and legally what they did is destruction of private property. Just because they are offended by it, somehow gives them the right to unilaterally decide what is best for everyone."

Clayton Tullos, a junior history major from Lancaster, said uniuqetempapers.com sends a negative message to students, promoting plagiarism and laziness.

"You shouldn't plagiarize a paper, and this being in the Texas Tech coupon book makes it very, very tempting for students to plagiarize," Tullos said. "It's a violation of several university policies, and if you were caught doing it, you would fail whatever class you were taking."

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SEW SURVIVORS



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NAOMI LENTZ, A freshman fashion design major from San Antonio, and Ashley Kana, a freshman fashion design major from Lubbock, work on their muslin forms during a flat-pattern design lab Friday afternoon in the Human Sciences building.

"We realized there was a coupon promoting plagiarism and had it removed."

— **JOANNA KOLIBA**
General Manager
Campus Barnes and Noble

In Brief

'Mythbusters' not gone yet

Although the Mythbusters have departed from the Tech campus, their work still remains here and will be raffled off.

People will have a chance to win autographs from the people off the popular Discovery Channel show Wednesday morning, courtesy of the Tech Activities Board, which is giving away raffle tickets free.

Those who are interested need to come to Room 201 of the Student Union Building to write their name down and place it in a box, according to a recent news release.

Contestants will be contacted if they win a prize and do not need to be there for the drawing.

Participants have 53 chances

to win a prize, including the 35 posters and 28 programs.

Huffman inducted in Hall of Fame

Although Tech has seen very few of its graduates enshrined in the hall of fame at Canton, Ohio, or in Cooperstown, N.Y., Walter Huffman, dean of the School of Law, now is a part of the National Black Law Students Hall of Fame.

In front of many of those in Congress, and world-renowned law professors, Huffman was inducted in March at the 38th Annual NBSA National Convention in Washington, D.C., according to a recent news release.

The NBSA Hall of Fame Award is given to an individual who has displayed exemplary support for

NBSA.

Scholarship deadline Friday

Deadline for the Olive-Pfluger Scholarship is approaching.

Scholarships will be given to current Texas Tech students with attention deficit disorders or documented learning disabilities, according to a recent news release.

The scholarship is distributed every summer for the upcoming academic year. Recipients receive \$1,000 for each semester they have class at Tech, the news release states.

Applications are available in Room 335 of West Hall, or in Room 100 of Wiggins Hall, and they are due 5 p.m. Friday.

Math department hosting Mathematics Day event

Tech's department of mathematics and statistics is hosting an event Wednesday at 9 a.m. in honor of the fourth annual Emmy Noether High School Mathematics Day, and members of the department

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hope to inspiring local high school students.

The event is aimed at female high school students who may want to pursue careers in math, engineering or science fields.

Betsy Yanik from Emporia State University will give a workshop to teachers in attendance. Yanik was awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring last year.

For more information, contact Mara Neusel at (806) 742-2580.

Have two weeks? Score two credit hours

Texas Tech students now can receive two credit hours for the Fall 2006 semester by the middle of September.

Students enrolled in Texas International Cotton School's two-week session can begin their pursuit for credit hours Aug. 21, according to a recent news release.

During the two-week extensive course, students will not just be spending time in the classroom. Students can learn about such processes as ginning, harvesting and testing, the news release states.

Students also can learn about the marketing aspect of cotton production.

For more information, visit www.texasintcottonschool.com, or call Mike Stephens, communications coordinator for the International Textile Center, at 747-3790, ext. 513.

New German Holocaust class to be offered in fall

Students looking for another humanities course now have a chance to earn college credit by taking German 3312, Holocaust Literature and Film.

In the course, students can learn about the Holocaust from various aspects of it.

The class will run 12:30 p.m. to 1:50 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays next fall, and no prerequisite courses are required because the course is taught in English, according to a recent news release.

Not only would the class fulfill a humanities credit, but can go down as three credits for those majoring in German. However, it would not be used to satisfy course credits for a core foreign language course.

RHA raffling off painting, bracelet

The Ranching Heritage Association is giving away raffle tickets for two items with distinguished historical experience.

The first item to be given away, "GIANT" by Edna Ferber, also includes her autograph, and has a \$380 value.

The second item has a greater value of \$800, and is an 18K Gold Wire Bracelet from Graham Brothers Jewelry in Amarillo.

Tickets cost \$10 and the two items will claim a recipient on May 20. People do not have to attend to receive a prize.

For more information, call Whitney King Barron at (806) 742-2498.

Tech officials to discuss Vietnam college goals with Vietnamese panel

Tech and Lubbock officials, including Interim Chancellor Donald Haragan and Lubbock Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Martin, will meet at 9 a.m. today with a delegation representing two-thirds of Vietnam's community colleges.

The goal of the meeting is to discuss future goals for Vietnam, and conduct a series of presentations regarding further development of Vietnamese community colleges and their university relationships.

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SUBWAY

The Office of the President is pleased to host a reception to honor the recipients of the 2005-2006 *President's Excellence in Diversity & Equity Award Recipients* Tuesday, May 2, 2006 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Library Croslin Room

The President's *Excellence in Diversity and Equity Awards* have been created through the Special Assistant for Diversity to annually recognize the efforts of faculty, staff and students to engage in activities that promote the value of diversity and the importance of equity in the University.

MONDAY	KTXT 5 PBS Lubbock	KCBZ 11 NBC Lubbock	KLBK 13 CBS Lubbock	KUPT 14 UPN Lubbock	KWBZ 22 WB Lubbock	KAMC 28 ABC Lubbock	KJTV 34 FOX Lubbock
7 AM	Jay Jay	Today	Early Show	Believer	(5:00) Daily Buzz	Good Morning America (HD)	Adventures
:30	It's Big World			Life Today			Sabrina
8 AM	Dragon Tales			Awesome Adv.	Recipe TV		Rosanne
:30	Puppy			Paid Program	Critter Gitters		Rosanne
9 AM	Sesame Street			Judge Mathis	Paid Program	Tony Danza	Martha
:30				Paid Program			
10 AM	Caillou	Regis and Kelly	Price Is Right	Judge Joe	Texas Justice	The View	Tyra Banks
:30	Barney			Judge Joe	Texas Justice		
11 AM	Teletubbies	Jeopardy!	Young and the Restless (HD)	Jdg Hatch	Cops	Paid Program	Starting Over
:30	Mister Rogers	Jeopardy!		Paid Program	Cops	Paid Program	
12 PM	Quilting	News	News	Jerry Springer	Cosby Show	All My Children	Access
:30	Gary Spetz's	Days of Our Lives	As the World Turns	Bold & Beaut.	Cosby Show		Extra
1 PM	Scrapbook	Passions	Eye for an Eye	Paid Program	The Nanny	One Life to Live	People's Court
:30	It's Big World			Mad About			
2 PM	The Lions	Inside Edition	Guiding Light	Paid Program	ER	General Hospital	Judge Alex
:30	Reading						Divorce Court
3 PM	Buster	Oprah Winfrey	Maury	Just Shoot Me	8 Rules	Montel Williams	Elton DeGeneres
:30	Cyberchase			Becker	8 Rules		
4 PM	Clifford	Dr. Phil	Judge Judy	Malcolm	Bernie Mac	Geraldo	Fox 34 News
:30	Arthur		Judge Judy	70s	Bernie Mac	Insider	First@Four
5 PM	Maya Miguel	News	News	Access	Yes, Dear	News	70s
:30	Bus Report	Nightly News	Evening News	Family Feud	Yes, Dear	News	Simpsons
6 PM	NewsHour with Jim Lehrer	Wheel Fortune	Millionaire	Extra	King Qu.	News	Friends
:30	Antiques Roadshow "Seattle"	Deal or No Deal	King Qu. (HD)	One on One	7th Heaven	Wife Swap "Fidjely/Conao"	Raymond
7 PM	Texas Ranch House	(8) The Apprentice	Two & 1/2 Men New Adv. (HD)	Girlfriends	Everwood	Supernanny "Newton Family"	Prison Break "Tonight" (HD)
:30				Half & Half	"Truth..." (HD)		24 "Day 5: 2:00 AM-3:00 AM"
8 PM		Medium (HD)	CSI: Miami "Open Water"	Wife and Kids	Will & Grace	What About Brian (HD)	Fox 34 News@Nine
:30	Cattle			Wife and Kids	Will & Grace		
9 PM	Bus Report	News	King of Hill	Sex and City	News	News	Sainfield
:30	Charlie Rose	(35) Jay Leno (HD)	(35) Late Show (HD)	Malcolm	Sex and City	(35) Nightline	Sainfield
10 PM				Fear Factor	Cheaters	(35) ET	Frasier
:30	BBC World	(35) Late Night (HD)	(35) Craig Ferguson	Paid Program	The Nanny	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Friends
11 AM	Destinos	(35) Last Call	Paid Program	Blind Date	Mad About	Paid Program	Cheers
:30							

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7th Heaven

Katrina forces the merging of families — with mixed results

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Jerry Reese sleeps on a sofa that is too short for his 6-foot-3 frame in the living room of his sister's house, a place that's become a long-term shelter for eight other relatives displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

He lies on the sofa waiting for the crowd to disperse, awakened by the repeated, chipper strains of a toaster that sings the Mickey Mouse Show theme song every time a relative's toast is ready.

"M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E, Mickey Mouse." Five to 10 times per morning. Sometimes before dawn.

Singing toasters are just the sort of quirky possessions that make any usual visit with relatives memorable, as long as it's blissfully brief. But Katrina's devastation has forced family visits to stretch over many months.

The arrangements can provide support for those who have lost so much, but they also can strain ties when basic routines, like dinnertime and laundry, collide.

"At some point, you want your privacy back," said Donald Henry, a family counseling clinic director whose mother-in-law has been living with him since the hurricane hit last August. "The honeymoon would certainly be over by now" for many families.

Federal authorities estimate more than 182,000 occupied housing units in the New Orleans area suffered major damage or were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. That's nearly 40 percent of the housing stock in the metro area.

Landlords and homeowners are repairing units as fast as they can, but many homes remain flooded and uninhabitable. In addition, competition and high prices keep some renters from finding homes; and lots have sometimes been deemed unsuitable, spoiling plans to bring in trailers.

Fewer than half of New Orleans' 455,000 pre-Katrina residents have returned. Those who have, drawn back for jobs or other reasons, bunk with

whomever they can.

"This whole thing has been challenging for all of us. We're used to our own space," said Stella Chase Reese, who's been living at her sister-in-law's with her husband, teenage son, and other relatives.

Nine people in a three-bedroom house is spacious compared to the 16 crammed into the Baton Rouge home where the Reeses lived immediately after the storm. They returned to New Orleans when the school reopened where her husband, Wayne Reese, teaches and coaches football.

Stella Reese and her family thought they'd stay with her sister-in-law for a couple of weeks, but as three different rental deals fell through, the time together has stretched into months.

"Everyone we know lost their homes, with the exception of my sister-in-law, and she had a full house. She welcomed us. We didn't have any place to go," Stella Reese

said, dabbing tears with a tissue.

The sister-in-law, Florida Reese Wyatt, said she never gave a second thought to opening the home she once shared only

once shared only with her daughter. Among the relatives she took in was her 79-year-old mother.

"I know they would have done the same for me. The bottom line is this is what family really does," said Wyatt, surrounded by family members who filled the two sofas and chairs in her living room.

The Reese clan compares schedules each day, making sure everyone can get a shower before work or school, beginning as early as 5 a.m. Stella Reese or Wyatt cooks dinner. Someone else does the dishes.

Jerry Reese, Wyatt's brother, joined the clan when he took a break from his work as a contractor in Iraq. His New Orleans home was wiped out by floodwaters.

"It's all good. It's no problem," Reese said, grinning. The singing toaster beats some of the noises that woke him in Iraq, he said.

Henry, clinic director of the nonprofit Youth Service Bureau, said living together after something as

devastating as Katrina can be therapeutic. The security of close personal relationships and recognition that everyone is struggling together can help lessen the trauma of lost homes and dreams.

It's helped lawyer Wayne McGaw, who's sharing a home with his wife, two adult daughters, a niece and her husband after the extended family lost three homes to flooding. Another relative with a flooded house lives next door.

"All of us have been up and down, not on the same pace. But there are people to help you with the bounds" of the emotions, said McGaw.

The family has used the cozy living arrangement to expand traditions and to comfort one another. A big family meal had long been a Sunday tradition because McGaw loves to cook, but they now sit down as a family to a full meal even on weeknights.

Wallace

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Wallace personally, she is aware of the work he and other professors do, and said she admires them for that.

While telling his story, Wallace said although this is what he loves to do for a living, there are certain frustrations that go along with it.

"In this profession, in wildlife, you must be dedicated to conserving natural resources," he said. "Most of what you want to do will leave you frustrated as society doesn't value things the way you do."

Instead, many people pour their attention toward other topics, Mazur said.

"People would rather have cheap gas, pay Michael Jordan millions of dollars a year, have the newest electronic gadget than worry about or work at ensuring that their kids will have wild things and natural places. Our job as wildlife professors gets more difficult every year as the multiple demands for multiple natural resources go up."

Lisa McRoberts, a freshman range, wildlife and fisheries management major from Houston, said she plans on taking classes taught by Wallace once she gets to upper-level courses.

McRoberts said she feels like she knows Wallace because of the wonderful things she has heard about him and is looking forward to taking his classes.

"I am so impressed with all of the things this man is involved in," McRoberts said. "You look at professional athletes who are paid millions of dollars a year, and look at someone like Dr. Wallace and realize something's wrong with the big picture."

Wallace said too few undergrads are really get-

ting excited about their career — going through the motions won't get you very far, he said.

"I want to encourage these students to get their hands dirty and start doing something in order for things to happen," Wallace said. "I am happy to say those opportunities exist in our profession and department."

Wallace seems to have a passion for what he does, and it is clear he wants others to feel the same.

"I valued nature growing up," he said. "And I want to make sure future generations can value it as well."

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In his words

Q: Who are your biggest mentors?

A: Some of my major mentors or guides were my major professors at the University of Arizona, faculty at Rhode Island, and Texas Tech.

Q: Do you have any kids?

A: I have a son that is 23 and a daughter that is 15. My son works at Alderson as a mechanic and lives here in Lubbock and is off on his own. My daughter goes to LHS and likes it sort of, but she wants to live up in the north where it's colder.

Q: How long have you been in this profession?

A: I have been doing this for 32 years, and I have been at Texas Tech since 1996.

Q: Did you play any sports in high school?

A: I played hockey semi-professionally in Washington. I started in Connecticut and I played in Oklahoma at the junior high and high school level. I was a part of the Tulsa Oilers farm club, and I played for the University of Washington.

Source: Mark Wallace

Rice forced to defend prewar planning after Powell raises issue of troop levels

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just back from Baghdad and eager to discuss promising developments, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice found herself knocked off message Sunday, forced to defend prewar planning and troop levels against an unlikely critic — Colin Powell, her predecessor at the State Department.

For the Bush administration, it was a rare instance of in-house dissenter going public.

On Rice's mind was the political breakthrough that had brought her and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld to Iraq last week and cleared the way for formation of a national unity government.

Yet Powell sideswiped her by revisiting the question of whether the U.S. had a large enough force to oust Saddam Hussein and then secure the peace.

He said he advised Bush before the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003 to send more troops to Iraq, but that the administration did not follow his recommendation.

Rice, Bush's national security adviser during the run-up to the war, neither confirmed nor denied Powell's assertion. But she spent a good part of her appearances on three Sunday talk shows reaching into the past to defend the White House, which is trying to highlight the positive to a public increasingly skeptical in this election year of the president's conduct of the war and concerned about the large U.S. military presence.

"I don't remember specifically what Secretary Powell may be referring to, but I'm quite certain that there were lots of discussions about how

best to fulfill the mission that we went into Iraq," Rice said.

"And I have no doubt that all of this was taken into consideration. But that when it came down to it, the president listens to his military advisers who were to execute the plan," she told CNN's "Late Edition."

Powell, in an interview broadcast Sunday in London, said he gave the advice to now retired Gen. Tommy Franks, who developed and executed the Iraq invasion plan, and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld while the president was present.

"I made the case to General Franks and Secretary Rumsfeld before the president that I was not sure we had enough troops," Powell said in an interview on Britain's ITV television. "The case was made, it was listened to, it was considered. ... A judgment was made by those responsible that the troop strength was adequate."

Rice said Bush "listened to the advice of his advisers and ultimately, he listened to the advice of his commanders, the people who actually had to execute the war plan. And he listened to them several times," she told ABC's "This Week."

"When the war plan was put together, it was put together, also, with consideration of what would happen after Saddam Hussein was actually overthrown," Rice said.

In January, Pentagon officials acknowledged that Paul Bremer, the senior U.S. official in Iraq during the first year of the war, told Rumsfeld in May 2004 that a far larger number of U.S. troops were needed to effectively fight the insurgency, but his advice was rejected.

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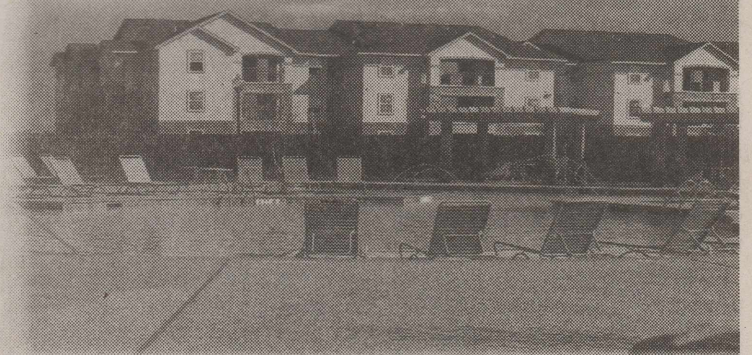
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Cheers and jeers finish out year

Most people I have met at Texas Tech develop a love-hate relationship with the city of Lubbock. Many students have some of the best times of their lives here, granted they still hate the city because there is nothing to do (though let's not forget the National Ranching Heritage Center). Though I use my columns to complain about the ills of society, I myself both love and hate Lubbock and Tech, and would like to offer some cheers and jeers as I leave to start a new phase in my life.

Cheers to: Sorority girls. While it's true that as a waitress I tire of getting your kids meals and chips with ranch (we call it sorority sauce), I have to say that I believe that you ladies are getting a bad rap. Everyone thinks that you are snobby, spoiled and shallow. But I believe you can tell the most about a person's character by how they treat their server. With very few exceptions, Greek ladies not only tip the best but say "please" and "thank you" and treat me with respect. Thank you for coming in after chapter (I still don't know what the hell that is) on Monday nights, it always helped my bank account.

Cheers to: People who hate my column and still like me. I definitely can tell where people stand in their personal development when I get hate mail that makes me sound as if I were the anti-Christ. C'mon, you hate mailers; we are past the age of name-calling.

Jeers to: People who miss the point of my columns. For instance, in one of my columns I wrote a statistic that 25 percent of companies would re-think hiring a woman if she wore a pants suit to an interview. I then got hate mail from a woman saying I needed to stop being a girl and worrying about what to wear, because she wore a pants suit to every one of her four interviews and got every job! Well I didn't make the statistic honey, I don't really care what they hell women wear and that's the point of the column. Please, read columns at least three times before sending hate mail.

Jeers to: Spoiled brats. Your parents pay for everything including your car, your school, your rent, bills, food, gas and clothing. Yet ironically you are the ones that skip school though it is your only job for four years. You make mediocre grades and always complain about not having enough money. Somehow, the blue-collar kids who work 40 hours a week often times perform better in school than you. Stop being a spoiled brat. You should be graduating Summa Cum Laude.

Cheers to: foreign professors. Aside from learning a second and sometimes even a third language, getting a doctorate and coming to a different country only to teach at the university level, foreign teachers must face the ignorance of "I caint understand what the hay-ell this guy is sayin'". I have a professor from a foreign country who speaks English almost flaw-

Abbie Kopf



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lessly and very clearly, yet certain people in the class still act as if everything he says is a mystery. I have a sneaking suspicion that the kids don't understand the material, so they blame it on the teacher. I'm sorry to the foreign professors, who are so talented and smart, who have to face the disrespect of 18-year-olds who can't speak another language, never have left Texas and won't ever be dedicated enough to get their doctorates.

Cheers to: Every professor I've had at Tech. I have been to a university with lack-luster professors. Tech is full of passionate, knowledgeable, talented, kind and empathetic professors who couldn't have made my college experience any better.

Cheers to: everything good that Lubbock has meant to me. Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, beautiful sunsets, handsome, two-stepping cowboys, trashy bars, hard-working people, a supportive family, and my soul mate. Cheers to the kind hearts and the intelligent people who have surrounded me during my time at Tech.

Jeers to: everything that Lubbock stands for and shouldn't. Jeers to homophobia, sexism, racism, backwards thinking and hate. Jeers to the fact that we still are segregated and that we are a city divided. To Lubbock and Texas Tech: a beautiful, terrible place that has so much to learn but offers so much.

I hope that you will learn and grow without losing the down-home greatness that makes Lubbock a nice place to live. Unless you are a Liberal. Then get the hell out of town like I'm doing.

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'United 93' resurrects emotions from Sept. 11

I woke the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, much as I did every morning my freshman year. Showered, teeth-brushed, hair combed and two Pop Tarts later, I left my residence hall room for my introduction to music literature class.

As I approached the door leaving my hallway, I noticed several of the guys from my floor crowded in one room staring at the TV.

"What's going on?" I asked. I was met by the same answer from everyone, "You have to see this." When I finally saw the images with my own eyes, I understood what had transpired them. There was one of the towers of the World Trade Center, hole in the side, with thick black and grey smoking billowing from the building.

Murmurs around the room echoed the confusion of the news broadcasters covering the story. What could've caused this horrific accident? I immediately rushed from the room to wake my roommate. Whatever was going on, this was a major news story that could not be missed.

No sooner than I entered my room and turned on the TV did we see the second plane slam into the second tower of the World Trade Center. That moment, the lurch in your stomach when you came to the realization of what was happening, remains a feeling that I thought I'd never have to relive. Yet, as I sat in a crowded movie theater Friday evening those moments and feelings came rushing back with stunning accuracy and depth.

A tremendous amount of discussion preceded the release of "United 93" with the most prevalent question being, "Is this too soon?" I think that's

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So when someone asks the question, "Is this too soon," remember 9/11. Just when we think we can be complacent about our security again, we need a reminder as to why our domestic security can never be secure enough. "United 93" is a painful remembrance of how in a few hours, everything changed.

an important question, but one that's not easily answered, especially since the answer is going to be vastly dif-

ferent for every person you ask. Arguments have been made that America still hasn't healed from that day and that people aren't ready to relive those emotions.

Remarkably though, those most effected by the tragedy, the families of those aboard United 93, all stated they wanted this movie made. They wanted their family members' stories told, and this movie is a testament to the lives of those aboard. I say that it's about the right time to return to the events of Sept. 11. Nearly five years have passed since the events of that day, and in that time, our world and America have changed dramatically.

Of course, we knew this in the days following the attacks. Everyone knew it and echoed the words, "The world has changed forever." This wasn't a domestic terrorist attack in the mold of the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. These were attacks by foreigners against the United States and its citizens. Only a few years removed from those events, and we can see the repercussions of that day.

Currently we're involved in a war in Iraq that began as the removal of weapons of mass destruction from the hands of an evil dictator. The lead story on the news many times in the past week centered around Iran and their desire to possess nuclear technology, which would be the beginning of the country possibly gaining nuclear weapons.

President Bush and the international community have pledged to not let that happen. For the first time in America's history, we are working to eliminate threats to our security

before they develop. Everything has changed.

That's why I believe it's important to go back and look at history. "United 93" wasn't a movie in the traditional sense. It has a documentary-style that overwhelmed the form of entertainment we know as a movie. It instead felt like a recreation on screen of the actions and events of that flight and that day. In a brief two hours of celluloid, that day and those passengers were recreated in vivid detail.

What I found most shocking about the entire movie is how inevitable the attacks on America seemed. From the moment the screen lit up showing the hijackers praying and preparing for their mission, there was no turning back. Employees at the aircraft control centers, in the cities of Boston, New York, Cleveland and Indianapolis, and in the national headquarters were helpless in the confusion of the events.

Several points during the movie, I just wanted to jump up and scream, "Don't you see the pieces fit together!" But alas, until that day, no one had even comprehended an attack of this kind of sophistication and magnitude.

So when someone asks the question, "Is this too soon," remember 9/11. Just when we think we can be complacent about our security again, we need a reminder as to why our domestic security can never be secure enough. "United 93" is a painful remembrance of how in a few hours, everything changed.

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VIEW FROM THE BIG 12

Breast augmentation doesn't require justification

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(U-WIRE) STILLWATER, Okla. — Attention, everyone: I have something to get off my chest. On Dec. 28, 2004, I received a breast augmentation. That's right: I let a doctor surgically implant saline boobs into my breasts which were, once upon a time, mere A-cups.

The "Did she? Or didn't she?" looks started soon afterward. People at bars, including guys old enough to be my dad, blatantly stared at the doctor's \$4,000 creation.

Others had no problem pointing and whispering to each other. Eye-to-eye conversations became a bit of a rarity and many people, women included, suddenly felt like they could take certain liberties with me that strangers don't usually do, such as ask if they could feel, or even look at, my breasts. I've since become accustomed

to people's reactions to the twins. For the record, I have yet to hear anyone say something negative regarding my choice. I guess they could be saying it as soon as I leave, though.

Everyone I know was extremely supportive of my decision. Not too long ago, one of my best friends went to the same doctor I had following her discovery that I, too, had gone under the knife. And no, I haven't named them. I'm not going to work at Hooters or pose in any kind of magazine, either. Except maybe a Star Wars thing. That would be cool.

Often I've felt pressured, even expected, to justify my choice to others. I've found myself saying things like "Oh, I wanted my clothes to fit better," and so on.

Recently, I came to the conclusion that I don't need to find reasons for my boob job.

I realized I was reaching for an explanation just so that I could show people that I had thought it through, and the reasons I gave

were really just to make other people feel at ease. I wanted them, I got them, and that's good enough for me. No need to over-analyze it.

So as of now, my response will simply be, "because I felt like it."

What if I don't want to go into an elaborate tirade of boob job manifesto-esque speech when people ask why I did it?

I was presented with the opportunity and took it. Trust me, they were one of the best Christmas

presents ever. Thanks, Mom!

Most people would argue that letting someone knife you in hopes of changing your appearance is just another type of self-mutilation. And that's just fine. People can think what they want.

At the end of the day, I still have my boobs and they still have their feelings about them.

And heck, if I ever wake up one day and say "What the hell was I thinking?" then I'll just get them removed. No big deal.

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Wii will rock you: That's what Nintendo's banking on with new console

By **CARLOS BERGFELD**
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Nintendo announced the official name for their upcoming console, code-named "Revolution," Thursday.

The name they chose? "Wii."
A clarifying sentence in a blurb about the new name on Nintendo's official site says, "Wii sounds like 'we,' which emphasizes this console is for everyone."

It says the redundant I's are meant to symbolize the console's unique controller as well as group play.

The site, at <http://revolution.nintendo.com>, shows a video introduction explaining the name before revealing a written explanation.

The video starts off with Nintendo's now famous remote-shaped controller for the system, which spins and transforms into a lowercase letter I.

The letter then shoots dots at the camera, is joined by more letter I's for a game of tennis and

finally spells out the console's new name.
"I kind of like the Revolution more," said Seth Martin, a senior wildlife management major from Columbus, Ohio, who founded the Nintendo Fan Club facebook group. "I don't think the name is everything you know."

Martin said he believes Revolution was a more fitting title, but says the name Wii might work well in Japan.

Being a more natural pronunciation for the Japanese, Wii could be carried by Japanese sales, which would give rise to more Japanese games for the system and increased worldwide popularity, Martin said, much like the success of the Nintendo DS, the company's dual-screened handheld, which has been fueled by record-breaking sales in Japan.

The real deciding factor for the system's success lies not in the name, Martin said, but in the system's library of games.

If Nintendo can garner significant third-party developer support for their system and create com-

elling first-party titles, something the company is known for, it should be able to get a firm foothold in the market, he said.

To challenge the argument that a console needs a cool-sounding name to be successful, Martin said many of the consoles in the past with futuristic-sounding names often failed, like NEC's TurboGrafx-16, the 3DO Interactive Multiplayer or the Sega Saturn.

"It seems like systems that didn't do well had better names sometimes," he said.

Regardless of names, Martin said he believes Nintendo's revolutionary new console will appeal to many people and could be what the company needs to regain their position as king in the video game world.

"Nintendo might come back," he said. "They're definitely coming back in Japan."

Being a Nintendo fan, Martin may have an optimistic outlook not shared by others in the video game world.

Brent Hix said his first thought was, "What is Nintendo thinking?"

A sophomore public relations major from Can-

yon, Hix said he has jumped back and forth between different console manufacturers during his video game career, most recently favoring the Sony side.

Hix said he is disappointed with the name-change, to say the least.

"If you strapped a pair of those prosthetic truck balls onto this machine, you could not make it masculine," he said. "Over here it's just a very childish name."

Hix said he has been anticipating the PlayStation 3's launch, although he had considered purchasing a Revolution somewhere down the line.

The change to Wii made Hix rethink his options.

"I just can't picture myself walking into Best Buy and saying, 'Can you point me to the Nintendo Wii section?'" he said.

Hix agrees games are a very important part in determining whether a console sinks or floats, but believes people who are put off by the name never will have the chance to see if the games are good or not.

Nintendo might have something if they continue their push to market toward non-gam-

ers, Hix said, as their goal with the Wii's simple controller was to have normal, everyday citizens want to pick it up and play with it, instead of being intimidated by the large amount of buttons on standard controllers.

"Wii will break down the wall that separates video game players from everybody else," a sentence on the console's official site says.

While also initially nonplussed by the name-change, Cory Sutton, one of Martin's cohorts in the Nintendo Fan Club group, said he sees bright things in Nintendo's future.

"I like the direction they're going in. I think maybe they should increase their marketing a little," said Sutton, a junior mechanical engineering major from Brownwood.

Ultimately, consumers will decide on the success of the console, focusing on whatever aspect they choose.

Nintendo seems to agree, as the explanation of the name Wii on its site finishes by saying, "So that's Wii. But now Nintendo needs you."

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Immigration

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powerful the immigrants' rights movement has become in a matter of weeks, and that organizers don't yet have a clear focus on its next step.

"It's highly unpredictable what's going to happen," said Harley Shaiken, director of the Center for Latin American studies at the University of California, Berkeley. "What unites everyone that's going to do something on May 1 is they are making visible their strong feelings."

Thanks to the success of previous rallies plus media attention, planning for today's events, collectively called *Un Dia Sin Inmigrantes — A Day Without Immigrants* — is widespread.

Officials in Los Angeles braced for huge crowds: Assistant Police Chief George Gascon said as many as 500,000 people could take part.

In smaller cities such as Allentown, Pa., Omaha, Neb., and Knoxville, Tenn., immigrants and their allies have been going door to door with fliers, making posters and sharpening speeches. In New Mexico, restaurants cooked meals this weekend that they'll donate food for picnics today in Santa Fe and Albuquerque.

In New Jersey, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania, people boycotting work will march to the offices of elected officials to urge them to support pro-immigrant legislation. In California, although a spokeswoman for Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said a boycott would "hurt everyone," Democratic state senators passed a resolution supporting walkouts.

Still, there's a big divide over the boycott's merits.

"To encourage people not to go to work or children not to go to school is counterproductive," Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Sunday on CNN's "Late Edition."

Opponents of illegal immigration spent the weekend building a fence to symbolize their support of a secure border. About 200 volunteers organized by the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps of California worked on a six-foot barbed-wire fence along a quarter-mile stretch of rugged terrain near the U.S.-Mexico border about 50 miles east of San Diego.

Many worry that not working or spending money will alienate business leaders, and that cutting classes sends an anti-education message. Even Los Angeles' Spanish-language disc jock-

eys, who helped fuel hundreds of thousands strong in recent weeks, have toned it down. "We have to demonstrate that we came here to succeed," said Eduardo Sotelo, whose morning show, "Piolin por la Manana," is syndicated na-

tionwide.

Many of today's organizers are finding less contentious ways of joining.

Some marches and voter information meetings are scheduled for after work and school hours. Those who go to school or work are being urged to wear white clothes or white armbands. Several school districts have sent letters home to parents and threatened punishment if students have unexcused absences, but some plan to focus on immigration issues in classes and seminars on campus.

In each of New York City's five boroughs, thousands of workers are expected to take work breaks shortly after noon to link arms with shoppers, restaurant-goers and other supporters along city sidewalks for about 20 minutes.

"This will symbolize the interdependence of all of us, not just immigrants, but all of society," said Chung-Wa Hong, executive director of the New York Immigration Coalition. ► brittany.a.barrientos@ttu.edu

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FASHION FRENZY Runway allows seniors to show off designs

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STAFF WRITER

The fashion shows of Paris, New York and Milan, Italy, now have competition from Lubbock.

Saturday evening, the graduating seniors in the apparel design and manufacturing program showcased the culmination of four years worth of work at the Senior Fashion Show.

Approximately 120 designs made by 19 designers were presented in Student Union Ballroom.

Seulhee Yoo, assistant professor in the department of design and program director, said she believes the main goal of the program is to spotlight the graduating seniors.

"This is one event where you can showcase everyone's original designs," she said. "This year we have the most graduating seniors we've ever had."

Yoo said the show used to be held in the Human Sciences building, but because of the growth of the program the location of the Senior Fashion Show had to be moved to a larger area.

"We try to make this (the fashion show) as professional as possible," she said describing how professionals are brought in to set up the stage, lighting and musical accompaniments.

One senior and fashion show participant, Catherine Jacobs, a senior apparel design and manufacturing major from El Paso, not only had her original designs featured in the show but also was recognized for nabbing the highly sought after opportunity to study in Paris at the Paris American Academy.

"This show has been a whole semester in the works," she said. "I've been working on a bunch of stuff over the past few years and I'm really proud of it. I think it shows my growth."

Jacobs will be studying in Paris with the help of a scholarship she won at a prior fashion design competition in Dallas.

"This is a really proud moment,"

she said. "I'm lucky to have such an opportunity."

Yoo said in years past approximately 90 percent of the apparel design and manufacturing majors have taken internships or jobs in New York.

"These last few years though, lots of them have been staying in Texas," she said. "We have 10 going to New York this year."

Yoo said she believes this is because of a lack of confidence.

"They are just more comfortable in a small boutique because they don't think they are good enough to try for the big names like Abercrombie or Gap," she said.

Yoo also said she hopes the graduates and current students in the program will overcome their fear and realize their talents.

"You just can't tell how much hard work goes into all of this," she said. "I'm just so proud of them all and all of their accomplishments."

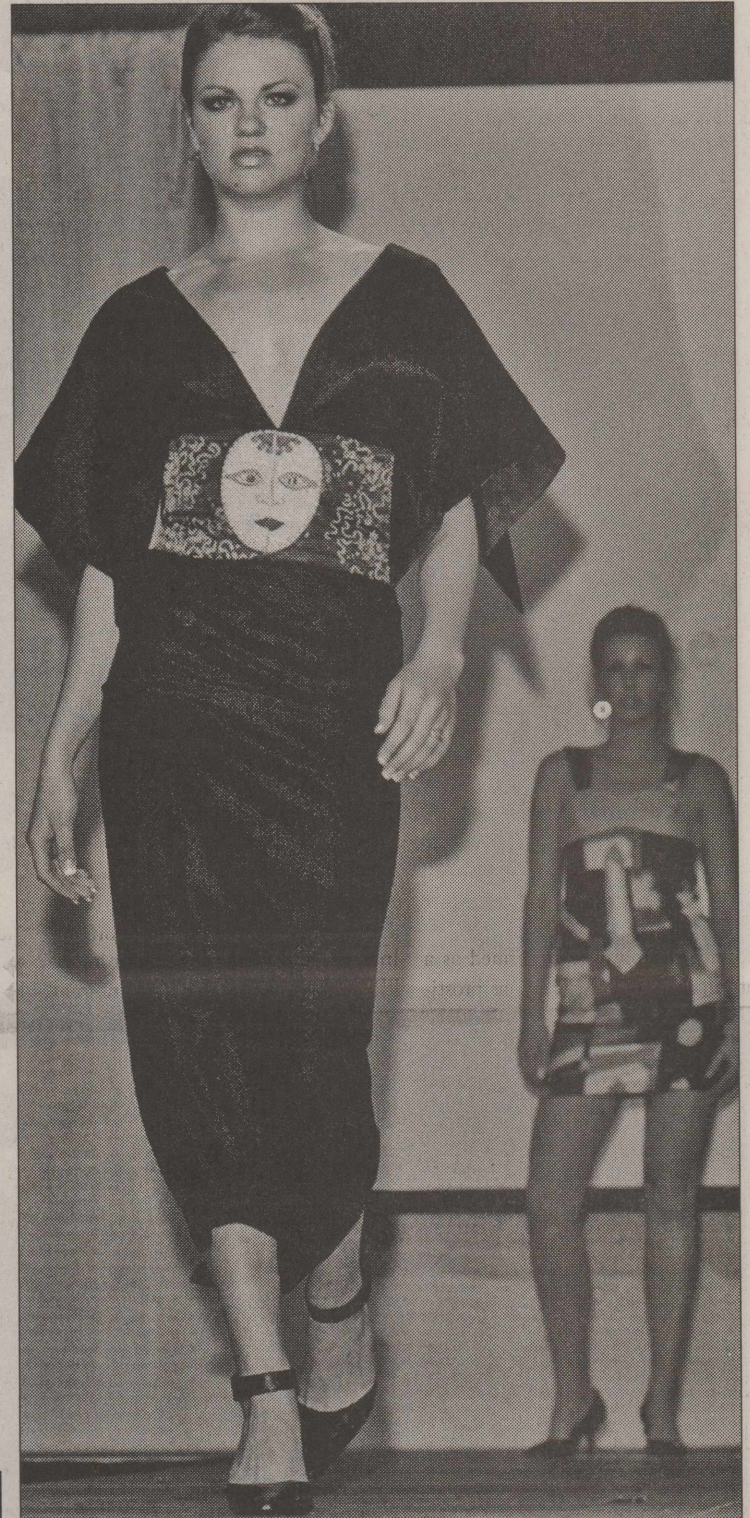
Julie Butler, a senior apparel design and manufacturing major from Lufkin, also has found success outside of the realm of the classroom. This summer she will intern with Jessica McClintock in San Francisco.

"She's exactly who I wanted to intern with," she said. "It's amazing, this is the dream of a lifetime." Butler said normally McClintock only takes interns from the San Francisco area but because of her persistence she won out. Participating in the Senior Fashion Show was another point of pride for Butler.

"This is wonderful," she said. "It's my favorite thing to see my garments on the runway. It took lots of hard work and it's great to see that pay off. Hopefully I will continue to see it pay off."

The Senior Fashion Show is one tradition professors, graduates and students alike hope will continue well into the future.

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ALYSSA HEAD, A freshman apparel design and manufacturing major from Southlake, walks the runway at the Senior Fashion Show, which showcased the work of other design majors Saturday evening in the Student Union Ballroom.

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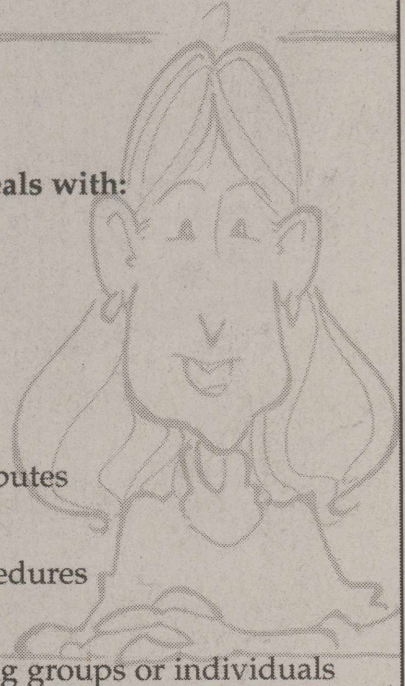
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Mexico passes bill to decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana, cocaine and heroin

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexicans would be allowed to possess small amounts of cocaine, heroin, even ecstasy for their personal use under a bill approved by lawmakers that some worry could prove to be a lure to young Americans.

The bill now only needs President Vicente Fox's signature to become law and that does not appear to be an obstacle. His office said that decriminalizing drugs will free up police to focus on major dealers.

"This law gives police and prosecutors better legal tools to combat drug crimes that do so much damage to our youth and children," said Fox's spokesman, Ruben Aguilar.

The Senate approved the bill Friday in the final hours of its closing session. Mexico's lower house had already endorsed the legislation.

The measure appeared to surprise U.S. officials. State Department spokeswoman

Janelle Hironimus said the department was trying to get "more information" about it. One U.S. diplomat, who requested anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly, said "we're still studying the legislation, but any effort to decriminalize illegal drugs would not be helpful."

Some worried the law would increase drug addiction in Mexico and cause problems with the United States. Millions of American youths visit Mexico's beach resorts and border towns each year.

"A lot of Americans already come here to buy medications they can't get up there... Just imagine, with heroin," said Ullis Bon, a drug treatment expert in Tijuana, where heroin use is rampant.

In off-the-record chats and through their communications with U.S. officials, Mexican officials tried to depict the drug bill as a simple clarification of existing laws.

But the changes are clear.

Currently, Mexican law leaves open the possibility of dropping charges against people caught with drugs if they can prove they are drug addicts and if an expert certifies they were caught with "the quantity necessary for personal use."

The new bill drops the "addict" requirement, allows "consumers" to have drugs, and sets out specific allowable quantities, which do not appear in the current law.

Those quantities are sometimes eye-popping: Mexicans would be allowed to possess 2.2 pounds of peyote, the button-sized hallucinogenic cactus used in some Indian religious ceremonies.

Police would no longer bother with possession of up to 25 milligrams of heroin, 5 grams of marijuana (about one-fifth of an ounce, or about four joints), or 0.5 grams of cocaine — the equivalent of about 4 "lines," or half the standard street-sale quantity.

The law lays out allowable quantities for a large array of other drugs, including LSD, MDA, MDMA (ecstasy, about two pills' worth), and amphetamines.

However the bill stiffens penalties for trafficking and possession of drugs — even small quantities — by government employees or near schools, and maintains criminal penalties for drug sales.

This law gives police and prosecutors better legal tools to combat drug crimes that do so much damage to our youth and children.

— RUBEN AGUILAR
Spokesperson
President Vicente Fox

Darfur

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end the bloodshed. Rebels, however, rejected the draft deal.

"Obviously a peace agreement would be a very important step forward in getting this done," Rice said on ABC's "This Week."

Sudan has indicated it might accept a U.N. force in Darfur to aid African Union troops if a peace treaty is signed.

Years of fighting between ethnic groups and Arab militias in western Sudan have left at least 180,000 people dead and about 2 million homeless. Amid the talks, the plight of 3 million refugees in Darfur has worsened. The

U.N. World Food Program said Friday that it was cutting rations in half, citing a lack of funds.

President Bush met with Darfur advocates at the White House on Friday and lent his support to the weekend rallies. "For those of you who are going out to march for justice, you represent the best of our country," Bush said. brittany.a.barrientos@ttu.edu

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only busting a fraction of the 180 hits we received."

Stevens said the operation began with an online advertisement soliciting sex.

"We posted an ad promoting sex for free to males, females or couples," Stevens said.

He said a key element in the operation was the ads did not target anyone specific.

"The 180 hits we received were all individual responses," Stevens said. "We did not e-mail targets or anything like that."

Once a reply was confirmed as a truthful lead, police, acting as prosti-

tutes, responded to begin a dialogue.

"Then an agreement is made to purchase sex, so we set up a meeting spot," Stevens said. "We select either a hotel or a public place, like a park."

He said by then police have enough evidence so they can make the arrest immediately at the location.

Stevens could not go into great detail of the Web site they are using, because the operation is ongoing, and still collecting hits daily, he said.

The other four arrested were Terry Lynn Spears, 37, Cornelius Fehr Reimer, 39, of Seminole, 43-year-old Jared Chaplin Sellers, and 37-year-old Larry Duenes.

Stevens said this was the first time a sting was completely done on the Internet and marks the beginning of LPD efforts to use elaborate Internet

operations to crack down on Lubbock crime.

Prostitution is a Class B Misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$2,000 and a maximum of six months in jail for the first offense.

A second offense is a Class A Misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$4,000 and one year in jail.

Cracking down on prostitution is important in Lubbock because it may lead to bigger offenses like drug possession and sex crimes like child pornography, Stevens said.

"It's a leap in the right direction," Stevens said. "We aren't catching every criminal out there, but we are increasing the odds of people getting caught. It has the potential of getting a big fish."

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FIRST PLACE STEP Show winners, left to right, Antonio Reed, a junior music education major from Tyler, Kamal Hanks, a senior economics major from Houston, Chris Flores, a junior design communications major from Fort Worth, and Ike Okonkwo, a senior computer engineering major from Houston of Alpha Phi Alpha, perform their step routine during the Step Show at the Dunbar Middle School Friday night.

Job training program for military spouses in jeopardy

WASHINGTON (AP) — When her husband's Air Force job took him to Colorado, Vydia Torres became a cashier just so she could join him even though her resume included stints as Puerto Rico's housing secretary and the head of a nonprofit group.

"I did not have the network. I did not know the labor market," Torres says of her move in 1993. Military spouses face similar career dilemmas, she said, because they relocate so much.

Today, Torres heads a Colorado Springs, Colo., program — also in place in a half-dozen communities nationwide — that helps military spouses with job training, placement, tuition and child care.

Despite its popularity, the initiative is in jeopardy because government officials do not intend to renew its federal grant.

"We've been turning people away," said Leland Lewis, who manages the program in the Norfolk, Va., area. "There's a letdown" when potential applicants learn they no longer can sign up, he said.

Mason Bishop, the Labor Department's deputy assistant secretary for employment and training, said Friday the department has told program administrators the grant money no longer will be available because it comes from a pool of money meant for emergencies.

Bishop said his agency sends billions of dollars annually to states to help workers find jobs and learn new skills. He said some of this money could pay for the program for military

spouses. "I absolutely believe these projects can continue on indefinitely," Bishop said.

The program grew from effort in the late 1990s to provide job training for people in the military. Since 2001, the department estimates it has spent about \$90 million for military spouses through the National Emergency Grant program, Bishop said.

These grants, he said, are intended to assist with one-time events such as plant closings or natural disasters. "We have to be prudent in administration of these monies," Bishop said.

Stephanie Youngblood recently went through the program in Tennessee, where administrators will not accept new applicants.

"The program as a whole is awesome, is really great," said Youngblood, who recently got a job as an assistant special education teacher. "It's terrible that spouses are going to lose out on that."

Youngblood's husband, Army Sgt. 1st Class John Youngblood, is stationed at Fort Campbell but now is in Iraq. Stephanie Youngblood said spouses faced with the deployment of their loved ones have a great need for the program.

"We have to be prepared for the possibility that, you know, they might not come back, and we might, you know, have to survive on our own income, with our own skills," Youngblood said.

Mary Sabillo, who helps run the program in San Diego, says the initiative is viewed "almost like a GI bill for spouses."

Sabillo says the program has served as a retention tool for the military.

"If the spouses could gain employment and

provide more dollars into the family income, it was more likely the military spouse would stay in the military," Sabillo said.

Susan Kamas, who helps administer the program near Fort Hood, says Labor Department officials told her group "they have different priorities for their money."

But Kamas said people who leave jobs because of a spouse's military career should be viewed similarly to other workers who leave involuntarily. "They really didn't have any choice about leaving their employment if they wanted to be with their family," Kamas said.

In the Fort Hood area, the program recently helped train military spouses to work from home as Dell Computer customer service representatives. Kamas says it is a skill, and maybe a job, spouses can take with them when they move.

The issue has attracted attention from lawmakers who represent communities with the program. They say they will try to ensure the program continues.

"What we have seen is the ability of thousands, thousands of Americans to work to develop skills to move into the job market," said Rep. Marsha Blackburn, a Tennessee Republican.

Rep. John Carter, R-Texas, says the program is vital for local economies because military spouses often go home to extended families when their husband or wife is deployed.

"If all those spouses went home every time, it would be an economic disaster," he said. "If they don't have jobs, they're liable to go home."

Iraq President Jalal Talabani said he met with insurgent leaders, believes a deal is possible

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — President Jalal Talabani met with representatives of seven armed groups and is optimistic they may agree to lay down their weapons, his office said Sunday. It was the first time a senior Iraqi official has acknowledged talks with insurgents.

However, Talabani did not identify the groups or specify when and where the meeting took place. The spokesman of one major insurgent group, the Islamic Army in Iraq, said his organization had not taken part in such a meeting.

Last year Talabani offered to talk with insurgents but it was unclear if any took up the offer. U.S. officials have acknowledged meeting Iraqis who had ties to Sunni Arab insurgents but not with representatives of those groups.

American diplomats have also cautioned that any such dialogue could take a long time to end the fighting because of divisions within insurgent

rankings, which include Islamic extremists such as al-Qaida in Iraq who show no sign of wanting to end their jihad, or holy war, against the Americans and their Iraqi partners.

It was also unclear whether the seven groups represented a substantial portion of the insurgency. Talabani also did not say whether the insurgents presented their own demands.

"I believe that a deal can be reached with the seven armed groups that visited me," Talabani was quoted as saying. The statement said Talabani made the remarks Saturday during a meeting with fellow Kurds in the Kurdish self-ruled region of northern Iraq.

U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad has been anxious to establish a dialogue with insurgents except for Islamic extremists such as al-Qaida in Iraq and Saddam Hussein loyalists. U.S. officials believe a third faction — mostly nationalistic Sunni Arabs — might be willing to cut a deal if they feel Iraq's

new national unity government serves their interests.

According to the statement, Talabani said al-Qaida in Iraq, led by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, had declared a "genocide against the Iraqi people."

"But there are groups other than the Saddamists and Zarqawists who joined armed operations to fight the occupation, and we are trying to establish a dialogue with them so they will join the political process," he said.

Talabani's security adviser, Lt. Gen. Wafiq al-Samarai told Al-Arabiya television that the dialogue was aimed at driving a wedge between religious zealots and other insurgents.

The spokesman of the Islamic Army in Iraq, Ibrahim al-Shammari, said his organization did not take part in a meeting but he did not say whether others did.

Smuggled pets worry bird flu watchdogs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bird flu entering the U.S. through smuggled wildlife is a growing worry for government officials already on the lookout for migrating wild birds.

The concern over the trade in wild animals, pets and animal parts has some precedent, here and abroad.

Gambian rats imported from Africa brought the monkeypox virus to the United States in 2003. They infected prairie dogs purchased as pets. Seventy-two people in the Midwest became ill, but none died.

In 2004, two Crested Hawk-Eagles carrying the virulent strain of the H5N1 bird flu virus were seized from the hand luggage of a Thai passenger at Brussels International Airport in Belgium. The passenger had planned to sell the birds to a Belgian falconer.

Not one of the 25 people exposed to the virus became ill. Officials killed 200 parrots and 600 smaller birds that had contact with the Crested Hawk-Eagles.

"We're very concerned about it coming into the U.S. by whatever means," Assistant Secretary of State Claudia McMurray said.

The deadly H5N1 virus that has spread through Asia, Europe and Africa but has not arrived in the U.S. Scientists fear the virus could evolve into a form that would pass easily from person to person, sparking a global epidemic.

A surveillance plan for monitoring migratory birds says a migrating wild bird is the most likely carrier of the H5N1 virus.

The plan, developed by the Interior and Agriculture departments and the state of Alaska for use in all 50 states, also says

the virus could arrive through smuggled poultry, an infected traveler, black-market trade in exotic birds or even an act of bioterrorism.

Authorities in other countries are similarly wary. An estimated 4,500 chickens from China are smuggled into Vietnam every day — and the H5N1 virus has shown up in samples taken from some of the confiscated birds.

The United States and China are the biggest markets for an estimated \$10 billion global trade in illegal wildlife. The black market in wildlife and wildlife parts is second only to trafficking in arms and drugs.

"It's not just a matter of the U.S. telling China, 'Clean up your act.' The two of us are both going to get a handle on it together," said McMurray, head of the State Department's Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

About 330,000 live birds were imported into the United States in 2004. Just 374 were denied entry, suggesting smugglers may focus on different routes.

The ones denied entry came mainly from Mexico, Guyana and Ghana. The biggest sources of live birds were Canada, with 117,000; Taiwan, 50,000; Tanzania, nearly 40,000; and Belgium, 24,000.

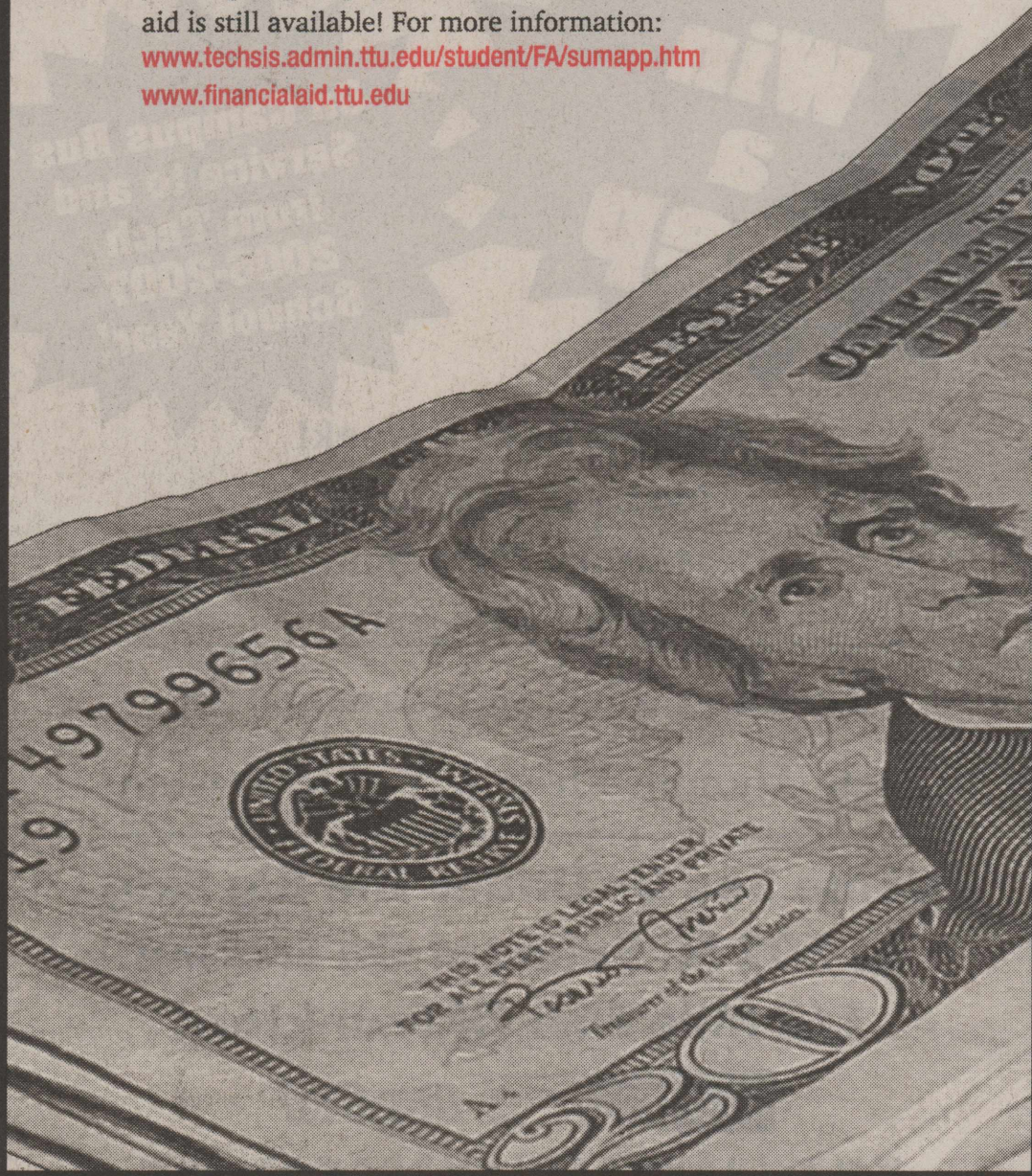
The U.S. banned imports of all live birds, bird parts and bird products from Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam in February 2004. Since then, the ban has been expanded to any country or region where bird flu is thought to exist.



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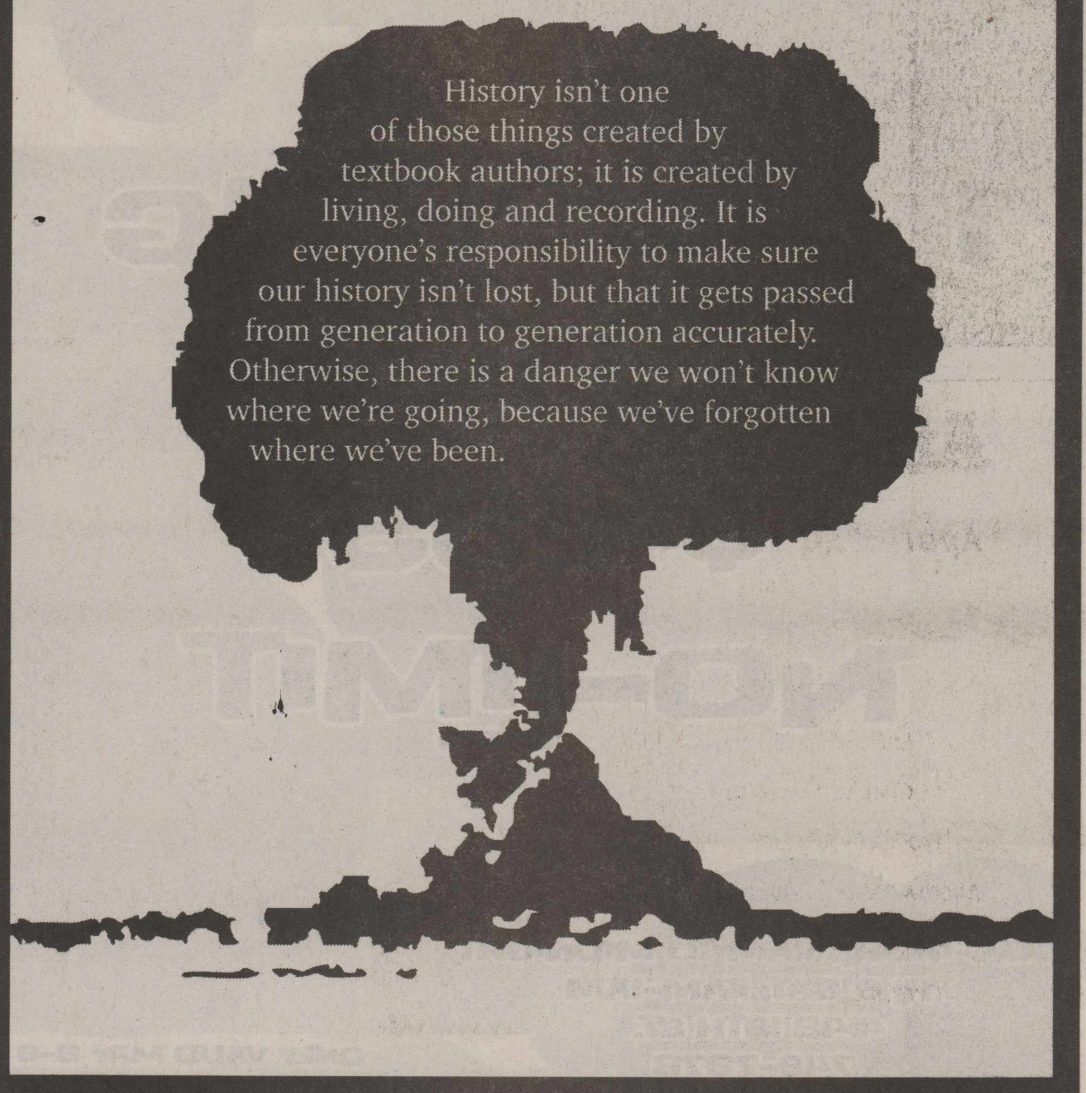


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Cultivating beauty

Tech students plant trees, flowers to celebrate Arbor Day

By **ABBY STONE**
FEATURES WRITER

Although Lubbock isn't the plushiest of places, the Arbor Day celebration on Friday proved there is a little tree-hugger inside of everyone.

Memorial Circle was full of people who were doing everything from playing soccer to enjoying a free hot dog while listening to friends read poetry.

One tent, hosted by Texas Tech's Grassroots organization, was filled with activities such as flowerpot painting and henna tattoos.

Caitlin Grann, a sophomore from Arlington and secretary of the Grassroots organization, said the group's main goal is to be a voice for the environment and to help establish programs that will keep Lubbock and the Tech campus beautiful.

The group is working on implementing a campus-wide recycling program, she said.

"Right now we have (the recycling program) going in the Honors College and three of the dorms," Grann said.

Tech had a recycling program

in the past but the program was canceled, she said. If a recycling program can grow once again to all of the buildings on the Tech campus, it would be a simple way to improve the environment.

The Student Government Association currently is discussing a recycling initiative.

"All of the other schools in the Big 12 have recycling programs, (and) it's like: why not?" Grann said.

One of the biggest goals of Arbor Day is to be able to educate people by giving out pamphlets about the environment, she said. It is more important to raise awareness about issues such as recycling but also water conservation.

"At Tech you have to water constantly to keep it green and pretty," Grann said.

Although Arbor Day is meant for planting trees and flowers, it is important that the plants and trees chosen to be planted can live without the intake of a lot of water, she said.

"As long as they are somewhat native then that's fine, and it beautifies the campus," Grann said.

Collin Holt, a junior from Dal-

las, said he believes planting trees around campus is important because it is a way to make Lubbock's flat landscape more appealing.

"You can't make more hills, (so plant trees instead)," he said.

Arbor Day is a day when everyone can come together and listen to music and support the environment, Holt said.

"I love trees and I'll support them whenever I can," he said.

Students were on their hands and knees for several hours getting dirt under their fingernails, and filling the ground with colorful flower arrangements and trees.

Alisha Taylor, a senior from Dallas, said Arbor Day is a chance for Tech's landscape to be reborn.

"It gives us a chance to re-plant all of the natural resources that we're using," she said.

The band "The Trees," kept everyone motivated with its light beats, and the food and drinks kept spirits high.

But, even when the music stopped and the food and drinks ran out, people stayed and played and enjoyed nature.

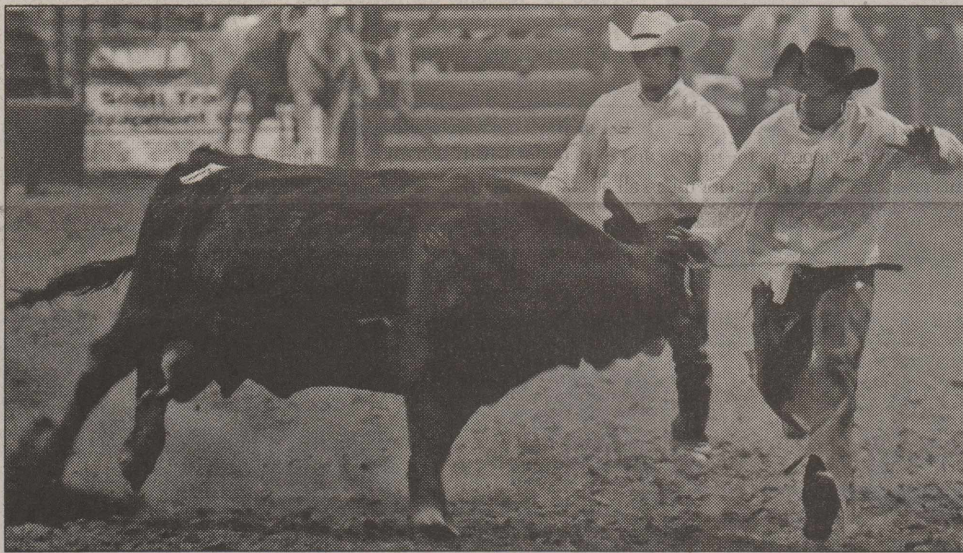
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SARA BURKHARD, A sophomore multidisciplinary studies major from Amarillo, and Lauren Bittle, a freshman education major from San Antonio, both plant flowers at the main entrance of Texas Tech for Arbor Day Friday afternoon. The first Arbor Day took place April 10, 1872, in Nebraska, and since then, it has spread to all 50 states.

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KEVIN BURNS, LEFT, a sophomore animal science major from Clovis, N.M., and Zack Burson, a freshman animal science major from Silverton, attempt to take down a calf at the West Texas Ranch Fest Saturday night at the Texas Tech Equestrian Center.

Stones' Richards recovering in hospital after fall from tree

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Keith Richards fans gathered outside a hospital Sunday where the Rolling Stones guitarist was believed to be undergoing treatment for a mild concussion reportedly suffered when he fell out of a palm tree on vacation in Fiji.

One newspaper also reported that Richards, 62, got on a Jet Ski after the fall and had another accident. Several Australian and New Zealand media outlets reported the fall from the tree.

Band spokeswoman Fran Curtis has said only that Richards was injured earlier this week and flown to New Zealand with his wife, Patti,

for observation. Her statement did not comment on Richards' condition or how he was injured.

New Zealand's Sunday Star-Times provided no details on the Jet Ski crash, but quoted Dr. Uzzel Kanri Dhar as saying that Richards was admitted to Suva Private Hospital spokesman hospital in

the Fijian capital on Thursday, the same day he was said to have fallen from the tree.

Richards reportedly was airlifted to Auckland's Ascot Hospital later that day. Duty manager Steve Kirby refused to confirm early Sunday that Richards was a patient there, citing the hospital's privacy policy.

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Home on the range

'Ranch House' takes Tech professors, one family back to frontier

By RUTH BRADLEY
FEATURES WRITER

For the Cooke family, time travel became a reality. Dressed in old-fashioned clothes, the family bade farewell to the 21st century, and stepped blindfolded into a covered wagon that took them to their new home — the home they might have had in 1867.

The five "settlers" were participants in the television show "Texas Ranch House," a hands-on-history program created with the help of five Texas Tech professors and faculty.

"We wanted to make this as realistic as possible," said Henry B. Crawford, curator of history for the Texas Tech Museum. "So we wanted to make sure they could go out there and know what they were doing."

Crawford was an active part of the production, and got the opportunity to play a buffalo soldier in two of the episodes.

Involved from almost the beginning of production, Henry Crawford and his wife Robin, curator for the National Ranching Heritage Center, served as consultants and advisers for the show, along with a group of

experts, the majority of whom came from Tech.

"What we did was basically try to answer their questions about Texas history," Henry Crawford said.

This meant giving advice on everything from lifestyle to furnishings, and even helping to choose a historically accurate bathtub for the set.

"A lot of the interior goods were things that we kind of gave them the OK on," Robin Crawford said.

The ranch house where the family lived was built specifically for the show, near Alpine. Henry Crawford said John White, professor of architecture, helped to design historically accurate buildings for the show. The set also included a barn and a bunkhouse, where the cowboys lived.

The majority of the nine men who worked as cowboys on the show had very little experience with their jobs, learning how to run the ranch, wrangle cattle and ride horses over the course of a two week boot camp shortly before filming began.

The Crawfords helped teach at the cowboys' boot camp, and at a separate boot camp for the family, instructing participants in things like fire safety, etiquette of the times and

even dances from the time period.

Crawford said he was impressed by the group's ability to learn quickly, particularly the quick adaptation of the men.

"By the end of the two weeks, those guys were cowboys," he said. "Even when the cameras weren't rolling, these guys were out branding cattle, and working cattle, and being real cowboys."

Jim Pfluger, executive director of the National Ranching Heritage Center, helped instruct participants on historical ranch operations, and conducted a personal tour of the historical Pitchfork Ranch for Bill Cooke, the ranch owner for the show.

Alwyn Barr, professor of history, used his expertise in black history to advise the show's creators about how life would have been during the time period.

He said the group seemed to be very careful about creating an accurate environment for the participants.

"They asked a lot of questions to make sure they got things straight," he said.

Life on the ranch was not easy for the family, said Michelle Dillard, manager of television programming



COURTESY PHOTO/Wall to Wall Productions

HENRY B. CRAWFORD, Texas Tech Museum curator of history, teaches participants in "Texas Ranch House" how to make fire using flint and steel. The show premieres at 8 p.m. today on KTXT-TV.

for KTXT-TV, the local PBS station, perhaps despite expectations.

"Hollywood romances a lot about the wild west," she said. "It wasn't glamorous, it was hot and smelly, and you eat the same thing for days at a time, it was a tough, tough life."

Robin Crawford, the show's creator, said the women of the family found the customs of the time particularly challenging, customs like

wearing a corset, sewing and tending to housework and the garden.

Although the experience was difficult, Robin Crawford said the show's creators wanted the group to succeed in their goal: to successfully run a West Texas ranch.

"They wanted it to be challenging and interesting, but they didn't want them to fail," Crawford said.

Dillard said the show is not a

competition, but rather a look into the past.

"Their goal is to see what life was like in the 1860s, how a 21st century person could adapt to that lifestyle," she said.

"Texas Ranch House" premieres at 8 p.m. today on KTXT-TV, channel five or Cox Cable Channel 4.

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'RV' drives off with weekend box office numbers

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Audiences hit the road with Robin Williams as his family-vacation romp "RV" opened at No. 1 with \$16.4 million, while the acclaimed Sept. 11 drama "United 93" debuted with \$11.6 million.

Studio estimates Sunday had Universal Pictures' "United 93" in second place, just ahead of Disney's sports comedy "Stick It," which premiered with \$11.3 million. Those rankings could

change once final numbers are released Monday.

The weekend's other new wide release, Lionsgate's spelling-bee drama "Akeelah and the Bee," was No. 8 with \$6.25 million.

The 20th Century Fox release "RV" was expected to debut on top, but "United 93" had been an unknown quantity, with Hollywood analysts wondering whether movie-goers were

ready to relive the horrors of the Sept. 11, terrorist attacks.

"It's not about the positioning of the film. It's about the fact that the American public spoke out," said Nikki Rocco, head of distribution for Universal Pictures. "This is a wonderful result. What they said was that it wasn't too soon for a film about Sept. 11."

Married couples accounted for just more than half the "United 93" audience, and 71 percent of viewers were 30 and older, according to Universal.

With painstaking authenticity, "United 93" recounts the horrific end of passengers who fought back against their hijackers aboard one of the commandeered planes, which crashed in

rural Pennsylvania.

Families of those killed aboard Flight 93 cooperated with director Paul Greengrass ("The Bourne Supremacy," "Bloody Sunday"), who re-creates the experiences of passengers and air-traffic controllers in a documentary-style drama. "United 93" earned widespread praise from critics.

Shot on a modest budget of \$15 million, "United 93" should easily turn a profit once theatrical, television and DVD revenues are tallied. Universal said it will donate 10 percent of the first weekend's grosses to the Flight 93 National Memorial in Pennsylvania.

Playing in 1,795 theaters, about half as many as "RV," "United 93" averaged a solid \$6,462 a cinema, the best results among the Top-10 movies.

"We can now kind of put to bed any idea that people are not ready to see this type of movie. The numbers speak for themselves," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

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Texans sack themselves with Williams

“With the first pick of the 2006 NFL Draft, the Houston Texans select Mario Williams, defensive end from North Carolina State,” umm ... excuse me? Mr. Tagliabue, I understand you’ve been doing this for 17 years, but I’m almost positive you made a mistake.

Because, if I heard you right, that means that the Texans decided against taking Heisman Trophy Winner, Mr. All-World Reggie Bush.

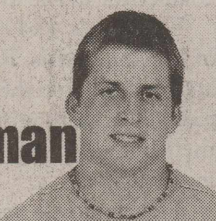
Can someone check that card again, Tagliabue already is thinking about hitting the links. In his last draft as NFL commissioner, he’s obviously lost a step. He committed the cardinal sin of running a draft, and actually read the wrong players name.

What’s that Mr. McNair? Tagliabue read it right? Your team doesn’t want to draft Reggie Bush!

I wrote in a column last week that not even the Texans, who have been nothing short of a joke in their four-year existence (an average of just more than four wins per season, only two last year), could mess up the first pick. Shows how much I know.

I understand Rome wasn’t built in a day, but the architects involved in that process didn’t pass on freakin’

Trey Shipman



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Reggie Bush!

Gale Sayers, Barry Sanders, Marshall Faulk: these are the types of backs Bush has been compared to. The types of backs that can jolt a struggling franchise, create a buzz among fans, and frankly, don’t come along every day. They don’t come along every 10 years.

Mario Williams is going to be a

great player, and unfortunately for him, will forever be compared to the career of Bush. It really isn’t fair because at his position, his career never will come close to that of a great running back.

ESPN’s Tom Jackson put it best, when breaking down the Texans decision to take Williams. If both players reach full potential, which is very possible, Williams will have 12-to-15 sacks per year and Bush will score 20-to-25 touchdowns per year.

Any idiot, even Mel Kiper, would take the touchdowns — apparently, not the Texans.

I give the New Orleans Saints a lot of credit for taking Bush. They already have one of the Top 5 backs in the league in Deuce McAllister, when he’s healthy.

Running back probably wasn’t the area the Saints needed the most help. But they realized when you have an opportunity to acquire a player with the talent and upside of Bush, you don’t pass it up. Period.

If the Saints can make room for him in a backfield with McAllister, I think Houston could have found a way to fit him in with Domanick Davis. Davis, by the way, is nothing more than an average running back.

Not that the coaching staff and front office should allow fans’ feelings to influence their decision, but if I was a part of the Texans franchise, I’d watch my back walking through the streets of Houston.

Saying the fans aren’t happy is an understatement. It’s a community that is starving for a winning football team that might be able to steal a little of the spotlight away from Dallas. Passing on players like Bush isn’t going to make that happen anytime soon.

Season-ticket holders even took out full-page ads in the paper, begging for their hometown boy Vince Young.

Young isn’t what the Texans need, but even he would have been a better pick than Williams. It just should have been someone that gives the franchise hope for the future. Someone who makes people come to the games because they know at any given moment, they could witness an act of greatness.

People don’t come to games to see sacks and regardless of contrary belief, sacks aren’t going to win championships. Touchdowns win championships.

Houston better pray they have a good team next year. Strike that, the Texans brain trust needs to



HOWARD SMITH/US Presswire

NFL COMMISSIONER PAUL Tagliabue, left, with Houston Texans owner Bob McNair, right, introduce defensive end Mario Williams (N.C. State) as the No. 1 overall pick to the Houston Texans in the 2006 NFL Draft at Radio City Music Hall in New York City Saturday.

bolt to the nearest place of worship, kneel at the altar and make some sort of deal with the man upstairs.

I hope they already have, because a deal with a higher power is the only possible way I could imagine passing up someone who will likely go down as one of the most electric players in

the history of the NFL.

What’s that Mr. Tagliabue, was that a giggle?

I know, it’s funny isn’t it. You read the card right.

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First round of draft brings surprises, lands big names in unlikely locations

NEW YORK (AP) — Southern California teammates Reggie Bush and Matt Leinart dropped on draft day. Both should rise quickly after it.

The Heisman Trophy winners may turn out to be saviors for their new franchises — in different ways.

Bush, all but guaranteed the top spot for months, instead went No. 2 to New Orleans after Houston decided that North Carolina State defensive end Mario Williams would be a better building block for the next decade.

Leinart, who almost surely would have been the No. 1 overall pick last year after

winning the Heisman in 2004, dropped all the way to No. 10, where he was taken by Arizona.

“There could be worse things in life, you know?” Leinart said, cracking a smile.

Leinart was the second quarterback taken after the Tennessee Titans decided that the heir to Steve McNair would be national champion Vince Young, taking the Texas’ quarterback with the third overall pick.

Still, the USC teammates become instant stars on teams that can use some.

Bush will do the one thing in New

Orleans that no one in the team’s 39-year history has been able to do: sell tickets. Yes, his explosiveness will also help win games, but even if the Saints continue to lose, fans will show up to watch him, something that could keep the team in the Hurricane-devastated city for the foreseeable future.

“I’m coming in there strong, I’m coming in there to help win some games, and I’m coming in there to help the city get turned around,” Bush said.

Bush also comes in amid questions concerning who paid the rent for a home his parents lived in, and whether an agent

was involved, which could violate NCAA rules. He’s adamantly insisted there was no wrongdoing.

Leinart said Titans coordinator Norm Chow — his former offensive mentor at USC — was fighting for him “but it wasn’t his decision.”

It wasn’t, and now Tennessee will find out if the elusiveness and arm strength that Young used to lead the Longhorns can translate to the NFL.

“Last night at 2:30, I was on my knees

praying ... he will rewrite the position,” said Floyd Reese, the Titans’ general manager.

“This guy, he led the nation in college as a junior in passing efficiency,” he said. “This guy is special. Now we have to get him special in the NFL, and that’s why it’s going to take a little bit of time. And we realize that. It’s a big jump.”

For Leinart, landing in Arizona under coach Dennis Green puts him on what should be one of the NFL’s most explosive offenses with the newly signed running back Edgerrin

James and the outstanding receiver tandem of Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin. He will start his career in a new stadium behind the brittle Kurt Warner, who two seasons ago caddied for the Giants’ Eli Manning before the No. 1 pick took over at midseason.

“I think it’s a great pick,” he said. “I’m still in the Top 10 and I can learn behind a great quarterback. Plus I get to stay on the West Coast. I spoke to coach Green on the phone and he said it was like, ‘a gift from heaven.’”

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Tech softball limps into Big 12 tourney

By JAY LANGLEY
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

The Texas Tech softball team closed out the season with two losses at the hands of the Missouri Tigers Saturday and Sunday in Columbia, Mo.

In Game 2 Sunday, Tech (19-34, 4-13 Big 12) wasted the 13th complete game of the season for senior Erin Crawford (11-17) in a 2-1 loss. Crawford allowed two earned runs off seven hits in the loss.

The Tigers (23-23, 7-9 in Big 12) got the scoring started in the bottom of the first with an RBI double by centerfielder Micaela Minner.

Tech sophomore catcher Robyn Wike tied the score in the second by plating teammate Jennifer Bowers with an RBI single.

Missouri took the lead for

good in the fifth when Minner drove in her second run of the contest with a two out single to right field.

Saturday's contest saw more scoring as the Tigers outlasted the Raiders 7-5.

The Tigers took an early lead with an RBI single by pitcher Jen Bruck in the bottom of the first.

The Raiders took a 3-1 lead in the top of the third with a rally started by sophomore Devin Zaragoza. The outfielder plated the first Tech run with an RBI single. After a fielder's choice RBI by Whitney Riley, Zaragoza scored Tech's third run of the game by crossing the plate as part of a double steal.

In the bottom of the third Missouri cut the lead to 3-2 on an RBI single by Janessa Roening, but Natalie Kula gave Tech a two-run lead again in the top

of the fourth with an RBI single of her own.

A Raider error in the bottom of the fourth allowed Missouri to tie the score at 4-4. In the bottom of the fifth Missouri took their first lead of the game on an RBI single by shortstop Andee Allen. Allen later scored on a wild pitch by Tech pitcher Sarah Losleben (2-9) who took the loss in a relief effort.

Missouri was able to plate another runner in the bottom of the sixth and Tech's Riley knocked in another run in the seventh on a fielder's choice ground out to bring the score to 7-5. The Raiders left two runners on base in the last inning to close out the loss.

Tech returns to action at the Big 12 Championship May 8-14 in Oklahoma City.

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Track excels in front of record crowd

In front of one of the largest crowds in track and field history, the Texas Tech track and field team continued to set regional qualifying marks and personal bests at Friday and Saturday's 111th Penn Relays in Philadelphia.

Some 50,000 people saw the men's sprint medley relay team of Albert Booker, Michael Mathieu, Andrae Williams and Zach Glavash run a combined time of 3:16.72, a first-place finish in the event. Booker and Mathieu ran the 200M for the team with Williams running the 400M and Glavash anchoring the team in the 800M.

In the men's 400M hurdles, Bryan Scott finished in third with a time of 50.64. The time was good for a fourth regional qualifying time of the season for Scott. Scott was the top Big 12 finisher in the event.

In only their second race of the season, the shuttle relay team of Daryl Burgess (13.7), Shawon

Harris (13.6), Scott (14.9) and Marlon Odom (13.6) combined for a time of 56.27 good for a second-place finish.

Odom finished third in the prelims of the 110M hurdles with a time of 13.86. In the finals he finished fourth with a time of 14.12. The times marked Odom's seventh and eighth regional qualifying marks of the season. Odom also finished as the top Big 12 competitor in the event.

The men's 4X400 relay team of Booker, Harris, Rodney Mims and Mathieu won their heat in the prelims with a time of 3:07.81, but the team failed to finish the race in the finals.

The women's sprint medley relay team of Melissa Branch, Tia Barginear, Louise Cox and Althea Chambers, ran to a sixth-place finish with a time of 3:50.80.

The Tech track and field team is off until the Big 12 Championships in Waco May 12-14.

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No. 4 HUSKERS HAND

RAIDERS SECOND-CONSECUTIVE SWEEP

Unfortunately for the Texas Tech baseball team, when it rains it pours. After suffering a three-game sweep to No. 13 Oklahoma last weekend, the Red Raiders suffered the same result to No. 4 Nebraska at Haymarket Park in Lincoln, Neb., this weekend. It marks the first time the program has suffered back-to-back series sweeps since 1990.

In what turned out to be a highly saturated series, the two teams finally took the field Saturday afternoon after heavy rains caused the postponement of Friday's contest.

Tech's best chance to steal a win on the road came in Game 1 of a doubleheader Saturday.

Clinging to a 4-3 lead, senior Dustin Richardson allowed the tying run to score on a single by Jake Mort in the bottom of the ninth to earn his second blown save of the season.

Then in the 11th frame of play, the Huskers received a game-winning RBI double from Nick Jaros, scoring Brett Jensen and sealing the victory for Nebraska.

Like the weather, things got uglier for the Raiders as the series moved forward. Game 2 of the doubleheader and Sunday's final game of the series ended equally bad for Tech — in a 14-4 loss.

The powerful Husker offense proved to be too much for the Raiders who maintain their eight-place position in the Big 12.

Tech will travel to take on New Mexico in a mid-week game Tuesday, before coming home to host the Missouri Tigers and attempt to end its six-game conference losing streak next weekend.

—Trey Shipman/Sports Editor

TECH'S WHITLEY HEADING TO BIG D

Willie Nelson has told mommas not to let their babies be cowboys, but E.J. Whitley's mother is probably OK with it. The former Texas Tech offensive lineman was selected by the Dallas Cowboys with the 16th pick of the seventh and final round of the 2006 NFL Draft Sunday.

Listed as a center, the 6-foot-7-inch, 302-pound Whitley was the only Red Raider to be selected in the this year's draft.

According to nfl.com, scouts see Whitley's versatility and toughness as being strength, though feel a lack of athleticism could limit him.

A native of Texas City, Whitley earned Second Team All-Big 12 honors for the Raiders in 2005.

He played every position on the line in his four years at Tech and served as a team captain.

Whitley was an integral part of a line that helped protect the nation's leading passing attack for the fourth straight season.

—Trey Shipman/Sports Editor

Converted QBs highlight Day 2 of Draft

NEW YORK (AP) — The second day of the NFL draft was "slash" day.

As in Michael Robinson, qb/rb; Brad Smith, qb/wr; Marques Hagans, qb/wr/kick returner; Reggie McNeal, qb/wr, AND ...

Jeremy Bloom, skier/kick returner/wr.

Such is the way on most Sundays at the draft when teams look for bargains in skill players who are either too small, too slow, or deemed not fit for the NFL at the position at which they started in college.

Thus it was with Robinson, who was the Big Ten offensive MVP as he quarterbacked Penn State to the league title. He was chosen by San Francisco with the third pick of the fourth round and designated as a running back, one of the positions he played (along with wide receiver) before becoming a full-time QB in his final year in Happy Valley.

Three picks later, the New York Jets took Smith, a quarterback at Missouri who was projected as a wide receiver. Then in the fifth round, Hagans, Virginia's QB, was taken by St. Louis two picks before Bloom, the Olympic moguls skier, went to Philadelphia. Bloom was chosen by the Eagles despite missing two years at Colorado after being ruled ineligible by the NCAA for accepting endorsements for his skiing career.

McNeal went in the sixth round to Cincinnati.

Before the draft, Robinson called it "a misconception" that he wanted to be a QB in the NFL. But Smith made no secret of his desire to stay there.

Who can blame him after his performance in leading Missouri to a 38-31 comeback win over South Carolina in the Independence Bowl? In that game, he passed for 282 yards and a touchdown and rushed for 150 yards and three scores.

He said the right things after the Jets chose him, although he acknowledged: "I'm a quarterback at heart."

"I'm coming as a team player and athlete," he added. "Hopefully I get to play running back or quarterback as well as other positions. ... The Jets have honored me with the selection by picking me and saying I can help the team out."

Smith almost was a Ram. But coach Scott Linehan said he got the impression after talking to Smith that he still wanted to be a QB. So Linehan used a fifth-round pick on Hagans and will have him return kicks.

Bloom also will begin his career returning kicks.

"I went into this thing thinking I would not get drafted and do it through free agency," Bloom said. "I tried to lower the expectation when things were out of my control like they were today. All I can do now is show up in Philadelphia and bring my work ethic and work as hard as I can."

McNeal, the Texas A&M

quarterback, was identified as a wide receiver by the Bengals.

As usual, the second day of the draft was also for leftovers — players who dropped for one reason or another after being expected to go much higher.

Guard Max Jean-Gilles of Georgia and defensive tackle Gabe Watson of Michigan, both once thought of as possible late first-rounders, dropped because of fluctuating weight. Both are listed at around 340 pounds, but have been much higher. Jean-Gilles went to the Eagles with the second pick of the fourth round and Watson went to Arizona eight picks later.

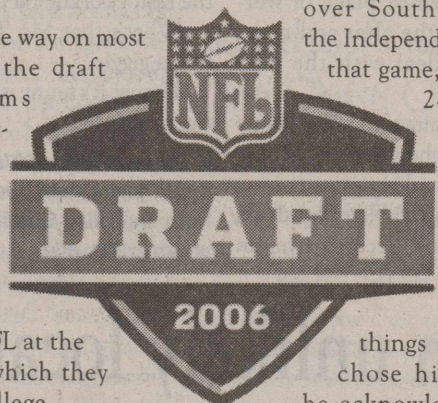
Elvis Dumervil of Louisville, who led the nation in sacks with 20, lasted until the fourth round for the opposite reason. At 5-foot-11 and 258 pounds, he was considered small for a defensive end. He was chosen by Denver with the 29th choice in the fourth round, about a round lower than expected.

"A lot of teams had questions about my height and I didn't work out well at the combine," Dumervil acknowledged. "I'm just happy I dropped to Denver."

Oakland used the fourth pick of the fourth round on Darnell Bing, the Southern Cal safety who also had been projected as a potential first- or second-round pick.

Another fourth-round choice of note was the first kicker to be taken, Stephen Gostkowski, a kicker from Memphis. He went to New England, which lost Adam Vinatieri to Indianapolis in free agency.

Bill Belichick better hope Gostkowski can kick in the snow.



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Astors eligible to re-sign Clemens

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Houston Astros, eligible to re-sign Roger Clemens again starting today, plan to contact the agents for the seven-time Cy Young Award winner.

"This opens up a window of opportunity for us," general manager Tim Lincecum said Sunday from Houston. "We have said that we are interested in getting Roger back. We would love to have him be a part of our team."

Clemens spent the last two seasons with his hometown Astros, winning the NL Cy Young Award in 2004 and the major league ERA title last year. He pitched for the United States in the World Baseball Classic in March and though he considers himself retired, he hasn't ruled out returning.

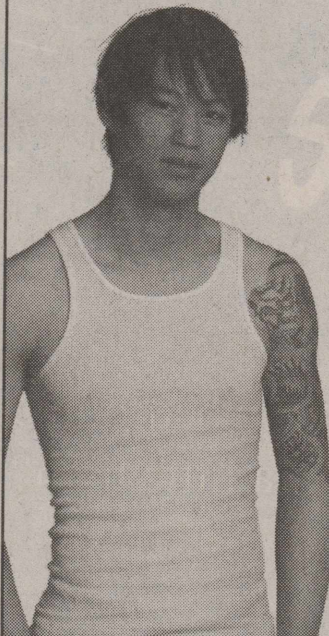
Houston, Boston, the New York Yankees and Texas are interested in signing the 43-year-old right-hander.

"We'd like to have him back, but he's not a factor in our ballclub," Astros manager Phil Garner said before Sunday's game against Cincinnati. "We planned our ballclub without Rocket. He told us in the winter that he shouldn't be a factor. We're not waiting for him. We're not holding back."

Under baseball's rules, teams can re-sign their former players who became free agents only through Dec. 7 (or Jan. 8 if offered salary arbitration), or starting May 1.

Clemens is tied for eighth on the wins list with 341 and second in strikeouts with 4,502.

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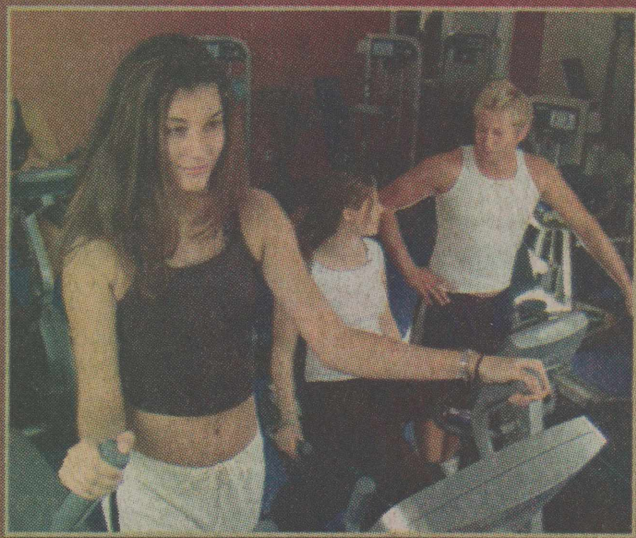
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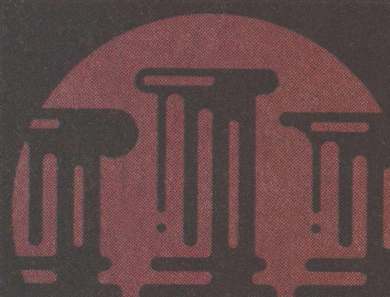
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