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STATE

Truck smuggling continues near border

HARLINGEN, (AP) — The discovery of 40 Brazilians loaded into a stifling tractor trailer shows human smugglers are still attempting a tactic that led to the death of 19 immigrants and subsequent life sentence for their driver, federal officials said Tuesday.

"These unscrupulous smugglers created the perfect environment for tragic results," said Lynne Underdown, Border Patrol chief for the Rio Grande Valley sector.

NATION

Anti-terror case data flawed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal prosecutors counted immigration violations, marriage fraud and drug trafficking among anti-terror cases in the four years after 9/11 even though no evidence linked them to terror activity, a Justice Department audit said Tuesday. Overall, nearly all of the terrorism-related statistics on investigations, referrals and cases examined by department Inspector General Glenn A. Fine were either diminished or inflated. Only two of 26 sets of department data reported between 2001 and 2005 were accurate, the audit found.

WORLD

Blair to announce British withdrawal

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Tony Blair will announce on Wednesday a new timetable for the withdrawal of British troops from Iraq, with 1,500 to return home in several weeks, the BBC reported.

Blair will also tell the House of Commons during his regular weekly appearance before it that a total of about 3,000 British soldiers will have left southern Iraq by the end of 2007, if the security there is sufficient, the British Broadcasting Corp. said, quoting government officials who weren't further identified.

DEATH TOLL

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U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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## Bomb threat in BA causes evacuation

By NAOMI KASKELA  
STAFF WRITER

Students were forced to evacuate the Business Administration Building Tuesday afternoon because of a bomb threat.

Ron Seacrist, Texas Tech chief of police, said a call was placed at 3:30 p.m. from an individual who said there was

a bomb in the BA.

The building was closed off for more than an hour because of an ongoing investigation by the police.

It was reopened at 5:00 p.m., said Sally Post, director of news bureau and broadcasting in the office of communications and marketing.

Javier Marianacci, a senior marketing major from Midland,

was standing outside the building with other students who had been evacuated.

"We were in class and someone came in and said there was a bomb threat and to evacuate the building," he said. "(Police) told us to go as far away as we can."

Sharat Menon, an industrial engineering graduate student from Chennai, India, said he was working in the basement of the

BA when he was told to leave the building.

"The cops came in suddenly and said for me to leave," he said.

Although he has not heard about a bomb threat on campus in the last six months, Menon said he thinks there was one about a year ago.

Seacrist said bomb threats are rare on the Tech campus.

"I've been the chief at many universities, and this is the only university that doesn't have many," he said. "They are very unusual here."

Menon said the bomb threat makes him worry about safety on campus.

"I hope it's just a threat,"

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## ITALIAN HOSPITALITY



HONORABLE ITALIAN GENERAL Consul Cristiano Maggipinto has lunch and talks to faculty and Italian students on his visit to Texas Tech University Tuesday afternoon at the Foreign Language building.

### Italian Consul presents Tech with Grant

By BEN MAKI  
STAFF WRITER

A taste of Italy came to Lubbock, if only for a day.

Cristiano Maggipinto, the honorable consul general of Italy, visited the Texas Tech campus to announce the awarding of a grant for the Italian program in the Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures.

He said the grant was given because of the growth of the program over the year.

"I'm impressed with the work done with Italian at Texas Tech University," Maggipinto said. "The program now offers six courses, and

it is constantly increasing in students. Because of that, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs decided to give the Italian program at Tech a grant, and we have already asked for another one for next year."

Victoria Surluga, assistant professor of Italian, said the grant is for 100,000 euros, which converts to nearly \$130,000. Part of the grant will go toward three scholarships worth \$3,500 each for students majoring or minoring in Italian to study abroad in Italian cities like Rome, Florence or Milan. The rest will be designated for administration costs.

Frederick Suppe, professor and chair of CMLL, said the program's study abroad options in Italy are collaborations between Tech and universities

in Italy. He said he would like to see the Italian study-abroad program become like those in Spain, Mexico and Russia; Tech runs programs from the respective campuses in those locations.

Suppe said Surluga is a major reason for the recent growth in the Italian program.

"She has just come in with a lot of energy," Suppe said. "She has been very enthusiastic and quite aggressive in getting the Italian government to support this grant."

In addition to the grant, the consul announced a donation of books to the department; the publications feature topics like Italian wine and Italian history.

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### Judges: Guantanamo prisoners can't use courts to challenge detentions

By HOPE YEN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a victory for President Bush, a divided federal appeals court ruled Tuesday that Guantanamo Bay detainees cannot use the U.S. court system to challenge their indefinite imprisonment. A Supreme Court appeal was promised.

The 2-1 decision by the U.S.

Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit dismisses hundreds of cases filed by foreign-born detainees in federal court and also threatens to strip away court access to millions of lawful permanent residents currently in the United States.

It upholds a key provision of the Military Commissions Act, which Bush pushed through Congress last year to set up a Defense Department system to prosecute terrorism

suspects. Now, detainees must prove to three-officer military panels that they don't pose a terror threat.

Democrats newly in charge of Congress promised legislation aimed at giving detainees legal rights. Attorneys for detainees said they would appeal Tuesday's ruling to the Supreme Court.

"We're disappointed," said Shayana Kadidal of the Center for Constitutional Rights. "The bottom

line is that according to two of the federal judges, the president can do whatever he wants without any legal limitations as long as he does it offshore."

The two judges voting with the White House — Judge A. Raymond Randolph and Judge David B. Sentelle — were appointed by Republicans. Reagan appointed Sentelle, and the first President Bush appointed Randolph.

## Bomb kills 9 in Iraq

By BRIAN MURPHY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A hidden bomb ripped through a tanker carrying chlorine gas Tuesday, killing nine people and filling hospital beds with more than 150 wheezing and frightened villagers after noxious plumes covered homes and schools north of Baghdad.

The attack was part of a string of blasts — including a suicide bomber who killed seven mourners at a funeral — that further rattled officials marking the first week of a major security crackdown seeking to calm the blood-soaked city. U.S. forces, meanwhile, called in airstrikes during intense clashes against insurgents in strongholds northwest of Baghdad.

With the death toll in the Baghdad area climbing above 100 since Sunday, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki tried to court some rare upbeat publicity with an even rarer event — leaving his heavily guarded quarters for a visit to the city's streets and markets.

The fanfare of the security plan's launch Feb. 14 has been swept aside by a steady roll of attacks, most blamed on Sunni extremists targeting the majority Shiites. Many Sunnis believe they are being sidelined by al-Maliki's government and under growing threat from Shiite militias, which the prime minister refuses to confront.

The bombing of the tanker took place near Taji, 12 miles northwest of Baghdad. A military spokesman, Brig. Gen. Qasim Moussawi, said a bomb was planted under the tanker, but it was not known whether it had a timer or was remotely detonated. His remarks contradicted earlier reports that a roadside bomb blew up the truck.

Hospitals were soon flooded with terrified people — including many children — complaining of breathing problems, vomiting and stinging eyes. Most of the people treated were released after several hours and there was no apparent life-threatening cases, hospital officials said.

Chlorine gas in low exposure irritates the respiratory system, eyes and skin. Higher levels can lead to accumulation of fluid in the lungs and other symptoms, and death is possible with heavy exposure, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Authorities were left questioning whether the bombing could signal a new tactic by militants to try to spread greater panic with chemical fallout.

The attacks in the capital began during the busy morning rush for goods and fuel.

A car rigged with explosives tore through a line of vehicles at a gas station in the Sadiyah district in southwestern Baghdad.



## Texas Tech police blotter: overdoses overrun campus

By PAUL ROBERTS  
STAFF WRITER

Feb. 17

A Texas Tech student was arrested for driving with an invalid license and for an outstanding Terry County warrant following a traffic stop in the 1800 block of Boston Avenue. Police said the student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail, and her vehicle was released to a friend.

A Tech student was arrested for one outstanding Lubbock Sheriff's Office warrant in the 1700 block of Flint Avenue. According to reports, the student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail and his vehicle was towed.

Tech police arrested a student for possession of marijuana following a traffic stop in the Z-4R parking lot. Police said the student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail, and her vehicle was towed.

Tech police arrested a student

for possession of alcohol by a minor in a residence room of Coleman Residence Hall. Police released the student and issued him a Lubbock County citation.

Feb. 18

Tech police responded to a medical emergency in Chitwood Residence Hall when a student was found unconscious. According to reports, the student had taken a large dose of pills before she became unconscious. The student was transported to the University Medical Center Emergency Room, and notification of the incident was faxed to the Center for Campus Life.

Tech police investigated criminal mischief in the basement laundry room of Weymouth Residence Hall. According to reports, a washing machine was damaged.

Tech police investigated a burglary of contents inside a vehicle in the Z-4R parking lot. Police said an unknown suspect stole an iPod and a radar detector from

the vehicle.

Feb. 19

A Tech student was arrested for driving without a valid driver's license and for outstanding Lubbock Sheriff's Office and Lubbock Police Department warrants. Police transported the student to the Lubbock County Jail, and his vehicle was released to a friend.

Tech police responded to a medical emergency in the atrium of the Animal Sciences Building. According to reports, a male student was suffering from diabetic problems and was transported to the UMC Emergency Room.

Tech police responded to a fire alarm in Hulen/Clement Residence Hall. Police said a dirty smoke detector set off the second-floor alarm.

Tech police responded to a medical emergency at the bottom of the emergency medical service ramp at the Health Sciences Center. Police said a male non-student was suffering from a

possible drug overdose and was transported to the UMC.

A male student suffering from a diabetic emergency was transported to the UMC Emergency Room. Police said emergency medical services responded and transported the student to the UMC.

Tech police investigated theft in the women's restroom at the Student Union Building. Police said a student's unattended wallet and its contents were taken from the location on Feb. 13.

Tech police investigated criminal mischief in the lobby of Gates Residence Hall. Once the investigation was complete, police determined the door handle of the entrance door to be damaged.

Tech police investigated criminal mischief on the second floor of Murdough Residence Hall. According to reports, a hand rail had been removed.

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## SGA to conduct candidate debate

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The annual Student Government Association debate forum will take place tonight in the Business Administration Building Room 67 at 6 p.m.

All SGA executive officer candidates have been invited to participate in the event, and all students are encouraged to attend.

Ryan Worley, SGA president, said he organized the debate to give candidates an opportunity to deliver their platforms to the student body.

"I think it is an awesome opportunity for candidates to address their platforms and give students an idea of where they want Texas Tech to go," Worley said.

Worley, along with the current SGA officers, Travis Cram, *The Daily Toreador's* editor in chief, and Josh Hull, *The DT's* assistant news editor, will be submitting questions for the candidates.

Candidates will be asked questions, and opponents will be given a chance for rebuttal. Presidential candidates will be given a minute and a half for responses and one minute for rebuttals. All other candidates will be given a minute for response and 45 seconds for rebuttal.

Ben Monticello, SGA chairman for the election commission, will be choosing the questions the candidates will be asked.

"I will select questions that have to do with issues," Monticello said, "thinking of each candidate position."

Monticello said there will be an opportunity at the beginning of the forum for any student to submit a question. Students can also submit questions to Cram at travis.f.cram@ttu.edu or Hull at josh.hull@ttu.edu.

"I encourage students to come and bring questions," he said.

Kerri Pike, the SGA supervisor, said none of the candidates will know the questions beforehand, so students will have an opportunity to know how informed the candidates are about is-

ues important to the student body. "I really think they would gain information if they went," Pike said of Tech students.

Mason Moses, an SGA presidential candidate and current legislative liaison, said he is excited to get the chance to share his vision.

"Most important thing is for students to vote for people who represent them the best," Moses said. "We are elected by the students."

He said since he has been helping Worley out with debates for the last two years and participated in one last year, he is confident he will do well in this year's debate.

Matt Fowler, an SGA presidential candidate and current internal vice president, said he thinks the debate is fun, and he encourages students to attend.

"Attendance isn't that great at the debate," Fowler said, "and a lot of people who go to the debate already have their mind made up who they are going to vote for. It is important for students to be informed."

He said candidates often share the same visions, and ideas and the debate is helpful for students to become aware of how different candidates will communicate these ideas.

Fowler said he is not nervous for the debate because he has been working the past year to address those issues.

Philip Pride, an SGA presidential candidate, said he is looking forward to seeing what questions will be asked. He said he is not nervous and does not think there is need for preparation.

"It is a reflection of what you can, do and what you think," Pride said. "The more people that go, the better."

Worley said he thinks it is crucial for students to not only vote, but to make informative decisions when voting. He said he encourages all students to attend the debate.

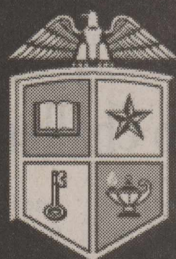
The debate will take place during a regularly scheduled Student Organization Advisory Congress meeting.

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# Honors College to host Darfur lecture

By GLENYS BOLLS  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Honors College is hosting a lecture about the issues in Darfur to raise awareness of the region's problems from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday in Holden Hall Room 77.

Tibor Nagy, a former U.S. Ambassador to Ethiopia and the vice provost of International Affairs, will be giving a lecture on the situation in Darfur and answering students' questions.

"He is one of the most amazing speakers I've ever heard," said Trey Reynolds, a senior electrical and computer engineering major from Lubbock. "I saw him speak last semester, and I'd really like to go see him give a raw lecture."

Nagy was chosen for the discussion because of his experience in Africa as an ambassador and because of his reputation of being approachable and open to questions.

"I had Nagy in a class," said Kyle Cyree, a senior English major from Dalton, Ga. "It was African politics. I think he's qualified to talk about what's happening in Darfur because he's been in Africa. He has probably the most first-hand experience of anyone at Tech, and his ambassadorial qualifications are good."

According to the Save Darfur Web site, <http://www.savedarfur.org>, Darfur is a region in Western Sudan, Africa, where a government-backed army called the Janjaweed has been fighting two rebel groups. The rebel groups want the government to address political and social issues in the region, but the regular Sudanese army and the Janjaweed have responded by targeting civilians that support the rebels.

"I don't know much about it except the basics," Cyree said. "This event is important because nobody knows about it. As Americans, we seem to ignore global issues."

Nikki Shuping, the Student Activities coordinator and a senior

English major from Lubbock, said although she helped to organize Nagy's discussion, she will benefit from the lecture just like every other student in attendance.

"I'm going to learn just as much as everyone else because I'm not as educated as Ambassador Nagy," Shuping said. "As far as the issues go, and the genocide, I know about as little as everyone else."

According to the Save Darfur Web site, the region has been engulfed in conflict for more than three years. During that time, at least 400,000 people have died, more than 2 million civilians have been relocated to refugee camps in Sudan or Chad and more than 3.5 million people are now completely reliant on international aid.

"It's very difficult to make that kind of thing real to anyone," Reynolds said. "Invisible Children" was pretty impactful, but there's just something about hearing it from somebody who's actually seen it."

In April 2006, more than 300 Tech students participated in the national Global Night Commute, which had more than 40,000 participants nationwide, to protest the war in Uganda after campus-wide showings of the documentary "Invisible Children." So far, no such protest has been held for the occurrences in Darfur.

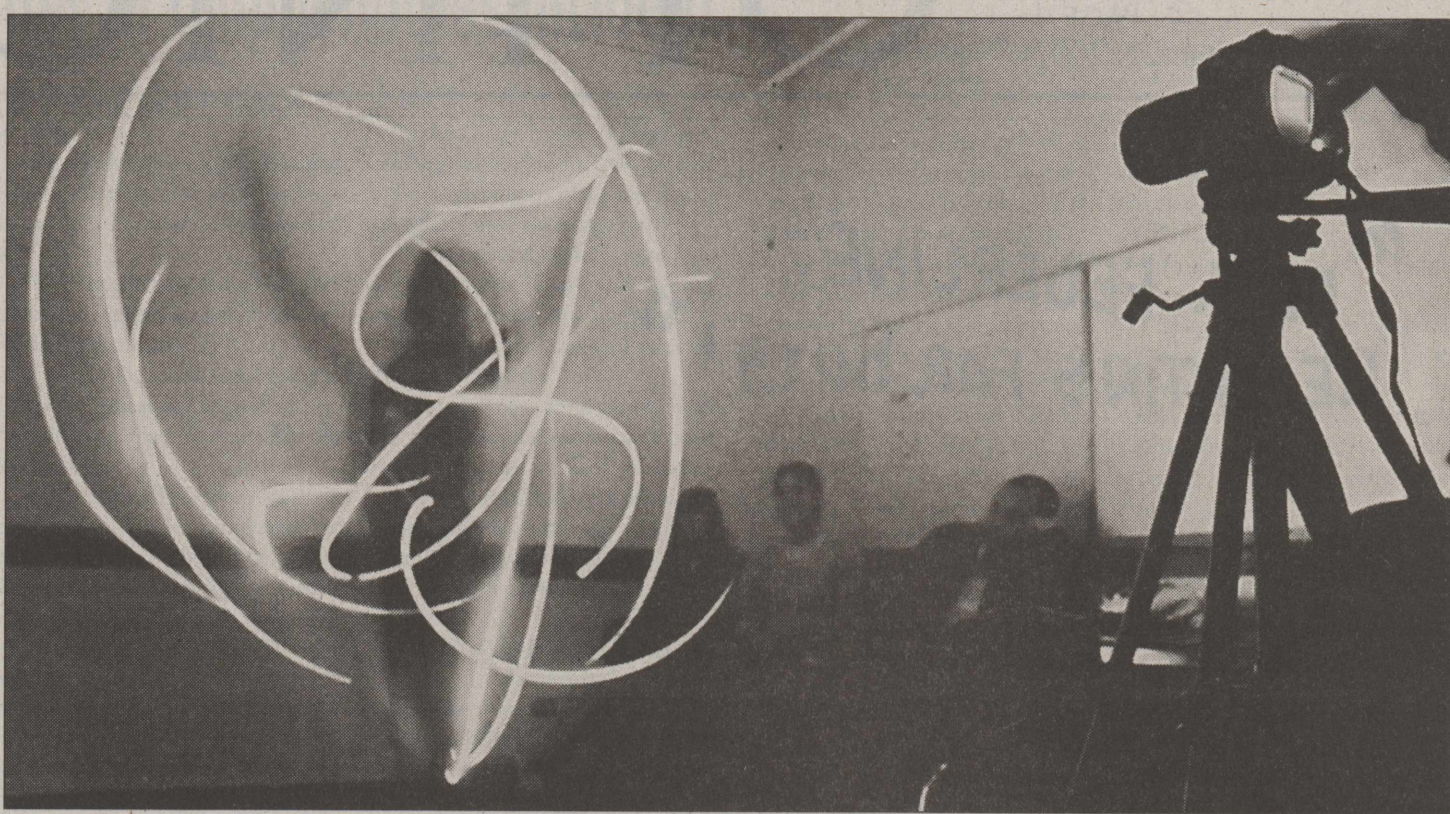
"I think this discussion will give us a better perspective," Cyree said. "You know, our biggest issue in this country is like illegal immigration, and over there they're being killed. It just shows that there are more pressing issues in the world."

Several other universities in Texas will be hosting fasts in remembrance of Darfur in early April. Shuping said as April approaches she will look into the possibility of such an event at Tech.

"I hope there's a really big turnout," she said. "Awareness is so important, and this should be a great opportunity for people to learn about it."

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## LET THERE BE LIGHT



CHRISTINA THOMAS, LEFT, a junior photography major from Arlington, dances in front of the camera with flashlights as part of a light painting demonstration in her Photo I class Wednesday afternoon in the art building.

COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador

## Bomb scare

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he said. I hope it doesn't affect anyone."

Marianacci said he does not worry about his safety on campus because of the threat, and said he thinks it was not a serious situation.

"I think someone had a hard test and called it in," he said. "They should have called it in an hour earlier so I could have gotten out of my test."

Chelsea Frederick, a business graduate student from Artesia, N.M., also said the threat was probably not serious.

"In high school I had one of these happen," she said. "I think it's just people wanting to get out of class."

She said the police officers at the scene told students classes might be

canceled because of the investigation.

A police officer told him it could take at least 15 minutes before he could go back into the building to get his possessions, Menon said.

The reason the investigation was taking so long was to ensure the security of both the building and bystanders, Seacrist said.

"We don't believe it is valid," he said. "We don't want people to panic or overreact."

The length of the investigation will depend partly on the number of officers involved, he said, of which there were four.

"We're just taking the proper procedure to make sure it is safe," Seacrist said.

The final report should be filed Wednesday, he said, after the investigation is finished.

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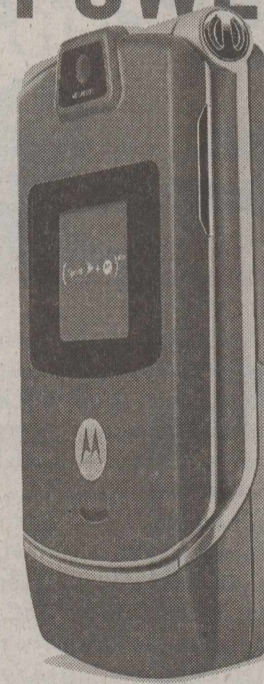
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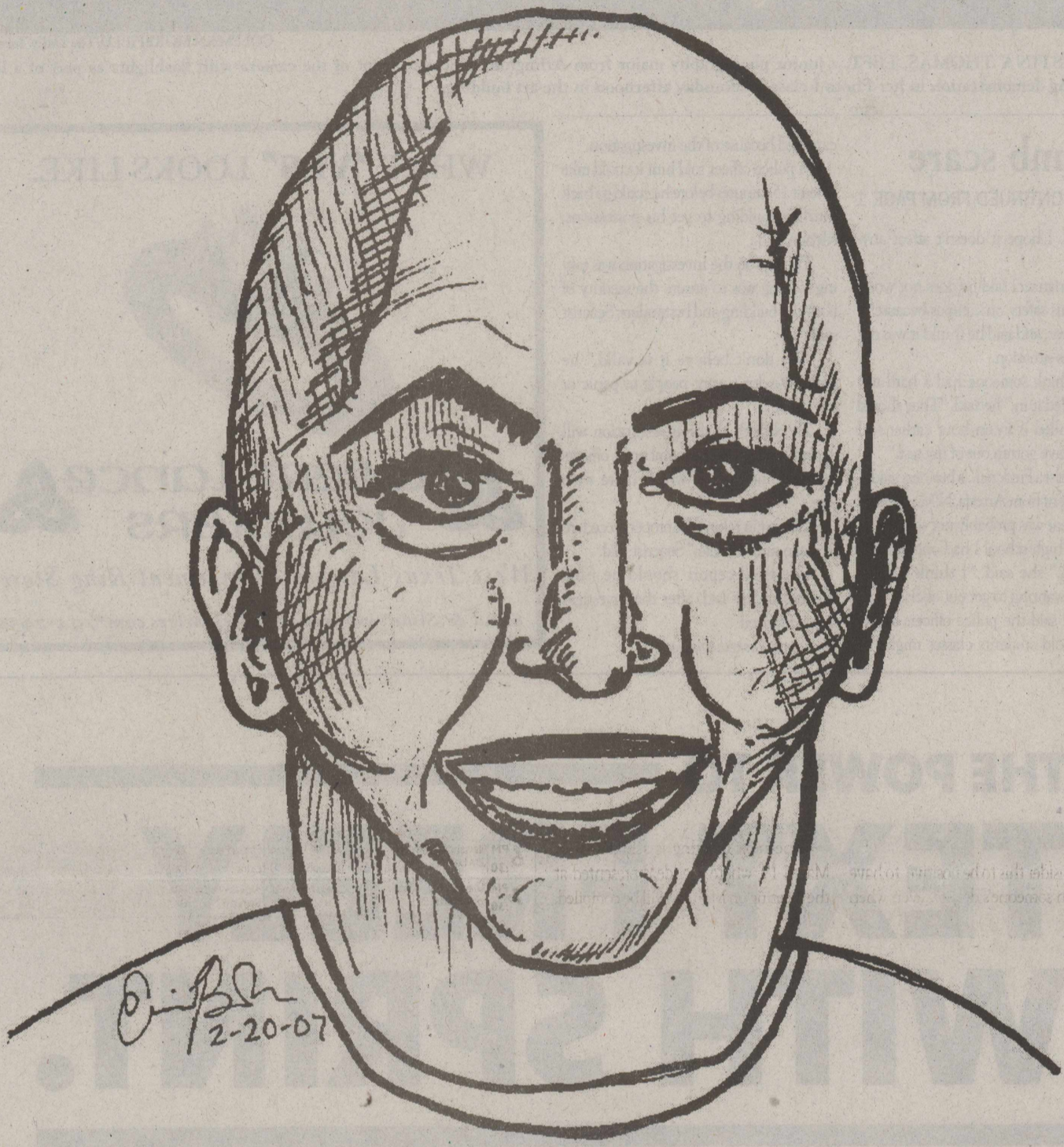
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# OPINIONS

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"MRS. FEDERLINE,  
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## Ignorance at Tech

Webster's defines racism as "the practice of racial discrimination, segregation, etc." I know — I'm pretty shocked I have to look up the definition of that word to print it in a college newspaper, too.

**Taryn  
Chesshire**



I thought it was an archaic word that had certainly fallen by the wayside from lack of use in the recent years. Mankind has advanced in many ways in the last 60 years or so — new heights reached, goals accomplished, minds broadened — surely we have outgrown such foolishness.

What's that? "No" to minds broadening? Well, I guess you're right. Not when we can see incidents of racism here on our own campus.

I know that you all read *The Daily Toreador* religiously and are aware last week a group of our fellow students took advantage of their First Amendment rights and protested what I am certainly calling a racially themed party.

Well, I suppose not all the students were protesting the party. Some were protesting the photo album that was created on the Web site [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) under the title "MLK: F\*\*k 'em if they can't take a joke."

The people who attended this party are either under the impression — or trying to give the impression — this party had nothing at all to do with race. And it should be noted a quick glance over the pictures shows not all parties were white, though none in the pictures were black.

Now, this excuse is one I could almost buy. I mean, everywhere you look you can see white kids emulating what they see as mainstream black culture. And when you look at the pictures on the site you don't see malicious intent; you see kids being stupid.

If only it weren't for that title. I bet you're really kicking yourselves for that one, huh? Because, you see, the title of the album calls attention to black people in particular — that MLK part. And then it disrespects them — the, well, you-know-what part. No use reprinting it, my editors will probably have to change it to nonsense symbols anyway.

It is completely ridiculous for us to try to lump people into such narrow categories like race. Come on, we've all seen the posters: There is no gene for race. It is an outdated classification system created by men to feel superior to other men. All the students who attended this party did was further the ignorance surrounding the concept of race.

Some feel the students who went to the party should be punished in some way, even expelled. But this is simply not a possibility. Not only is there not

a law against people being stupid, there shouldn't be.

The problem with prejudice in our society, like most problems, will not be fixed with governmental intervention. Some students, including one individual who drew attention to the article by starting a commentary, would just like to see some kind of support system for minorities instituted at Tech, somewhere his opinions could be heard.

I would encourage students who feel this way to get in touch with the Student Government Association; they are supposed to represent us. You've started by hosting a protest, which is fantastic. But there is more to fixing a problem than identifying it. Don't just ask for something to be done, specify what you would like to see done.

Others will undoubtedly say things like a support system designed specifically for minorities would just be adding to the problem. That for us to get past our issues with race we need to stop recognizing it at all. But I disagree.

The reason there are distinct black cultures in our communities is because a couple generations ago, my white ancestors forced them to separate themselves. Blacks in the 1950s and '60s had to find their own identity because they were denied identity by their white neighbors. We can't ask them to revoke it now.

Just because you or I no longer judge people based on a mere evolutionary adaptation like skin color doesn't mean no one else does. Ignorance, stupidity, bigotry — these things still exist in our world. And until they don't, we do need to offer a support system to the people these harmful ideas are aimed at.

The fact that the kids who were at the party are trying to backpedal and say their motivation was not racism is actually a good sign. It means that they recognize our society does not accept this kind of behavior anymore and so they are trying to hide from the consequences. Don't let them. Those of you who know them, call them out on it. Ask them why they did it. I don't think they were trying to hurt anyone, but ignorance can be just as harmful.

For everyone reading this, if you can't answer the question "Why?" about something you believe, you shouldn't believe it. And you certainly shouldn't act on it.

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## They are playing a game with lives

My deep-seated sadness sunk further into disgust. "Madam Speaker," they barked, "what's occurring in Iraq is a disgrace." These speeches were not the by-product of drafts and rewrites but from a half-assed attempt to sound cute and headline the 10 p.m. news.

They were filled with slippery slopes and un-needed grand gestures expressing points the previous 100 speakers already made.

To be fair, not all the speeches were B.S. New Democratic congressmen who are Iraq war veterans spoke articulately and from the heart. My local Congressman, Rep. Sam Johnson, R-Texas, spoke profoundly and movingly about his Vietnam War experience, bringing tears to several listeners.

To best express my sentiment, I'll borrow from Johnny Cash: Iraq has been livin' hell to me since 2003. I've seen 'em come and go, and I've seen 'em die. You've cut me and scarred me thru an' thru. Mr. Congressman why can't you understand.

When asked a simple question: "Al Qaida is what, Sunni or Shia?" The new honcho on the House Intelligence Committee replied, "Al Qaida, they have both." He was then asked, "You're talking about predominately?" He speculated, "Predominantly — probably Shiite."

Wow.

**Matt  
Wisnewski**



Al Qaida is deeply Sunni; its Sunni roots explain its existence. This sad and unembellished authenticity compares to musings spoken by other moral-high-ground inhabitants.

These professional moaners descend on the National Mall for the requisite hollow opposition protest. They sing their song from small, poorly ripped notebook sheets. Listen to their rants and nuggets like this appear: "Vice President Cheney has said repeatedly, 'Congress can't stop me.' But we must stop him!" Civics 101 says otherwise.

Congress cannot just "stop" the surge. Article II Section 1 of the Constitution clearly states, "The President shall be commander in chief of the Army and Navy of the United States." Presidential responsibilities in war include tactics, operations and strategic decisions.

Capitol Hill cannot control how a president conducts a war. The Supreme Court made that point very clear in *Ex parte Milligan*: "Congress cannot direct the conduct of campaigns." This

extends to ordering a cease and desist to Bush's troop surge.

Constitutional minutia hinders what would otherwise be easy and painless. A bill stating "pull 'em out" would accomplish the Democrat's objective. But back in reality, ending this war requires fortitude. It requires you to be bold, to fight tooth-and-nail for what you believe. Except bravery is a characteristic today's "donkeys" lack.

They have the power of the purse to cripple W's ability to fight in Iraq, but again, this means accepting the political consequences. In its place, I see useless self-aggrandizement.

Strategically, the non-binding resolution is useless. Its purported purpose of "supporting the troops" is more of an IOU. Our best and brightest need a sacrifice of political courage, not a whimper.

The army of one, where you can be all you can be, is no longer of one or of the fulfilling of dreams. It's in disarray from political turncoats asserting support without dotting the i's or crossing the t's.

A sickening scene of professionals dangling on a wire exists; they don't know if their owner will be there when they fall. If you want them home, do it now. Hesitation will continue to produce pathetic stories of ill-equipped American soldiers.

Hawaii's Neil Abercrombie said "there's a D-day coming in here, and it's going to start with the supplemental and finish with the '08 [defense] budget." Therefore, Rep. Jack Murtha, D-Penn., plans to "slow-bleed" soldiers and national guardsman, making their deployment all but impossible.

Iraq's a quagmire: no matter how large or how hard we surge, it won't get better. As a substitute to the unchecked spending of hundreds of billions, we should recognize a lost cause and initiate a surge in diplomacy.

I have been clear and consistent with this view. However, the Democrats' disciples of this position are being exposed to the world as Judases, not Peters.

Fickleness results in more death, more instability and more misery. If you want them to stay, make that clear. If you want them out, make that clear. Flip-flopping on Iraq will not end the troops' bad dreams.

In the corner, wearing red, white and blue trunks stands an unappreciated world champion who sees its trainer giving up in its time of need. It's politics as usual in Washington, and it disgusts me.

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# LA VIDA

## Sun, rain, wind or snow: Tips for planning the perfect spring break trip

BY ALLISON LOWE  
STAFF WRITER

With spring break less than three weeks away, now is the time for Red Raiders to make last-minute plans for cruising the

islands in pursuit of the "perfect" tan, hitting the slopes, reeling in a great catch or taking a memorable road trip with friends.

Here are some tips for Texas Tech students who want to plan a pleasurable trip that will help

"recharge their batteries" for the rest of the semester.

Lovers of the open sea can visit the Port of Galveston Web site at [www.portofgalveston.com](http://www.portofgalveston.com). Galveston is home to three cruise lines Tech students may want to

take advantage of during their break: Carnival, Royal Caribbean and Princess. While the trip from the Hub City to Galveston is a 10-hour drive or a two-hour flight, it is less expensive than traveling to Florida to board a ship in the Sunshine State.

Tech students who think they are too broke to go on a cruise should think again: Deborah O'Connor, owner of Bell Travel Services in Lubbock, said cruises can be affordable depending on when students choose to go.

Still, travelers should be aware of which activities they partake in while aboard the ship; pastimes such as gambling, drinking and excursions to islands usually are not included in the cost of the cruise.

"The basic cruise is economical, but your beer tab could be more than your cruise," O'Connor said.

Additionally, college students should be aware of any restrictions geared toward their demographic. O'Connor said many cruise lines, such as Carnival, have restrictions for college students taking spring break cruises. Each cabin must have one occupant who is at least 25 years old.

"They don't want a bunch of drunk, partying kids on the cruise ship," she said.

Students who prefer land to sea can visit popular destinations such as Cancun, South Padre Island or Cozumel to soak up some

fun in the sun.

Erica Hoff, a senior journalism major from Ruidoso, N.M., said she arrived at South Padre Island the past two years to a crowded beach full of soaring college flags, contests and music.

"It's one of the ultimate spring break destinations," she said. "There was a concert every night."

Hoff said she and her friends used a touring agency to book their trip last year, and they were highly disappointed because it ended up being a big hassle. She and her friends did not receive their deposit back from the agency they used.

Hoff recommends students talk to friends who have used certain touring agencies before booking travel so they know what to expect.

On the other hand, if students would rather play in the snow than soak up the sun, they can plan a trip to one of the surrounding ski areas in New Mexico or Colorado. Angel Fire, Taos and Ruidoso are popular ski destinations in New Mexico that provide affordable skiing for students.

The Outdoor Pursuits Center, located inside the north entrance of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center is offering spring break ski and snowboard rentals for Tech students.

According to the Outdoor Pursuits Center Web site, [www.depts.ttu.edu/recsports/outdoor/](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/recsports/outdoor/), the package prices for skis and snowboards for the spring break week are \$60 and \$75. Students can stop by the center or call

(806) 742-2949 for more information.

Damian Bayona, a junior international economics major from El Paso, said he went skiing in Taos, N.M., over the weekend, and he believes students should stay in town rather than in the valley because it is considerably less expensive.

A warning to snowboarders: snowboarding is not allowed in Taos, which Bayona said is good for skiers.

"Taos is a really good area to go skiing because it's not very expensive," Bayona said. "There are a lot of camping sites right before the entrance to the ski valley."

Tech students who want to take a spring break trip, whether it be going on a cruise, skiing or going to the beach, should begin planning now if they have not already starting the preparation process.

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## Lady Raiders travel to College Station

By **STEPHEN MONAHAN**  
SPORTS EDITOR

For the Texas Tech women's basketball team, receiving an NCAA Tournament bid at 15-12 with just three games to go in the regular season appears to be a seemingly difficult task.

With their final two-game road stint — the first coming in the form of No. 16 Texas A&M in College Station tonight — Lady Raider coach Kristy Curry has yet to budge from her team concept of dwelling in the past.

"I'm really pleased with how hard these kids have played the past two games," Curry said after Saturday's loss to Oklahoma. "That's what it's going to take this next week, and I have no doubt that they are going to bring it. I think the biggest thing right now is that we can't look back. We can't undo a Colorado. We can't undo a K-State. We can't undo those things, but we sure can control our actions. We are going to find a way here down the stretch."

Against A&M Jan. 10, Tech (15-12, 6-7 Big 12) came up short in a 49-48 loss at United Spirit Arena thanks to a game-winning bucket from junior standout Morenike Atunrase.

After two emotional games against ranked opponents last week in which Tech came away

1-1, including Saturday's 70-67 loss to then-No. 14 Oklahoma, senior forward Alesha Robertson said the team remains confident in its ability to come away with a victory against the Aggies.

"I think we know coming into this game that if we get that 'W' it'll mean a lot, and it will help us a lot for the tournament, give us a few bids maybe," said Robertson, who leads the team in points and rebounds per game with 13.7 and 8.6, respectively. "We just got to go in there and play like we know how to and have the right mind set."

Sophomore Tiny Henderson, who has started Tech's previous two games, scored a career-high 17 points against Nebraska Feb. 14 and 10 points against Oklahoma. She said her offensive output stems from her productivity on defense.

"If my defense is on then usually I can play offense better," said Henderson, who had three steals against the Sooners Saturday. "I just get pumped up about getting a steal or getting in the passing lane."

Freshman guard Raquel Christian said being prepared for A&M is the only concern on the team, not its loss to Oklahoma or the fact they play Texas Sunday in Austin.

"We can't get down," said Christian, who added nine points

on 3-of-7 shooting in Saturday's loss. "We can't let anything affect us at this point. We just have to move on to the next game. We can't look ahead, we can't look back. We just have to stay focused on this game."

For the season, the Lady Raiders are 4-7 on the road, including 3-3 in conference play. Texas A&M (20-5, 10-3), led by leading scorer in sophomore Takia Starks at 14.3 points per game, are coming off a last-second thriller to Oklahoma State in which Starks drilled a jumper with less than a second remaining to lead the Aggies to a 62-60 victory on the road.

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TRENT BARNES/The Daily Toreador  
PATRICE EDWARDS ATTEMPTS A SHOT Saturday against Oklahoma.

## Raiders lose by 29 to No. 19 Longhorns

AUSTIN (AP) — A.J. Abrams scored 18 points and No. 19 Texas stayed in the thick of the Big 12 race with an 80-51 win Tuesday night over Texas Tech.

Kevin Durant added 17 points for the Longhorns (20-7, 10-3), who had all five starters score in double figures but didn't have a 20-point scorer for the first time this season.

The win keeps Texas a half-game behind Texas A&M for second in the Big 12 and a game behind leader Kansas. The Longhorns play both in their last three games.

Alan Voskuil scored nine points to lead the Red Raiders (17-11, 6-7), who shot just 29 percent. Jarrius Jackson, who came in averaging 20.7 points, was 2-of-10 for 7 points.

It was the Longhorns' second rout of the Red Raiders at home in the last two seasons. Texas beat Tech by 34 in Austin last season.

This one left Tech coach Bob Knight sitting and stewing on the bench most of the game as the Longhorns built a big early lead and never let the Red Raiders threaten.

Texas is 17-2 against Tech in nine seasons under coach Rick Barnes, who is 12-2

against Knight, the winningest men's coach in college basketball.

Durant, who scored 30 or more points in six of his first nine Big 12 games, hasn't scored more than 21 in the last four.

Justin Mason provided the Longhorns' scoring punch in the first half, hitting all five of his shots.

Durant, who had 37 points and 23 rebounds in a win over Tech in Lubbock earlier this season, scored his first basket on a steal and dunk and hit two 3-pointers in the first half. All of them came in a 24-8 run that opened up a 37-15 lead.

With Durant drawing Tech defenders, Mason had all kinds of room to roam to the basket or pull up for open jumpers. Texas shot 58 percent and led 48-26 at halftime.

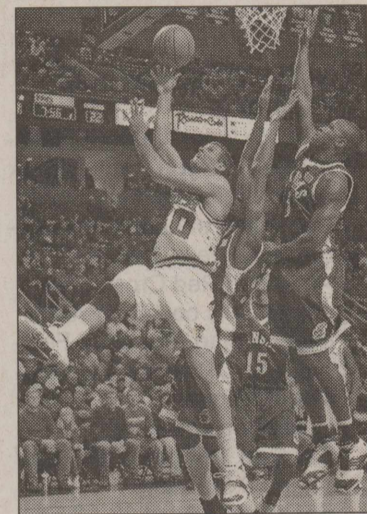
Durant, who has made a case for national player of the year honors, is finding his shooting touch going through long dry spells as the season wears on. His first shot of the second half was an airball 3-pointer, but he followed it with a lightning-quick spin and 10-foot fadeaway jumper.

D.J. Augustin hit a 3-pointer to open the second half and Mason fed Damion James with a nifty pass for a dunk. Abrams' second 3-pointer made it 62-35

with 12 minutes to play.

Durant took over the game late in the second half against the Red Raiders last month but didn't have to do much but watch his teammates score in this one. Texas kept bombing away from 3-point range, with Durant hitting one and Abrams popping two more to make it 73-40.

Defensively, the Longhorns never let Jackson become a factor. He had only one basket in the first half and didn't score in the second until making two free throws when Durant was hit with a technical foul with eight minutes left and Texas leading by 29.



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TEXAS TECH FORWARD Michael Prince goes up for a layup.

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FABULOUS HOME close to campus at 2705 41st. 3/2 with 2 living areas. Completely updated and remodeled for \$74,500. Why rent when you can own for the same price? See it online at [www.lubbock-homesforsale.com](http://www.lubbock-homesforsale.com). We help with financing, call Sandy at 806-687-4030.

### FEMALE ROOMMATE NEEDED

3/2/2 5722 2nd st. \$375 per month all utilities paid. High speed internet. 10mins from campus. 469-569-9869.

FURNISHED. PRIVATE Bath/Bedroom. Sterling Fountains. Excellent location. Call Carlos @ 281-799-5833.

### ONE MONTH FREE

Sublease one of three bedrooms at university townhomes. \$485/mo. All bills paid. Fully furnished. 806-676-6642.

### ATTENTION STUDENTS!

Agents for at&t needed. Audit-Direct Registration work with excellent pay \$250-\$450 weekly. Flexible Schedules available. Call for Interview 806-744-5625.

CAFE J hiring cocktail waitress, experience required. Apply at 2605 19th. 2-4p.m.

CAFFE GELATO Help wanted for Italian ice cream shop. Must be able to open (11am-530pm) Apply at 5903 82nd St. (Behind Blockbuster) 806-698-0040.

### NOW HIRING Sheridan's Lattes & Frozen Custard, 5101 82nd 806-687-7111.

PART TIME landscape/maintenance workers needed. Flexible hours. \$10/hr. Lamberts Properties. Call 687-7228, 687-0376, or fax resume 687-7230.

PART-TIME HANDMAN for property maintenance. 1/2 block from Tech. Electrical, plumbing, carpentry, painting, mowing. Work schedule: at least 20 hours per week. Apply in person 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at Paddle Tramps, 1317 University Avenue. (No Phone Calls, Please.)

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\$500-\$1000 HOUSE 2418 30TH Great condition. Hardwood floors, Refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, disposal. Central air/heat. Tree-covered yard. Available now. Private Properties, 512/695-2002.

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FOR LEASE 2313 27th. Available now. Nice 2/1, ch/cv, includes washer/dryer. \$650/mo. Call Bill 470-7037.

### FOR LEASE:

1 bedroom house near 23rd & Boston. 3 blocks off campus. Separate living, bedroom. Appliances. W/D. Extra 10 x 20 storage building. Private yard, parking. \$425. For appointment to view see Ann @ 4211 34th. 795-2011.

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### LEASE NOW THRU JUNE 15TH

Near Covenant and Tech. Quiet, lovely, 2 bedroom home. With study. Hardwood floors. 2 full baths. Appliances. Washer/dryer. Large fenced yard. Near 31st & Indiana. \$500/mo. ADT. For appointment call Ann 795-2011.

### MATTRESS, FURNITURE

Discounted prices. 5127 34th Street (34th & Slide). 785-7253.

MICROFIBER SOFA, loveseat & coffee table set, \$489. Solid wood cherry sleigh bed, \$259; Wood bedroom set, 6-pc., \$749; Cherry dining table, chairs, china cabinet, \$599. 806-549-3110.

### MOTORIZED SCOOTER

Red, motorized, sit down scooter; runs great, \$100 OBO 512-554-7436.

QUEEN PILLOWTOP mattress set, \$139; \$239 King/cal pillowtop set, warrant; Full mattress, box, \$129; Twin mattress set \$99; Memory foam mattress set, \$399. 806-549-3110.

### PERFECT JOB!

Ladies, work YOUR own hours, weekly pay, vacations, make friends, candles, fun, trainings, and more! 806-252-7981.

### PPHC WEB SITE DESIGNER

Pre-Professional Health Careers is looking for someone to redesign the PPHC website. Individual should be experienced in HTML, website design, have experience with web design tools such as Macromedia Dreamweaver or Frontpage in addition to having experience in producing graphics for the web. At least 3 to 5 hours per week working on this project until completion. Send resume and samples of work to margie.brown@ttu.edu

PT ACCOUNTING Position @ Allen Adkins & Associates, P.C. need to be able to work afternoons everyday. Excel, Quickbooks, TABS software experience a plus. Fax resume to 771-0062.

### REDRAIDERSNEEDJOBS.COM

Paid Survey Takers needed in Lubbock. 100% FREE to join. Click on Surveys.

### SHILOH STEAKHOUSE

141st and Slide (3/4 mile past 130th on Slide). Hiring: WAITSTAFF, and kitchen. Apply in person.

STELLA'S HIRING experienced: greeters, line cooks. Apply in person. M-F, 2-4pm. 50th & Ulta.

STUDENT THAT is mechanic inclined to work in outdoor power equipment store. Computer Experience helpful. Apply at 121st & Slide, or call 765-6812.

### 3 BLOCKS OFF CAMPUS

2 bedroom brick home on 22nd. 2 bath, formal dining. Lovely hardwoods. Appliances. Fenced yard. \$725 + pet fee. Call Ann at 795-2011.

3/2 + Game room. \$850/month. 548-1549. 5318 39th Street.

### 4 BLOCKS OFF CAMPUS

One bedroom garage apartment on 21st. Appliances, w/d. Private yard. \$455+ pet fee. Call Ann 795-2011.

5840 7TH. 3/2/2. Small pet. Nice, almost new. \$750. GeoPropMgmt. 795-9800.

APARTMENT FOR Rent 2 Bedroom 2 Bath Washer/Dryer \$500.00. Call Kara at Savannah Oaks. 806-797-8612.

AVAILABLE. 3/2/2, patio, fireplace. All appliances furnished. 5744 37th. (37th & Frankford), 863-4781 leave message.

### NEW! ROOMMATES WELCOME!

Convenient to TTU! Spacious 3BR/2BA with Oversized 2 Car Garage. Washer/Dryer Connections, Security Gate, Deck, Internet-Cable Ready. Hurry - Only 3 Left! \$850/mo. 5834 - 7th 806-783-3040

NEWLY REMODELED! 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 bedroom houses for lease. Convenient to Tech. Call 771-1890.

NICE! RENOVATED 1 & 2 Bedroom Houses. Near Campus! See [www.toadstoolproperties.com](http://www.toadstoolproperties.com). 796-0774.

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We are a liquidator for brand-new, overstock apparel from upscale department stores currently offering women's coats and suits at 70 to 90 percent off retail prices. Premium brands at value prices with on-line shopping convenience. Check us out at [www.southforkbargains.com](http://www.southforkbargains.com).

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Hub City Aviation offers personalized flight training at all levels, including beginners. Aircraft rentals also available. Visit [www.hubcityaviation.com](http://www.hubcityaviation.com) or call 806-687-1070.

### MIP?

Need an alcohol awareness class for minors? Classes on Tech campus. DB Education 637-6181.

### OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

A safe place to bring concerns and find solutions. Ombudsman for Students - Kathryn Quilliam, 742-4791; Ombudsman for Staff - Nathanael Haddock, 742-4722. 237 Student Union. M-F 8-5. Walk-in visitors welcome.

### REAL ESTATE

Looking to buy/sell your house? Call a fellow Red Raider, Jessica Myhre @ 214-563-1954.

### TRAFFIC TICKETS DEFENDED

And Traffic Warrants Lifted! 806-749-ATTY. Tech Student Discount.

### WAXING

Brazilian, \$35. Bikini, \$20. Lip & brow, \$15. Camille, 797-9777x245, @ Lindsey's 3307 83rd.

### FREEBIRDS LOVES TECH

So much so that we're opening a SECOND LUBBOCK restaurant in February across from TTU's main entrance at University and Broadway! WE NEED CREW AND KITCHEN TEAM MEMBERS. Come work close to your classes in a FUN atmosphere with above-average pay and student-specific perks. APPLY ONLINE TODAY at [www.freebirds.com](http://www.freebirds.com), or stop by our current location at 4930 S. Loop 289 (behind Hooters).

### GENERAL HELP NEEDED

\$7/ hr. Flexible hours, clean driving record. Truck a plus. Some heavy lifting required. Please call 806-748-1305

GREAT STUDENT Job. Earn up to \$10.00/hr. Phone interviews wanted. Parttime. Evening and weekend shifts. Scholarships available. Apply in person. Opinion Resources, 3602 Slide B-26.

### STUDENT WEB PROGRAMMER

Must be proficient with Microsoft FrontPage and have a working knowledge of HTML and Cascading Style Sheets. Creative and conceptual skills a must. Will work with class schedule. Security background clearance required. Contact Pat Cates at 742-2209.

### BARGAIN

Tech Terrace. 3/3. \$695. 2514 28th St. 797-6358.

### TECHTERRACE.COM

TechTerrace.com has houses for Rent, Houses for Sale. Go to [TechTerrace.com](http://TechTerrace.com).

### FOR SALE

2/2/1 - 2312 26th St. Cute remodeled home near Texas Tech for sale. [www.foresalebyowner.com/20784573](http://www.foresalebyowner.com/20784573). 806-744-1915.

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### YOUR GIFT MEANS THE WORLD

Consider donating your eggs to help other women. Your time is worth \$2000-\$3000. The Centre for Reproductive Medicine. [cfmrubook@mac.com](mailto:cfmrubook@mac.com). 788-1212.



# EXPERIENCE Rec Sports

**Student Rec Center Hours**  
 Monday-Friday 6:00 am - 12:00 am  
 Saturday 8:00 am - 10:00 pm  
 Sunday 12:00 pm - 12:00 am

**Aquatic Center Hours**  
 Monday-Friday 6:00 am - 8:45 am; Noon-9 pm  
 Saturday-Sunday 12:00 - 7 pm

Exercise your mouse at [www.recsports.ttu.edu](http://www.recsports.ttu.edu)

**Heartbeats**

A quick pulse around the Rec Sports World...

**Men's Health, Nutrition & Fitness: A Panel Discussion**

Part of *Feed Your Body & Soul Week - Feb 26th- March 2nd*. Come join us on Tuesday, Feb. 27 from 7:00-8:00 pm for a discussion on men's health, nutrition and fitness. The panel will discuss college men's fitness, nutrition and health issues. Free T-shirts! It will be held in the Rec Center, Room 206.

**YOU + LIFEGUARDING CLASSES**

Want to learn lifesaving techniques? Do you want to work outside this summer? Don't wait until it's too late to register! Become a Certified American Red Cross Lifeguard. This course includes Lifeguarding, Standard First Aid, and CPR for the professional rescuer.

Upcoming sessions:  
**Session 2: April 3-26** Tues/Thurs: 6:30-10pm  
**Session 3: April 13-18** Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon, Wed: Varies  
**Session 4: April 21-29** Sat, Sun: 8 am - 6 pm

**Big Bend Spring Break Backpacking**

Spend Spring Break with the Outdoor Pursuits Center Backpacking in Texas' premiere backcountry. We'll spend half of Spring Break backpacking in the remote and scenic Big Bend Ranch. Along a 20 mile loop trail we will spot wildlife like big horn sheep, havalina, wild burros, and blooming desert cactus. On the last day we will make a side hike into the wild Closed Canyon. \$180 & includes all gear, food, cooking, transportation, park entrance and a guaranteed good time!

**Personal Training Special**

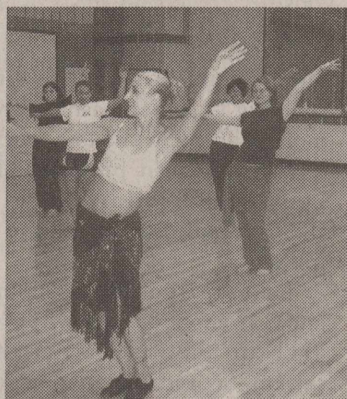
-\$5 off any package if purchased during week of: Feb 25<sup>th</sup>- March 3<sup>rd</sup> ONLY  
 -For MEMBERS ONLY!  
 -Does NOT apply to Gift Cards  
 -Cannot be used in combination with any other discount/special

**Raider X2 Class Special!**

ClimbYo - Get the best of Yoga and climbing on Tuesdays 2-4pm SRC Room 121. Bring a friend. Buy one-Get one 1/2 price.

**Questions? Comments?**

Call 742.3351 or email us at [recsports@ttu.edu](mailto:recsports@ttu.edu). We look forward to hearing from you!



**GET YOUR MOVE BACK ON...**

**REGISTER NOW FOR 2ND SESSION SPECIALTY CLASSES!**

From traditional favorites like Spin City and Salsa to the new mix of Irish Dance and ClimbYo, we're sure we've got a class for you.

2nd session registration is going on NOW and classes begin the week of Feb. 25. All class times can be seen at [www.recsports.ttu.edu](http://www.recsports.ttu.edu).  
**2nd session classes:** Ballet, Jazz, Belly Dance, Boxing Techniques, Irish Dance, Mat Pilates, Prenatal Water Fitness, Salsa (Beg. & Int.), Self Defense, Spin City, Swing Dance, Power Yoga, Yogilates, ClimbYo, AM Boost.

**Yoga, WHAT?! Yoga Fusion Fitness Extravaganza Class**

**Tuesday, Feb. 27th, 5:30 PM, Room 114**  
 (Hosted in support of *Feed Your Body & Soul Week*)  
 Want to try something new? Check out Yoga Fusion. Relax and rejuvenate yourself in this invigorating class that combines yoga, tai chi, and dance to give you a fun, challenging mind and body workout with a twist. Free T-shirt for participants!  
 Sorry for the inconvenience as the regularly scheduled Tuesday, 5:30pm Cardioboxing class will be cancelled for this event.

**INTRAMURALS**

**SOFTBALL REGISTRATION STILL GOING ON!**



It is not too late to sign up for Intramural Softball! Signups end TOMORROW at 5 pm, so don't miss your chance to sign up! Students, faculty and staff are eligible to play and can sign up in Room 203 of the Student Rec Center. If you do not have a team but would like to play don't worry because we have a Free Agent program set up for you! The Free Agent meeting is TONIGHT at 4 pm in the Student Rec Center Room 206. Hope to see you on the DIAMOND.

**The Big Kahuna is BACK!**

**It's Tournament Time!**  
 Mark your calendar because the 6th Annual Big Kahuna Softball tournament is BACK! The Big Kahuna will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24. This pre-season tournament is limited to Tech students, faculty & staff. A cost of \$30 per team will cover the cost of officials, two guaranteed games and specially designed shirts for the winners. Register in the intramural office by TOMORROW, Feb. 22.



**THE ROAD TO THE UNITED SPIRIT ARENA**

**BEGINS TUES. FEB 27<sup>TH</sup>**

Intramural Basketball playoffs begin on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Student Rec Center. Schedules will be ready Friday Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. All teams that earned enough sportsmanship points are eligible for the playoffs so either come by the Intramural Office (Room 203) or check out the brackets on the web ([www.recsports.ttu.edu](http://www.recsports.ttu.edu)). Good luck to all the teams!



**Aquatic Center**



**SIGN UP TODAY TO BECOME A LIFEGUARD INSTRUCTOR!**

Become certified to teach life guarding and CPR/PR. You must hold current ARC Lifeguard and

Instructor Candidate Training certifications. **Classes being TODAY and run Feb. 21-April 25 from 6-10 pm.**

**5,000 Meter Swim - Saturday, March 3, 9 am**  
 Put your swimming ability to the test. Can you swim the ultimate distance? Try and swim 100 lengths in an Olympic sized pool. This is for both competitive and non-competitive swimmer. This swim is FREE, and yes, we will even count your laps for you! Register at the Aquatic Center. Call us at 742.3896 for more information!



**Kayak Polo This Saturday**

Check out Kayak Polo this Saturday at 10 am at the Aquatic Center! Come take part in this fun and exciting workout. No equipment needed, just bring yourself!

**OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTER**

**Wilderness First Responder Course- March 10-18**



The OPC is offering a Wilderness First Responder course in Junction, TX. This course is perfect for those of you who hunt, hike, mountain bike or simply enjoy spending time outside. Wilderness First Responder takes in depth look at treatment of injuries that happen when traveling in remote places. You will be challenged with hands-on learning opportunities and become confident as a backcountry traveler. The course includes wound care, dislocation reduction technique, focused spine assessments, and epinephrine administration. This course will be taught by the nationally recognized Wilderness Medicine Training Center. The cost for this 9 day course is \$475. For more information contact Jordan Messerer at 742.2949 or email at [jordan.messerer@ttu.edu](mailto:jordan.messerer@ttu.edu)

**Intro to Scuba Trip - Sign up by March 2!**

Discover the fascinating underwater world - get Scuba Certified! During the classroom and pool sessions we will guide you through the knowledge and skills necessary to become a PADI certified Open Water Diver. Open water check is Mar. 24-25 in San Soloman Springs! For more info call 742.2949. Cost is \$300. Sign up in the Outdoor Pursuits Center.



Bri Ramos, student employee of the Student Rec Center and Clint Peters, student employee of the Outdoor Pursuits Center, were recipients of the First Annual Recreational Sports \$1000 Student employee scholarships. The awards were presented by Patrick Bohn (left) and Jordan Messerer (far right) assistant directors of Recreational Sports.

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