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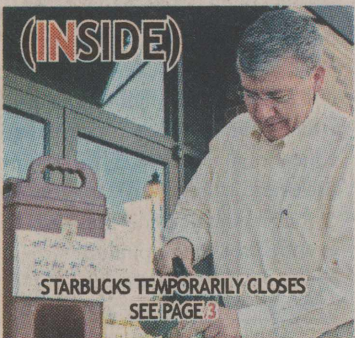
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A&M OKs \$1M payment over bioweapons

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The Texas A&M System Board of Regents has agreed to a \$1 million payment to the U.S. government as a step toward restarting a biodefense program. The approval came Tuesday. A&M's bioweapons program was suspended in 2007 after a review found poor safety practices, shoddy record-keeping and lack of proper training at campus labs. One worker became infected with Brucella in 2006 and three others were exposed to Q fever. Both diseases are rarely fatal in humans, but can cause high fever and flu-like symptoms.

NATION

Power outage leaves 3 million powerless

MIAMI (AP) — Florida's largest utility says equipment failure and a fire at a Miami substation led to power outages that affected up to 3 million people. Florida Power & Light is still trying to determine what caused the failure and fire. The company says such equipment failure should not have caused the widespread blackouts.

WORLD

Drug-resistant TB spreading fast

LONDON (AP) — Drug-resistant tuberculosis is spreading even faster than medical experts had feared, the World Health Organization warned in report issued Tuesday. The rate of TB patients infected with the drug-resistant strain topped 20 percent in some countries, the highest ever recorded, the U.N. agency said. "Ten years ago, it would have been unthinkable to see rates like this," said Dr. Mario Raviglione, director of WHO's "Stop TB" department. "This demonstrates what happens when you keep making mistakes in TB treatment."

DEATH TOLL

3972
U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began
SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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UMC reaches capacity, redirects patients

By MATT MCGOWAN AND ADAM YOUNG
THE DAILY TOREADOR

University Medical Center stopped accepting non-critical patients Tuesday as a result of having too many patients and a lack of capacity. Greg Bruce, vice president of corporate services at UMC, said exceptionally large numbers of patients forced the medical center to temporarily redirect some of its incoming traffic to its emergency room, or, when appropriate, to other facilities. The medical center will continue accepting patients in unstable condition, however, despite the lack of space. "We have a number of patients that are waiting in

our emergency room for beds in the hospital," Bruce said, "and what we're doing is taking pause for the safety of all of our patients, reallocating our staffing resources, working with our medical staff, seeing if we can discharge patients from the hospital to free up additional beds to take care of this influx of patients." Patients scheduled to arrive at the hospital from other facilities or directly from physicians were not admitted, according to a press release from UMC. "EMS is still responding to calls, they're still transporting patients to our emergency room — patients that are unstable should be in the emergency room, and we're able to take care of those," Bruce said. "We're



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador
THE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL Center emergency room is located at Sixth Street and Indiana Avenue on the west side of the complex.

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HOLD YOUR FIRE

Experts explain fire prevention techniques for students

By MATT MCGOWAN
STAFF WRITER

In the aftermath of Monday's devastating wildfires in West Texas and surrounding regions, Texas Tech students can take many preventative measures to reduce the risk of fires during this winter's flame-friendly weather conditions. Early estimates show nearly 375,000 acres went up in a blaze Monday afternoon as high winds, high temperatures and low humidity incurred wildfires across parts of Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma, said Todd Lindley, meteorologist at Lubbock's regional National Weather Service Forecast Office. While the causes of Monday's fires vary, he said, many came as a result of high winds that caused power lines to fall and spark nearby grass. Also, some power lines came into contact with trees, which then ignited and sparked the grass below. "Actually, (on Monday), one of the more destructive fires yesterday, down near I-20 near Abilene at Clyde, actually was caused by a light bulb that blew out at a Little League baseball field," Lindley said. "When you have those kinds of winds and the weather is that dry and that windy out there, the sources for a fire like that could come from almost anything imaginable that would produce a spark." Considering what little rainfall the Lubbock region saw this year, the likelihood and severity of fires significantly has increased, said Garrett Nelson, information management officer in Lubbock's fire marshal's office. "This is an ongoing problem in windy country," he said. "When we go for a stretch without rain like this, we have a bunch of fuels that are ready to go and high winds to push them as soon as they get started. It's a recipe for quick-moving fires." In recent years, multiple sources caused wildfires in the South Plains region, Lindley said, such as improperly extinguished cigarettes thrown from passing cars, sparks from power lines and sparks from welding crews. Almost all of the regional fires in the past few years have been accidental, he said. Although wildfires do not tend to occur often in urban areas, Lindley said, people still should remain vigilant and cautious during conditions as volatile as these.

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador
STUDENTS ARE PROHIBITED from lighting fires in outdoor grills on campus as part of a burn ban to prevent fires.

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Iraq: Northern regions flare up as Shiites gather in south

By JOHN AFFLECK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — Insurgents targeted passenger buses north of Baghdad on Tuesday, as a suicide bomber killed at least eight people west of Mosul and gunmen seized 21 men traveling through Diyala province. The latest bloodshed highlighted the slow-going, punch-counterpunch U.S.-led campaign against al-Qaida in Iraq, more than a month after Iraq's prime minister said he expected the fight for Mosul would be a "decisive battle." The Americans view the northern campaign as a chance to subdue al-Qaida in Iraq in areas surrounding Mosul, a major transportation hub which the military has described as the terror group's last urban stronghold. Tuesday's bombing, 40 miles west of Mosul, struck a bus heading from that city to the Syrian capital of Damascus. Al-Qaida is believed to use the cover of sprawling sheep and produce markets in Mosul to smuggle foreign fighters, weapons and cash from Syria. Mosul, the country's third-largest city, lies some 80 miles east of the Syrian border and 225 miles northwest of Baghdad. Farther north, Turkish officials said Tuesday their troops pressed an incursion deeper into Iraq, as they chased separatist Kurdish rebels as much as 12 miles across that border. Fed-up Iraqi leaders demanded that Turkey end the military operation, and the regional parliament in Iraq's semi-autonomous Kurdish area unanimously approved a measure authorizing its military forces to fight back if attacked by Turks. The south, however, was relatively calm. There, millions of black-clad pilgrims clogged the streets of Karbala for the peak of an annual religious commemoration for a revered Shiite figure. A nationwide pilgrimage to the city was marred by attacks earlier in the week that killed at least 63 people. Violence has rattled much of the northern region in recent days.

Senate Republicans have change of heart, welcome Iraq debate

By ANNE FLAHERTY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an about-face, Senate Republicans on Tuesday agreed with Democrats to advance an anti-war bill because they said the debate would give them time to hail progress in Iraq. The change of heart came after months of blocking similar measures. But unlike most of last year, security conditions in Iraq have improved, and Republicans say they now feel they have the upper hand on the debate. "We welcome a discussion about Iraq," Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell declared. The measure, by Democratic Sens. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin and Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, would cut off money for combat after 120 days. It had been expected to fall short of the 60 votes needed to overcome a procedural hurdle and move ahead. But after Republicans agreed in a private meeting that the debate could help make their case, the Senate voted 70-24 to begin debating it in earnest. Aides said a final vote could come later this week, but may be pushed into next week.

The White House said the president would veto such a measure. "This legislation would substitute the political judgment of legislators for the considered professional military judgment of our military commanders," the administration said in a statement. Democrats said they welcomed the debate, although they accused Republicans of stalling on plans to debate other issues, namely the nation's housing crisis. Reid said "a civil war rages" in Iraq and shouldn't be the responsibility of U.S. taxpayers. "Americans need to start taking care of Americans," he said. "We cannot spend a half billion dollars every day in Iraq." In recent months, violence in Iraq has subsided significantly and the Baghdad government has made small steps toward political reconciliation, including plans to hold provincial elections on Oct. 1. While Democratic voters remain largely against the war, polls have shown, the security improvement has helped to cool anxiety among Republicans and turned voters' focus to economic problems at home. Still, Republicans say they have more convincing to do if they are to control the White House next year.

More than 7,000 Starbucks coffee stores close for training

By **JORDAN EICHER**
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Caffeine intake ceased for an earth-shattering three hours as more than 7,000 Starbucks locations all over the nation closed down Tuesday night for remedial espresso training for employed baristas.

According to a Starbucks corporate representative who refused to give her name, the aim of this project is to teach Starbucks employees the way of the espresso.

"We are shutting our doors to provide training," she said. "We apologize for the inconvenience to customers, but we know it will benefit the avid customers in the long run."

And even without their caffeine fix for the night, devoted latte drinkers agree.

"It would have been nice to get my cup before work, but I guess it's good they are teaching them (how) to properly make the coffee," said MaryKate Gallup, junior psychology major of Harker Heights.

Others were a little more desperate.

"I have the same routine every day," said Jason Miles, law school student of Midland, when denied his Venti Caramel Macchiato. "I mean, I'm glad the baristas are learning to do their work right,

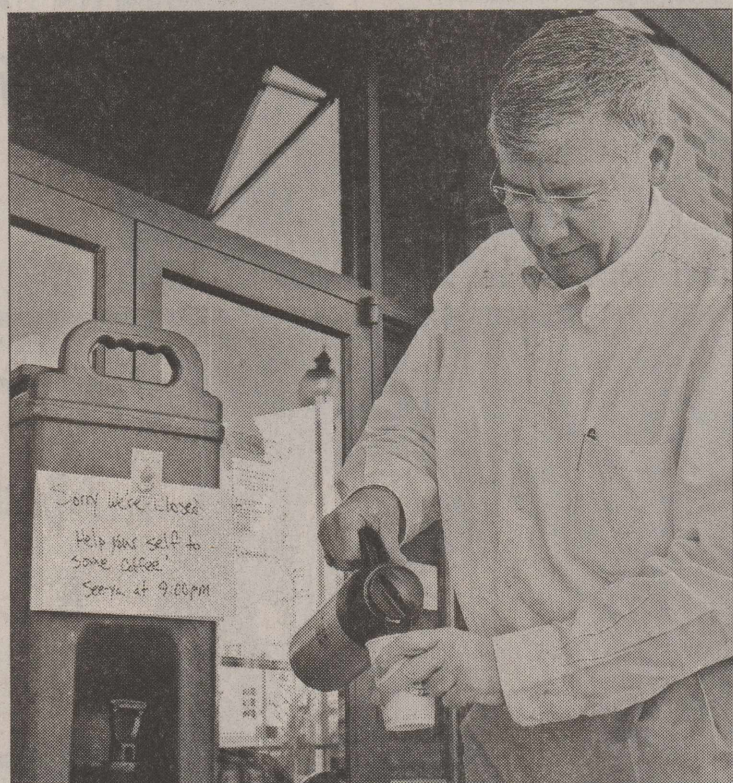


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DAVID DEBUSK ADDS half and half to his complimentary coffee outside the Starbucks located at Glenna Goodacre and University. All 7,100 Starbucks locations across the nation were closed today for training.

because I'm sick of getting burnt espresso, but man, three hours, I don't know if I will survive."

So as the doors remained closed for the evening, with customers anxiously awaiting the reopening at 9 p.m., those employed with Starbucks hope the three-hour loss of sales will benefit not only the corporation in the end, but

Starbucks fans as well.

The Starbucks representative said she felt this was the key to making that possible.

"We want Starbucks to be the best place for high-quality espresso, steamed and foamed milk, and just a place for those wanting a good cup of coffee," she said.

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Panel discusses men's health, fitness

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A panel of diverse men gathered to share information and personal opinions about men's health and nutrition issues at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday in room 201 of the Rec Center.

The discussion was hosted by Student Counseling Center counseling psychologist Tom Golightly, who began the event with statistics of men's body-image concerns.

It seems women are not alone in having body-image insecurities. According to the Texas Tech Student Counseling Center, 80 percent of college-aged men are dissatisfied with their appearance, and one in 10 anorectics is now male.

On a national level, about 45 percent of Western men are unhappy with their bodies to some degree, compared with only 15 percent some 25 years ago. Gay men and athletes particularly are vulnerable to poor body image or feelings of insecurity about their bodies.

With the increased use of performance-enhancing drugs in professional sports, and constant images of perfectly sculpted bodies on television, movies and clothing ads, it is no wonder why young men have dealt with body image concerns.

Many men use steroids to "get ahead" for fast results without considering the long-term damaging effects.

David Schaefer, a senior biochemistry major from Cisco, said steroids are not the only dangerous thing on the market today.

"I could make a case for any

dietary supplement and its dangers," Schaefer said. "There are adverse effects on anything you take daily. Carbs, protein and creatine are generally okay when consumed in moderation."

One destructive fallacy of men is that they do not talk about their feelings when there is much-needed dialogue.

"For boys, competition starts as early as 3 years old, which teaches us that there is only one accepted emotion — to be tough," Golightly said.

To achieve a healthy body, inside and out, men need to start small. It is vital to set goals to attain the desired outcome. Clint Browning, a senior exercise sports sciences major from Sweetwater, uses the acronym S.M.A.R.T. — which stands for specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely — to set and execute his goals.

"You have to set goals for what your genetics allow you to do and learn to

stabilize your workouts," Browning said.

There are three stages to fitness: workout, recovery and nutrition. Nutrition and recovery most often are neglected in the process to be fit. Tony Paradis, a senior nutrition major from Flower Mound, advocated "making lifestyle changes, not crash dieting." When seeking nutritional advice, men should contact a professional or research a notable government Web site, such as www.mypyramid.gov.

"Eating carbohydrates, which are protein-sparing nutrients, up to 15 minutes after a workout is good for replenishing muscle building," Paradis said.

The panel members said among the most common nutritional mistakes made by college-aged men are skipping breakfast, drinking in excess and not eating enough vegetables and fruits.

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MEMBERS OF the men's health panel, David Schaefer, Tom Golightly, Clint Browning and Tony Paradis, discuss issues with self image and health in today's culture, Tuesday evening in the REC room 201.

Carrie Underwood delivers memorable performance

By **LIBBY SEGAL**
THE GOOD FIVE CENT CIGAR (U. RHODE ISLAND)

(U-WIRE) KINGSTON, R.I. — Carrie Underwood: thousands of fans; 23 songs; four outfits; one stage; one American Idol.

On Sunday the Dunkin Donuts Center was nearly sold out for the 2008 Female Country Vocal Grammy Award winner. Underwood proved why she was has won numerous awards including several Grammys, several CMT awards, and several AMA awards. At the Dunkin Donuts Center, Underwood came off as both versatile and personable.

The show, set for 7:30 p.m. had a delayed start because opening act Josh Turner came down with the flu several hours before the performance. At 8:15, the lights dimmed, the crowd cheered and a 5-minute countdown began on the backdrop screen of the stage. As the clock got closer to zero the crowd got louder and louder. When it hit zero, everyone was standing awaiting the entrance of the 2004 "American Idol" winner.

Underwood's backup band began to play, but where was Underwood? Not on the stage, but below it, rising through an entrance below the stage. Dressed in a black tank with a white southern vest on top, black pants and cowgirl boots,

Underwood began singing "Flat on the Floor" from her newest CD, Carnival Ride.

Without stopping, Underwood burst into the song "Wasted" from her debut CD, Some Hearts.

Underwood showed her versatility on her third song, "Get Out of This Town," as she picked up a guitar and played while she sang. She also acknowledged the crowd saying, "Get up dance, sing, whatever."

The band continued playing and Underwood hiked backstage, only to reappear in what looked like a prom gown. She remained in the prom gown for the songs, "Jesus Take the Wheel," and "I Know You Won't," before stripping down to a party dress for "Ain't in Checotah Anymore."

She began singing "Crazy Dreams," and ended it by saying, "I am the epitome of crazy dreams. And it's thanks to all of you!"

Underwood would remain in her jeans and tank for the rest of the night as she moved onto "one of [her] favorite songs," "I Told You So."

Before beginning her next set of songs, or montage, she said, "My goal was to sell enough that I could make another CD." She continued by saying that the songs on her first CD could not be forgotten, so what followed was

a montage of four songs from the CD, Some Hearts.

She began with "Lessons Learned," moved onto "That's Where It Is" and "While We're Young and Beautiful," and closed the montage with a powerful vocal version of the single "Some Hearts."

After closing the montage, all the action stopped for just one moment, before she began one of her more hip and upbeat songs, "Last Name." The storyline of this song sounded parallel to Britney Spears' act of going to Las Vegas and getting married on a whim. The lights were flashing and Underwood was dancing around the stage. She was having fun, the crowd was having fun.

Again, Underwood broke up the fast pace, with one of her first singles "Don't Forget to Remember Me." "We're going to be on the road a long time, and sometimes I miss home," Underwood sang.

During the following song, "It's Twisted," Underwood showed off her old-time softball skills as she caught two stuffed animals that were thrown to her.

Underwood then took a poll of the crowd asking, "For how many of you is this your first concert?" Several groups of people yelled — mostly young girls

— and Underwood explained that an Alan Jackson and Faith Hill concert was her first.

She compared herself to her fans and said that she was the fan at one time. She was just like all the girls in the audience and she pronounced that all the girls at the show were all-American girls, before breaking into her newest single, "All-American Girl."

As the song came to a close, Underwood cut into the song "So Small," before disappearing beneath the stage through the same entrance she came up through. The lights went black.

Approximately a minute later, Underwood rose again, with a silver shirt covering her yellow tank, and sang two songs, including a cover of Guns and Roses' "Paradise City." The song was a reminder of her first rock cover on "American Idol," "Love is a Battlefield," in 2004.

Underwood rounded the show out with her Grammy Award-winning vocal, "Before He Cheats." Confetti shot from the sides of the stage and rained down on the audience, while Underwood's music rained throughout the stadium.

With a performance like this, it is hard to believe anyone could forget to remember her.

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OPINIONS

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Speak up, fight intolerance

In a setting meant to promote enlightenment and the breakdown of ignorance, the prevalence of hateful speech and intolerant jokes is disheartening.

As Texas Tech Red Raiders, we are fortunate to participate in pridelul traditions and even more privileged to immerse ourselves in the knowledge brought forth by varying perspectives and insightful teachers.

Although we are offered further understanding through our higher education, it is easy for some to fall back toward the comfort of ignorance and spew seemingly innocuous remarks at the expense of others.

Once upon a casual dinner, accompanied by both friend and acquaintance, I engaged in the type of conversation where nothing incredibly deep is spoken — due to the mixed company — and where occasional laughter is customary for the sake of politeness.

The informal exchange of conversation soon took a turn for uncomfortable silence and quick instances of eye contact exchanged by those who understood the uncouth nature of a story just told.

The story went into a lot of detail to explain the "gayness" of a person not in attendance at the dinner and the storyteller employed vulgar quips to ensure that we had a clear understanding of the subject's "effeminate" characteristics.

I was offended by the ignorant remarks, but I uncharacteristically bit my tongue to maintain the neutral atmosphere and proceed with the bland conversation.

I must admit I tend to live in a bubble where I think everyone is as open-minded and tolerant as I am, and after reflecting on the inappropriate remarks of the night, I realized I have heard people use derogatory terms all around campus.

Hateful words and statements not just targeting homosexuals, but also racial slurs and stereotypes are thrown

Juliet Azarani



around in casual conversation and made acceptable by those — myself included — who have stood by with awkward smiles unprovoked to correct the unacceptable behavior.

It is often easier to let remarks like this slide because speaking out may cause an uncomfortable situation. So instead we say nothing and let the discrimination pass through one ear and out the other.

To justify our inaction we reason that the discriminator is just an ignoramus and not worth engaging in a heated

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debate about human equality. Like I have been prone to in the past, you may even subscribe to a policy of zero tolerance towards discriminators and disassociate yourself from their toxic ways.

But someone incredibly wise once said something to the effect of "If you're not a part of the solution, you're part of the problem."

I can guarantee half the people that go around spouting intolerance do not realize what they are doing is incredibly

offensive and wrong. Discriminatory words are so prevalent in our vocabulary they have become commonplace among some, which is an unsettling realization.

I used to think I was doing the right thing when I decided to not associate with bigots or homophobic individuals, but now I realize the harmful implications of not embracing an uncomfortable moment and using it to promote tolerance.

For all I know, I may be the only person to ever rationally confront narrow-minded individuals about the error of their ways and possibly bring about a more tolerant understanding in those people.

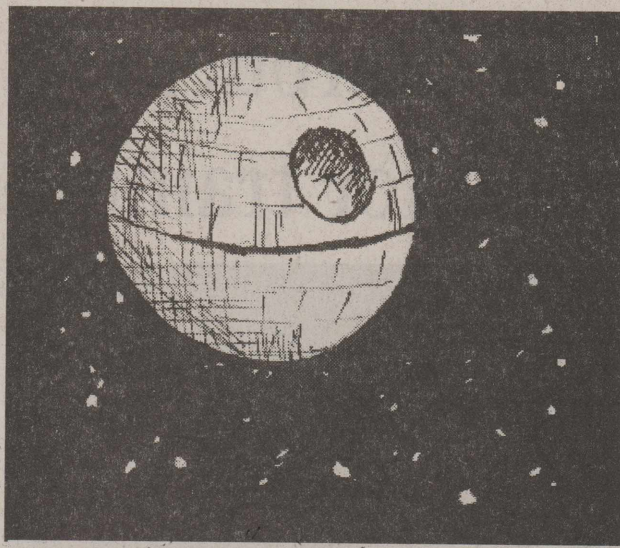
Of course, some may not be so inclined to hear that they promote ignorant ideas about different people in the world, but I think it is important that steps are taken and words are spoken that reach for understanding.

While it seems easier to leave prejudiced statements uncorrected, confronting friends, acquaintances or classmates about their remarks may lead to constructive discussion about the impact of hateful words, or at least address a negative situation that would otherwise go unchallenged.

Don't employ negative verbal attacks to get your point across; disgracing a person into submission is not conducive to tolerance. But do say something when you hear intolerant words or jokes being thrown around like acceptable behavior.

The most simple and insightful words that speak to the problem of cyclical prejudice still faced by our school, state and country were spoken by the Persian poet Jalal ad-Din Rumi: "Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing, there is a field. I will meet you there."

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SOMEWHERE, A LONG TIME AGO IN A GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY...



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As Black History Month comes to an end, I wanted to take this opportunity to draw the black community's attention to a word used by the Akan people of Ghana, in West Africa: "Sankofa."

The concept of Sankofa often is symbolized by a bird flying forward while looking backwards. This symbolism reminded the Akan about the importance of learning from their past so that they could move forward and build for the future.

When black people look back, what do we see? Not enough. Many of us were exposed to a school curriculum that chronicled world history from a Eurocentric perspective, which highlighted Europeans' own accomplishments and minimized the accomplishments of others.

Therefore, many of us are unaware of our African ancestors' historical accomplishments and contributions to civilization. There is a common saying: "Our limitations rest in our ignorance." Practicing Sankofa will help us learn we are the descendants of the founders of the world's first civilization.

We need to know about multi-talented Imhotep, considered by many African historians to be the architect behind the construction of the first step pyramid and the father of medicine. We need to know that the oldest medical records were found in the Nile Valley.

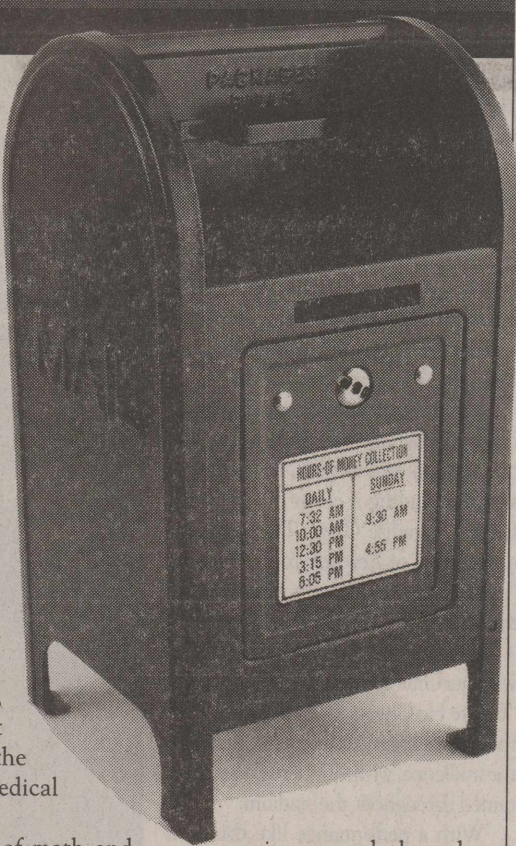
Practicing Sankofa will reveal the African origins of math and science and that the Greeks obtained their education from the Egyptians. When we practice Sankofa, we are able to get a glimpse of our legacy of competence and the contributions our African ancestors have made to civilization.

Developing a legacy of competence may nullify the harmful messages black people receive regarding their often-cited "inferior" academic and intellectual abilities. At best, awareness of these historical accomplishments might encourage students to recalibrate their feelings of efficacy to succeed in fields — such as science, technology, engineering and math — in which black people are underrepresented.

The recalibration may encourage students to replace their "I can't" statements with "I can." Developing this historical consciousness also should encourage black children and adults to continue the legacy of their ancestors.

As Black History Month comes to an end, I encourage the black community to make practicing Sankofa a year-round activity, not one restricted to the month of February. Sankofa!

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Keep English as unofficial language

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(U-WIRE) TUCSON, Ariz. — It may surprise you to learn that the United States has no "official language" — a fact which means that offering services, like education, in languages other than English is a possibility for public institutions like the University of Arizona.

Every few years, propositions that English should be the official language of the United States re-enter the public sphere of discussion. On last year's ballot, this idea manifested itself as Proposition 103, whose aim was to declare English the official language of Arizona and cut funding for dual-language materials and services.

You can accept one of two explanations for this phenomenon. The first is that the English-only movement is based on an egalitarian desire for minorities to have equal footing with everyone else. The second is that the movement is founded on a form of racism, a paradoxical and arbitrary standard for cultural assimilation which states that we, as Americans, should accept people of

all backgrounds — as long as they don't do anything to remind us white folk that they're different!

The justification layered on top of this comes in the form of an assertion that people have some kind of moral obligation to learn the language of the country they live in. Of course, you'll never hear people complaining that the first English immigrants to the United States should have learned any American Indian languages, except insofar as it benefited them to be able to communicate with others.

But this is nothing more than an admission that the debate over English as an official language should focus on pragmatic concerns. Arguments from moral obligations to learn English are nothing but transparent covers for equally transparent racist ideas.

If you don't believe me, check out some of the arguments these people make. A good starting point is to search "press 1 for English" on Google. Believe it or not, a number of people apparently believe you should simply refuse to press anything as an impotent act of individual protest against the evil capitalist system which dares to accommodate Spanish speakers.

They believe we should seal the border or pass laws until "para Español, marque dos" is no longer an option — in fact, this is almost exactly what Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., suggested during his pitiful presidential campaign. The fervor attached to this idea is almost religious in nature.

Adherents of this doctrine believe that non-English speakers are somehow attacking "American culture." But American culture is no culture at all. The United States is unique among nations precisely because it is founded not on a common ethnic, cultural or linguistic heritage, but on a commitment to a set of core ideals on which everyone can agree.

There's good reason to think this is precisely why the Founding Fathers didn't declare English as the official language of this country — as smart men, they probably accepted that the culture of our country, and even the language, might change with time.

Apparently, a large number of people think that American ideals somehow lose their meaning if they're expressed in any language other than English. But the rest of us know better.

CLARIFICATION

Contrary to what was depicted in yesterday's editorial cartoon drawn by Eric Braden, Chelsea Clinton never has been implicated in or linked to drug use of any kind. *The Daily Toreador* apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.

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Burning up the dance floor

UMI presents dance lessons to feed romanticism

By **JORDAN EICHER**
STAFF WRITER

Couples take to the floor to learn Latin dances the salsa, the merengue and the bachata presented in three two-hour lessons by student group Unidos por un Mismo Idioma.

Monday night was an intense crash course of the salsa, beginning with the technical basics and finalizing with the sex appeal of more advanced steps. The salsa was followed by Tuesday's lesson of the faster, more rhythmic merengue.

Many of the participants said they had very little experience before the lesson, but that what they did have pushed them to want to learn more.

"I like to dance salsa, and I've been taking lessons, so as a new dancer I want to expand my techniques, so that when I go to a real event with a date, I will feel comfortable enough to show off my moves," Obed Hernandez, a freshman chemical engineering major from El Paso, said. "It is also really embarrassing to me that I am Hispanic and I can't dance to Latin music, so I made it my New Year's resolution to learn."

Class instructor Gilbert Lopez, a senior architecture major from El Paso, said he thought the dances were especially valuable to male students.

"I really want to get more males involved in dancing," he said. "There are a lot of women out there who want to dance but can't because there aren't enough guys, so I think this

reasons he continues the art is to relieve stress.

"Now I'm trying to give that back by teaching it," he said. "I feel that it is working because they are all talking and laughing."

Yesenia Blanco, a sophomore English major from Canadian, agreed and said she definitely walked away from the lessons with just a little more Latin rhythm in her step.

"I definitely improved," she said. "It was so much fun, and it was a workout for sure, especially if you are in heels."

Tonight will be the final Latin dance lesson of the bachata. Participants need not have come to the previous two lessons to participate in this fresh tutorial. The lesson will occur in the first floor Rotunda room of the Business Administration building and is free to students, but the UMI will take donations to cover costs.

Lopez said knowledge of the Bachata particularly is desired currently.

"People want to learn the Bachata for its sensuality," he said. "(It is) definitely a good dance for the romantic."

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— **OBED HERNANDEZ**
FRESHMAN CHEMICAL
ENGINEERING MAJOR

could be that turn-on effect for a lot of guys, and they should really take advantage of that."

Lopez has been dancing for five years and said one of the major



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ORLANDO ESPINO, A junior international business major from Burnet, and Erika Lux, a senior psychology major from Cedar Hill, practice Salsa dance steps in the Business Administration Rotunda where dance lessons were provided by Unidos por un Mismo Idioma Monday.

Full time student, full time mom

By **TAYLOR WHITE**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Pushing her 2-year-old son Jayden through Wal-Mart, Natalie Lenard decides to reward him with three toy cars.

He excitedly holds the cars in his hands, continuously asking mommy to "open please," but mommy says no, because they must pay for the cars before they are opened.

Jayden becomes impatient with his mother and throws the toys across the aisle. He is told if he doesn't behave he won't get any toys, but this is not good enough for Jayden, and he begins to scream.

"Everyone kept looking at me," she said, "but he needs to know throwing a temper tantrum won't get him anywhere."

For Lenard, this is just another challenge of being a parent, and even though trying to juggle parenting, school and work can be tough, Lenard says it is a rewarding experience.

Lenard, a graduate student from Eagle Lake getting her master's degree in counseling and education, said one of the biggest challenges about being a student and parent is learning how to balance her time and stay organized.

She said she has to make sure she gets her school work done, work enough to pay the bills and spend time with her son.

"I have to make sure I spend enough time with him," she said. "It's trying to balance everything — make sure everything gets an equal opportunity."

Lenard said she is different from a student without a child because, before she had her son, she could go out when she wanted, but now she has to think about another person as well.

"I can't do anything at the drop of a hat if I need to," she said, as she explained her extra-curricular activities before she was a mom.

She said she is different from most students when it come to class.

Lenard said when Jayden was sick as a baby, she could put him in his stroller and take him to class with

her, but now it is more difficult.

"Now it's like, if I need to do anything, if I have a project to do or need to do a research paper, I have to find a babysitter," Lenard said, "even if I need to go to the library."

Although there are struggles, Lenard said there also are rewards. When describing the benefits of having a child, she said everything was great.

"It's knowing that you've produced this person that is thriving and succeeding," Lenard said. "You know you have done something right."

Charissa Barber, a junior nursing major from Dallas, said her life revolves around her family, which is different from students without spouses or children.

"My husband and I don't have the luxury of last-minute decisions to go see a movie or grab dinner," she said. "It can be challenging at times, but I wouldn't trade my life for all of the money in the world."

Barber said she's learned how important it is to make time for her daughter and her marriage.

"This sounds simple, but it is harder than you think," she said with enthusiasm.

When describing a typical day, Barber made sure to mention all the activities she and her husband do together with their daughter.

"We cook dinner and eat as a family," she said. "After Kennedy goes to bed, Matt, my husband and I clean up and spend time together."

She said her advice to other students with children is to keep their priorities straight because it is vital to balance children, marriage and studies.

Barber said students without children should enjoy their time because having children is a big responsibility.

"Your whole life changes when you become a parent," she said.

Tiffany Houston, a junior Education major from Cotton Center, said she went back to school after being a stay-at-home mom because having a degree is important to her.

"One day when I need it," she said, "I have something to fall back on."

Houston said she wants to be a good example for her daughter when she someday is encouraging her to go to college.

"I have to be more structured and have a schedule," said Houston, describing her biggest change after going back to school.

She said she had been used to doing what she wants, when she wants, but now Houston has to manage her time to fit school, studying and taking care of her family.

Houston said one frustrating aspect of going back to school is when classes require more outside work than expected. She said she took an astronomy class one semester and was required to go to several nighttime labs she did not anticipate.

She said another frustrating factor is how Texas Tech does not provide any form of child care for students.

Stacy Johnson, director of the Tech Child Development Research Center, said the program offers the same opportunities regardless if you are a student, faculty member or part of the community.

"Really, nowhere in our mission is to provide campus child care," she said. "Our primary goal of the CDRC is lab and research."

While providing child care is not part of the CDRC's responsibility, Johnson said there are organizations that can help.

She said Child Care Services offers financial help to students and employees.

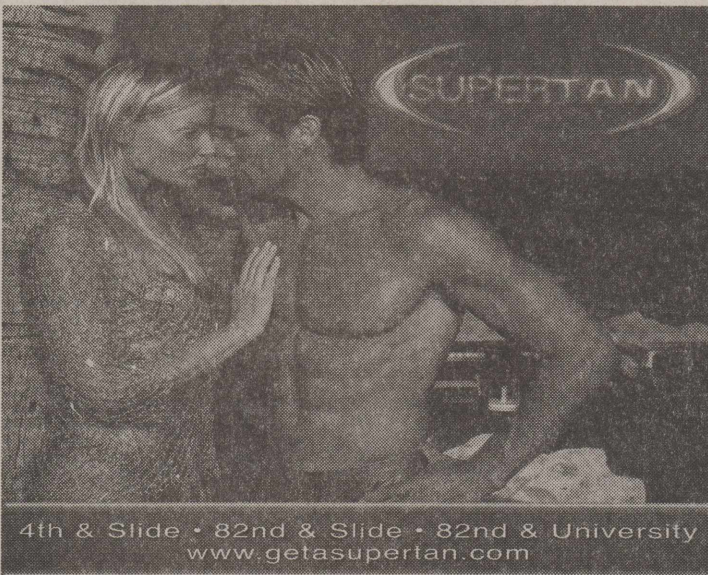
According to the CCS Web site, the program offers child care services for children younger than 13 whose parents meet income guidelines and work, attend school or participate in job training.

Lenard said Tech helps out students who are parents in different ways.

She said when she fills out her scholarship forms and states that she has a child, people want to help her.

"Tech is really willing to work with you if you have a child," she said, "and are continuing your education."

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Tech heads on the road aiming to sweep A&M

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's push to the top of the Big 12 Conference begins with a team that may need a win more than the Red Raiders.

The Red Raiders (15-11, 6-6 in Big 12) will face a Texas A&M team trying to break a three-game losing streak at 7 p.m. today in College Station.

The Red Raiders will attempt to sweep the Aggies for the second-straight year, but the recent success against A&M (20-7, 6-6) does not make it any easier for Tech.

"We beat them twice last year," said John Roberson, Tech freshman guard, who was not on the team during the 2006-07 season. "(Tech) went in their house and beat them. It was a tough game, so we know it's going to be another tough game. We just gotta bring our 'A' game."

In the 2006-07 season, Tech swept the Aggies in two close and competitive games when A&M was ranked in the Top 10 both

times. Tech defeated the Aggies 70-68 when A&M was ranked No. 6 and followed that win with a buzzer-beater win by Jarius Jackson in College Station 77-75, also when A&M was No. 6.

This season, Tech already has a win over A&M when the Aggies were ranked No. 9 in the nation.

Since then, the makeup of both teams has changed.

Tech will head into College Station with new coach Pat Knight at the helm, who has three wins on his resume. A&M has lost to Oklahoma State, Texas and Nebraska in its last three contests, resulting in the Aggies dropping out of the AP Top

25 rankings for the first time this season. The Oklahoma State and Nebraska losses occurred at home for the Aggies, while the Texas loss took place in Austin. In these three games, A&M averaged 54.3 points per game. The Aggies scored 54 points in the OSU loss, 50 against Texas and 59 against Nebraska. A&M has won one game this season

where it scored less than 60 points.

A&M coach Mark Turgeon said the Aggies' recent problems have more to do with attitude than anything else.

"You gotta get back to playing the game for the passion you have for it and the love you have for it," he said. "Usually that will loosen you up. Things haven't gone well. (We) haven't shot the ball well. We put a lot of pressure on our defense, and our defense quite frankly hasn't been good enough either. (It) puts a lot of pressure on each possession. Hopefully we just keep plugging and just try to figure it out and hopefully we'll play a little bit more relaxed and play better on both ends (today)."

Tech is entering today's game on a two-game winning streak in conference: a feat the Red Raiders had trouble completing earlier in the season.

Turgeon said he realizes Tech is a team with more confidence these days, and he said he believes if the Red Raiders had beat Oklahoma on Feb. 16, their confidence would be higher.

"(Tech) lost a game at the buzzer that Oklahoma had a heck

of a shot — or they'd really be coming in on a winning-streak," he said. "They're playing well — a little bit more loose offensively — but a very confident team right now and they should be. They won their last road game also, at Colorado, so I'm sure they feel better about going on the road."

Key players for Tech during the last few games include guards Alan Voskuil and Martin Zeno.

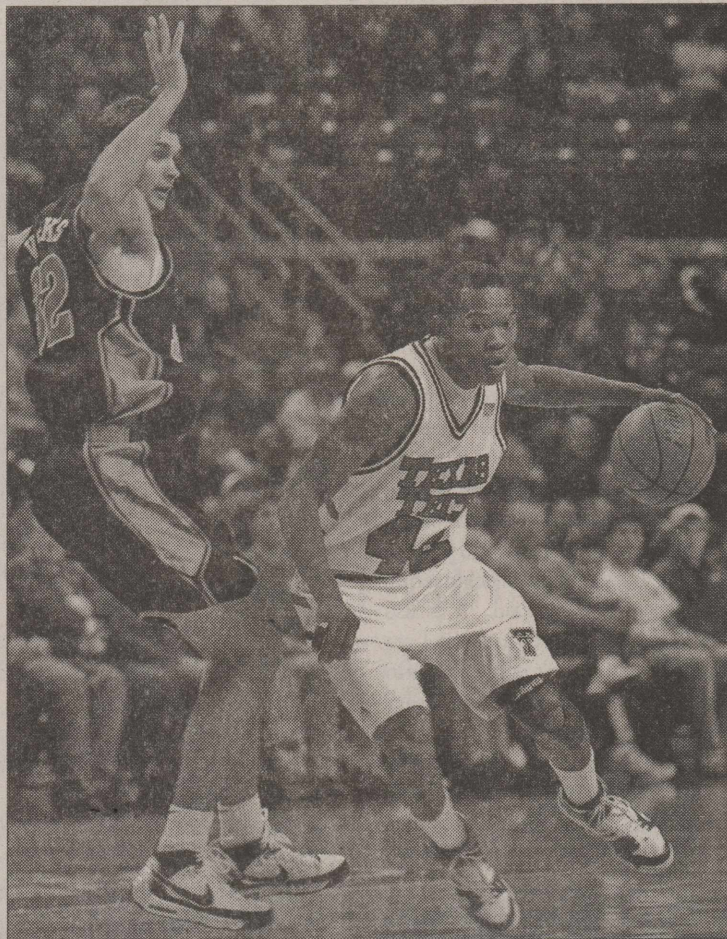
Voskuil has scored 20 or more points in three of the last four games, including a career-high 30 points against Kansas State. Zeno has scored in double digits in his last five games.

With his team playing well heading into the final month of the regular season, Knight said there is no better time than now for his team to make a run.

"If you pull out a couple big wins now, that really looks good on your so-called resume for any of the postseason," he said. "The NCAA (and) the NIT is looking at everything, especially what you do the last month. If we put together some good games here, it will really help us."

Tech's game against A&M is scheduled to air on ESPN Plus.

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TEXAS TECH HEADS into College Station today hoping to earn a fourth-straight win against Texas A&M. The Aggies are losers of their last three games.

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— PAT KNIGHT
TEXAS TECH
BASKETBALL COACH

Tech baseball heads to Albuquerque

By BEN MAKI
SPORTS EDITOR

After spending the weekend at a tournament in San Antonio, the Texas Tech baseball team is back on the road to face New Mexico at 4 p.m. today at Isotopes Park in Albuquerque, N.M.

Tech (2-2) is in the middle of an eight-game road trip to start the season.

Tech coach Larry Hays said he is not satisfied completely with the team's record through the weekend, despite having to scramble to schedule those games.

"We're not happy with 2-2," Hays said. "We're happy to get the games in. We kind of felt like we let one get away that we had a chance to win. We just didn't play defense all the time."

Tech entered the UTSA Baseball

Classic on short notice after the team the Red Raiders were scheduled to face, Northern Illinois, cancelled the series in light of the shootings that killed five people and the gunman Feb. 14 on its campus in Dekalb, Ill.

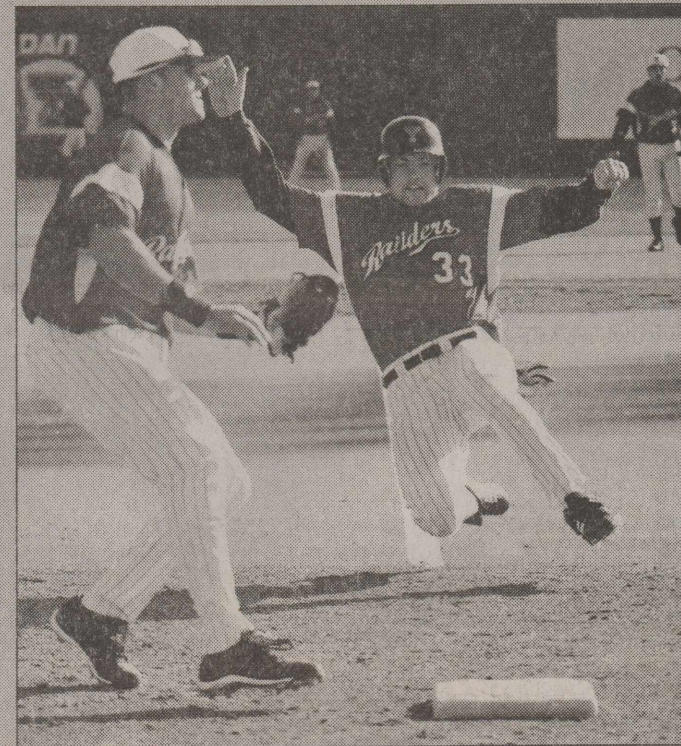
Tech associate head coach Dan Spencer said pitcher Russ Fornea will get the start against the 4-0 Lobos. Fornea pitched 1.3 innings against Army Saturday, giving up no hits, no runs, and he struck out one.

"The team's going to be back there to back me up, and I'm just going to go out there and do the best I can to bring home a W," Fornea said. "To get out there against Army, and get the first part of adrenaline (when) you're just so excited to get out there it just bothers you and you can't settle down out of the way, I'll be able to settle down and to go to work the way I know I can."

Tech has scored an average of 9.5 runs per game this season, including scoring seven runs in the first inning of the game against Army and 10 runs in the first inning against UTSA.

"When you score runs early, a (pitcher) can relax and get in the zone and throw strikes early," Spencer said. "The key is to, as a pitching staff and as a team, not to lose your edge when you get a big lead. Finish the game strong, close people out and do those things right."

New Mexico handed Eastern Michi-



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TEXAS TECH OUTFIELDER Roger Kieschnick and the Red Raiders will head to Albuquerque, N.M. today to face the Lobos.

gan four losses last weekend, scoring an average of 11 runs per game and allowing an average of 5.25 runs per contest. Hays said though Tech is 9-1 against New Mexico since the beginning of the 2005 season, the games are intense, and he just wants the team to pick up some wins through this stretch of road games.

"Once we get past this schedule that's overwhelming us right now, moving it back a day and all this travel that we're having to do here," he said, "I'd just like to get through next Sunday in good shape and not drop too many games because of it."

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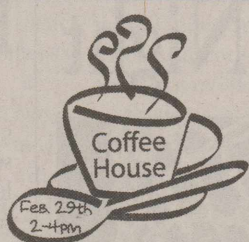
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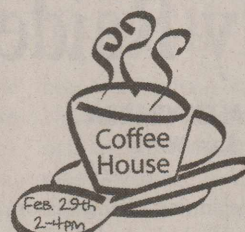
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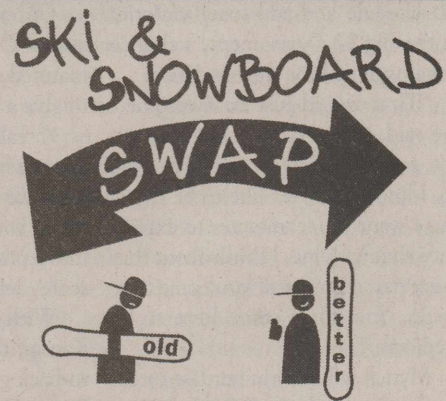
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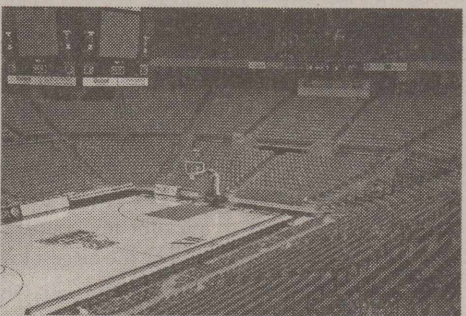
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Intramurals



THE ROAD TO THE SPIRIT ARENA BEGINS THUR. FEB 28th

Intramural basketball playoffs begin Thursday, February 28th at the Student Rec Center. Schedules will be ready today after 2pm. All teams that earned enough sportsmanship points are eligible for the playoffs. Stop by the Intramural Office (Room 203) or check out the brackets on the web (www.rescsports.ttu.edu). Good luck to all the teams.

Calling All Badminton Players!

Intramural badminton is here! You can register now through March 5. Play will be the week of March 10. Sign up in Rm. 203 on the second floor of the Rec Center!



Men's Innertube Water Polo Champs: Bleedat



CoRec Innertube Water Polo Champs: MBSBCR

Aquatics Center



Lifeguard Instructor Class

Become certified to TEACH American Red Cross Lifeguard courses. This course teaches Lifeguards the most effective methods to train and certify students as Lifeguards. Cost is \$140 for Texas Tech students and faculty/staff and \$150 for the community (includes the Instructor book and all certification costs). The student must also have a copy of the student text.
Session 1: March 5th - April 23rd 5-10pm

Lifeguard Challenges

Are you currently certified and about to expire? Are you certified by another agency other than American Red Cross? We have a challenge system especially for you! Update your certification by taking this Red Cross challenge course. The cost is \$75 (\$40 for CPR/AED only). These challenges take place on the following dates/times:
Friday, March 7 3:00 - 6:00pm

Stroke Mechanics and Flip Turn Clinics

Are you having problems with one of your strokes or your flip turns? Try one of our free stroke mechanic and flip turns clinics. No pre-registration is necessary!
Sunday, March 9 from 1 - 3PM

5,000 Meter Swim

This event is designed to test your personal limits. The swim is free and T-shirts are available for purchase. (Yes! We count the laps for you!)
Saturday, March 1st 9-11:45 am

Fitness/Wellness Center

One hour massage for \$33.00

Discount available now in Fit/Well
Book it between Feb. 20 & Mar. 13

*Massages purchased at discount price must be used on or before
Book by phone: (806) 742-3828 Apr. 15 Email for more info: fitwell.rec@ttu.edu

student union

coming together in the union

horse and rider replicas

the horse and rider figure is a replica of the sculpture located in the student union gathering pavilion. it was designed by the famed sculptor, tom ottenness and is loosely based on our mascot, the masked rider.

replicas can be purchased at the ticket booth in the basement of the student union

\$17.95 plus tax . students

\$27.95 plus tax . faculty and staff

limited quantities available!



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activities

whats coming up at the union

Movie - I Am Legend
Wednesday, March 5
SUB Allen Theatre | 8:00 pm

Matinee Movie - I Am Legend
Thursday, March 6
SUB Escondido Theatre | 3:00 pm

Texas Hold 'em Tournament -- Co-sponsored by Collegiate Entertainment
Thursday, March 6-Sunday, March 9
SUB Ballroom and Matador Room
Times Vary

Dating Dr. Dave Coleman -- The Real Life Hitch
Monday, March 10
SUB Allen Theatre | 8:00 pm

After Hours -- Open Mic Night
Tuesday, March 11
SUB Matador Room | 7:00 pm

student organization update...

S.O. Registration Meeting
Wednesday, February 27
SUB Playa Room | 2 pm

Don't miss the opportunity to register your student organization for 2007-2008.