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STATE
Lawmakers on both sides fighting for jobs

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers on both sides of the rebellion against Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick will find out Tuesday the cost of splitting from their party when voters decide which ones get a chance to keep their jobs.

A handful of state legislators are under attack for siding with the divisive leader during a bitter attempt to overthrow him last year. Several disenchanted Republicans complaining that Craddick is too authoritarian joined with Democrats to try to oust the Midland Republican as speaker at the end of last year's legislative session.

NATION

Renzi pleads not guilty to fraud extortion

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona Congressman Rick Renzi has pleaded not guilty to federal charges including insurance fraud, extortion and money laundering.

The three-term Republican appeared in U.S. District Court in Tucson on Tuesday. He was named Feb. 21 with two other defendants in a 35-count indictment.

WORLD

Rice rebuffed on revival of peace talks

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — The Palestinian president rebuffed the Bush administration's request Tuesday to quickly end a walkout of peace talks with Israel, saying Israeli military bombardment of civilians in the Gaza Strip is unacceptable.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said negotiations are the only solution, and defended Israel's right to seek out militants who use the tiny Hamas-held territory as a launching pad for increasing numbers of rockets targeting civilians in southern Israel.

DEATH TOLL

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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PRIMARY '08

CLINTON TAKES TEXAS

Senator John McCain becomes Republican nominee for president



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador

HILLARY SUPPORTERS AND Lubbock residents Stuart Williams, Elizabeth Sharp, Diane Cole, and Jim Cole celebrate a lead change while watching Tuesday evenings' election coverage at a Hillary primary watch party at the One Guy From Italy Pizza location on 50th Street.

Clinton wins Ohio, battles Obama in Texas

By DAVID ESPO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton scored comeback primary wins in Ohio and Rhode Island Tuesday night, denting Barack Obama's delegate lead in a riveting Democratic presidential race. Arizona Sen. John McCain, an unflinching supporter of the war in Iraq, clinched the Republican nomination.

Clinton's twin triumphs ended a month of defeats for the former first lady, who told jubilant supporters, "We're going on, we're going strong and we're going all the way."

Obama won the Vermont primary, and the two rivals were locked in a tight race in a primary in Texas. Same-day caucuses in Texas completed the day's contests. No matter they turned out, he said, "We have nearly the same delegate lead as we did this morning and we are on our way to winning this nomination."

Both Democrats called McCain — a Senate colleague — to congratulate him on his triumph in the Republican race.

The 71-year-old Arizona senator surpassed the 1,191 delegates needed to win his party's nomination, completing a remarkable comeback that began in the snows of New Hampshire eight weeks ago. President Bush invited him to lunch — and an endorsement — at the White House on Wednesday.

"We are in Iraq, and our most vital security interests are involved there," said McCain at a victory celebration nearly a decade in the making.

McCain's last remaining major rival, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, conceded

Hub City voters cast their primary votes

By MAGGIE KIELY & MATT MCGOWAN
THE DAILY T O R E A D O R

Election fever swept through Lubbock Tuesday night as tens of thousands of county voters cast their ballots for a broad range of candidates vying for their political party's nominations, including the president, U.S. representatives and senators, as well as state and local officials.

According to Lubbock Elections Office Web site, www.co.lubbock.tx.us/Elec%20Admin/3-4-08/dcumulative4.pdf, at 9:47 p.m. Hillary Clinton had secured 52.62 percent of the Lubbock Democratic vote, with Barack Obama coming in with 45.92 percent of the votes. On the Republican side, John McCain had 54.89 percent of the Republican vote, and Mike Huckabee had 37.18 percent.

To win, the Democratic presidential candidate must receive 2,025 delegates. There are 4,049 total Democratic delegates, and two types — pledged and superdelegates. Pledged delegates are elected or chosen by their states and have to commit to one candidate. Superdelegates are usually members of Congress, former governors or national party leaders. Of the 193 Democratic delegates in Texas, 126 will be designated to the winner of the primaries, with four out of Lubbock's state senatorial District 28. The caucus will decide the remaining delegates.

The Republican presidential nominee must win 1,191 delegates out of the 2,380 total votes. Like the Democrats, Republicans also have pledged and unpledged delegates, which usually are decided by status and go into the conventions committed to a candidate. Republican National Committee unpledged delegates are former party or national chairs and do not have to commit

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Record-high oil prices won't prompt OPEC to intervene, key officials say

By WILLIAM J. KOLE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — OPEC will likely leave output unchanged even as oil prices reach record highs, key ministers said Tuesday, eliciting a rebuke from President Bush.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is shying away from higher production, which could bring down prices, due to political turmoil in the Middle East and U.S. economic weakness that may soon reduce demand globally, OPEC President Chakib Khelil said as ministers gathered ahead of an OPEC meeting in Vienna on Wednesday.

"Because of the economic slowdown in the United States — which is affecting world economic growth and world demand on oil this year — I don't think OPEC will consider increasing its production," Khelil told reporters.

"Stocks are very high ... and we are going to have less demand in the second part of the year."

Bush was critical, suggesting a lack of production may induce an economic downturn.

"Understand the consequences of high energy prices," he said after meeting with King Abdullah II of Jordan in the Oval Office.

"I think it's a mistake to have your biggest customers' economies slowing down as a result of higher energy prices," he added.

On Tuesday, however, a top Energy Department official told a Senate hearing that supply and demand would suggest a price of about \$90 a barrel, backing up what OPEC members have been saying for months.

Market speculation on energy prices may have added as much as 10 percent to crude oil costs and the peak may be yet to come, said Guy Caruso, head of the department's Energy Information Administration.

Oil futures fluctuated Tuesday, dipping below \$100 a day after surpassing a record of \$103.76 a barrel when adjusted for inflation.

Pressure has mounted on OPEC to raise output with oil prices hovering consistently around \$100.

"In truth, OPEC's decision not to pump more oil is a reflec-

tion that supply is relatively good," said Anthony Sabino, a professor of business at St. John's University.

"What is driving oil prices up to the stratospheric level of over \$100 per barrel is the U.S. economy, now undeniably in recession," he said. "It's not so much the price of oil is going up — it's that the value of the U.S. dollar, sad to say, is slumping."

The falling dollar has prompted speculators and other investors to shift cash to crude and other commodities as a hedge.

Khelil held open the possibility of some kind of intervention after talks with Oil Minister Ali Naimi of Saudi Arabia, OPEC's top producer and most influential member.

Expectations that OPEC might open its taps diminished, however, after an advisory committee met Tuesday. "It seems there will be no change," Iranian Oil Minister Gholam Hussein Nozari said afterward.

Kuwait and Libya are among members who have said the cartel should maintain its current output, estimated at close to 30 million barrels a day — roughly 40 percent of daily world demand.

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to a candidate before the Republican National Convention. Out of the 140 Republican delegates, 96 will be chosen by the primary winner. Lubbock's Congressional District 19 will send three Republican delegates.

Regardless of Tuesday's results, said Jamie Radice, Clinton's press secretary for Texas, the results turned out very well for Clinton in Texas on Tuesday evening.

Clinton's message "resonated very well throughout Texas," she said, which resulted in her success in Texas. Clinton invested a lot of effort in the Lone Star state, opening 122 campaign offices in the state and enlisting the help of more than 100,000 volunteers, and it looks as though all of her work will pay off.

Because Clinton has many friends in Texas, the state bordering Arkansas, where her husband once was governor, Radice said, Clinton's personal connections in the state proved invaluable.

"Her friendships go back 30 years here," she said. "She has a lot of friendships, a lot of ties, a lot of history in this state. Her campaign has worked hard here. We have worked very hard here."

Clinton's victory in Texas, Radice said, will help her campaign immensely in its push for the White House.

Though students time and again have shown unwavering support for the New York senator, she said, Clinton's campaign appeals to a broad range of demographics.

"The thing that's really nice about

Hillary is that she receives really broad support," Radice said, pointing out volunteers in Clinton's Lubbock campaign headquarters. "We've received really broad support. We have people come in here who are 88 (years old), and then we have an intern — he's over there — he's 17 (years old)."

Another factor that contributed to Clinton's success in Lubbock, she said before the release of the final results of Tuesday's voting, was the visibility her campaign received vis-à-vis her husband, former President Bill Clinton, who visited Lubbock High School Feb. 16, and her daughter, Chelsea Clinton, who fielded audience questions at Texas Tech on Feb. 25.

In fact, Radice said, a handful of high-profile figures stumped for Hillary Clinton in the Hub City, which certainly helped bolster support for her during Tuesday's vote.

"I think it shows that Lubbock is a high priority for her," she said. "I think that, you know, the president came here, and more than 2,000 people came to see her. Chelsea came here, and 400 people came to see her — we actually had to switch rooms, we had so many people."

Joy Vann, a Hillary Clinton supporter and campaign volunteer from Lubbock who is now a retired public school teacher, said she supports Hillary Clinton because she has the most detailed, poignant plans for the United States. Her opponent, Obama, on the other hand, tends to be much less focused on how he will make the changes his campaign promises.

"I'm not against Obama," she said. "I think he's a good person. I just don't think he has the experi-

ence, and I don't think he quite understands what it takes. It's good to have ideas, but after that, the details are difficult to enact."

Phillip Jenkins, a junior history major from Rockwall, said he believes for Obama, winning Texas would send a message to Hillary Clinton.

"(Winning Texas) shows that what Hillary likes to call 'the silly movement' is not over yet because people still believe in him," Jenkins said. "I don't think it's going to hurt him, it might put the momentum of his campaign on a little hold, if anything it will better for him because his voters will hopefully come out in the next primary states."

According to the Associated Press, there are 16 states yet to conduct primaries, among them Pennsylvania, Indiana and Oregon.

Jenkins said he was the Obama Campaign Precinct 8 leader, a precinct which includes all of Overton Park.

He said at the caucus-style Democratic convention for his precinct, most of the attending voters were Tech students. Of the 21 voters present, he said 16 voted for Obama in the caucus.

Alexandra Ellis, a senior communications major from Houston, said she was leader of Precinct 50, which is the precinct Tech campus lies in.

In addition, Ellis said she was the precinct secretary when caucus time came around. She said the 39 voters who attended were Tech students, 27 of them voting for Obama.

She said she believes many students support Obama because he represents change.

"I think he has a better grasp and a better reach for younger voters," Ellis said. "After the past four tumultuous

years with the Bush regime, everyone says we need someone to unite us and say we can do this."

Bretton Holmes of Lubbock said he is looking to Obama to bring a fresh approach to the job.

"The next president needs to be someone who is not of the establishment in the White House," Holmes said. "The issue with Hillary is she would supercharge the Republicans; they don't see Obama as much as a threat."

Though Mike Huckabee likely will not win the Republican nomination, said Andrew Vaughn, a third-year law student at Tech and an organizer of Lubbock's grassroots group supporting the former governor of Arkansas, his campaign proved candidates could overcome great obstacles if they are determined enough.

"I think what most people are going to remember is that he had very little resources, very little money, and he was able to still be one of the last two candidates standing in the primary process," he said. "He's definitely gotten more miles per gallon than most other candidates would be able to get. I think that he is setting himself up very well for a future run, either for president in 2012 or perhaps maybe even the vice-presidential slot this campaign."

Vaughn said he doubted a Huckabee victory in Texas on Tuesday night, but the group vigorously campaigned for him anyhow.

"We're not just diluting ourselves into thinking, 'Ah, he's going to win and everything is going to be great,'" he said. "No. Our goal is to make sure Texas has a voice that we are able to say, 'John McCain doesn't represent the values that we believe in as specifically as he could, and Mike

Huckabee does.' We want to show to our state party, our national party and to Sen. McCain that they should pay attention to our issues."

Regardless of the final outcome, Huckabee's campaign in Texas, Vaughn said, will show the country that McCain, despite his nomination, does not have the entire party's support.

Jeremy Faulk, president of Tech's College Republicans organization and a senior international economics major from Sugarland, said he hoped all students voted, regardless of their party alliance.

"As far as voting Republican," Faulk said, "the Republican and the conservative ideals meet my needs as a voter, and there are a lot of issues that I look for, and in making those decisions, I don't understand why you would vote Democrat."

He said he was not surprised McCain took Texas.

"On nine issues out of 10, he's fought for what the Republicans believe," he said, "limited government, keeping taxes and fighting for individual freedom."

Although Faulk would not reveal which Republican presidential candidate he voted for, he said he believes McCain is the most qualified candidate when it comes to national defense, something many McCain supporters have said they agree with.

Also not surprised by the Republican results was Dustin Burrows, a candidate for Lubbock County District 15. He said he believes more Democrats came out to vote because there was a tighter race when it came to the Democratic race.

Three voters showed up to the 2004 precinct convention he was a

part of, Burrows said. This year there were 18 voters at the convention. He said he believes the increase in voter interest has a lot to do with the hype of the campaigns.

"Everyone's excited, you watch the news, you can't escape it," he said. "You have very different directions, completely divergent from what we've been experiencing the last eight years."

Faulk said he would continue to do what he's been doing and encourage students to participate politically.

"I feel that the best thing I can do on Texas Tech's campus is try to inform people what the difference is between the Republican nominee and the Democratic nominee, and through that, they can choose to vote for John McCain or not."

As of press time, unofficial local results released by Lubbock County's Office of Elections at 9:47 p.m. Tuesday, the top two candidates in the race for the Democratic Party's Senatorial candidate were separated by 812 votes. Richard Noriega was slightly ahead of Gene Kelley at the time of press.

For the Republican Party's senatorial candidate, as of the 9:47 p.m. unofficial results, John Cornyn led his opponent, Larry Kilgore, by more than 12,000 votes.

Republican U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, the current representative of U.S. District 19 who ran unopposed, grasped his party's nomination, while Dwight Fullingim led the Democratic Party's District 19 nomination, leading his opponent, Rufus Mark, by more than 3,000 votes.

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defeat after a campaign that included a stunning victory in the leadoff Iowa caucuses on Jan. 3. "My commitment to him and the party is to do everything possible to unite our party, but more important to unite our country so that we can be the best we can be," Huckabee said in Irving, Texas.

With their remarks, first Clinton, then Obama, sought to frame

the race in the best possible terms for their own campaigns.

"They call Ohio a bellwether state, the battleground state. It's a state that knows how to pick a president and no candidate in recent history, Democrat or Republican, has won the White House without winning the Ohio primary," the former first lady said in Columbus.

Moments later, Obama stepped to the microphone in San Antonio. He said the outcome of the Texas primary might not be known until Wednesday, and he

all but conceded defeat in Ohio. Either way, he added, it was the delegates that mattered.

Obama had 1,443 delegates, according to The Associated Press count, to 1,351 for Clinton, with 2,025 needed to win the nomination at the party convention in Denver this summer.

The former first lady picked up at least 75 in the four primaries, and Obama gained at least 54. Nearly 250 more remained to be awarded, including 67 in Texas caucuses that began after the primary polls closed.

Clinton and Obama spent most of the past two weeks in Ohio and Texas in a costly, bruising campaign, with the former first lady questioning his sincerity in opposing NAFTA and questioning his readiness to serve as commander in chief.

Polling place interviews with voters in both states suggested the criticism hit home, showing Clinton was winning the votes of late deciders in Ohio and Texas, as well as Vermont.

Hispanics, a group that has favored Clinton in earlier primaries, cast nearly one-third of the Election Day votes in Texas, up from about one-quarter of the ballots four years ago, according to interviews with voters as

they left their polling places. Blacks, who have voted heavily for Obama this year, accounted for roughly 20 percent of the votes cast, roughly the same as four years ago.

The economy was the No. 1 concern on the minds of Democratic voters in Texas, Rhode Island and especially in Ohio. But in Vermont, almost as many voters said the war in Iraq was their top concern.

More than three-quarters of Ohio Democrats said international trade had cost their state more jobs than it had created.

Roughly six in 10 of the Democrats who were questioned outside the polls Tuesday said that so-called superdelegates, who are

party officials, should vote at the national convention based on the results of primaries and caucuses. That was unwelcome news for Clinton, who trails Obama among delegates picked in the states but holds a lead among superdelegates.

Obama had campaigned hoping to land a knockout blow. As of March 1, his campaign had spent about \$9 million on television advertising in Texas and about \$4.5 million in Ohio; Clinton had spent about \$5 million in Texas and about \$2.3 million in Ohio, according to TNS Media Intelligence/CMAG, an ad tracking firm.

Clinton showed no sign of surrender as she campaigned on Tuesday. "You don't get to the White House as a Democrat without winning Ohio," she said in Houston.

"My husband didn't get the nomination wrapped up until June (in 1992). That has been the tradition," she added, without mentioning that this year most primaries were held much earlier than in 1992. "This is a very close race."

For his part, Obama was already advertising in Mississippi, which holds its primary next week, and planned trips there and to Wyoming, which has weekend caucuses.

Pennsylvania, the biggest single prize left, holds its primary on April 22.

"All those states coming up are going to make a difference," he said. "What we want to do is make sure we're competing in every single state."

It takes 2,025 delegates to win the Democratic nomination, and slightly more than 600 remained to be picked in the 10 states that vote after Tuesday.

The Democratic marathon was in contrast to a Republican race that was fierce while it lasted but had long since been settled.

McCain's campaign nearly imploded last summer. But he regrouped, reassuming the underdog role that he relishes, and methodically dispatched one rival after another in a string of primaries in January and early February.

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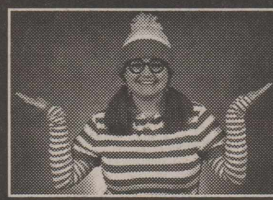
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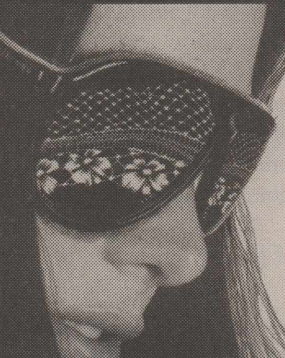


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TUESDAY AT THE meat sciences laboratory, Shandon Rankin, the meat lab operations manager, saws through lamb in the selection and care lab while Nicole Harper, a senior animal science major from San Angelo, and Matt Cael, a sophomore food science major from Carrollton, observe.

Venezuela moves troops to Colombian border as tensions over killing escalate

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Hundreds of Venezuelan troops moved Tuesday toward the border with Colombia, where trade was slowing amid heightening tension over Colombia's cross-border strike on a rebel base in Ecuador.

The Organization of American States scheduled an emergency afternoon meeting in Washington to try to calm one of the region's worst political showdowns in years, pitting U.S.-backed Colombia against Venezuela's leftist President Hugo Chavez and his allies. Colombian and Ecuadorean officials, meanwhile, traded accusations in the United Nations and the International Criminal Court.

The escalation of tensions was triggered over the weekend, when Colombia troops crossed the border with Ecuador and killed Raul Reyes, a top commander of the Colombian FARC rebels who had set up a camp there.

Chavez, who sympathizes with the leftist rebels, condemned the killing and angrily ordered about 9,000 soldiers — 10 battalions — to Venezuela's border with Colombia. He warned Colombian President Alvaro Uribe that any strike on Venezuelan soil could provoke a South American war.

Uribe said he has provided Chavez with precise information on the location of rebel camps in Venezuela. He said one was home to Ivan Marquez, another top leader of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC.

But Uribe said he would not allow his nation to be drawn into a conflict with its neighbors. "Colombia has never been a country to go to war with its neighbors," Uribe said. "We are not mobilizing troops, nor advancing toward war with neighbors."

President Bush said the United States will stand by Colombia and

criticized Venezuela's government for making "provocative maneuvers." Colombia has received some \$5 billion in U.S. aid to fight drugs and leftist rebels since 2000.

Retired Venezuelan Gen. Alberto Muller Rojas, a former top Chavez aide, told The Associated Press the troops were being sent to the border region as "a preventative measure."

Soldiers boarded buses and trucks at the Paramaracay base in central Venezuela on Tuesday morning, and battalions also were moving out from the northern state of Lara, pro-Chavez Gov. Luis Reyes said.

The Venezuelan military has been tightlipped about troop movements. Venezuela's armed forces include about 100,000 troops, Muller Rojas said. Colombia's U.S.-equipped and trained military has more than twice as many.

Faculty Senate looks to appoint new ombudsman

By MATT MCGOWAN
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As the next step in selecting a faculty ombudsman, Texas Tech's Faculty Senate will appoint a screening committee next week that will be responsible for filling the new position.

With both a student ombudsman office and staff ombudsman office already in place, the faculty — the third major classification of Tech's population — has yet to establish its own advocate.

The position, if everything goes as planned, should be filled by the end of the semester, said Bill Marcy, Tech's provost.

The provost's office will fund the new position through its discretionary accounts, Marcy said. The amount of necessary funding will depend on whom they hire and whether he or she already is a faculty member at Tech.

"It could be someone who is currently an existing faculty member, or it could be someone who is new to the university," he said, "and it would just be appropriate for whatever their experience and background is."

The Senate actively has been sifting through candidates since January, said Gene Wilde, president of the Faculty Senate, though the idea has been in the works for quite some time.

"We're pretty open," Wilde said. "The ideal would be a full professor, you know, someone who has been around for a while, and a member of the faculty. We're kind of entertaining various qualifications to get the best person we possibly can."

Whether the faculty ombudsman position will be a full-time or part-time position, he said, is "negotiable." Initially, he expects the position to be part-time, but that is subject to change once

administrators fill the position and gain a better understanding of faculty needs.

"That way, it makes it easier to make this position a part of somebody's existing responsibilities," he said, "as opposed to hiring a whole new position."

Wilde and Marcy began discussing the creation of a faculty ombudsman position approximately three years ago, Marcy said, but many details had to be addressed before more concrete steps could be taken in the establishment of the position.

"I think part of it was getting a consensus about whether there was value to having a person playing that role," he said. "(The

establishment of the office.

"If you look at the role that the staff ombudsman and the student ombudsman have played, they really act as a point of consultation that's completely confidential," he said. "They also give people an opportunity, in some cases, simply to have somebody listen carefully to their situation and give them honest feedback."

After the office's establishment, Wilde said, the faculty ombudsman also will give faculty the means of following through on their grievances and taking their complaints to the appropriate administrator or administrative department in the pursuit of change.

"It's a place for faculty to go and get some sort of advice on how to resolve problems and issues on campus without having to go through the formal grievance procedure," he said. "Right now, the current processes are really set up to allow you to redress issues with an administrator, but there isn't something for how to resolve issues with colleagues or other people on campus."

Wilde said untenured faculty especially benefit from an ombudsman because the position will offer them an alternative to filing official complaints through administrative procedures. Instead, they will have the option of informally, discreetly discussing a qualm and taking less abrasive actions to remedy the situation.

"I think it's something that has evolved over the last few years, and I think both the student and staff ombudsman has been a very successful experience," Marcy said. "I think that's been the encouragement to proceed with this."

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second step was) creating a job description, and then deciding — working out the details about — how the reporting would work and how other aspects of that job would work."

As provost, Marcy said his job has been to support the Senate as it planned for the new position. The Faculty Senate acted as the primary driving force behind the

Officials: Iran continues to train, arm insurgents in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Military officials accused Iran on Tuesday of continuing to train and arm insurgents in Iraq, while U.S. lawmakers said they were disappointed that Baghdad opened up its doors to the Islamic Republic's top leader.

"I think it's offensive," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's two-day trip to Iraq this week.

Iraq has "got every right to invite whomever they want. They're sovereign. But we have a right to express an opinion about it," added Levin, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Levin's remarks come as the U.S. is struggling to combat Iran's growing influence in the region, and senior military commanders say it continues to provide powerful bombs to Shiite militias in Iraq.

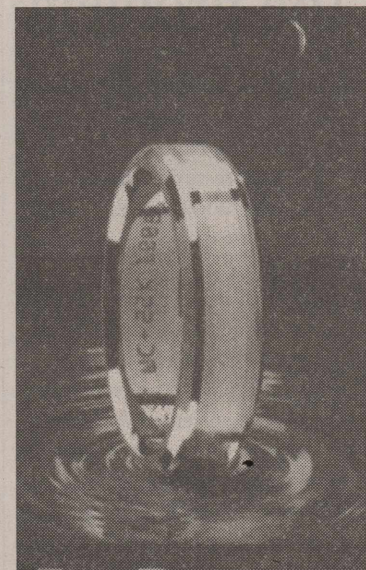
"We have no doubt they are still supporting insurgents," said Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno, the former No. 2 military commander in Iraq, at a Pentagon press conference. Asked if that was the greatest threat to stability in Iraq, he said, "If you ask me what I worry about most, I do worry about that as a long-term threat. And I think we have to, you know, constantly watch it."

Odierno, who has been nominated for a fourth star and assignment as vice chief of staff of the Army, said it was not surprising that there were fewer attacks during Ahmadinejad's visit to Baghdad, since it is mainly Iranian-backed Shiite military members who have been conducting rocket and other attacks in the capital.

Adm. William Fallon, the top commander of troops in the Middle East, echoed these remarks in a Senate hearing at which he said Iran was fanning the flames of global terrorism.

While Ahmadinejad has denied charges of harmful meddling in Iraq, "the facts prove otherwise," Fallon told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Ahmadinejad's visit to Iraq marked the first by an Iranian leader since the country's 1979 Islamic Revolution.



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Despite all the evil around us, God is good

It really bothers me when people blame God for the bad things that happen in the world and say he doesn't care about us or he doesn't know how to deal with us.

First, let me establish that God is real and that he knows what he is doing. The first and best sources are the scriptures and the words of the prophets. They teach that God does live, that he cares about us and that he has a plan for all of us.

Unfortunately, some people think that the Bible is "out-of-date" and not applicable to today's problems. Nothing could be further from the truth. I believe if people applied the teachings found in the Bible, there would be far fewer problems in our society.

For those who want more than the Bible as proof God exists, just look at the beauty that surrounds all of us. For example, spend a clear

Greg Morris Guest Columnist

evening outside town and watch the sunset. Wait until the sky is fully dark, and look up at the night sky.

I reserve the right to laugh and snicker if you think someone else can do a better job than the Master Painter.

Or you can take a road trip across the country. Just look at how the scenery changes, how trees appear before your eyes and give way to mountains that then become prairies. The human eye, which takes in everything around it, is more perfect than any camera ever invented.

Even Charles Darwin said, "that the eye ... could have been formed by

natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest sense."

I don't understand how someone can look at nature and not see a divine hand involved. The doubter requires too much when he asks for a sign beyond the miracles of creation.

The passage of time, even long intervals of time, is not a "cause" and provides no answers without an intelligent designer. God knew what he was doing when he put this earth together and placed us on it.

This brings me to my second point. If God made the world, he made all the good and evil in it too, right? No. There is a simple concept which should be understood: Everything good comes from God and everything evil comes from the devil.

Yes, if God is real, so is the devil, and it is the devil who is responsible

for tempting men to rape and blow up buildings and all other evils that make the evening news.

So if God is good, then why does he allow such bad things to happen? The answer is simply this: One of God's greatest

gifts to us is our free agency. We are free to do as we please, even if our choices hurt others. This life is a test, and God will not intervene or remove the tests until the close of the examination.

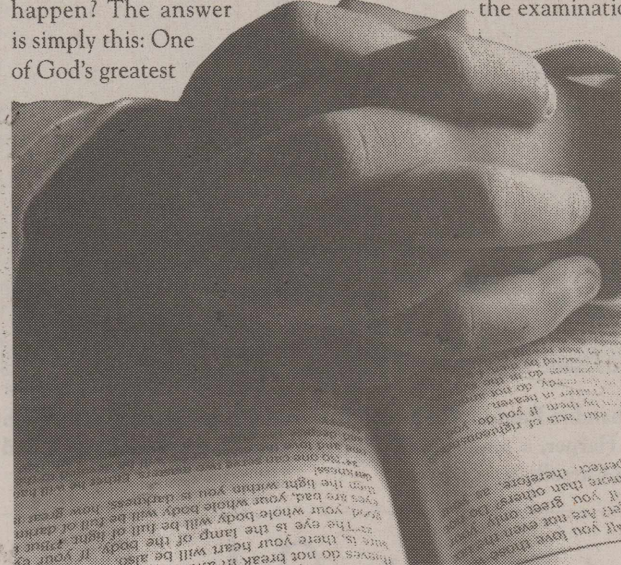
Some people think the World Trade Center's twin towers would still be standing if it weren't for religion. I say they never would have been built if it weren't for

religion.

During the years, countless atrocities have been committed in the name of religion, but this is neither because of God nor his influence — it is because of the lack of God in our lives. We continue to remove him from our society, and then we wonder why we have so many problems.

It is naïve to think it is God who made "a very cruel world" and "good" people can have more morals than God. In the Bible, Joshua urged his people to "choose you this day whom ye will serve." To the extent we all choose wisely in this regard, the world will be a much better place.

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Legends such as these never go away

For almost as long as I lived in the culture of football worship, I have been a Cheeshead through and through.

There was a brief, what I'd like to label "grace period," where my favorite football team was my dad's favorite football team.

I feel like this is perhaps quite a common practice among young children. Until you find a team that works best for you, your father's enthusiasm surely must be contagious.

From mild observation of my three years of living in Texas, I believe geography and hometown/state affiliations also tend to make people lean one way or another on football allegiances.

Dallas Cowboy fans — you ridiculously narcissistic group of megalomaniacs — I'm looking at you.

Not that I don't semi-respect your abrasive fervor, but "America's Team?" Ha. False.

As a born and raised — and proud, damn it — New Mexican, there were no such state or city allegiances I had to comply with. Most people I grew up with tended to lean toward bordering states or currently successful teams: Denver and Dallas being the two most prominent.

My father, though, since his childhood, was an Oakland/then Los Angeles/then Oakland again Raiders fan. I know I wore a Raider's winter jacket through my third-grade year — up until all Raiders memorabilia was banned from public schools for being "gang related." Because, clearly,

Britney Drumm



an 8-year-old skinny blonde girl wearing a Raiders jacket to school must be selling cocaine behind the barracks at recess.

My Oakland Raiders "grace period" did pass, as I knew it someday would. I had a deep desire, even then, to be unique and independent. My father's team, I knew I would always respect, but even at the age of 9, I knew I wanted a team to call my own.

Enter Brett Favre and the Packers of Green Bay.

I have no shame in admitting I chose to become a Cheeshead during the 1995-96 season, when the Pack lost to the Dallas Cowboys in the NFC Championship game — I was 9 years old. I've always had a soft spot for underdogs.

A year later, on Jan. 26, 1997, they won the Super Bowl, heralding their

MVP on their shoulders, and love is all I can say I have felt for that man and that team ever since. My number in fact, in every sport I played, was always inspired by Favre's greatness: the number four.

This year, a friend of mine asked me why I wasn't interested in the AFC Championship game we were watching at the time. I simply said I was a Packers fan and the game to follow was my only concern.

A smug sneer came across his face as he asked, "Were you a Green Bay fan last year?" No doubt having to with the fact that *gasp* I have breasts.

I can attest here and now that I was, I am and I always will be a die hard Green Bay Packers fan.

Despite cloudy days over Lambeau Field — such as yesterday or the prior eight seasons before this one — a fair-weather, unloyal fan I am not. The reason I came to love Green Bay is retiring, yes, but the spirit of Cheesheads everywhere is not.

The Green Bay Packers is the oldest name still in use in the NFL. It is the

only community-owned, non-profit professional team in any sport. The franchise remains, still, in an extremely small town of around 150,000 people, and despite this, the team never fails to fill the stadium seats, even when the temperature drops to 30 degrees below.

The Packers have the record for the most league championships in the NFL and the claim to the first Super Bowl championship title.

Two words of regal legend to note: Vince Lombardi.

And now, two more words of regal — perhaps "blessed" to Cheesheads — legend: Brett Favre.

"Depressed" is one way I might describe my disposition on the news revealed Tuesday, but "honored to have called Favre my team's leader for so long" is another.

If the man says he's tired, I say let the man — demi-god? — rest. He's achieved so much, personally and with the franchise, to have earned such a fete.

Packers fans, and just general football fans alike, let us raise our glasses in a toast.

And Aaron Rodgers, if you suck as bad as you did against Tech in the 2005 Holiday Bowl, we'll kill you. Don't think we can't.

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Whenever someone has an ax and no heart, something terrible is bound to happen.

Adults are ruining the Internet

By HANNAH HAYES
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(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, Mo. — I now feel compelled to revert to my six-year-old self and reiterate a timeless, answerless question: why do adults have to suck the fun out of everything?

The item left fun-less I speak of is the Internet.

I used to love the Internet.

A place where you can download Boston's greatest hits, watch 30 Rock reruns, find a recipe for duck l'orange that uses mango chutney and reconnect with your long lost third cousin who's living in Singapore — all at the same time, no less. It was the peak of human creation and I had some good times air guitar-ing to "More Than a Feeling" while I chopped my mangos.

But then we made the mistake of showing our parents how e-mail worked, and from there it was a downward spiral. Suddenly your neighbor Sheila was selling her crocheted hats online and adults everywhere were buying domain names.

Then the worst happened. The equivalent of the Death Star crushing

the rebellion, Sammy Hagar killing Van Halen; teachers seized the network. Creating electronic academic journals, bashing wikipedia.org and the final blow, developing Blackboard. With this crushing move they ensured the good times would no longer roll.

Now when I log on, my eyes do not well with wonderment, but rather real, raw sorrow, for I know lurking in the World Wide Web is a Spanish exercise I must accomplish before noon.

If it was just that, I could deal with it. I would slap a git'r done on it and go back to searching for "Legends of the Hidden Temple" t-shirts and uploading pictures of baby ducks to Cuteoverload.com. But that's not all.

Professors don't understand that just because it's online, that doesn't make it "fun." In fact it's the opposite of fun when your connection crashes as you're taking an online statistics quiz on Sunday. It just sucks.

I call this philosophy held by educators the "Lite-Bright" theory. Remember in the late '90s that most of the popular toys had some sort of illumination feature?

So can we please take our quizzes on paper again? Nostalgia is in.

Stop popping the Zoloft and start tackling the problem

By SIMON BASSEYN
WASHINGTON SQUARE NEWS (NYU)

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK — Feeling down? Pop a pill. That's the solution the American medical establishment seems to encourage.

According to a 2007 study by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, antidepressants are the most prescribed drugs in America.

The road to the rise in antidepressant use can be traced back two decades. "Adult use of antidepressants almost tripled between the periods 1988-1994 and 1999-2000," CNN reported.

The statistics extend to the college years as well. In a 2006 national survey

of 13,500 college students by the New England Journal of Medicine, 45 percent said they were "so depressed they had difficulty functioning."

We are witnessing "a dramatic increase in the number of prescriptions [of antidepressants] over the past decade. ... 25 to 50 percent of U.S. college students who are seen in counseling and at student health centers are taking antidepressants." And those numbers leave out all those who refuse counseling and choose to obtain their own prescriptions or illegal sources of medication.

The results are staggering. Only those "at the upper end of the very severely depressed category" benefit substantially from these drugs, accord-

ing to Time. For the rest of us, SSRIs serve as little more than placebos.

And if these drugs merely alleviate the surface pain, then the source of the depression remains untreated. What's more troubling is that even the placebo effect amounts to a "very tiny effect, which may not have a meaningful difference in a person's life," said lead author Irving Kirsch, referring to most users of the drugs.

The wondrous effects these drugs have had on the severely depressed cannot be overstated. They have saved thousands of lives and continue to do so every day.

We don't need to question their existence, but rather their abundance. The overdiagnosis of depression and

consequent overprescription of antidepressants continues to cause unnecessary harm.

Antidepressants should not be the first source of relief. They should be treated as an effective last resort.

The goal is to acquire a sense of learned helpfulness, a sense that we can control how happy we are.

So I encourage everyone to take control of whatever facet of life may be lacking, whether it is school, friends, family, finances or anything in between. Even if you don't see immediate results, you'll no longer have the sense that nothing can be done.

So, feeling down? Take control.

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Boden discusses ways to avoid marrying jerk/jerkette

By BRIDGET DE STEFANO
STAFF WRITER

Human Development and Family Studies graduate student Jeremy Boden from Clovis, Calif., presented an abbreviated program on "How to avoid marrying a jerk (or jerkette)," developed by John Van Epp, at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Escondido Theatre in the Student Union Building.

The basic premise of the assessment is how people can use their heads and hearts to make informative decisions when choosing a mate.

Boden squeezed a typical six hours worth of material into a one hour and 20 minute presentation. He began by discussing Van Epp's analysis of a "jerk" or "jerkette" as someone with little insight into one's self or how others see them, having poor emotional controls and inadequate relationship skills.

"We are all jerks sometimes, which makes us equal opportunity offenders," Boden said.

Through credible research, Van Epp has come up with five predictive areas to describe his Relationship Attachment Model known as "R.A.M." The five areas, know, trust, rely, commit and touch, are the order of elements that bond a person closer to their partner. Boden noted that no singular area should exceed the previous. For example, touch or sex should not come before knowledge or reliability of a person.

In Van Epp's opinion, a person should allow a three-month period for patterns to emerge in the way they interact over time, whereas

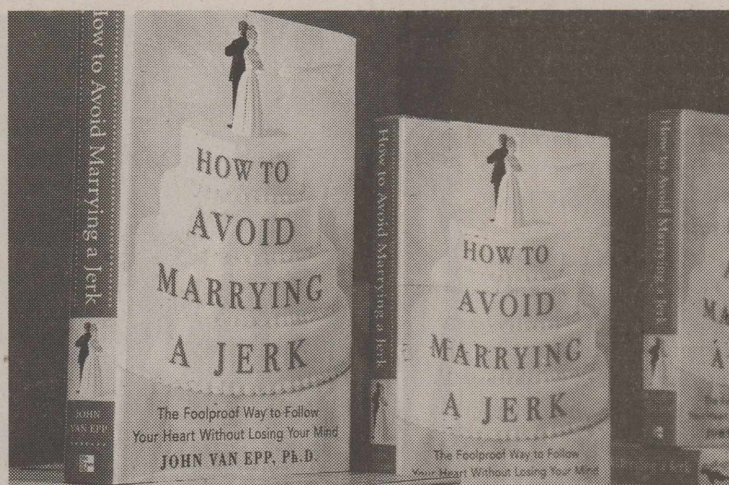


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"How to Avoid Marrying a Jerk" by Dr. John Van Epp sits for sale outside the Student Union Building's Escondido Theater Tuesday.

Boden thinks it takes a longer time — about eight months to a year.

The concept of The Delusion of Dissociative Development relates to the idea of detaching oneself from one's family Boden said. Many couples get married to separate themselves from difficult family situations, but that does not always work out. It is important to note that if a person comes from a difficult family life, there are certainly ways to change and improve in a relationship.

"You are not forever doomed to have a difficult marriage or family life, although it may be a little bit harder for you, versus someone who has not experienced the same family problems," Boden said.

The four ingredients necessary for change are insight, new information, deliberate effort and time Boden said. People need to take small steps toward their goal of changing bad habits, attitudes and behavior. It is much easier for

students to change now, while they are young and not married.

Another concept Boden discussed is the development of role definition and role expectation. This idea refers to a person's own family origin. One's role in a relationship is defined by the same-sex parent relationship, such as a son and his father. The role expectations are adopted by the opposite-sex parent relationship, such as a son comparing his girlfriend to his mother. The development also refers to the closest connection between a parent and the son or daughter.

In Boden's closing message, he stressed to students it is "all about timing." The five areas that bring couples closer need to go in order and not exceed the previous one.

Boden will repeat a longer presentation of "How to avoid marrying a jerk (or jerkette)" at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Escondido Theatre in the SUB.

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JEREMY BODEN, A graduate human development and family studies major from Clovis, Calif., speaks about relationships during his lecture concerning the book "How to Avoid Marrying a Jerk" Tuesday in the Student Union Building's Escondido Theater.

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The Amazing Spring Break Race

For those who like a challenge, it's time to put on a pair of running shoes and hit the track, because the Amazing Spring Break Race is today, and it is a no-holds-barred event.

A team of two students must complete the eight Amazing Spring Break Race challenges around campus and cross the finish line first to win. Teams will receive clues at the time of check-in to find the challenge locations on campus.

The Grand Prize winners each will be awarded a \$50 gift card to Southwest Airlines. The second place team members each will receive a \$25 gift card to the South Plains Mall, and the third place team

members each will receive a Texas Tech goodie bag.

The race is open to all Tech students with valid ID cards. Registration is between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. in the Red Raider Lounge at the Student Union Building. There will be no pre-registration.

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Lady Raiders hungry for a win going down to Austin

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

Kristy Curry compares winning road games in the Big 12 Conference to cooking dinner, which works out well, considering the Lady Raiders are starving for a road victory.

"It won't work if you've just got the vegetables, or you just got the main dish, you need to put it all together," she said. "We need to have people step up on the same night and play very well to have a chance to win on the road in this league."

Tech (16-13, 4-11 in Big 12 play) will try to cook up an answer for its eight-game road losing streak in the final regular season game against Texas (18-11, 6-9) at 7 p.m. today at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin.

The last time Tech won a road game was an 89-45 victory over Washington State Dec. 1. Since then, the Lady Raiders have lost by an average of 20 points when away from home.

After Tech lost 73-54 at No. 20 Oklahoma State Saturday, the eight-game skid became the longest road losing streak since Marsha Sharp's

Lady Raiders dropped seven straight in 1988-89.

Although Tech defeated UT 70-58 in this season's first meeting, the Longhorns are 10-2 at home with impressive victories over No. 8 Baylor and Oklahoma State. First-year Texas coach Gail Goetsenkos said her team's 75-50 upset victory at No. 11 OU Sunday and a victory over Kansas Feb. 27 allows UT to tidy up its NCAA Tournament resume.

"We need to win our last game at home," Goetsenkos said after the win against OU. "Even if we don't, I feel as if we are in the hunt, due to our big wins throughout the season. I told the players that I felt like we needed to win three to ensure it. If we won two, we would probably be on the bubble and have to do something in the Big 12 Tournament."

Curry said worrying about the momentum of a team that seems headed to the NCAA Tournament is not an option at this point in the season.

"It's all about us trying to find the momentum that we don't have and not getting so caught up in what they're doing," she said. "We're more worried about what we need to do; we obviously beat them the first time. We just got to go find a way to win the second time."

Tech forward Dominic Seals scored 27 points in Tech's win over UT, but Curry said Seals will need to bounce back from a poor outing against Oklahoma State Saturday, in which the junior forward had nine points on 1-of-10 shooting.

The whole post play was non-existent against the Cowgirls, Curry said.

Starting junior forward Stanecia Graham had three points and senior Erin Myrick added eight points, while all three post players went a combined 8-of-16 from the free-throw line.

"The first time against UT, I attacked," Seals said. "That's why I had 27 points. They gonna be looking forward to probably shutting me down, but if just stay in the mode of just attacking, then I can have an easy way out."

Tech sophomore guard Jordan Murphree said consistency from guard Maddy Brown and others has been the key all season.

Brown had 16 points against Oklahoma State Sunday, going 4-of-8 from behind the 3-point line. Prior to that game, she had gone 4-of-21 from downtown.

"I think we've had different



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TEXAS TECH COACH Kristy Curry and the Lady Raiders travel to Austin to face the Longhorns. Tech defeated the Longhorns 70-58 earlier this season.

production from people on different occasions, and I think we need it all to come together," she said. "Hopefully it will stick together in this upcoming game. We had Maddy, who had a big game, and Domino who had a big game against Texas last time. So hopefully they'll do that again."

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Tech baseball thumps University of Central Arkansas 15-6 in home opener

By BEN MAKI
SPORTS EDITOR

In a matchup that displayed the offensive firepower of both teams, Texas Tech outslugged Central Arkansas 15-6 Tuesday at Dan Law Field.

The Red Raider offense managed 19 hits in the game, including two doubles and two home runs.

The first home run, a three-run home run, came by Tech outfielder Doug Thennis in the middle of a six-run fifth inning that brought the score to 12-6. He went 3-for-5 in the game, and may be coming out of hitting slump, as he entered the game hitting .212.

"(I) struggled for a while just seemed like nothing was going right for me," Thennis said. "I was hitting some balls hard and (was) bad at some plate appearances fortunate enough the way

things went tonight they seemed to even themselves out."

Tech centerfielder Willie Rueda said the team did not worry when it got down 6-1 through 2.5 innings, because the team has the parts to be able to come back at any time.

"It just goes to show the power of our lineup one through nine," he said, "and we still have a deep pitching staff that can come in and stop them if they have to."

The other home run, outfielder Roger Kieschnick's fourth of the year, was a solo shot in the seventh. Tech added the final two runs in the eighth.

Tech has two players with significant hit streaks early in the season: Outfielder Taylor Ashby has a hit in all nine games this season, tying a career high, while Kieschnick has a hit in eight-straight.

Central Arkansas started the scor-

ing early as the leadoff hitter, Payton Seelinger reached third base on two throwing errors. Graham Martin pushed him across with a slow roller to first.

Tech continued its struggling defensively in the second. After UCA centerfielder Scott Cline reached first base on a liner down the first-base line, Tech first baseman Jason Seefeld was charged with a two-base error on a pickoff attempt by pitcher Cory Large. Thennis, who started the game at first but was moved to center before the top of the second, misjudged a line drive as the ball flew over his head, allowing Martin to earn a two-run triple.

"We really got our heads down, had a couple things happen there, physical things, and we let them become mental, and then we didn't pitch well early," Tech coach Larry Hays said. "We just had some negative things going there that you have to overcome. I am pleased that we fought through and came back,

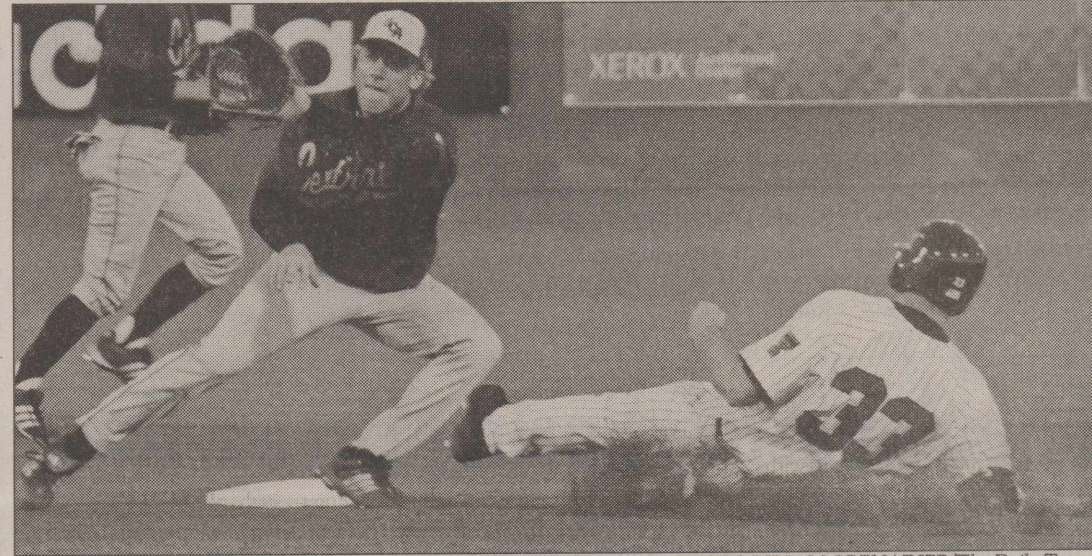


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TEXAS TECH OUTFIELDER Roger Kieschnick slides into second before UCA second baseman Graham Martin can make a tag in Tech's home opener Tuesday. The Red Raiders beat the Bears 15-6.

got the bats going, and it ended up being a game that will help us."

Tech countered in the second via an

RBI single by Thennis. The Red Raiders also loaded the bases with two outs, but Chris Hall struck out swinging for a pitch well off the plate. Tech trailed 4-1 through the first two innings.

Large (1-0) threw 2.1 innings, giving up six runs on five hits and two walks and received a no-decision. Five of those runs were earned. Owen Brotsma came in for 2.2 innings of relief, giving up no hits, no runs and a walk. Tech's Paul Gonzalez (1-0) pitched two innings, giving up no runs on three hits a walk and two strikeouts, helping him earn his first win of the season.

Matt Whitaker (1-0) went 3.1 in-

nings in his third start of the season for the Bears. He allowed six runs on nine hits and walked four. The bullpen did not fare any better. In 5.2 innings of work, the relief pitchers gave up nine runs on 10 hits and walked six. Michael Wild was given the loss as he gave up six runs in the fifth inning.

Tech is scheduled to finish the two-game mid-week series at 1 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

Tech pitcher Russ Fornea (0-1, 10.38 ERA) is scheduled to get the start, and his counterpart had not been determined as of press time.

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 - Pain pill brand
 - Eve's address on her rap sheet
 - Paramount
 - Fountain of Rome
 - Art sch. course
 - Postpones
 - OSU successor
 - Napoleon's marshal
 - Fanatical
 - Indonesian island
 - Literary category
 - Hang around
 - Notation on Eve's rap sheet
 - Lavishly showy
 - Knights' wives
 - Noblewoman
 - Some lawnmowers
 - Bell and Barker
 - Indigo or woad
 - Bizet opera
 - Breathe heavily
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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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 - Record player?
 - Fly high
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 - Pockmarked
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 - Old Roman greeting
 - Stimpy's pal
 - "You've ___ Mail"
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 - "Divine Comedy" poet
 - Spanish river
 - Feudal lord's domain
 - Robert of "The Sopranos"
 - Melodic tune
 - Take a break
 - Auction actions
 - Go-with-anything color
 - Tart citrus fruit
 - Washington bills
 - Ravel
 - "Proposal" customer
 - Ancient classification
 - Triviality
 - Docking facility
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Tech men's tennis on a roll after wins at H.E.B Invitational

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

With the rankings released Tuesday, the Texas Tech men's tennis team is at No. 30, giving the Red Raiders momentum heading into this weekend's match.

Along with the new ranking, the Tech men have another reason to celebrate after their championship win at the H.E.B Invitational. The Red Raiders defeated three ranked teams: No. 62 Middle Tennessee State, No. 58 New Mexico and No. 62 Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, the tournament host. The Red Raiders entered last weekend No. 39 in the nation before the new ranking was released.

"Leading up to that particular tournament, we were 8-1 and beat a couple of good ranked teams including San Diego and New Mexico," Tech coach Tim Siegel said. "Lost a very tough 4-3 match to TCU. (The H.E.B. Invitational) is a tournament where it seems like we've always done well. We either won the tournament or made finals, I believe, like five or six years in a row. It's tough. We've always kinda done the same thing. It's one of those things where it's a grueling, tough deal because you play two matches in the first day."

It seems the Red Raiders have everything working in the right places, but Siegel said there still are holes to fill.

The Red Raiders are solid at most of their singles positions, including the No. 1, No. 2, No. 5 and No. 6 positions.

Most notable in singles for Tech is Bojan Szumanski at No. 1 with an 10-1 record. Michael Breler sits at the No. 6 position with an 11-0 record.

Siegel said these positions cannot hold for the rest of the season, as it is vital to the team to get production from all six singles positions.

"I definitely feel like this team has the capabilities to be a Sweet 16 team," Siegel said. "We can't expect our No. 1 and our No. 2 to go through the season with one or three losses. We've got to get production. I always tell the guys that the magic number is six. What I mean by that is we have to have six guys play with everything they've got."

All of the Red Raiders' matches at the H.E.B Invitational were close and competitive.

The Tech men pulled out the Middle Tennessee State and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi matches 4-2. They met New Mexico for the second time this season, pulling out a 4-1 victory.

"It was a great weekend for us," Szumanski said. "We had three really tough matches. It was just really good to come through. All of them really close, especially the first match and the final, were really close. We were just happy to come through and win those matches."

The Red Raiders are 11-1 on the season, but Szumanski said there is another start to the season that trumps this one.

"We're having a good start," he said. "My second year we were 17-0, so that's not the best start, but it's definitely up there. Even though it's not the best one, I feel like it could be the best season we ever had, because everything's just been working well. I think we're getting better from each match to another."

The duo of Szumanski and Christian Rojmar won one match last weekend, still sitting as the No. 2 doubles team in the nation. It was the only doubles match they played.

Szumanski is not only doing well in doubles play. The senior, ranked No. 35 in singles play after the new rankings were released, won all of his singles matches in the H.E.B Invitational.

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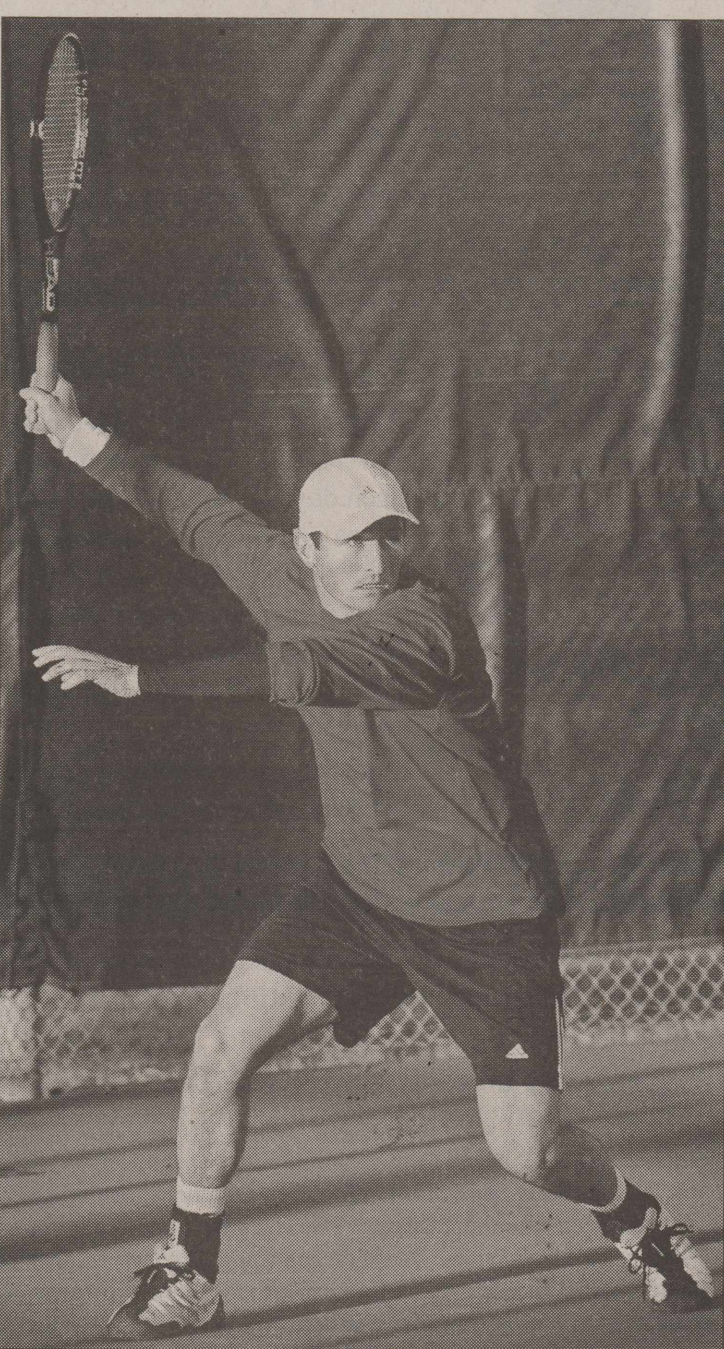


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TEXAS TECH'S BOJAN Szumanski helped the Red Raiders win the H.E.B. Invitational in Corpus Christi.

Breler and Rojmar joined Szumanski in winning all their matches this weekend.

The Red Raiders will make a

short return to Lubbock to face No. 37 Denver at noon Saturday at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

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Tech season opener postponed due to stadium construction

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech softball's home opener against New Mexico, originally scheduled for today, has been postponed until further notice.

Renovations to the dugouts and playing field at Rocky Johnson Field were supposed to be finished by today, but construction was slowed by recent weather conditions said Gerald Myers, Tech athletics director. The dugouts were in no condition for a game to take place, he said, but he expects them to be in decent shape when Tech's home opener rolls around.

"It was kind of a combination of both the field and the dugouts," he said. "The dugouts we've renovated over there are not completed yet and weren't at the stage where we could play a game."

Now the team's home opener also will be its Big 12 Conference opener, when the Red Raiders face Texas A&M at 2 p.m. March 22 and noon March 23.

"The next game," Myers said, "the dugouts may not be completed, but there will be enough so we could play a game over there."

All of Tech's games have been away so far this season.

The games will be rescheduled for a time later this season, Myers said.

Tech (3-14) recently ended the worst start in Tech history, at 0-12, by finishing its first weekend above .500 with a 3-2 record in the Fullerton Worth Tournament.

The Red Raiders will get back to work at 2 p.m. Friday when they face Campbell, and at 8 p.m. against North Dakota State, in Palo Alto, Calif. They will finish out the tournament with games against Stanford, the College of Charleston and North Dakota State.

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Rangers Blalock kept out of another game after car accident

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Texas Rangers third baseman Hank Blalock was "stiff and sore" Tuesday, a day after his vehicle was rear-ended while stopped at an intersection.

Blalock, his wife and their 3½-year-old son were returning from lunch at a pizza restaurant when the accident occurred near Surprise. Blalock said they were all OK.

"We got crushed hard," Blalock said Tuesday while sitting at his locker. "I've been in car accidents before. We got hit hard."

The impact crushed the front end of the car that hit Blalock's luxury SUV, though the air bags in his vehicle didn't deploy. Blalock's SUV, which he drove to work Tuesday, has a cracked rear fender.

Blalock didn't go to Scottsdale with the team for Monday's game against San Francisco. Blalock got his third straight game off after playing the first three, his first

games at third base since surgery last May to remove a rib that was affecting nerves.

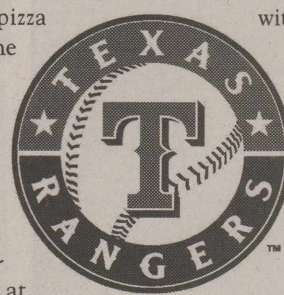
Manager Ron Washington had planned for Blalock to be the designated hitter Tuesday against Arizona, but changed his mind after the accident that left the third baseman with a stiff neck.

"We're just going to play it day by day and see how he feels," Washington said. "He's got the whiplash working. I guess y'all have seen the whole body turning. He's a young kid, so he should bounce back. At least his family is well."

Blalock, a two-time All-Star, wasn't expected to play in the field Tuesday, but was going to play catch and go through some drills. He has had soreness in his arm and his back.

"It's no big deal. They're being real careful with me," Blalock said.

"We're not concerned about the shoulder," Washington said. "It's a little sore. He's been doing a lot of throwing."



Green Bay Packers QB Brett Favre retires after 17 seasons, says he's 'tired'

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — After flirting with retirement for years, Brett Favre means it this time. The Green Bay Packers quarterback quit after a 17-season career in which he dazzled fans with his grit, heart and rocket of an arm.

"I know I can still play, but it's like I told my wife, I'm just tired mentally. I'm just tired," Favre told ESPN's Chris Mortensen in a voice mail message.

Tuesday's surprise move comes after the 38-year-old three-time MVP set several league records, including most

career touchdown passes, in one of his most successful seasons.

Coach Mike McCarthy said Favre informed him of the decision by telephone Monday night.

"He said it was time for him to hang up the cleats," McCarthy said at a news conference Tuesday afternoon. "He's mentally tired, with all the little things that go into everyday preparation."

Favre's agent, Bus Cook, also learned of his decision Monday night.

"Nobody pushed Brett Favre out the

door, but then nobody encouraged him not to go out that door, either," Cook told The Associated Press by phone from his Hattiesburg, Miss., office.

Packers general manager Ted Thompson thanked Favre for 16 years of wonderful memories with the team.

"His accomplishments are legendary," Thompson said. "And it's the passion with which he played that made everyone a Brett Favre fan."

The team hasn't said when Favre might address the media.

Favre led the Packers to the NFC championship game in January, but his interception in overtime set up the New York Giants' winning field goal.

"If I felt like coming back — and Deanna (Favre's wife) and I talked about this — the only way for me to be successful would be to win a Super Bowl," Favre told ESPN. "To go to the Super Bowl and lose, would almost be worse than anything else. Anything less than a Super Bowl win would be unsuccessful."

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1999 CR125R: DVS graphics, new top end, never raced, adult owned, FMF pipes, new brakes, rental handlebars, new back tire, very fast 125cc, excellent condition, \$1250 OBO. 817 845 3120 or christophermohler@yahoo.com

2007 HONDA CBR 600RR

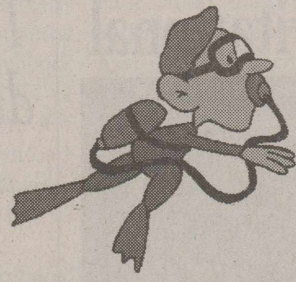
1500 miles no repairs or damage. New yoshi full exhaust system and lots of other add-ons. Steel framesavers. Clean looking bike. Call 432-290-2228.

3320 26TH 3/2/2 & 1/1/1, \$157,500. 3015 42nd 4/2, \$98,000. Both houses remodeled. 806-470-7088.

6PC SOFA, love, chair, tables. New, lifetime warranty, \$1900 Must sell \$500. Can deliver. 806-549-3110.

ALL LEATHER sofa/love, 3 piece table set. New, lifetime warranty. \$650. 549-3110.

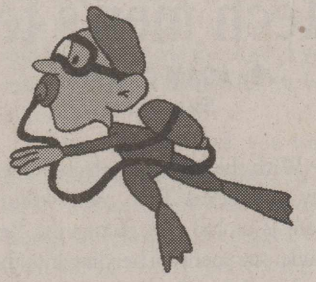
EXPERIENCE Rec Sports



Phone: 742-3351

Have you ever wanted to Scuba Dive? Get PADI Certified for only \$300! Sign up in the OPC Today! Deadline is March 28!

Website: www.rescsports.ttu.edu



Box 2151

Heartbeats

A quick pulse around the Rec Sports World...

Sport Clubs:

Looking for a job? We are currently hiring Sport Club Supervisors and Spring and Summer Camp Counselors. For more information, please stop by the Intramural Office Rm. 203 or email Jonathan Elliot at jonathan.elliott@ttu.edu.

Fit/Well

Nutrition Monday, March 10th
4:00 - 6:00pm
WHAT'S IN YOUR BEVERAGE

Raider X2 Session 2

Registration is still going on!
Raider X2 Session 2 classes begin March 2nd!

Outdoor Pursuits Center

There are three great trips still available over spring break! Get signed up now!

- Wilderness First Responder
Reg. by Mar. 12 \$495
- Southwest Rock Climbing
Reg. by Mar. 6 \$285
- Eastern US Kayaking Tour
Reg. by Mar. 6 \$350

Scuba

Get signed up today for this spring's scuba diving class! There are already spots taken on this great trip!
Deadline: March 28 \$300



Spring Break Youth Sports Camp 2008

March 17-20 8:00am - Noon

A week full of fun, athletic activities designed for all skill levels, ages 7-13. Each day of camp will be held at the Texas Tech University Student Recreation Center. Space is limited to the first 60 children!

Cost: \$40 per child

*Camp insurance is included in the fee *No scholarships available

What to Expect

The camp will emphasize group development and team skills, and a small snack will be provided every day.

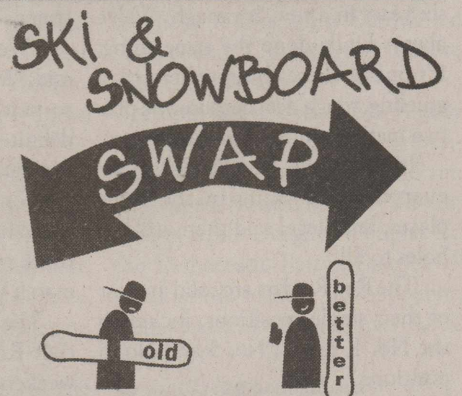
Register your children in person in the Main Office, Rm. 202 of the Rec Center, or visit our website at www.depts.ttu.edu/rescsports/youth/springfling.php!

Outdoor Pursuits Center - Jobs and Gear Swap!

"Men [and Women] wanted for hazardous journey, small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful, honor and recognition in case of success." Sir Ernest Shackleton

Outdoor Pursuits Center is now hiring for the Trip Program and Climbing Center

This is your chance to join the Outdoor Pursuits Center. An informational meeting will be held Thursday, March 6, at 4:00 P.M. at the OPC for those seeking more information. The Outdoor Pursuits staff positions are available in the rental and trip programs as well as the Climbing Center. This is a great opportunity for anyone looking for a learning experience in outdoor recreation and leadership. Qualified applicants don't necessarily need outdoor trip or climbing experience but have an ability to lead people with various backgrounds, teach different activities, a good work ethic, and have a positive sense of humor. Stop by our office or call 742-3351 / 742-2949 for more information.



Mar. 8, 8am-noon

Intramurals



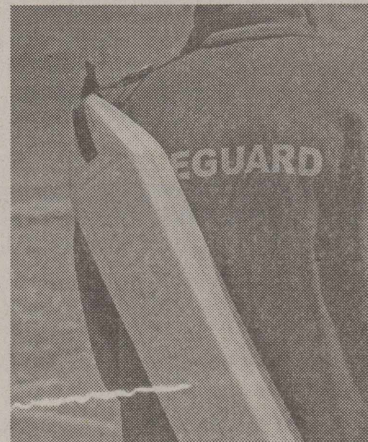
Are you the next Mia Hamm or Pele?

Are you ready to kick the futbol around?. Intramural Indoor Soccer is right around the corner. Bring your friend's socials, \$50.00 (forfeit fee), and a smiling face to the Intramural Office room 203 in the Rec Center to sign up your team. Space is limited to the first 92 teams! If you do not have a team but love to play softball, we have a FREE AGENT program just for you. The Free-Agent meeting is set for Wednesday, March 12th at 7:00pm.

Calling All Badminton Players!

Intramural badminton is here! Today is the last day to sign up for Intramural Badminton. Play will be the week of March 10. Sign up in Rm. 203 on the second floor of the Rec Center!

Aquatics Center



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
- Thursday, March 27th 6:00 - 9:00pm

Lifeguarding Class

Become a certified American Red Cross Lifeguard. This course includes lifeguard techniques, standard First Aid, and CPR for the professional rescuer. Cost is \$130 for Texas Tech students and faculty/staff and \$140 for the community (includes the book and all certification costs).

April 1st - 24th T/Th 6-10:30pm

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

Fitness/Wellness Center

The Amazing Spring Break Race

The winning team participants will each get an iPod!

the DATE TODAY!
Registration is between 3:00pm and 5:00pm
All teams must finish the race by 7:00pm

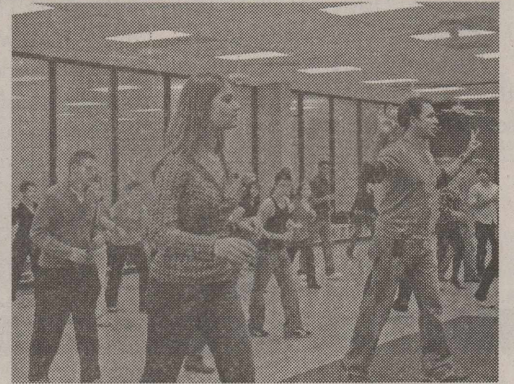
the RACE
Your team of 2 students must complete 6 Amazing Race-style Spring Break challenges around campus and cross the finish line. Teams will receive clues to find the challenge locations around campus at the time of check in.

the PLACE
Teams check-in at the Student Union Building "Red Raider Lounge".

the PRIZES
The Grand Prize winners will each be awarded a \$50 gift card to Southwest Airlines!
2nd place each will receive a \$25 gift card to South Plains Mall
3rd place each will receive a Texas Tech goodie bag

*This race is open to all Texas Tech students. Please bring your ID to check.
*There will be no pre-registration. You will register the day of the event beginning at 3:00pm

For information please call
Amanda Edredge
805.742.2244 x 290
amanda.edredge@ttu.edu



Students being taught Salsa Dancing

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 Apr. 15
Book by phone: (806)742-3828 Email for more info: fitandwell@ttu.edu

student union

coming together in the union

congratulations to

the texas tech college bowl team on their 2008 sportsmanship award!



pictured are blake huxley, tim kennedy, jon hall & jonathan barton

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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, March 5
SUB Bell Tower Room | 2 pm

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