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City recruits residents in search for new police chief

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

City of Lubbock officials are not the only ones involved in the search for a new police chief. The city is interested in input from Lubbock citizens.

The city is forming focus groups comprised of local residents.

Members of the focus groups will meet and give an overview of their opinions and experiences of the police department, City Manager Bob Cass said.

"Basically, we're trying to get some sense of what the community thinks about the police de-

partment," Cass said. "It's been my experience that the police department, perhaps more than any other department within the city, is the one people tend to have the strongest feelings toward, either good or bad."

Cass said it is important to get the public's feelings about how the police department is fulfilling their needs and in which duties they are falling short.

"I know what I think is good, but I want to hear what other people think is good," he said.

City Councilman Frank Morrison said it is important to give the community a sense of involvement.

participation.

"Citizens need to be involved to have a feeling of ownership in city government," Morrison said. "Having ownership makes (government) part of their responsibility."

Cass said he hopes to form two or three groups with seven or eight people in each one. Gender, ethnic and generation representation is vital, he said.

"We want to be certain to get a good cross section of the community," he said.

While interviewing the candidates, Cass said he will consider the guidelines and suggestions of

the focus groups as well as those of the police department. He will make a suggestion to the City Council, which will ratify his decision, or request another nomination from Cass.

The Council can also make a recommendation for Cass to approve or disapprove. Morrison said the new police chief must be somebody who has been successful in their previous job.

"The police chief has got to be able to associate with and relate to the average citizen," he said.

It is also important to hire someone from a community similar in size to Lubbock and who is

accustomed to overseeing a police department the size of Lubbock's, Morrison said.

"We can't have someone from a community of 25,000 to 50,000 people and have them step into an organization with a budget and personnel the size of ours," he said.

The Lubbock Police Department consists of about 300 police officers and 100 other personnel, including administration and civilian employees, Bill Morgan, police spokesman, said.

The chief is responsible for the entire department, including budgetary issues. Cass said he looks for the position to be filled in six months.

Sharing their

Tech couple allows television series to film their nuptials

By Whitney Wyatt/Staff Reporter

Pre-wedding jitters took on a completely new meaning for one Texas Tech couple last week, as they were being filmed for "The Wedding Story," a documentary show on The Learning Channel.

Along with the usual last-minute wedding details, Veronica Carrasco, a graduate student in communication studies from Odessa, and Jorge Juarez, a 2001 Tech graduate from Corpus Christi, let TLC's filming crew tape the story of their wedding two days before the event.

Carrasco, who married Juarez at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Odessa, said TLC notified them on Jan. 10, with the news they would have their wedding story nationally aired on television.

"I didn't ever really think they would pick us," she said.

However, being picked was not an easy journey, Carrasco said. First, they filled out an application on the Internet and mailed in pictures of themselves. Then, they did a phone interview, and finally, they sent in a five-to-six minute videotape of themselves, as well as their engagement video.

As excited as they are, Carrasco said she did not realize how much work filming would be.

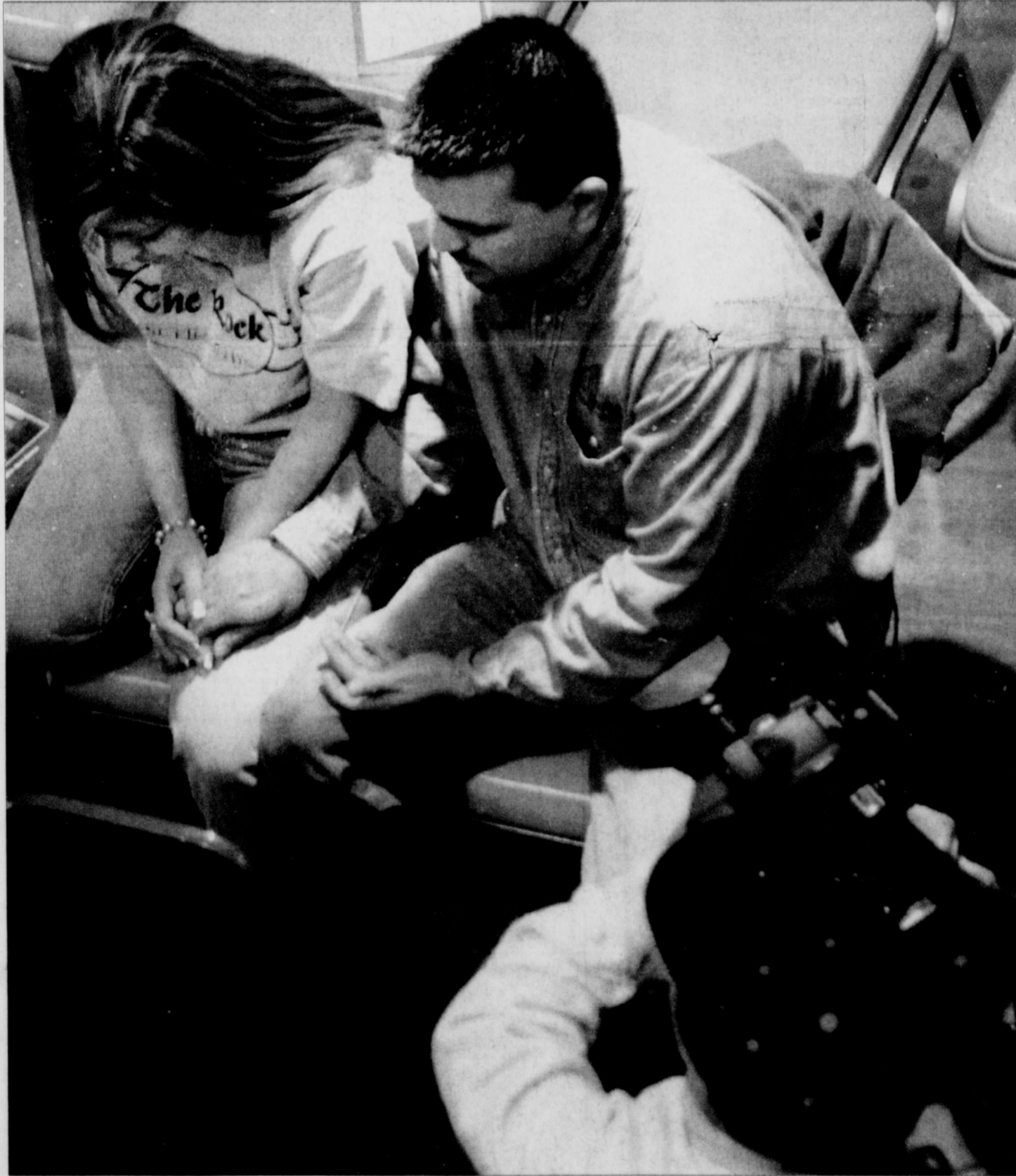
"It's been rough," she said. "It's overwhelming, all the details. I've even cried."

Carrasco said she believes TLC chose their story because of the religious foundation their relationship is based upon.

"(TLC) was interested in the spiritual part of our relationship," she said. "What is nontraditional in the rest of the world is traditional to Lubbock."

TLC camera crews filmed Carrasco and Juarez on Thursday at the Rock's praise and worship services at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, the place they first met about two years ago, Juarez said.

"We prayed together (when we first met)," Juarez, who is now an assistant director of recreational sports at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center, said. "I knew she was special."



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VERONICA CARRASCO, A graduate student in communication studies from Odessa, and Jorge Juarez, a 2001 Tech graduate from Corpus Christi, participate in the Rock's praise service at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. The couple married Saturday.

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New director reigns in Center for Addiction

KICKING THE HABIT: Tech faculty member, Kitty Harris, to head student-focused center.

By Meredith Salmon/Staff Reporter

The Center for Study of Addiction has completed a national search for a new director. Kitty Harris, a Texas Tech faculty member, has been designated to fill the spot.

"She's the perfect candidate for the job," Steve Harris, associate dean of human sciences, said. "She has great community ties and a great history of practicing in the community. She knows the addiction field well."

Before Kitty Harris took over former Director Carl Andersen's position, she taught part-time at Tech. Until the start of this semester, Kitty Harris taught classes on treatment of addictive disorders and preventing substance abuse at Tech.

Her past experience includes working at a private counseling practice for 18 years and 13 years as a program director at the Charter Plains Hospital.

Kitty Harris earned her bachelor's and master's degree at the University of North Texas and her doctoral degree from Texas Tech. She is also licensed as a chemical dependency counselor and a marriage and family therapy counselor.

"I hope to create a student-oriented, nurturing environment for students to learn in and maintain a long term recovery," Kitty Harris said.

Kitty Harris said the program is already well developed and is making some minor changes to help the students more. Sometimes, a recovering student does not have a lot of structure and boundaries, Kitty Harris said. She has added

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Helicopter crash leaves two dead, one wounded

By Joe Milicia/Associated Press

CLEVELAND — A helicopter crashed just after taking off from the roof of a Cleveland hospital early Friday, killing two people and seriously injuring another, officials said.

The helicopter slammed into an unoccupied car at University Hospitals of Cleveland and busted into pieces, with only the tail recognizable in the twisted wreckage. Witnesses reported loud explosions and large flames shooting into the air after the crash.

"The smoke just engulfed the whole building — it was seven stories high. People started running out of the hospital," said Natatia Lin, 24, who lives about 300 feet from the hospital and felt the explosions. The pilot and a nurse were killed, said Lt. Sharon MacKay, a police spokeswoman.

Honors college to offer study abroad

OVERSEAS: Students studying in London/Paris can earn college credit while experiencing Europe.

By Preston Files/Staff Reporter

Students wishing to study abroad can sign up through the Honors College. The Summer 2002 Honors London/Paris International Study Program is available to provide students with six hours of Honors upper-division seminar credit while they travel.

"The program is a great opportunity to study while traveling and learning about international issues," Kambra Bolch, associate dean of the Honors College, said. "In the wake of Sept. 11, we all need to be more aware of what's going on internationally."

The six-week program will be divided equally between London and Paris.

"Students gain international awareness studying abroad; they develop a sense of accomplishment by hurdling obstacles," Bolch said. "Students ... find themselves capable of handling things that come their way in a tough situation."

The approximate date of departure is between July 1 and 5 and students will return between August 13 and 16.

Students interested in the London/Paris program can download an application at www.honr.ttu.edu/london2002.htm. Students selected to participate in the program will be notified in late January.

"If a student could possibly do an international experience they should," Bolch said.

Classes during the study-abroad experience usually meet four days a week and include site visitations including locations such as the British Museum, the Louvre, the Tate Gallery, the Museum of London, Houses of Parliament, the British Library and the Globe Theatre.

The program's day trips and weekend excursions in past visits have included locations such as Bath, Stratford, York, the Lake District, Versailles and Cambridge.

"The Honors College works with fall classroom experience and gives students the opportunity to interact ... in ways of discussion and writing, and also helps students feel the experience is personal," Bolch said.

The program is still being planned and the itinerary and fees may change, she said.

The cost for the program is approximately \$4,800. Scholarships are available to students who need financial assistance.

The International Education Fee Scholarship, available

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STRUTTING PROUD



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer
THE BUDWEISER CLYDESDALES stopped in Lubbock Sunday at the Ranching Heritage Center before going back to San Antonio, their home base, Pete Peterson, supervisor of the San Antonio Hitch, said.

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The Rundown



Mom's trial begins for injury to child

DALLAS (AP) - A girl locked in a filthy closet inside a trailer home was a victim of gradually escalating abuse, prosecutors say. Barbara Atkinson is scheduled to go on trial Tuesday on a charge of serious bodily injury to a child. Her 8-year-old daughter, who authorities say was emaciated and sexually abused, was found inside the closet on June 11 when the child's stepfather alerted a neighbor.

The girl was a victim of a pattern of abuse continuing for months and possibly years.

Boy dies on slope during church trip

ORANGE, Texas (AP) After losing control, a Southeast Texas boy died on a Colorado ski slope while on a church-sponsored trip, witnesses say.

Dustin Brack of Orange died Saturday morning of head injuries at the Breckenridge ski resort. The accidental death of Brack, 11, was the second reported at Colorado ski areas this season.

Summit County Coroner Dave Joslin said Brack was not wearing a helmet.

Arrangements were pending through Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Dustin was the son of Dan Brack, a children's pastor with Community Church. The elder Brack and wife Darla were also on the trip.

First Lady praises MLK Jr. at tribute

ATLANTA (AP) First Lady Laura Bush called the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. a man "committed to peace and a man committed to change" Monday at a tribute to the late civil rights leader at the church where he once preached.

"He stood for truth, he did the will of God and made America a more just nation," Mrs. Bush said. "All of us are deeply indebted to him, to his wife and his family and to all of those who gave him strength for his journey."

Mrs. Bush was among the national and state leaders who gathered to honor King at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where King once co-pastored with his father. King, assassinated in 1968 at age 39, would have turned 73 last Tuesday.

Auditing firm may share Enron blame

WASHINGTON (AP) A fired auditor has told congressional investigators that Enron and its accounting firm share the blame for the partnership arrangements that helped drive the energy giant into bankruptcy.

Former Arthur Andersen auditor David Duncan "did not point the finger at Enron; it was more of ... 'we made mistakes,'" Rep. Jim Greenwood, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, said Monday.

Money still needed for Afghan effort

TOKYO (AP) - The world has so far pledged more than \$2.6 billion to rebuild Afghanistan, well short of the \$15 billion the United Nations says is needed.

The United States, Japan and the European Union promised about \$1.3 billion over three years, or half the aid pledged Monday by participants in an international conference. The money will help Afghanistan do such things as pay the bills of its interim government and clear the country of mines.

At least 25 countries said they were willing to chip in funds, a Japanese foreign ministry official said on condition of anonymity.

Volcanic eruption kills dozens Monday

GOMA, Congo (AP) - Lava flows from a volcanic eruption ignited a gas station Monday, killing between 30 and 50 people trying to siphon fuel from the elevated tanks, witnesses said.

A massive fireball erupted at 8:30 a.m., leaving a huge black cloud hanging for hours over Goma. One-third of the town's 500,000 residents stayed after Thursday's eruption.

Soldiers of the rebel organization controlling Goma said 30 people were killed. The rebels would not identify themselves.

Chiza Barabara, a witness living near the station, said 50 died in the initial explosion. He said the victims were trying to steal gas.

Quote of the Day

"I may not have been able to go to Texas Tech if it had not been for his struggle and fight."

— NASTASHA ANDERSON, senior management and information systems major from Houston, on MLK Day. Please see STUDENT.

Bullfighting school created in Texas

LA GLORIA, (AP) She's a Hispanic from Southern California who found her calling by crossing the border to the bullrings of Tijuana, Mexico. He's a Texan born with club feet who picked up the reins of his father's aborted dreams and became an acclaimed matador in Mexico.

Together, Raquel Martinez and David Renk have inaugurated the latest part of the Tex-Mex tapestry that is deep South Texas. A 30-foot circle of dirt in the midst of Webb County's lonely brushland is being hailed as Texas' first dedicated bullring and bullfighting school.

Fred Renk, David's father, broke ground on his dream in June.

On Sunday, he circulated proudly, admitting surprise

at the opening day crowd squeezed into the bleachers to cheer on the matadors - and the bulls.

The Santa Maria Bullring was named for his patron saint. The ranch where it sits is "La Querencia," which translates to "haunt" or "safe place."

Renk has invested about \$100,000 into what he hopes will be a venue for local fans and curious winter tourists.

Bullfighting, he said, is not cruel. It is, he said, a dance of wills that is as old as history.

"Since B.C., people will fear them. A bull will run, a rhino will run. It's carved there on the walls of Crete," he said.

As are the women fighters, Martinez said.

Out of costume, Martinez is a petite woman with a long, white-blond pony tail and a tiny voice.

In the ring, she is fierce, yet playful, egging on the 880-pound bulls as if they were simply playground bullies.

Raised in a family of scuba divers, hikers and mountain climbers, a career as a matadora to her was not too far-fetched, she said.

The Mexican matadors had other ideas.

"It was like a war. How are we going to let her? It was sacrilege," she remembered. "If I had failed in that first one, it would have been over. But I triumphed. The next day, the newspapers changed. She IS a matador!"

Martinez earned her doctorate and in 1981 became the first professional lady matador in the world, opening the door to others. Women in tiny villages in Central and South America would

gather to watch her, banging pots and pans, kissing her, pulling at her hair, cheering her as one like them.

"I got my bravery from the women," she grinned. Like the bulls, who get their aggression from the mother. "It's for that moment that you do the fight."

The elder Renk had aspirations as a bullfighter. He was badly mauled during a fight, and gave up the sport. The younger was not deterred. Other boys played with the cap guns, David Renk played bullfight.

The lithe David Renk, now 38, fought throughout Mexico, becoming the seventh American to become a full matador. He is one of only three fighters in the history of the Reynosa ring to have fought a bull so challenging it was awarded a pardon from death.

"It took a while to feel accepted," he said.

Idaho company recalling thousands of mislabeled cans

WASHINGTON (AP) An Idaho company is recalling about 312,000 cans of soup that are mislabeled as cans of beans.

The Agriculture Department said Monday the mislabeled soup produced by Chiquita Processed Foods LLC, of Fayette, Idaho, will not cause

health problems if eaten.

Soups mislabeled as 15.5-ounce cans of "S&W Garbanzo Beans" actually contain 14.5 ounces of "Wolfgang Puck's Chicken Parmesan with Pasta Hearty Soup." These recalled cans have package code 897P8/C263 and establishment code P6166 on

top of each can.

Soups mislabeled as 15-ounce cans of "S&W Pinto Beans" actually contain 14.5 ounces of "Wolfgang Puck's Grilled Chicken with Rice Hearty Soup." These cans have package code 897P8/C263 and establishment code P6166.

The recalled soups were distributed in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington state.

Consumers with questions about the soup can call the government toll-free line, 1-800-535-4555, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST Monday through Friday.



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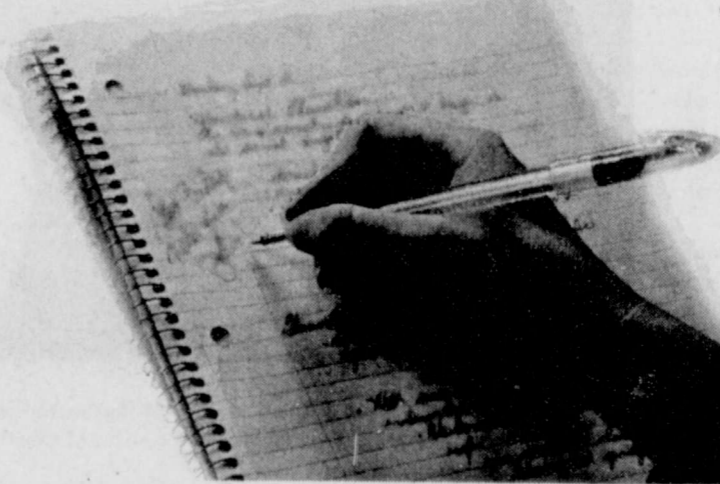
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Study shows abuse common in young women

By Natalie Worthen/Staff Reporter

Statistics show that one out of four women are abused, and these numbers are more dramatic in high school and college-aged students.

Dr. Donna Tilley at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, recently conducted a study on domestic violence, and has found staggering results.

"Domestic violence is not necessarily based on age, but it is evident that girls in high school or college are more vulnerable to being abused," Tilley said. "They are less likely to say 'no' or leave and do not have social support."

Tilley said young women, ages 16-22, are trying to map out their lives and are lenient to abnormalities in their boyfriend's behavior because they think they can change them.

"It's fine to date someone who's different when you're young and finding what you want. The tricky thing is, abusers are looking for quick commitments," Tilley said. "At first, he loves you instantaneously, and it's flattering, but he is forcing commitment to be in control."

Tilley said the study focused on women as victims of domestic abuse, she

said that is not always the case.

Five percent of domestic abusers are women.

Tilley said she believes there should be training for the abusers on anger management to show them alternative methods for dealing with anger and conflict.

"Most of the men who grow up to become abusers witnessed violence when they were young," Tilley said. "They didn't have to grow up with domestic violence in their own home, but that is one reason why men abuse."

Tilley said the other two reasons for abuse is social acceptance and alcohol.

"Men hit because they can, and it works," Tilley said. "They hit to get what they want."

Tilley said she is looking into programs that teach young women the signs of potential abusers. She said it would help them realize they do not have to put up with abuse. Tilley said she would rather more attention be paid to primary prevention, where officials would lecture on dating violence and anger management. The secondary prevention process is where screening takes place and early identification is acknowledged.

"Right now our money is focused on tertiary prevention, where we try to find

a shelter for the victim and keep the abuser from killing," she said. "We also take care of medical needs and the Battery Intervention Prevention Program comes into effect here."

The B.I.P.P. is a program sponsored by the Women's Protection Services.

Fritzi Moreman, executive director of B.I.P.P., said there are eight different types of abuse that are addressed at B.I.P.P. These are intimidation, emotional, isolation, minimizing, which includes denying and blaming, child abuse, male privilege which is the 'man of the house' concept, economic control, and coercion and threats.

He said the abusers go through a process of learning each type of abuse for three weeks.

During this time, they make a control log, where they identify other methods of resolution besides violence, and then they talk about them.

They watch a video the last week where more options are introduced to them.

"The men would use all or some of the eight different types of abuse on a daily basis," Moreman said. "It would get to the point where it went unnoticed in the home."

Tilley said there are three different types of abusers. Cobras, pit bulls and those that build anger up and snap eventually.

"The cobras don't care who they hit. Bar fights are common, spousal abuse and child abuse are common with them," Tilley said.

She said there is mental illness associated with the cobras, and that B.I.P.P. rarely provides help for them. They also have an extensive list of offenses.

"Most pit bulls and those that just snap do better in the program," Tilley said.

The pit bulls are focusing their anger on one particular person.

Most of the time, men, who go to jail for abusing a woman, come back more angry and ready to retaliate, she said.

The prevention program works with them and informs them why they are choosing violence. It also offers other paths to take.

She said she discovered in her dissertation that women are also abusive.

"The men had all hit their wives, but they were describing that the women hit repeatedly to, and they had had enough," she said. "However, women do not usually put their husbands in the hospital."

Tilley said men were capable of more serious injuries than women.

"The men are not calling the police when their wife hits them. There is no Men's Protection Service," she said. "That's why, when the woman calls the police, even if she instigated it, if he hit her, he will go to jail."

Tilley said men hit if they are trying to get the woman to stop hitting them but also if they are insecure.

"Women that are pregnant get hit almost as much as the younger group of women," Tilley said. "They are incredibly insecure, and the men think the baby isn't theirs. Also, the woman's attention is now going to the baby, where it once was focused on him."

She said that the advice she gives to women is, "Go for the diamond; not the diamond in the rough."

"Don't think that you can change him. Find one that is good enough for you without you're changing him," Tilley said. "The decisions a college girl makes today will affect the rest of her life and the lives of her children."

She said it is important that a woman get her degree, so she may support herself and isn't at risk of getting stuck in a sour relationship for financial support.

Wedding

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From that day on, Carrasco said the two have based their relationship on God, always praying and attending praise and worship services.

"I just hope (this experience) glorifies God," she said.

TLC's crew also followed the couple around the Tech campus on Thursday, filming them as they talked about how they met, Juarez said. When TLC's producers interviewed each one separately, they were both asked how they met, what the proposal was like, how they both knew the other was special and about the joys of their relationship.

"Jorge loves my soul," Carrasco said. "He loves all of me. He tries to build me up and make me stronger and vice versa."

Carrasco said they also talked about their struggles.

"We fall and struggle," she said. "We are human. That is why we need each other."

Juarez said the camera crews sometimes made them feel uncomfortable.

"It was hard to be ourselves," he said, "yet, that is what they wanted."

However, Juarez said he is excited they had this opportunity.

"I will have a professional TV show of my wedding," he said.

TLC followed the couple on Friday to Odessa to film the wedding on Saturday. Their story will be one of the first episodes on "The Wedding Story's" next season, which is set to air in late summer or the beginning of fall.

Juarez said 20 years from now they will be thrilled about the opportunity; right now they just want to get on with their life.

Addiction

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some recovery meetings, called step study.

A buddy system has also been launched to assist new students participating in the program and to help them adjust to the structure of the program.

Peer mentoring will take place by pairing new participants with established ones. Kitty Harris said this would help the new participants as they integrate into the program.

Another new aspect to the program is a study hall, the purpose of which is to provide extra help for students who are struggling with their grades.

The details of a monthly service project are in the process of being worked out. Kitty Harris said the group will decide what task they will complete every month. Some suggestions of project ideas include having a clothing drive for a halfway house and participating in Habitat for Humanity.

"Recovery does not deal just with drugs and alcohol," Kitty Harris said. "It also includes developing integrity and character, and just being a better person."

Abroad

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from the International Cultural Center, varies from \$250-\$750 for summer programs. Applications for these scholarships can be found online at www.honr.ttu.edu/sas.htm and www.iaff.ttu.edu/Home/OIA/StudyAbroad/iedfs_application.doc.

"We are working on a referendum with the International Cultural Center to increase the student service fee," Channon Cain, External Vice President of the Student Government Association, said.

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#2 Ways to pop the question

Wendell and Renea were both in their senior year at Texas Tech. They had been high school sweethearts as well as throughout their college career. Wendell decided that it was time to ask Renea to spend the rest of her life with him. And so his plan developed.

Since the Christmas holidays were nearing and they were both going home, Wendell got his mother involved in the plan.

Wendell asked his mother to wrap and decorate a cardboard box that a washing machine had been in. This way it would be ready for him when he got there and he wouldn't have to try to haul it from Lubbock.

The big day arrived and he went on his way to Renea's house. He hid his truck and strategically set the box on her front porch as he crouched under it. He then called Renea from his cell phone within the box and told her that he had a package delivered. She needed to go see if it was there since it needed to be opened as soon as possible. She went outside to find the package sitting right in front of her door.

Renea looked at it suspiciously, all the while Wendell was anxiously watching her through some small, inconspicuous eye slots in the box.

She studied the box carefully until she figured that she could simply lift it up. So, she very cautiously lifted the box to find Wendell crouching there on one knee with a beautiful engagement ring. Renea was speechless. She just stood there in shock for the next 5 minutes until she could work out the one word Wendell had been waiting to hear, "yes!"



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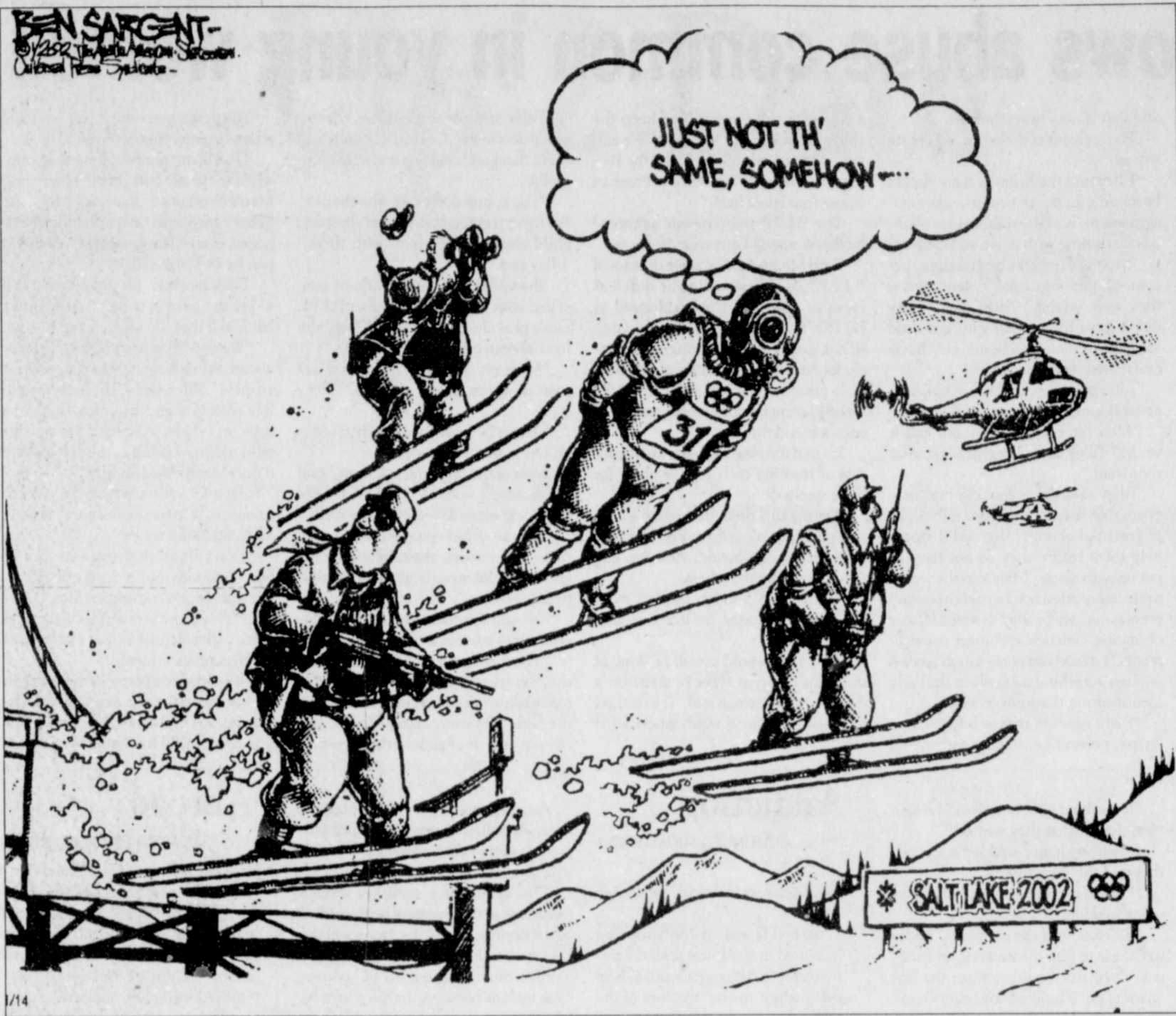
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COLUMN



BRANDON FORMBY

My mom asked if I had a fever. Emilie was sure her cell phone had cut out, and she had heard me wrong. Faith thought I was just flat out lying. Meredith assumed I had some hormone-driven ulterior motive.

All because I said, "Yeah, I've been going to the rec lately."

What is so unbelievable — so shockingly incomprehensible — about the campus chubby kid showing up at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center to work out?

While I'm currently enrolled in a walking class (knowing my limits, I figured jogging was a little too advanced), I have not limited my rec center patronage to class time. I go before class. I'm thinking about going after work today. And I've even gone on the weekends.

I know I've waited a long time to acquaint myself with the campus' Mecca of muscular development, but for we who are big-boned, the rec can be an intimidating place. Just like all-

you-can-eat-pie-contests make all you skinny folk feel a little inadequate.

I've been scared for quite some time. When I lived in good ol' Sneed Hall, the guys on my floor would head out to that side of campus for a game of racquetball. But I would never go.

While always up to a challenge, I also have always known my limits. As a person who looks like a water tower in even the loosest of white shirts, I always knew better than to go to the rec with a bunch of guys who looked like they just got back from an Abercrombie and Fitch photo shoot. So I just stayed home, slightly curious but always nervous about that mysterious rec center.

To me it just always felt like no man's land — my own personal kryptonite. I just feared the minute I would walk in the door, the whole place would stop and everyone would start giving each other dumbfounded looks, wondering why in the world someone of my physique would even show their face there.

For years, beautiful, skinny people have had their faces and bodies plastered all over the place. I mean, it's gotten so bad that I can't even go to CiCi's, Rosa's or Arby's without seeing a billboard with some big, buff dude with bulging muscles on it, which just makes me feel worse.

But then, at long last, I began to realize that fat is in again. Yup, chubby is hot. Meat on the bones is good. (If you have failed to receive an official copy of that memo, consider this your notification.)

I mean, I've never had a six pack. I don't even think there are six muscles anywhere near my abs. OK, so I don't even have abs. But you know, I remember the day I left college, my dad told me never to forget a keg is always better than a six pack. So I don't feel that bad for gaining the freshman 50. Both times I was a freshman.

I just decided I didn't care what I looked like or what anyone thought. I decided I was going to go, and I was going to feel good about myself, no matter what.

That guy who fell off the climbing wall when he saw me walk in didn't help in this matter, but I journeyed on.

Luckily, I have not had to endure this groundbreaking slap in the face to conventional rec center etiquette alone. My friend Courtney volunteered to be my workout partner.

While no reports have been confirmed, I've heard she lost 23 games of rock paper scissors before all my other friends made her step up to the job, which is understandable.

After all, I'm sure it's not easy to risk your own reputation to be known as the girl who walks the elevated track with "that one guy."

Each time I run into someone I know they give me this weird double glance and a confusing look. It's as if they think I must have a good twin out there or something.

Despite falling wall climbers, weird glances and feeling like a hippo running through a field of gazelles, I will not give up on my quest. I will not feel bad about my body. I will continue going to the rec.

Until I get tired of it and move on to the next "groundbreaking" activity.

Which reminds me, where is that "library" place again?

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COLUMN



JUAN SHERWELL

We arrived in Guatemala on a Friday morning, a few days before New Year's. There was supposed to be a van waiting for us at the airport, but for reasons we never knew, the driver didn't show up (he probably freaked

out when he knew he had to take 8 people and 200 bags).

My dad, who usually has a precise agenda, was trying to figure out something else. He and my older brother (an Aggie - no comments!) went to make arrangements with a new rental car company. In the meantime, while waiting for them inside the airport, I made my first buddy. He, as if we were old friends, told me about his two-year experience in jail (that is a great first impression). I never asked what happened, but he seemed to be a nice guy with a huge smile, which made me wonder if he was really dangerous at

all.

I told him about Paulina. Paulina is a nice, pretty girl from Guatemala and we became friends in college down in Mexico. I told him how we had lost contact and had no way of letting her know I was there. I met back up with my brothers and for some strange reason I felt like someone was staring at me. I turned around, and on the other side of the arrival gate, Paulina was there. She was waiting for her boyfriend.

Things happen for a reason, and this time, the fact we missed our van let me see her, laugh and catch up on things. What a small world; sometimes I can't even find my friends at Tech.

My father and brother finally showed up with a large van and a driver whose face went blue when he knew the number of people and bags he was going to have in his car.

"I might have to tie some of the luggage on the roof," he said to me. "It's not going to be mine," I replied. Then the discussion started. "Why don't we put your bag?" "No, let's put that suitcase."

"Let's tie the wheelchair." "No, let's tie grandma." (She went speechless).

But the driver interrupted, "OK, OK, I will make sure I fit everything in the van, including grandma." (She took a big breath).

We drove straight to Antigua, the most visited place in the country. After getting to the hotel, we took a taxi to go downtown. Taking a cab is like taking a history class where the driver is the instructor. They will tell you stories about the streets, churches, traditions and politics. Some of them will tell you that Antigua was the second capital Guatemala had, yet some of them might say it was the third one (I haven't checked this yet).

But the truth is that going to Antigua is like going back in time 300 years.

Walking on the street is like entering a colorful painting. The roads are all stoned streets. Most of the houses keep a Spanish-influence style, and at the same time, each one offers unique details — balconies, hand-carved doors, personal touches on the

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façade. It's like if someday all the colors were flying on that town and decided to stay forever, not only on the magnificent houses but also in the beautiful handmade dresses of the Indian Mayas, a civilization that at some point in its history became one of the most advanced ones in the world.

Guatemala is a developing country (I don't like the term third-world country). It is a place of mountains and volcanoes; a place of churches and convents; a place of exceptional celebrations for New Year's. It is a place that suffered through a civil war, but was able to overcome, sign a peace treaty and find a way to live peacefully.

It's the place that gave birth to Rigoberta Menchú, a human rights defender and Nobel Peace Prize winner; a place of good coffee and food; a place to go shopping at the market of Chichicastenango.

My parents worked hard all year to save some money for my brothers and I, who, as usual, spent it all in a few days on that trip. But it was a few days that will last for a long time.

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It's about more than just class

COLUMN



ALISON WELLS

I'm only 20. I never imagined I would end up as wise and as intelligent as I am today. Obviously, I have not lived as long as my parents, but I have assured

them that since I've lived through two whole decades, I can now successfully wipe my own butt without their help. By the way, that is my latest accomplishment.

Really, I don't believe my credibility is as low as my parents have made it out to be. I've always been quiet, well-behaved and done well in school. Well, that is before college. Did I mention that I will graduate from this fine establishment of higher education in three and a half years instead of the projected seven?

You would think they would be happy. They're not.

As far as they are concerned, I should stay in college, regardless if there are not any courses left to take, to learn more about life. Yeah. So next semester, I'm signing up for the class entitled, "Staying in college just a little longer to waste just a little more money."

No, I am certainly not wishing I'd never gone or saying that it's a waste of time. Obviously, a college degree is necessary to get a job that pays more than minimum wage. It is also more acceptable in our society to go to college, as conforming as that sounds.

But really, all this pursuit of knowledge has made me tired. I'm certain I'm ready to get on with real life. Enough of this quest to learn about things I care absolutely nothing about.

Why is it that I must have a plan for every aspect of my life? What I'm going to do with my degree, where I want to live and in general, what I want to do with myself are all questions I am frequently bombarded with. They're all good questions, but why must I have all the answers prepared in my head, just to be able to say something ambitious and intelligent, even though I don't have a clue as to what I want to do with my life?

The thing is, I do know what I want. I want to experience life to my standards. I'm not money-driven (which really makes it difficult to be in college), so I don't care about some career in corporate America. Nor do I care for being single, dating all the wrong people and waiting patiently for the blessed person chosen for me by my parents.

I've recently made the small discovery that if you study and analyze something too much, it begins to deteriorate in value. It is left with little substance. Love, for example, cannot be asked why. It is something that is purely of the senses and rarely of the rationale. College is this time. We spend so much of our time deciding exactly what we will do once we get out and concentrating so intensely on our chosen subjects, that we forget to explore the other options the world has given us. We are left with an extremely expensive piece of paper that entitles us to do what has been installed in our brains. As much as we take our minds into consideration, our hearts should have the same place in our lives. Love what you do.

My point is that, although we, as collegians, are indeed young, we, not our parents or the rest of the world, still have the ability to choose what is right for us. I know you have heard all of this 100 times, but it is easier said than done.

When rationality is pushed to the extreme, the result is suppression of the imagination. True, there are many instances in which seriousness, planning and rationale are good to have. For the most part, we should allow things to happen as they will.

College is only a small fraction of your life. It does not determine everything about the rest of your life. So, relax. Don't take yourself so seriously. You just might discover what you've been looking for all along.

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Students celebrate MLK with interpretive contest

By April Tamplin/Staff Reporter

As an introduction to Black History Month in February, the office of Residence Life is sponsoring the first annual "I Have a Dream" Interpretive Contest and Dinner in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at 5:00 p.m. today in the Horn/Knapp Dining Hall.

"We wanted to do something for MLK Day," Martin Crichlow, assistant area coordinator for Housing and Dining, said.

The contest is open to Tech students, faculty and staff who want to express what King's famous dream means to them.

"So many people are still fighting for the ideas that MLK set forth," Katie Van

Zandt, a junior pre-medicine major from San Antonio, said. "By reminding ourselves of the past, we may find answers that can be applied to our current national situations."

The evening will begin with a general opening, prayer and dinner, she said.

"Participants can express them-

selves through poetry, song, dance, essay or any other form of expression," Crichlow said. The winner will receive a plaque.

Michael Gunn said Tech does not have many MLK celebrations because most organizations are gearing up for Black History Month.

"Since this is the first year we are

having an event like this, we wanted to start small," Crichlow said. "Over the next few years this will hopefully get bigger."

Van Zandt said the celebration is important to raise awareness of King's ideals.

"By having the 'I Have a Dream' contest, we are reminding people to

look to their souls and express their greatest gratitude, pains and aspirations in honor of MLK," he said.

Admission for the "I Have a Dream" contest is free to dining-plan-account holders, or meal tickets can be purchased at the door for \$6.45. Contest participants will receive a complimentary meal ticket.

Students share thoughts on what MLK Day means to them and their generation

By Damion Davis/Staff Reporter

Martin Luther King Jr.'s, born January 15, 1929, struggles, accomplishments and words were the cause for celebration this weekend.

King, the leader of the civil rights protests led in the early 50s and 60s, was the topic of conversation for many students and community members as they celebrated his life.

Nastasha Anderson, a senior management and information systems ma-

ior from Houston, said people of all races should enjoy this holiday.

"Martin Luther King fought for the rights of all people. He was a brilliant man, and he did not just do things for blacks; he fought for equality for all people," she said.

Tyronda Porch, a sophomore human development and family studies major from Lubbock, said it is important to know of the struggles people had to en-

sure during the civil rights movement.

"It is important for us to remember him because of the things he had to go through for us to have equality. Blacks, at one time, had to go through a struggle. I am glad that he was such a great man," she said.

Lubbock residents celebrated at a citywide service at the Memorial Civic Center on Sunday. The Rev. Nathan Johnson delivered a sermon stating why

this holiday was important for all people.

King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in 1963 and led a march from Birmingham, Ala. to Washington D.C. to fight for civil rights. His speech spoke of a time when children of all races could play together and understand one another.

Rodney Manor, a sophomore computer engineering major from Austin, said

important lessons can be learned from the life of Martin Luther King, Jr..

"I think it is important for all races to know a little about Martin Luther King. They can get a better understanding of the struggle (blacks) went through and know the fight (blacks) had along the way," he said.

King won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 for his fight against civil injustice. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968, by

James Earl Ray.

"It is so important we know who he is since he did so much for the equality of all people. I may not be able to go to Texas Tech if it had not been for his struggle and fight," Anderson said.

Smith believes if it had not been for the great things King did, the world would be a different place.

"I could never thank him enough," she said.

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First-time marathon runner gears up for race

By Whitney Wyatt/Staff Reporter

Six grueling months of sweat and pain come down to one February day for a Texas Tech student.

Kristen Perry, a junior marketing major from Austin, will run in her first marathon Feb. 17 at the Motorola Marathon in Austin.

"I've never done anything like this before," she said. "I just wanted to see if I could do it."

The length of a marathon is 26.2 miles. Perry said she started her training in August by running three miles at a time. She said she now runs up to 16 miles at a time.

"Training for this marathon has been like a lot of little races," she said. "I have set little goals of certain miles."

Since day one, Perry has kept a log of her running process. She said she runs every day of the week except Monday and Friday.

"I have two days off a week," she said, "and Sunday is my really long run."

Perry said she takes vitamins every

day and does not drink caffeine, eat junk food or drink alcohol.

"You have to discipline yourself with eating," she said.

Not only has training for this marathon taught Perry how to manage her time, but it also has proved to her that running is fun, Perry said.

She said she will bring a cheering section with her when she competes in February. She will have a fan club of friends and family attend.

"It makes it fun when your family is behind you," she said. "My sister and mom are going to start (the marathon) with me, and my dad is going to run the last part with me."

She said the support of her family is what keeps her going on those long days of running, she said.

"My dad is such a big role model for me," Perry said. "He challenges me. He's the one who keeps pushing me."

With a month left to train, Perry said there is no turning back.

"God will help me through it," she said.

However, Perry said she needs

someone who can run at least six miles with her because it is impossible to run 18 to 21 miles alone.

"You hit a mental mark," she said.

"I've never done anything like this before. I just wanted to see if I could do it."

— KRISTEN PERRY
Marathon Runner

"You would be surprised what goes through my mind. I run out of music (to listen to). I run out of things to think about."

While Perry learned details about running a marathon from the Internet, students have the opportunity to learn about marathons in February when Tech offers a free inar-

thon training workshop.

Janda Ibbetson, assistant director of recreational sports for fitness and wellness, said a marathon-training workshop will be offered at 4 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center. The room number has not been decided, she said.

Ibbetson said runners will learn training information at the workshop including setting up a running schedule, different training programs, the right nutrition, proper clothing and the correct running form.

"This workshop is being offered to help (runners) prevent injuries and to give (runners) the common procedures," she said. "It's grueling. You need information before you start training."

Ibbetson said getting a person ready



for a marathon depends on each person's overall base level of running and exercising. While one person may be ready after four months of training, she said, it might take another person more than a year to prepare.

While marathons are held year-round, she said the typical marathon season is during colder months.

"Winter is the biggest season for marathons," Ibbetson said.

Students who like to run and who are interested in learning more about marathons are encouraged to attend this workshop.

"This workshop will get students jump-started and motivated," Ibbetson said.

Students who are interested in marathons have another option open to them, Ibbetson said. Students can receive marathon training while raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Ibbetson said.

Each runner will raise money for the society by running in honor of a patient. The money raised benefits blood-related cancers. In turn, Ibbetson said the runners will be provided with marathon training.

The runners will participate in two June marathons, the San Diego Rock 'n' Roll Marathon and the Mayor's Midnight Sun Marathon in Anchorage, she said.

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society will host its kickoff meeting at 1 p.m. Jan. 26 at Home Plate Diner on South University, she said. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

For more information on the marathoning workshop or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, contact Ibbetson at (806) 742-3828.

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Story of orphan in 12th century Korea wins Newbery Medal

NEW ORLEANS (AP) The story of an orphan living under a bridge in 12th century Korea won top honors in children's literature Monday from the American Library Association.

"A Single Shard," by Linda Sue Park, won the Newbery Medal, awarded annually to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

The award was named for the 18th-century British bookseller John Newbery.

Park's book tells the story of Tree-ear, an orphan who lives under a bridge and becomes fascinated with a nearby community of potters.

"Tree-ear's determination and brav-

ery in pursuing his dream of becoming a potter takes readers on a literary journey that demonstrates how courage, honor and perseverance can overcome great odds and bring great happiness," said Kathleen Odean, who heads the Newbery award committee.

David Wiesner, illustrator and author of "The Three Pigs," won the Randolph Caldecott Medal, awarded each year to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

The story takes the three characters from the familiar folk tale through scenes of other nursery rhymes and fairy tales.

"Transformations occur as the pigs boldly enter new stories, make friends and ultimately control their own fate, Caldecott award committee chairwoman Kate McClelland said.

Mildred D. Taylor, author of "The Land," and Jerry Pinkney, illustrator of "Goin' Someplace Special," won the 2002 Coretta Scott King awards for black authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults.

Taylor's "The Land" chronicles the life of Paul-Edward Logan, son of a white slave-owner and an African-Indian slave.

It is set in Mississippi in the 1800s. Pinkney won for his watercolor illustrations of 1950s Memphis in "Goin' Someplace Special."

Jerome Lagarrigue won the Corretta Scott King-John Steptoe New Talent Award for illustrations in the book "Freedom Summer" by Deborah Wiles.

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Red Raiders shoot down No. 6 Cowboys, 94-70

By Matt Muench/Sports Editor

Texas Tech men's basketball coach Bob Knight has never been a big believer in miracles.

After his Red Raiders upset No. 6 Oklahoma State 94-70 Saturday at the United Spirit Arena, the first-year Tech coach still is not convinced the basketball gods are turning the Tech program around.

"I mean this has not been a miracle,"

Since day one, Perry has kept a log of her running process. She said she runs every day of the week except Monday and Friday.

"I have two days off a week," she said, "and Sunday is my really long run."

Perry said she takes vitamins every

Knight said about the Raider victory and season success. "Nobody's walked across the Brazos and waved a wand at us."

Miracle or not, Tech pleased the home crowd of more than 15,000 fans by ending its two-game skid after giving the Cowboys their worst loss of the season.

The Raiders, who beat a top-six team for the first time since 1985, never lost control during the contest. They only trailed twice in the game and shot a sea-

"My dad is just a big guy for me," Perry said. "He challenges me. He's the one who keeps pushing me."

With a month left to train, Perry said there is no turning back.

"God will help me through it," she said.

However, Perry said she needs

son high 61.9 percent from the floor.

However, it took a while for Tech (14-3 overall, 3-2 Big 12 Conference) to pull away.

Following two Cowboy free throws to tie the game at 52 six minutes into the second half, the Raiders jumped on OSU (15-3, 2-3) and surged with a 21-2 run over the next seven minutes.

Tech guard Andre Emmett's fueled the spark with eight consecutive points that included a couple of dunks and a dazzling reverse lay-up. Emmett ended the game with a career-high 32 points on 14-of-18 shooting. Center Andy Ellis scored 26 and forward Kasib Powell added 17.

Cowboy coach Eddie Sutton did not know what happened to his squad, which has now lost two consecutive games.

"It was 52-52, you know?" Sutton said. "It was a game. Then, all of a sudden, it was just a collapse."

During the key Tech run, the Cowboys turned the ball over eight times and were held without a field goal for almost five minutes.

Tech guard Nick Valdez had three steals during the surge that kept the home crowd loud and the Cowboys quiet.

Valdez finished with 11 assists as Tech scored 28 points off of the Cowboys' 21 turnovers.

"I think we took what the defense gave us," Tech guard Will Chavis said. "Mainly, in the second half when we pulled away, we maintained focus and spread our offense out and got it to the people who could score."

Sutton said his team "just kind of quit playing."

Knight said his team just had things go their way. "Occasionally, something happens like that in the second half where everything goes for one team and nothing goes for the other," he said. "And that's about what happened. For our team, everything kind of went our way and for them nothing kind of went their way. I told Coach Sutton after the game I've been there before."

Tech has one week to prepare for its rematch with No. 5 Oklahoma, who defeated the Raiders by 26 points two weeks ago in Norman, Okla.

Tip-off is set for noon Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

Can the Raiders win the rematch? "When everybody is working hard," Ellis said, "there's nothing we can't do."



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TEXAS TECH GUARD Andre Emmett scores two of his career-high 32 points on a reverse lay-up during the Red Raiders' 94-70 thumping of No. 6 Oklahoma State Saturday at the United Spirit Arena. It was Tech's first win against a top-six team since 1985.

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