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## Valentine's Day driven by materialism

COLUMN



RACHEL RICHMOND

I adore holidays. Holidays usually put people in a good mood, different sorts of gifts are given and the food is always the best.

Every holiday has a special place in my heart. But the one holiday I have never liked and shared space for in my heart has to be the one coming upon us next week — Valentine's Day.

As far back as I can remember, I have never enjoyed Valentine's Day. The red and pink hearts, flowers, candy — all that "romantic" crap just seems ridiculous to me.

My dislike for this holiday started back in elementary school. I never liked the idea of having to give a Valentine, usually the Smurfs, to everyone in class. You know the teacher made up this rule so

that kids without friends wouldn't feel left out.

But thinking like an elementary-age kid, I didn't want to give a Valentine to someone I didn't like. They might get the wrong idea, chase you on the playground and tease you until you finally give in to the awaited kiss behind the slide. You will never live that one down.

Middle school was not any better. You would either ask or get asked to "go with" someone before the big day. Mom or dad would buy you flowers, candy or cheap jewelry for you to give your junior-high love. The pre-teens would proudly hold their presents high, balloons hooked to backpacks, knocking out people behind them.

Let's not forget the Valentine's Day dance — always the highlight of the holiday. You and your date secretly hold hands in the back of mom's minivan on the way to the event. Dancing the night away (well at least until 10 p.m.), giggling and gossiping with friends and hoping for that Valentine's kiss by the bathroom. Who would've known the perfect, middle-school couple would break up the next week? Bet you thought it would last forever.

High school is not much different. The high schoolers still think it's cool to wear the holiday colors and to carry the balloons and flowers. Sure, the gifts are now self-bought, mom and dad need not to worry. Whispering commences throughout the halls of what your significant other has given you, what restaurant chain you will dine at that evening and what you will be giving in return.

No wonder Valentine's Day has turned into a materialistic, Hallmarked

holiday. We grew up in a society that views the heart-filled holiday in this way. We have been programmed since birth to give candy hearts and flowers to someone we love. Red and pink lovey-dovey gifts have been shoved down our throats. Why has this become acceptable, and why do we continue to conform to this store-bought romance?

I have actually heard people complain about the amount of flowers (or lack of) or the financial value of an object given to them by their so-called loved one. This is appalling. Love is an intense emotion. It has no monetary value and shouldn't be compared to material things. Those who do should be ashamed.

I also have a problem with the love-stuffed-into-one-day bit. Loving someone and showing love should be a daily routine, not just for that "special day." It needs to be every day. Now, I'm not suggesting that we buy flowers and crap every single day. That would be a complete waste of cash. I'm suggesting the little things should count more. Here's an example.

I was dating this guy when I left for college, so we decided to try out the long distance thing. He would call or e-mail everyday, which was great, but I love getting real mail. I'm big on pen pals, and I don't like looking into an empty mailbox. So, I asked for him to send me a real letter. He told me he was...and I did. Valentine's Day came around, and I told him not to waste his

money on a gift. So, he sent me a letter. We eventually broke up, remained friends and I still have the letter. It was the best gift I have ever gotten from a boyfriend. So, like I said, it is the little things that count.

Step back and take a hard look at the little things your loved one has done for you. Did he hand over the remote? Did she cancel the dinner with her mom and dad so you could watch the game? Those little so-called meaningless acts should score higher on the chart. All those stupid Valentine's Day gifts shouldn't even be in the same category. Store-bought love cannot compare

to love coming directly from the heart.

So, this Valentine's Day, if your loved one doesn't surprise you with the exact amount of flowers you wanted, think about the little things they have done for you. Give them credit. If you cannot seem to get past the disappointment of the Valentine's Day gift, then I suggest an evaluation of the relationship. Maybe you are not worthy of the little things. Flowers die, candy is eaten and jewelry is lost, but the little things and the love behind them can remain forever in memory. Happy Valentine's Day.

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## Love is not just a word; it is something to live by

COLUMN



DANIEL WHITE

To love someone is to learn the song that plays inside their heart. To love someone is to sing that song to them when they cannot.

I have noticed that for some reason everyone these days wants to talk about love, but no one wants to live it anymore. We have friendships that break up because of a lack of loyalty, because deep

down, everyone seems to be looking for No. 1.

We then turn around and form boyfriend and girlfriend relationships that soon become plagued by constant senseless "I love you's."

Despite those words, it seems about everyone nowadays has that little someone on the side just in case things don't work out. Not only do we not love one another as we say we do, we also don't love ourselves enough to take care of our bodies and have some type of self respect. We drink and smoke far too much as we become complacently addicted to the way society says we are to have a good time.

Even the beauty of sex has been diminished. It has become nothing more than another "hit" on another day with another person. Those very same people are so quick to call it "making love." But really, is love not about more than that?

At the same time, we are so concerned with making sure that we are No. 1 in life that we do whatever it takes, whether it costs us friends, happiness or dignity, to ensure our own personal status.

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Now let me get this straight. We don't love our boyfriends and girlfriends enough to respect them enough to be faithful. We don't love our friends enough to be loyal and caring, and we don't love ourselves enough to have self respect. So, whom exactly do we love?

I am sorry to break this to you, but the truth is, you can say you love every person and everything in this world, but until you understand the fact that love is a verb, your words and your actions are said and done in vain. I fear we have become a society of words without actions,

and I believe we have forgotten the importance of having meaning and purpose behind our very words.

How can you say that you love your girl when just last week you were "loving" someone else? The same goes for women. We are so quick to speak powerful words to one another that we never consider love is the highest level of emotional bond we can have to someone or something.

I know that you may say, "What is the big deal, it's just another word?" To that, I must say you are right. It is another word, yet I cannot just sit here and pretend that we, as a society, have not lowered the standard of the most powerful word in our dialect, because we really have.

We have lowered this standard so much that many people do not know what it means to truly love someone. When you truly learn to love that boyfriend, that girlfriend or that friend, their joy becomes your joy and their happiness becomes your greatest ambition.

When you learn what it means to truly love yourself, and when you realize how carefully and wonderfully you have been created, you will also begin to respect yourself as a person, as will others.

By this time next week, another Valentine's Day will be here. That means another heart will be broken, another friendship will be ended and another person will attempt to drown their sorrows away by putting their lips around a bottle containing beer. Maybe it is time we learned what it means to love each other and ourselves. I would ask that you please not take this as some cheesy pre-Valentine's Day column asking you to walk throughout campus all day holding hands and singing the Barney "I Love You" song.

Instead, take my words as a challenge to you to be real with yourself and real with others. If you say that you love someone, be willing to prove it, at any cost. If you do not love someone, don't say that you do. Say what you mean, and mean what you say because love is a powerful word.

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# Celebration

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faculty, staff and the Tech Board of Regents.

Cindy Rugeley, vice chancellor of News and Information, said the sold-out event includes 90 tables for Tech constituents and donors.

"It's an event to thank all of the Texas Tech supporters so that everybody can get together to celebrate the Horizon Campaign," she said.

Rugeley said although Montford will be returning for the celebration, the focus is more on the contributors to the Horizon Campaign and to Tech.

"He's coming to join in the celebration," she said. "The purpose of the event is to say thank you to all of

those supporters. You think of John Montford because he was always the person out front saying, 'give more.'"

Russell Hughes, director of special events for the campaign, expressed his feelings on the accomplishments of the campaign.

"I'm a Tech graduate and in some ways I can't believe we did it but in other ways I can," Hughes said. "Working in the campaign is a lot of pressure, but John made sure we had fun with it. Tech has never done anything like this."

Smith said because of a slowing economy and tightened legislation, these sort of campaigns will be more critical in the future.

"There has been discussions about another goal for fundraising here at Tech, and it's my belief that those will

target academic needs such as scholarships and faculty support." Smith said.

Montford, who is expected to be in town today, was unavailable for comment.

He was the first chancellor of Tech, beginning his five-year tenure in 1996. During his term, Montford spearheaded several projects, including the Horizon Campaign and the construction of the United Spirit Arena.

"I am exploring several opportunities in business," Montford told *The University Daily* in July, after announcing his resignation. "I worked hard for five years and I want to reflect on some things. It is time to move on and let someone else with new ideas come in."

# Four killed in Afghan avalanche

By Lourdes Navarro/Associated Press

SALANG, Afghanistan — Rescue workers labored in bitter cold and fierce winds Thursday, digging out nearly 500 people trapped in their cars and a tunnel by an avalanche of snow in the soaring Hindu Kush mountains. Four people were killed, officials said.

Three of the dead suffocated inside the Salang Tunnel, and the fourth died in a car buried by snow outside as temperatures overnight plunged to minus 40 degrees, said U.N. spokesman Yusuf Hassan.

Rescuers battling winds up to 55 mph freed about 300 people from vehicles

buried in the snow outside the tunnel, said Gerhard Zank of The HALO Trust, a British-based mine-clearing organization that sent armored bulldozers to dig out cars and trucks. Hassan said rescue teams reached all 57 trapped vehicles.

About 190 people stranded inside the tunnel were also freed, said Mohammedullah Gulaga, the Afghan coordinator of the rescue effort. The rescue teams included U.S. soldiers and workers from HALO Trust.

Zank said 89 people suffering from frostbite and dehydration were evacuated to a field clinic at Jabal Saraj, between the tunnel and Kabul. Seven of them were in serious condition and were flown

by helicopter to Kabul, he added.

Salang Tunnel, 80 miles north of the capital, lies on the main road crossing the Hindu Kush and connecting Kabul to northern Afghanistan. It is the main route for aid shipments from north to south. The two-mile-long tunnel, a widely admired engineering feat was damaged in Afghanistan's war but reopened in January after Russian-led repairs.

Substantial snowfalls in recent days in Kabul and some other parts of the country have raised hopes that Afghanistan is seeing the end of a three-year drought that has aggravated the devastation of war.

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# Sports

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## Tech looks to erase road worries

By Matt Muench/Sports Editor

All season, Red Raider men's basketball players have said it is tough to play on the road anywhere in the Big 12 Conference.

Call it a cliché, but Texas Tech has the road record to prove it.

The No. 24-ranked Raiders are 1-3 away from the United Spirit Arena during Big 12 play and face what may be their biggest road test of the season when they tangle with No. 2-ranked Kansas at 3 p.m. Saturday in Lawrence, Kan.

"Everybody is going to be ready in this conference," Tech forward Pawel Storozyński said. "Everyone shows up to win. We are going to show up to win. Kansas is going to show up to win. It is very tough in this conference."

Tech's (16-5 overall, 5-4 Big 12) lone conference win went down to the final buzzer against Texas A&M in early January. Two of Tech's losses in Big 12 play came against Okla-

homa, three weeks ago, and Oklahoma State on Wednesday, two teams the Raiders demolished at home this year.

Tech guard Mikey Marshall said it is frustrating to know Tech can beat a team but lose to them on the road.

"You always have that in the back of your mind," Marshall said about the OSU loss. "We beat them handily here. And by losing to them there, it hurts."

Tech's other road defeat came at the hands of Nebraska last week, a team with a 3-6 Big 12 record.

Why can't the Raiders pull anything together on the road?

Marshall said it is all about focus. "We need to concentrate more," he said.

Storozyński said the only difference about playing at home and competing on the road is the color of the uniform.

"We wear white at home and black on the road," Storozyński said. "The rims are the same everywhere."

Tech also has been no stranger to loud atmospheres this season.

At home, the Raiders pack the house, and on the road, they have played in front of sold-out crowds in all four Big 12 contests.

"We have to use (the opposing

crowd) as motivation," Storozyński said. "It is pretty exciting to play in front of big crowds."

Kansas (20-2, 9-0) has been dominating opponents this season.

The Jayhawks are first of seven consecutive games and sit comfortably in first place of the Big 12 two games ahead of Oklahoma.

Kansas has the top scoring offense in the Big 12 but also has the worst defense in the conference.

Storozyński is calling Saturday's game a must win.

"We have to get this game," Storozyński said. "It is huge."

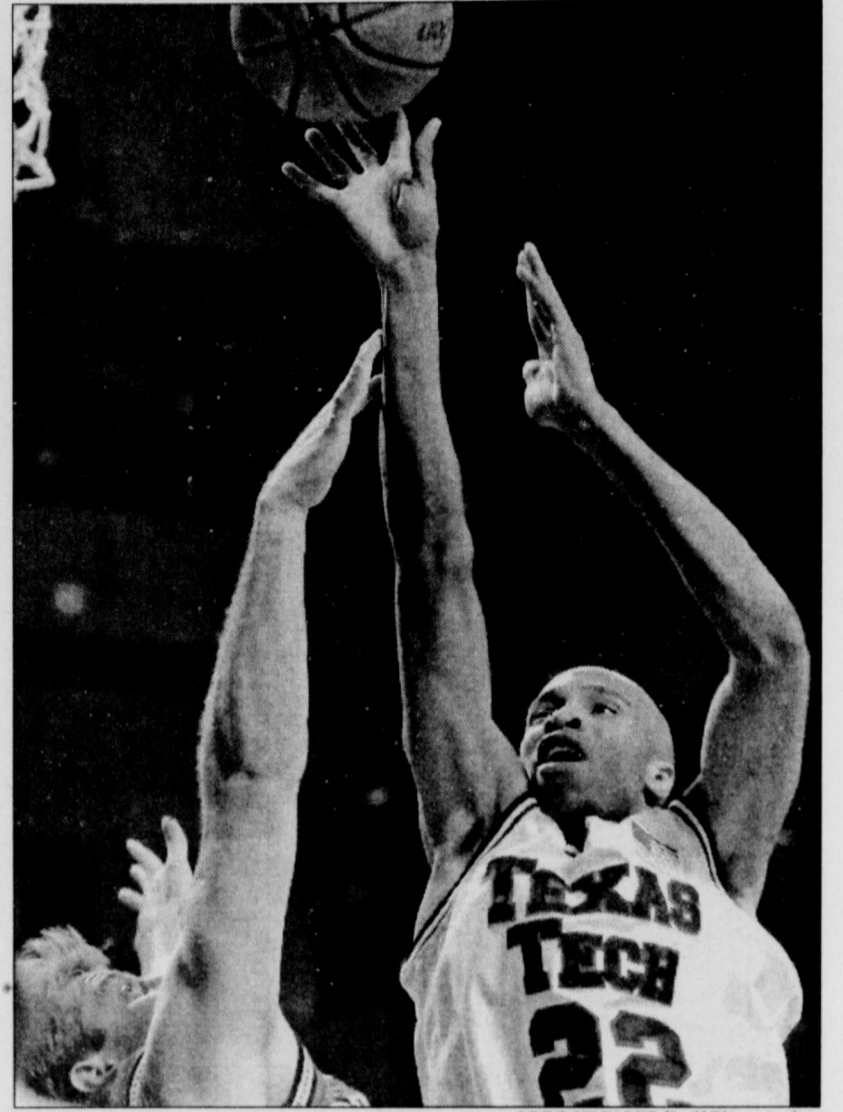
Marshall agreed.

"We can't get farther behind," Marshall said. "This game can give us a lot more confidence. If it is going to be hard (to bounce back from the OSU loss), then we are going to lose again. We can't let it be hard."

Following Saturday's game, Tech has six more games, three of which are on the road. Tech still has to travel to Colorado, Texas and Baylor.

*"We wear white at home and black on the road. The rims are the same everywhere."*

— PAWEL STOROZYNSKI  
Texas Tech Forward



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer  
TEXAS TECH FORWARD Kasib Powell attempts a jump shot during the Red Raiders' win against Iowa State last Saturday. Tech is on the road for the second consecutive game when it faces No. 2-ranked Kansas at 3 p.m. Saturday in Lawrence, Kan.

## Jordan set for All-Star game return

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Everyone seems to be doing a double take whenever they look at the East-

ern Conference standings, and things should be no different when they glance at the East squad for the All-Star game.

Michael Jordan will be wearing blue and white instead of red and black. Jason Kidd will have the word "Nets" across his chest, and Dikembe Mutombo and Shareef Abdur-Rahim will be donning different uniforms than they did a year ago.

In the West, there will be a distinct foreign flavor to this year's team, with a German, a Yugoslav and a Canadian on the squad.

"For me, I'm in other locker room and get to see what the East says about the West — and be a part of the smallball," said Kidd, the leading contender for the MVP award at the unofficial midpoint of the season.

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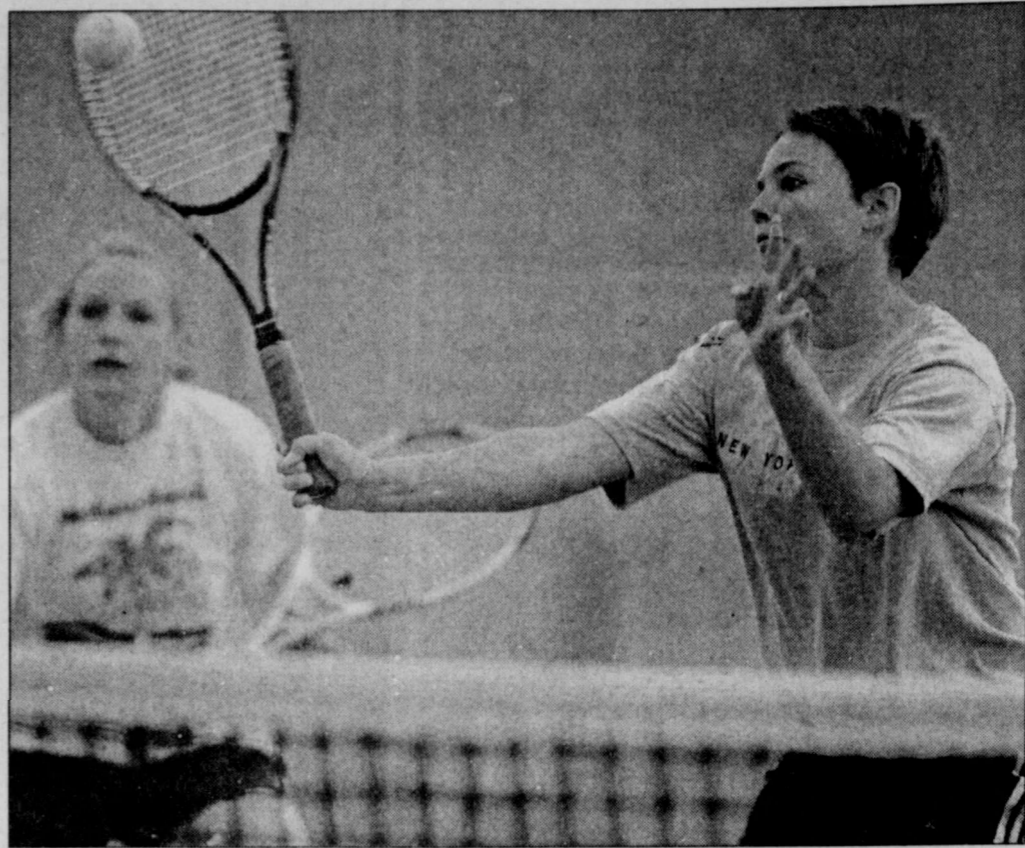
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# Netters anxious to open season



TEXAS TECH'S ALENKA OVIN returns a forehand close to the net during practice earlier this week. The Red Raider women's tennis team opens the spring season at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Nautilus Fitness Center against UT-Arlington. Nautilus is located at 9000 Memphis Ave. GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

The practicing can finally be tested on the courts in heated competition.

The Texas Tech women's tennis team opens its 2002 season Saturday against UT-Arlington. However, the match will not be held at the McLeod Tennis Center.

Because of the recent inclement weather, the team has not been able to practice outside at the McLeod Tennis Center. The team has held workouts at the Athletic Training Center.

The match will instead be held at the Nautilus Fitness Center at 11 a.m. The Nautilus is located at 9000 Memphis Ave.

Tech coach Virginia Brown said she wanted to play indoors because the team has practiced indoors all week, and an adjustment may be difficult to make.

"We haven't been able to practice outside," Brown said. "We would like to play indoors. It would be to our advantage to play indoors."

Alenka Ovin, team captain, said she

wants to win the match and avoid having to cover an opening loss.

"I'm optimistic, but we should win," Ovin said. "I'm tired of saying 'we played well, but we lost' for our first match."

The wait to play someone is over, and Brown said she is excited the team is prepared physically and mentally.

"We are 100 percent right now," Brown said. "I know their mental attitude is ready."

Co-captain Noel Ruiz said the team is in better shape than last season, and she hopes it can avoid the injuries it had last year.

"I think we're strong this year," Ruiz said. "Last year we had a lot of injuries, and that hurt us."

In the first match of the season Ruiz said players had a small case of butterflies, but she wants her teammates to get over that and be excited to win.

"It will be a hard match, and everyone will be a little nervous," Ruiz said. "I just want to see all the girls pumped up and want to win the match."

UT-Arlington is ranked above Tech, but Ovin does not think it will be a surprise if the Red Raiders walk away with a win Saturday.

"Arlington is a really good team, and I want to have a really good start," Ovin said. "I don't think it will be a shock if we win."

Ovin said because Arlington is ranked higher, the opening match will seem as if it were midseason because it will not feel like a warm-up match.

"It's most important if we start out with a win. It's so much easier if you do," Ovin said. "And it will feel more like the middle of the season because they (Arlington) are a better team."

Brown said this weekend will give a better idea of where Tech ranks with its competition, and she wants the team to be positive.

"You never know how you stack up until you play someone," Brown said. "This weekend, I want to see the girls come together as a team and have good attitudes."

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