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U.S.: 'Major combat operations are over'

By David Espo/Associated Press

Marines overwhelmed pockets of resistance Monday in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, the only major battlefield remaining in a 26-day war to topple the Iraqi regime. A Pentagon official said two aircraft carriers, their work finished, would soon depart the Persian Gulf.

"I would anticipate that the major combat operations are over," said Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, of a war that has cost 117 Americans, 31 British soldiers and uncounted Iraqi fighters and civilians their lives.

Looting eased in Baghdad after days of

plundering at government buildings, hospitals and an antiquities museum, and group of religious and civil opposition leaders met in the capital to plan efforts at renewing power, water, security and other vital services.

American forces found prodigious amounts of Iraqi weaponry, French-made missiles and Russian anti-tank rocket launchers among them. Army troops discovered thousands of microfilm cartridges and hundreds of paper files inside a Baath Party enclave as the dead regime began yielding its secrets.

Administration officials also issued fresh accusations against Syria, saying the government is developing a weapons of mass destruc-

tion program and helping Iraqis flee the dying regime. Syrian officials denied the charges.

In Tikrit, about 90 miles north of Baghdad, "There was less resistance than we anticipated," Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks told reporters, as American ground troops moved into the city after days of punishing air strikes.

American forces captured a key Tigris River bridge in the heart of town and seized the presidential palace without a fight as they rolled past abandoned Iraqi military equipment.

They set up checkpoints to keep prominent regime figures from leaving, and a line of armored vehicles was parked in front of a bazaar inside the city.

"We have had engagements, and we have defeated the enemy in every one of those engagements," said Capt. Frank Thorp, a spokesman at U.S. Central Command.

The operation inside Tikrit, Brooks added, "is really the only significant combat action that occurred within the last 24 hours."

McChrystal told reporters at the Pentagon, "I think we will move into a phase where it (combat) is smaller, albeit sharp fights."

With Hussein and his two sons dead or in hiding, his regime gone and his armed forces routed, U.S. commanders took steps to reduce American firepower in the war zone.

A U.S. defense official said two of three

aircraft carrier battlegroups in the region would soon be departing, the USS Kitty Hawk returning to its base in Japan and the USS Constellation to San Diego. Each carrier has about 80 warplanes, including F/A-18 and F-14 strike aircraft as well as surveillance and other support craft.

The Air Force already has sent four B-2 stealth bombers home.

With fighting on the wane, troops continued their search for evidence of weapons of mass destruction. One U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said an Iraqi

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MARIJUANA MARCH



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

WILL BRASWELL JR., a graduate student from Lubbock studying computer science, and Howard J. Wooldridge, executive director of Texas NORML, carry signs through campus advocating the legalization of marijuana Monday.

Raider Red baseball outfit stolen in Doak

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

Part of Texas Tech mascot Raider Red's baseball costume was stolen from Doak Hall on Saturday afternoon following a home baseball game versus Kansas.

The Saddle Tramp acting as Raider Red at Saturday's game, asking his name not be used, said the theft occurred at his residence hall room while he was in the shower. His roommate had been called out from the room, after which the theft took place, he said.

According to the police report, the theft occurred between 4:35 p.m. and 4:55 p.m. Saturday.

The stolen portion of the costume was basically everything besides the head and hat, Tech police Maj. Eddie Huckabee said.

According to the initial police report made at 10:59 a.m. Sunday, the items include Raider Red's pants, holster, foam gun, shirt, vest and boots. Huckabee said the estimated value of the stolen items is about \$2,495. The items were in a bag separate from the hat and head in Raider Red's room.

Huckabee said police have not yet identified any perpetrators, although there are potential leads he is not able to release at this time.

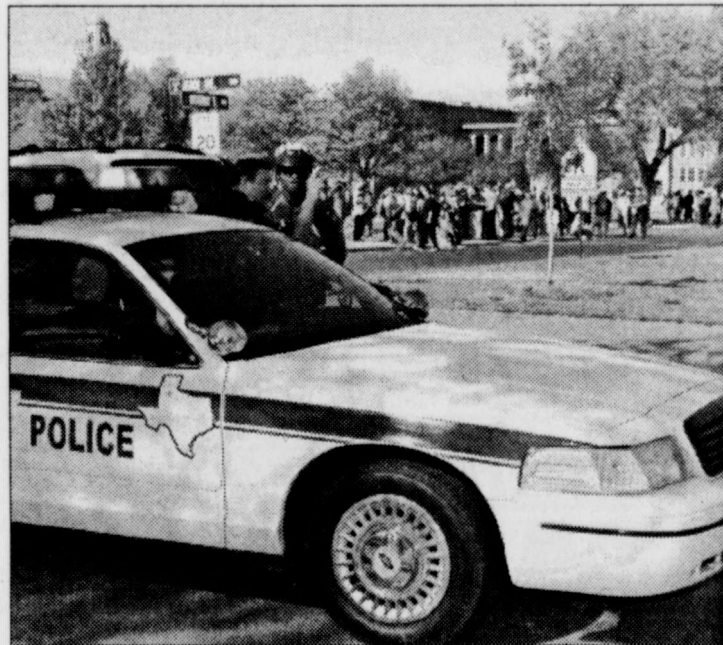
"That's part of the investigation," Huckabee said. "The investigation is ongoing."

Huckabee said there is no reason to believe at this time that the theft is a result of any kind of university rivalry or foul play on the part of a rival.

"Nothing indicates that this would

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Holden Hall bomb scare ends nonthreateningly



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

A LUBBOCK AND TEXAS Tech police officer discuss moving pedestrians away from Holden Hall on Monday morning after the building was evacuated because of a bomb scare. Cpl. Jim Curtis, of the Lubbock Police Department, said a bomb squad ran a render safe procedure on a large ammunition box and found nothing threatening.

By David Wiechmann/
Sports Editor

It was no slow start to the week at Texas Tech, as what was originally coined as a bomb threat evacuated Holden Hall around 9 a.m. Monday.

Sgt. Richard Penry called the Tech Police Department at 8:20 a.m. to report a "suspicious" item left in the hallway outside Room 37, the Air Force ROTC office.

Maj. Eddie Huckabee, of the Tech police, said the sheriff's office was called to assist, and a bomb squad and dog were brought in. The item found was a large ammunition box.

Huckabee said upon X-raying the box, the police found nothing threatening and proceeded to open it. Inside the box was a briefcase. The briefcase contained paperwork and a smaller ammunition canister. The ammunitions were not live, and the police found no bomb, Huckabee said.

The owner of the briefcase was in custody for questioning Monday

morning.

"The paperwork traced back to the owner of the items," Huckabee said.

Charges had not been filed as of 2:30 p.m. Monday, and Huckabee said he could not disclose the owner of the items because of that.

"We haven't filed any charges, and I don't know if we are going to," he said. "I can't tell you his name at this point because we have not filed charges."

The owner of the items was a Tech student, and Huckabee said the student told the police that the containers were for a display, and he forgot to inform someone of the purpose of the containers.

The ammunition containers held no ammunition. The larger container was for carrying large munitions rounds, such as .50 caliber or machine gun rounds,

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FILE PHOTO/The University Daily

JORDAN SHOOK, 7, plays with Raider Red in the stands during the Tech vs. Southwest Texas baseball game. Part of Raider Red's baseball costume was stolen Saturday following the Tech vs. Kansas game.

Student Affairs breaks down Tech demographics

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Office of Student Affairs has published a student profile for the spring semester that breaks down the demographics, enrollment, housing and majors for the public.

Michael Shonrock, vice president of Student Affairs, said student profiles are assembled every year.

"We have been doing this for several years now, and we made it available for students because they want to know," he said. "Many people have questions that this can help them answer."

According to the profile for the spring semester, total enrollment has increased by about 7 percent from the 2001-2002 academic year.

Michael Heintze, vice president for Enrollment Management, said Tech is taking steps to expand the popula-

tion of the campus.

"This past fall, we had about 4,100 freshmen and 2,100 transfer students start their term at Tech," he said. "Next fall, we hope to increase those numbers anywhere from 200 to 400 more people."

With an increase in the number of applicants, Heintze said more people would have a difficult time getting into Tech.

"The standards for being accepted are the same as last year, but since the number of people applying has increased, it will be more difficult for others," he said. "We hit an overall high enrollment of about 27,000 last fall, and we now expect about 29,000 this coming year."

Shonrock said he has seen Tech extend out from the West Texas area.

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U.S. Congress approves budget resolution 216-211

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Freedom does not come cheap, which is something the U.S. Congress was reminded of when it approved the budget resolution.

The record budget of \$2.27 trillion did not come cheap either. The House of Representatives passed it by a vote of 216-211, while the Senate stalemated at 50-50 and required Vice President Dick Cheney to cast the deciding vote.

Michael Franks, a junior finance major from Tyler, was not surprised by the size of the proposed budget.

"We've got a war going on," he said. "I guess the United States has to spend lots of money."

Brian Gerber, assistant professor of political science, agreed with Franks.

"The overall size of the budget is not surprising because it sort of incrementally grows from year to year," he said.

This is not the final budget, he said, just the budget resolution.

"In essence, a budget resolution is a non-binding taxing and spending plan," he said. "It basically creates a blueprint for the actual binding budget plans."

He discussed the tax cut as well, saying the disagreement between the two legislative houses on the amount of the cut was making for an unusual situation in Washington, D.C.

"What was unusual this time was the House and Senate couldn't agree on the president's proposed tax cut," Gerber said, adding the leadership of both houses got together and agreed to

disagree for the time being.

After both houses passed legislation with different amounts, they planned to worry about the tax cut amount later, which is odd, he said. In most circumstances, they agree on an amount before either the Senate or the House passes the legislation.

However, Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, and a few other moderate Republicans refused to pass legislation until party leadership promised the tax cut would not exceed \$350 billion.

Gerber said the top Republicans in the House publicly made comments about criticizing the Senate's actions.

However, the tax cut debate was not the most

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The Rundown



Budget debate begins; U.S. war commander expected to be lengthy North Korea, shocked by war, considers talks

AUSTIN (AP) — The \$58.6 billion state budget, the contentious focal point of the legislative session, is getting its eagerly awaited day in the sun. Lawmakers in the Texas House on Monday anticipated tense and emotional debate as they attempted to overcome a \$9.9 billion revenue shortfall.

But before lawmakers even began to tackle appropriations for the next two years, they clashed on how to fill the \$1.8 billion budget gap for the remainder of the current fiscal year, which ends Aug. 31.

The emergency appropriations bill for the current fiscal year included \$297 million from the state's Rainy Day Fund for a Texas Enterprise Fund requested by Gov. Rick Perry. Creation of the fund also would require passage of a separate bill.

Perry had asked to use \$390 million from that \$1 billion Rainy Day Fund for an account the governor could use to help lure big businesses considering relocating to Texas.

Democrats denounced allocating that money for the governor's use, saying it instead should be used for the needy, elderly, teachers and school children of Texas.

"Is the need to create a fund that he cuts deals with?... Does that come before the needs of the people of the state of Texas when we have a cash problem?" said Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston.

"I would put it in those places where it has value to the citizens of the state of Texas."

WASHINGTON (AP) — Large-scale combat in Iraq is finished, and the U.S. war commander is sending forces home, the Pentagon said Monday, but troops remaining still face danger.

"The major combat operations are over, because the major Iraqi (fighting) units on the ground cease to show coherence," said Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, vice director of the Pentagon's Joint Staff.

Two of the five Navy aircraft carrier battle groups engaged in the war are heading home this week, and McChrystal said war commanders are reviewing the timetable for sending the Army's 1st Cavalry Division into Iraq. The Air Force has sent home the four B-2 stealth bombers that flew wartime missions, and some other Air Force strike aircraft also will be released, officials said.

Each aircraft carrier has about 80 planes aboard, including about 50 strike aircraft.

With little public notice, the last two American aircraft based at Incirlik, Turkey, flew home Saturday to Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., ending 12 years of enforcing a flight-interdiction zone over northern Iraq.

About 45 U.S. and British planes were based at Incirlik; they did not participate in the war against Iraq because Turkey would not permit it. With the fall of the Saddam Hussein regime, the need for "no-fly" zones over northern and southern Iraq had disappeared, officials said.

It was not immediately known whether the U.S. planes that enforced the southern "no-fly" zone would remain at bases in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — U.S. military success in Iraq appears to have shocked North Korea into trying to peacefully resolve the standoff about its nuclear activities, but some experts warn a resolution to the crisis is far from guaranteed.

After months of insisting on one-on-one talks with Washington, North Korea signaled over the weekend that it would be willing to accept U.S. demands for multilateral discussions over the communist country's alleged nuclear weapons program.

The change was welcomed by world leaders, including President Bush, who described it as "very good news for the people in the Far East."

"This is the most positive statement since this crisis started," said Paik Hak-soon, a political analyst at the Seoul-based Sejong Institute research center. "Its timing shows North Korea is really shocked by what has happened in Iraq."

South Korea's top security adviser Ra Jong-il said Monday the North's decision to be more flexible was because the Iraq war had shown "it wasn't in an advantageous position internationally," the Yonhap news agency reported.

Scott Snyder, the South Korean representative for the Asia Foundation, said he was optimistic about the North's comments but warned that a resolution to the crisis was far from certain.

"There is still a wide difference in the stated positions between Washington and Pyongyang," he said.

TOSSING TORTILLAS



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer
NAYA SAUCEDO, A junior biology major from Amarillo, helps cook and heat tortillas for the Annual Fajita Cook-Out during Hispanic Cultural Awareness Week on Monday morning outside the Student Union building.



Texas Tech's Army ROTC is holding a blood drive in support of troops in Iraq and to remember the lives of fallen soldiers. It will be held from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena.

The underpass north of the university greenhouse at Main Street and Hartford Avenue will be closed to pedestrian traffic for four weeks while the natural gas line is lowered in preparation for the Marsh Sharp

Freeway. Students and faculty are requested to find an alternative route.

The Graduate and Professional Student Government Association elections ballot is online today. A link will be provided at <http://www.orgs.ttu.edu/gpsga>. Personal test number is required to vote. For more information, contact Lora Lopez at (806) 742-2781 or e-mail lora.lopez@ttu.edu.

The Hispanic Student Society presents "Reflections of our Heritage," a weeklong celebration with the following events:

Free showing of "Mi Familia" at 7 p.m. today in Room 352 of the Business Administration building, free salsa dance class at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Union Ballroom, the Spanish play "Los Invasores," performed at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Texas Tech Museum,

and the annual "Reflections of Our Heritage" Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the McInturf Center.

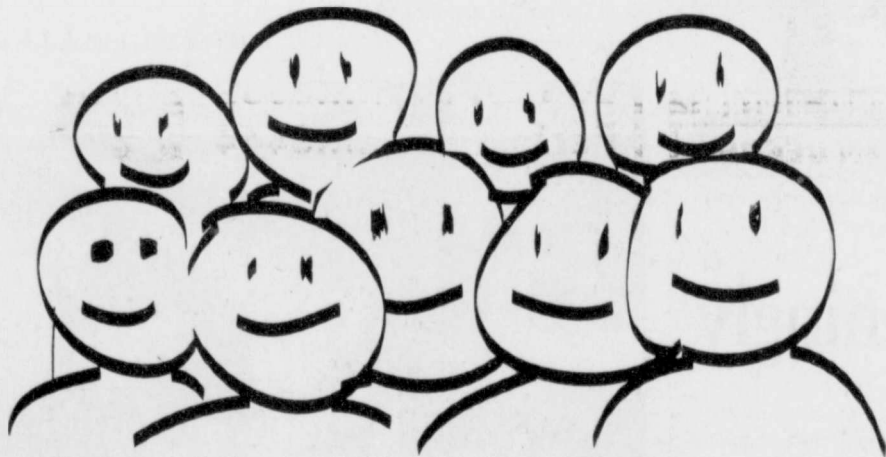
Tickets for the banquet cost \$10 for students and \$15 for the general public, and are on sale in the Student Union building. For more information, call (806) 441-8731.

Tech Students for Life is having its inaugural meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in Room 77 of Holden Hall. For more information, contact Cheryl Williams at (806) 687-3347 or Andy Terrel at (806) 787-9894.

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers and Omega Delta Phi are hosting the third annual Easter Bash in the Maggie Trejo SuperCenter from 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call Jessica Rendon at (806) 765-5685.

Join Gamma Beta Phi in beautifying Lubbock in project GRIP, Get Ready To Improve and Plant, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 3. The event will feature a picnic, guest speaker and beautification. If your organization is interested in joining the fun and helping out, contact Laura at (806) 724-4656.

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SGA prepares to make way for 2003-2004 executive officers

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

Student Government Association President Kelli Stumbo woke up Monday morning, looked at her calendar and realized her time is almost up. It was the same routine she has done most Monday mornings.

She wakes up at 6 a.m., gets to the office by 7:30 a.m., and thinks about how she will lead the SGA.

Friday morning, her mindset will change. She will not be the boss anymore. Her one-year term as president officially ends when the three new officers are sworn in Thursday night at the annual SGA banquet.

"I woke up (Monday) morning and said, 'Alright, Kelli, you only have four days,'" she said. "It was weird to think that. I just have to see what I can finalize before it is over."

Taking her spot is Jeremy Brown, current internal vice president. Like Stumbo and External Vice President Leigh Mauer, his term at his current position ends Thursday night.

But Brown is taking a different step. He will advance in the chain of command when he becomes president for the 2003-2004 academic year.

"I told my best friend this is the week we have been waiting for," he said. "Four years ago, I would have never guessed I would be president of the student body."

Mauer could not be reached for comment.

Brown and Stumbo said their administration is left in good hands for Brown's upcoming administration. His top two executives are Jacque Steinmetz, who will be internal vice president and president of the Senate, and Colton Batchelor, who is the new external vice president.

"I wake up Friday and say 'Kelli, you left it in the hands of good people,'" Stumbo said. "Now I get to be a student and serve at a different capacity. But it will be an empty feeling for a while."

She said the end is bittersweet. "I am sad because I love this so

much," she said. "This has been my life for a year. But (ending my term) is a good thing because I can relax more and be a regular student."

This means no more suits and high heels, no more meetings and a lot less stress.

"Wearing tennis shoes is a lot more comfortable," she said. "Rather than trucking the campus in high heels."

Brown said he will miss his job as internal vice president heading the Senate. He missed last week's final meeting because he had to attend a conference.

"It hit me really hard when I couldn't make the last Senate meeting," he said. "But I don't feel like it is coming to an end yet. I'm real excited about working in my new position. I'm excited I get another year."

Brown said he has been joking around with Stumbo lately about him taking her job. He used her letterhead the other day to send something.

"She has been saying, 'You are not president yet,'" he said. "I have just been

kidding with her. I realize she was an amazing president, and she has hard shoes to fill."

Friday, he will have her office. "She better be out Friday morning," Brown said jokingly. "It will take awhile to get used to. But I have a good team, and great things will happen."

Both said they felt comfortable with saying they did a good job. Stumbo said she has some regrets.

"I wish I could have educated students more on the global fee document," she said. "I wish we would have come up with more ways to provide checks and balances."

Brown said he thinks the Senate did what the students elected it to do, and he looks back at the year as a success, not a failure.

"I have always been a firm believer to never second guess," he said. "Because then you have doubts. I feel like we have accomplished a lot in the Senate. I don't have any regrets."

Stumbo said she will take many



SGA PRESIDENT KELLI Stumbo packs up her office on Monday afternoon to make room for 2003-2004 SGA President Jeremy Brown.

memories with her. Topping her list are the people she worked with in the office.

"We had an awesome team," she said. "The energy was awesome. It was amazing to work with

so many people that cared for so many students."

She said she plans to join committees and maintain an active voice within the SGA even if she is not an executive officer.

Growth

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"We have moved further and further away from just Lubbock, and we are creating an impact on the state of Texas," he said.

Chancellor Dr. David Smith said growth is determined by the Legislature.

"We have to see what happens in Austin if we plan to follow our plan," he said. "We have to know that the Legislature will be a partner for Tech and help fund our growth. Financial aid and scholarships are a key part."

Smith believes that within four to five years, Tech's student body could reach more than 30,000 students with the exception of the Health Sciences Center.

The entering freshmen classes for both fall 2001 and 2002 set the highest record for SAT composite scores seen at Tech with 1112, Heintze said.

"In 1998, the average scores on the SAT was 1070, and these last two years have shown the potential that students

have and have set the record for upcoming freshmen," he said.

Tech offers the highest number of majors, totaling around 200, available to students in Texas, Smith said.

"Texas Tech ranks number one on my list for universities due to our students and faculty, and I am not biased," he said. "We have the highest amount of majors of any institution in Texas because of our professional schools, agriculture program, and visual and performing arts."

For the past three years, Tech ranked in the top 300 to 400 colleges nationally, according to Peterson's Guide to Competitive Colleges.

Sean Duggan, director of Housing and Residence Life, said students' grade point averages are higher when they live on campus.

"We have found that students maintain higher grade point averages when they use our services and live in the residence halls," he said.

Scare

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Huckabee said. The smaller container was for small ammunition rounds.

"There was no ammunition in them and no hazardous material," Huckabee said. "We've identified where the property came from. We have reason to believe there was no ill intent with placing it there."

The people involved in the process controlled the situation calmly, and Huckabee said the AFROTC did not feel threatened.

"Sgt. Penry made the call and said that it was not a threat," he said. "They had observed the item and said it did not belong to them."

Penry said he reported the item, and that was the extent of involvement of the AFROTC.

"We don't have anything to do with it," he said. "A student left something in the hallway outside our office, and that's it. It was just a suspicious object, so we asked around here to see if anybody recognized it. We called the police and turned the problem over to them, and we followed their directions."

Mike McNair, a graduate instructor in the history department, said the evacuation was orderly.

Veal kept his sense of humor throughout the incident.

"We're all in one piece," Veal said.

Officials and spokespeople said the necessary precautions were taken for a situation that could have been worse.

Cindy Rugeley, Tech spokes-

woman, said the investigation would take as long as necessary.

"Because of the times we're in ... we wanted to exercise an abundance of caution," she said. "It won't be longer than necessary, but it will be long enough to get the job done."

Huckabee said past incidents involving ROTC programs in times of war caused the extra attention to this case to ensure total security for the campus.

"In times like these, in times of war, the ROTCs at college campuses have been targets of protests and various other things," he said. "And the fact that it was an unknown container, it was an ammunition container, and it was located down around there, we felt like we should be extra cautious with this."

Budget

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significant item on the budget in his mind. The budget deficit was.

The budget resolution estimated a deficit this year through the next several years. It projects the deficit will peak next year at \$385 billion, then decrease until a surplus of \$10 billion in 2012.

The deficit could have two major negative effects on the economy.

"We're roughly a decade away from the baby boomers' retirement, and that's going to put a significant stress on the budget in terms of Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid," he said.

War

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nuclear scientist, Jafar Jafar, had surrendered to authorities in an unnamed Middle Eastern country in recent days and was being interviewed by Americans.

On Saturday, Hussein's top science adviser, Lt. Gen. Amer al-Saadi surrendered to U.S. forces.

Secretary of State Colin Powell became the latest senior administration official to accuse Syria of harboring members of Iraq's regime and of maintaining a chemical weapons program.

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Advice to help spring into Spring

Springtime has come. With the advent of April's beautiful, life-affirming weather, many of us drag ourselves out of hibernation, distressed to find the Adonis we saw in the mirror last September has faded into a humbler visage more akin to Homer Simpson than to Homer's myth.

The sad, windswept days of winter's almost demand we binge eat Entenmann's and binge watch "Dr. Phil," if only to avoid the bleak, soul-sucking chill of the great South Plains.

When we come out of our caves, blinking uncomprehending at the sun and vaguely resembling those weird albino insects you find under large rocks, we kick off our annual frenzy of self-corrective treadmilling and booth-bound tanning, driven by haunting images of humiliation on the sunny beaches of Mexico.

In recognition of this annual period of self-image crisis, I've decided to try my hand at advice writing.

I'm not a health nut by any means, but over time, I've picked up some simple tips, mostly of the mama-always-said variety, to maintaining health and fitness.

The glut of information available on the topic of health, combined with

our culture's obsession with quick fixes, has created a confusing vortex of contradictory, overspecialized advice that distracts from more common-sense, holistic approaches that are shunned because they aren't radical or gimmicky enough.

Behavior is probably more important in the overall scheme of physical health than anything. It's been established as more important than genetics or environment and possibly even diet.

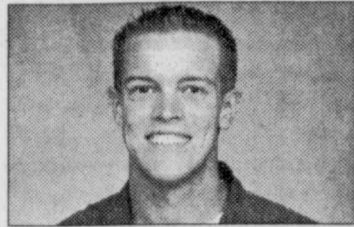
Broadly defined, behavior is everything we do, how we fill our time.

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We, as a nation, have a problem with going to almost obscene measures to avoid physical exertion. So the issue is not about getting enough exercise, but rather getting any activity at all.

The following are some easy things you can do toward this end.

Walk to class instead of taking the bus. It really doesn't take any longer, and the people watching this time of year is great.



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Use the stairs instead of the elevator (note: not for management or finance professors). Though this seems like a small measure, when repeated several times daily and made into a habit, the effects are significant.

When at home, don't watch TV to fill time. Extended TV watching creates a physical state not unlike hypnosis, with brain-wave activity and metabolism bottoming out with a thud. Americans watch four hours each day, much of which is spent idly flipping around, killing time. Watch what you really want to watch, and then do something else.

It doesn't matter what. Almost anything you could think of would be better for you. If you can't think of anything, just turn it off, sit there, and something will come to you.

Don't let boredom addict you to TV.

In addition, eating for the sheer hell of it is much more common when in a TV trance.

As for diet, a few consistently followed rules can make much more of a difference than all the hyped-up dramatic weight-loss schemes ever can. Drink more water than anything. However much Coke, coffee or beer you drink, drink more water.

Don't eat things whose colors don't

occur in nature.

Food dyed to represent a certain other food is seldom good for you (e.g. Cheetos, dyed orange to represent cheddar cheese, which is dyed orange for the hell of it).

Similarly, avoid foods that don't perish. A shelf-life of two years is a clear indication that the food was subjected to some rather inventive chemistry and should be avoided.

As for restaurants, before you go in to a place, take a look behind it. If there's a separate Dumpster just for the grease, don't eat there.

Eat fresh fruit.

Avoid dairy.

That sick, tired feeling you get after drinking milk is because milk is meant for baby cows, not adult humans. Nature's grand design doesn't call for the adults of one species to nurse off the hormonal lactations of another.

While eating animals is fine, it is hardly necessary. Our bodies don't require anything that can kill us if improperly prepared.

In addition, get fresh air, get sun, and go to the park. Godspeed; I hope you've read something useful in my scattershot bits of advice as you face a daunting new season of shorts and tank tops.

Family traditions are sweet memories of youth

As the Easter holiday quickly approaches and the pastel colors of spring are strung, there is an empty anticipation that comes with the arrival of the jolly giant bunny.

Only a few years ago, Easter was a time when I would rise with the sun and wait in my living room until my other siblings awoke.

We would grab our baskets and go out into our backyard in an attempt to find an assortment of eggs, inner contents consisting of candy and prizes.

The preparation for this big day would usually begin a few days before-hand, with the coloring of the eggs.

An art form in my household; my older sister was always the most creative and my little sister the most dedicated, but my keen eye allowed for the perfect balance of dye on each egg.

My house would be festively decorated with hundreds of different Easter decorations, and with each passing day before the big hunt, our emotions would begin to run higher.

All of this preparation would lead to that wonderful Sunday morning celebration, known as E-Day in my family. With the cool April sun on our

backs, my sisters and I would take that first step onto our back porch, to begin "The Hunt."

My older sister seemingly had the upper hand on her two younger siblings. However, because of my tenacity and my little sister's ability to use her short height to find the lower hidden eggs, it was a very even match.

On most occasions, the hunt would begin with a few sucker punches, followed by the ever-predictable-yet-effective elbow to the face. I should point out at this time, that my family is not a malicious band of hooligans. However when candy and bragging rights are on the table, all bets are off.

A few years back, the initial wind sprint to the backyard resulted in an all-out brawl.

While it's still in question who decided to use my face as a starting block, it's undoubtedly just another log on the fire of my Easter passion.

The eggs hidden in our yard would consist of both the real eggs, which we had dyed, and the plastic eggs, which were full of loot.

Considering my strong disdain for hard-boiled eggs, when I was lucky enough to find one of them, I would



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put aside the petty competition of who could find the most eggs.

And with my ferocious tenacity that I spoke of earlier, I would hide behind a bush and wait until one of my sisters would make the mistake of crossing my path.

Instead of simply throwing the hard-boiled egg at them (considering my intensity, it was very likely that I would miss), I would wait until they got close enough, and I would proceed to grind the egg into their ears, in much the same fashion an individual would grind an orange to make juice.

While the egg hunt itself was always the climactic point of our Easter Sunday, the competition did not stop there.

There was the trading of the candy, the argument of how many Cadbury mini-eggs equaled a sugar-coated baby chicken and the discussion of who received the most pre-communion handshakes at church.

However, now with my sisters and I all grown up, the possibility arises that there will no longer be an egg hunt.

Thanks in large part to the fact that Texas Tech has chosen not to rec-

ognize Good Friday, there is even the possibility I will not get to participate in the coloring of the eggs.

Is it finally time to admit we have gotten too old to use our Easter egg baskets as weapons? I would like to think not. While it might be time to stop getting my picture taken with the Easter bunny at the mall, it's never going to be time to stop the E-Day competition.

This year, if your family still celebrates Easter in much the same fashion as when you were a kid, make sure you treasure the uneventful traditions, because in a few years, they're only going to be memories.

And for those of us that are fearful this year is going to be the first year of a different kind of celebration, remember the good old days and try to hold on to a few of those old traditions.

While it might not be the same, I've got a plan to hold on to the past.

So while I might choose to hide behind my sisters' doors on Sunday morning with a hard-boiled egg in one hand and pastel egg dye smeared across my face like war paint, you too can make sure the Easters of yester years will continue on.

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WORKING WOMEN

(LEFT TO RIGHT) Lisa Chapman, a sophomore Spanish major from Arlington; Jessica Sublett, a freshman undecided major from Dallas; Kerstin Davis, a junior nursing major from Fort Worth; Jenny Romero, a senior international business major from San Antonio; and Leah Long, a sophomore early childhood development major from Austin, pick up trash along Highway 1585 for a Women's Service Organization project.



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Five students killed in fire near Ohio State

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Authorities were investigating reports that a fight broke out before a house fire near Ohio State University killed five students and injured three others. The fire started early Sunday at a three-story home as a student's 21st birthday party was breaking up. That student was among the dead. Arson and homicide investigators were at the student-rented house. Investigators had not determined Monday whether the fire was arson or accidental, said police spokeswoman Sherry Mercurio. Police said they would not release the cause of the fire or the victims' identities until Tuesday. About 80 people were at the party, Columbus police Sgt. Dana Norman said. At about 2 a.m., someone smelled natural gas. Roughly two hours later, the fire started with 10 to 20 people inside the house, Norman said. It appeared some had been sleeping when the fire broke out.

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Women's tennis team seeking win at ACU

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

With only three matches remaining before the Big 12 Tournament, the Texas Tech women's tennis team is looking to pick up the pace.

Tech (2-13, 2-9 Big 12) faces Abilene Christian today in Abilene in a match that was originally scheduled for earlier this season but was canceled.

Tech coach Sandy Collins said the match against ACU is one Tech should win and needs to win.

"This is a match that they need," she said. "I'm expecting them to give better effort in doubles and singles."

Tech lost last weekend in two matches against Oklahoma State and Oklahoma. OSU defeated the Raiders 6-1, and Oklahoma swept Tech 7-0.

Collins said there were few bright

spots in the weekend clouded by losses, but she said the play of the No. 1 doubles team of Irina Tereschenko and Beverly Dawson once again was good.

"The first day (against OSU), we won the No. 1 doubles easily," Collins said.

Collins also said Tereschenko's three-set loss to OSU was a good match, and she talked about the first singles win of the season for freshman Anchen Lombard.

"Anchen got her first singles victory, and she was excited about that," she said. "She needed that win. That and Irina's match were the two highlights really."

Lombard, who has battled back into the lineup in the past month after being sidelined with mononucleosis and bronchitis, said she has finally gotten

her game back, and it felt good to get a win.

"When I was sick, I was just trying to get myself back," she said. "I had no confidence. Now my tennis is back and my confidence is back. It was good to win."

Lombard also said a lot of pressure was taken off by the victory, as she had grown sick and tired of losing.

Her attention then turned to ACU, which she said would be a winnable match where the team could get some good things going before getting ready to participate in the Big 12 Tournament.

"Hopefully, we'll do good," Lombard said. "We can do good. We just all have to come together and play."

Collins echoed her player's sentiment about the team's abilities and said

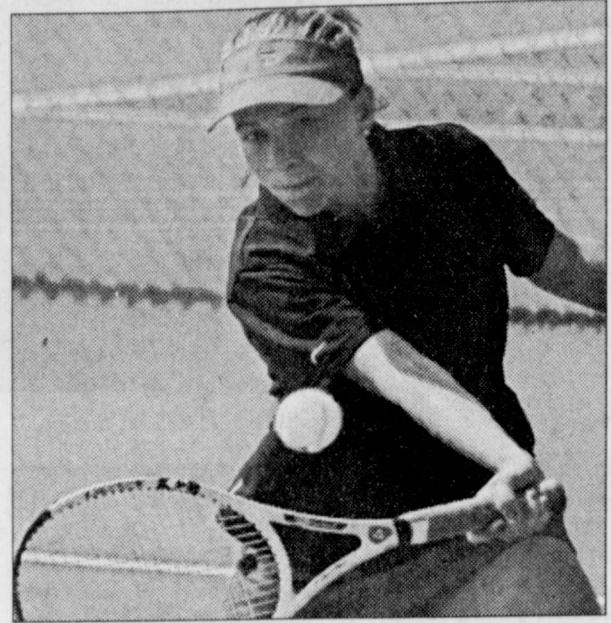
beyond ACU, the team had the potential to be dangerous at the Big 12 Tournament.

"This team has talent," she said. "They just haven't put it all together on the same day. This is a team that can surprise somebody at the tournament. They just have to work hard at it."

The coach also said the team has had some close conference matches that have changed the team's ranking, so it is near 10th in the conference standings when it could easily be sixth.

Those close matches that have changed the season made the difference, Collins said.

After returning from the match against ACU, Tech will leave Thursday for two matches in Albuquerque, N.M., against New Mexico and New Mexico State.



BARBARA SCHRAML HITS a drop shot during her match against Missouri last month. Tech travels to ACU on Saturday. FILE PHOTO/The University Daily

New Mexico could serve as momentum boost for Red Raiders

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

After a disappointing 2-1 loss in the series against the Kansas Jayhawks this weekend, the Texas Tech Red Raiders (23-15, 5-9 Big 12 play) are on the road today at New Mexico.

Tech opened the season with a three-game series at home against New Mexico that the Raiders took 2-1.

Tech is currently at seventh in the

Big 12 standings, one game ahead of the Jayhawks.

Head coach Larry Hays said despite the struggles to this point, he has to focus on one game at a time.

"I'm worried about (today)," he said. "We've got to play. We can't handle the season; we've got to play today. If we do that, who knows what will happen?"

Senior pitcher Nathan Fouts said once the Raiders start playing well,

good things will happen.

"When it starts working out, it's going to roll for us," he said. "Bottom line, everybody has got to stay positive."

Fouts said the team cannot look too far ahead, though.

"We need something more specific," he said. "Let's win two out of three next weekend, or let's sweep next weekend. Maybe that's what we need to do."

Sophomore centerfielder Cody Fuller said the Raiders cannot be rattled if they hope to rebound in the last part of the season.

"People want to try to panic," he said. "I don't think we're in that panic mode yet. It's getting close, though. It's time to step it up. You can say it all you want, but we're going to find out if we do or not."

Fuller also said Tech needs to hit better in tough situations, like Doug Beck's two-out, two-run home run in game three against Kansas.

"It's a combination of us getting bigger key hits with two outs, like Doug with that big home run," he

said. "I think that's something we were missing, but I think that really got us going. That was something maybe we were doing early in the season, and I think maybe that needs to happen more often."

Senior pitcher Dusty Buck said the Raiders need to work on the details of the game in order to improve.

"Doing the little things," he said. "It seems like that's what's holding us back right now. You play so many one-run games, and you can go back through any game and count up the opportunities we've had: a pitch here, an at-bat here or not scoring some runs. It's coming back to bite us in the

end." Buck agreed with Fuller in saying the team has a renewed sense of need to win.

"There's a sense of urgency," he said. "Everyone knows how tight the conference is and how much it means in the postseason. There's not panic, but there's urgency. We know we've got to come out in the next four Big 12 series that we have and play well."

Regarding the UNM game today, Buck said the team's philosophy is simple.

"It's just one of those games you want to go out and win," he said. "We'll see if we can get some momentum going into the weekend."

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