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## Recent abductions frightening shoppers

By Brittany Barrientos/The University Daily

Recent abductions in business parking lots are leaving people with a bad taste in their mouths and making some contemplate how safe they are.

After the kidnapping and murder of a young Wal-Mart employee in Tyler received national coverage, safety awareness was raised.

According to the CNN Web site, a man who had been lurking around the parking lot for several hours pushed the Wal-Mart employee into her vehicle as she was leaving work.

The girl was found shot to death on a Stanton highway early Thursday morning.

Stanton is approximately 125 miles from Lubbock. Sharon Weber, a Wal-Mart spokeswoman, said the Wal-Mart team is saddened by the events in Tyler and ensured that safety is a top priority. She said anytime an incident is reported, safety policies are reviewed to find the best way to tighten them.

"We all need to be on guard wherever we are," she said. "(Sometimes) it is virtually impossible to predict and prevent (occurrences)."

Weber said Wal-Mart stores have cameras, good lighting and patrol officers in their parking lots to help make people feel safe. She said if customers do not

feel safe, Wal-Mart would be more than happy to send an escort to walk them in and out of the store.

Eddie Owens, the director of communications for United Supermarkets, said his store uses extreme caution regarding customers and employee safety.

"Virtually all customers leave the store and have someone with them, and their hands are free," he said. "(Our) employees' safety as well as our customers' safety is (important to us)."

Owens said although United Supermarkets in Lubbock are not patrolled — due to lack of manpower — they are generally at major intersections and all are

well lit.

"(They) are very well lit, almost without exception," he said. "I don't think you can ever be too safe."

All United employees go through both safety training and safety in the workplace courses, Owens said.

Jerry Ratliff is in charge of operations at Sam's Club and said the store's parking lot also is well lit and has video cameras for safety. He said the people who collect cards at the door also serve a dual role of watching for any security breaches and are trained to contact management in case of a problem.

When Sam's Club closes at 8:30 p.m., Ratliff said all

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## Getting Physical



LAUREN MIDDLEBROOKS, A senior human development and family studies major from Midlothian, watches as Kari Eckerle, a senior human development and family studies major from Midlothian, is being licked by a dachshund at the Wellness Fair at the Robert H. Ewalt Recreation Center Tuesday afternoon.



DEJON RODDER, (LEFT) a sophomore early childhood education major from Lubbock, and Dena English, a sophomore nursing major from Lubbock, put together a sex puzzle at the Wellness Fair at the Robert H. Ewalt Recreation Center Tuesday afternoon while Marla Bryan, (right) an employee at the Nurturing Center, helps.

### Tech students discover physical, emotional health tips

By Lindsay Wharton/The University Daily

Many Texas Tech students learned about physical and emotional health at the TechWell Interactive Wellness Fair on Tuesday at the Robert H. Ewalt Recreation Center.

"This is a great opportunity for people to learn about ways of monitoring their health," said Lora Gonzales, a junior nursing student from Victoria.

Gonzales was at the Wellness Fair helping students understand the importance of good posture. One of the most common back problems, she said, is slouching. When a student does not have correct posture, muscles that are not being used can weaken. This can result in back problems including scoliosis, Gonzales said.

The Texas Tech Career Center had a presentation to encourage students

to utilize their resources. Antonette Burse, assistant director for the Career Center, said they have many opportunities available for students looking for jobs. They encourage all students to come to the Career Center before a job interview so they can be critiqued. This helps prepare the student to make a positive impression on possible employers, she said. The career center is located in the Wiggins Complex

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## Unemployment rate decreasing in Texas

By Brandi Fleming/The University Daily

Students graduating this semester may have an easier time finding employment after spending years in college.

The Texas Workforce Commission recently released information stating unemployment is decreasing in Texas.

Non-agricultural employment rates have increased for five consecutive months, according to the TWC Web site.

The state claims to have gained 119,500 non-agricultural jobs since November 2003.

According to the Web site, claims for unemployment compensation in November were down more than 19 percent from the same time last year.

Construction added almost 2,000 jobs in November, according to the site. The Texas labor force has grown more than 12,000 people over the last month and by more than 57,000 since last year.

November saw a record high

of employed Texans, according to the site.

Lubbock has a 3 percent unemployment rate, relatively low compared to other cities around the state, according to the TWC Web site. Statistics on the site show that Austin has a 4 percent unemployment rate and 6 percent of Houston's population cannot find work.

Chris McGregor, a recent Texas Tech graduate in management information systems from Dallas, said when he graduated he had a hard time finding the job he needed.

"It was very intimidating knowing the person is interviewing you, and then the next person is walking in after you to try for the same job," he said. "It made me feel like I was a cow being herded in."

McGregor said he believes experience can only come from being on the job.

"The purpose of going to college was to learn about a career, you get

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## Indonesia presumes 132,000 dead

By Chris Brummitt/Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — With workers still finding bodies under mud-caked rubble a month after a tsunami, Indonesia's Health Ministry revised its casualty count Tuesday, lowering confirmed deaths to 96,000 but raising the number of missing, and presumed dead, to 132,000.

Officials conceded a precise total never would be known, and the ministry said its death count now included only buried bodies and excluded any missing. People still missing after a year will be declared dead, it said.

The Health Ministry's new procedure brought its numbers in line with another government agency tallying the dead, the National Disaster Relief Coordinating Board.

"The minister ordered us to do this to avoid confusion," said Dr. Doti Indrasanto, the Health Ministry official in charge of the death count. "People have been complaining."

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## PLATELET PATRON



R.J. KNAPP, A sophomore music major from North Richland Hills, gives blood on Tuesday afternoon.

## Tech student, former U.S. Air Force enlistee dies

By Meghann Lora/The University Daily

Lewis William Lightfoot, a freshman enrolled in the College of Engineering and majoring in environmental engineering, committed suicide Jan. 19 in Richardson, according to an obituary in *The Dallas Morning News*.

According to the obituary, Lightfoot was born Sept. 2, 1984. He entered the U.S. Air Force after graduating from Van High School. Lightfoot served at McChord Air Force Base

in Tacoma, Wash., until he received an honorable discharge and returned to Texas where he enrolled at Texas Tech.

Joyce Hagood, administrative business assistant for the Center for Campus Life, said Lightfoot enrolled for classes this spring. She said the university does not have as much information about Lightfoot as they would about other students because he was such a new student.

"We just do not have much on this," she said.

Tech will honor Lightfoot's memory by lowering the flags to half-staff on Monday, Jan. 31, Hagood said.

Services were held Jan. 22 at Sparkman-Hillcrest Memorial Park in Dallas, according to the obituary.

Lightfoot is survived by his parents, David and Barbara, his brother, Michael, and his sister, Elizabeth.

Lightfoot's family members could not be reached for comment.

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# Court convicts publisher of libeling Catholic pope

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — A court Tuesday convicted and fined \$6,500 the publisher of a satirical magazine of insulting Polish-born Pope John Paul II.

The ruling against Jerzy Urban, a onetime spokesman for the former Communist government of Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, sparked cries of "Too little!" from opponents of the publishers. Jaruzelski's government had imposed martial law to try to crush the Solidarity freedom movement.

The court ruled that Urban, founder and publisher of the weekly magazine "NIE" — Polish for "no" — illegally insulted the pope when he printed an article making fun of John Paul's age and frailty before a visit to Poland in 2002.

"The court has no doubts that, intending to ridicule the church, Jerzy Urban ridiculed and derided the pope," Judge Barbara Laskowska said, reading the verdict.

He was found guilty of violating a law that bans publicly insulting Western-style press freedoms. Earlier in the day, an Austrian-based media watchdog called the recent convictions of journalists a cause for concern. Miklos Haraszti of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, wrote a letter to Polish Justice Minister Andrzej Kalwas, saying he fears press freedoms in the ex-communist country are being curtailed, citing Urban's case.

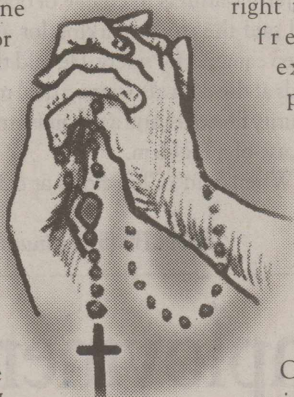
*"The court has no doubts that, intending to ridicule the church, Jerzy Urban ridiculed and derided the pope."*

— BARBARA LASKOWSKA  
Judge

Urban, 71, had professed his innocence, saying he only exercised the right to free expression. Prosecutors had asked for the fine and a 10-month suspended prison term.

Prosecutor Maciej Kujawski brought the defamation charges in September 2003, after Catholics and other organizations accused Urban of offending the much-admired pontiff.

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## Arousal explained in Dartmouth lecture series

By Jennifer Gafinkel/  
The Dartmouth

(U-WIRE) HANOVER, N.H. — The female counterpart to the College's seminar on male pleasure, held earlier this month, took place Monday night in Thayer Hall's Tindle Lounge. Both men and women filled the room at 7 p.m. to learn about the biology and the psychology of female arousal at "The Mechanics of Women's Pleasure."

Two speakers ran the forum in an interview format, one asking pre-planned questions and the other providing answers. Speakers Kate Johnson, an ob-

stetrics and gynecology resident at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and Elizabeth Hirsh, the manager of the Women's Health Program at Dick's House, spoke on topics including physical excitation, G-spot stimulation, shaving and barriers to sexual enjoyment.

Orgasms were discussed, but their importance was not stressed. In fact, the two women pointed out that orgasms are not the only purpose of sexual encounters, and couples may derive pleasure simply from being intimate or spending time together.

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### Airplanes carrying illegal cargo diverted

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Two small planes left South Texas border cities around the same time Monday night, both bound for San Antonio with lucrative and illicit cargoes. One of the aircraft carried more than 100 pounds of potent marijuana north from Mexico, the other, four Chinese citizens who had spent the previous month on a perilous trip from their homeland to find work in the United States.

But federal officials ended up catching up to both flights — one from Laredo and the other from Eagle Pass. Four accused smugglers were arrested and the illegal immigrants, who may have paid tens of thousands of dollars for the fruitless journey, will likely be deported.

"We don't believe these Chinese we have apprehended pose any type of national security threat," said Alonzo Pena, special agent in charge of the local Immigration and Customs Enforcement office.

He added that the four were still being questioned by immigration agents on Tuesday afternoon.

He said the two men and two women carried Chinese passports and that their names did not match up with those on a list of Chinese citizens sought by authorities.

Immigration officials did not immediately release the identities of the pilot, a Mexican citizen or any of the Chinese passengers. The pilot is expected to be charged with smuggling illegal immigrants, Pena said.

Pena said his agency found out about the immigrant plane through its efforts to catch the drug plane.

### Rice confirmed as Secretary of State at Iraqi elections

WASHINGTON (AP) — One Senate Democrat called Condoleezza Rice a liar Tuesday, and others said she was an apologist for Bush administration failures in Iraq, but she remained on track for confirmation as secretary of state.

Rice, who has been President Bush's White House national security adviser for four years, was one of the loudest voices urging war, Democrats said. She repeatedly deceived members of Congress and Americans at large about justifications for the war, said Sen. Mark Dayton, D-Minn.

"I don't like impugning anyone's integrity, but I really don't like being lied to," Dayton said. "Repeatedly, flagrantly, intentionally."

Rice is expected to win confirmation on Wednesday. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., predicted that Rice would have "an overwhelming majority" of votes.

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., cautioned against "inflammatory rhetoric that is designed merely to create partisan advantage or to settle partisan scores."

Rice would succeed Colin Powell, who often found himself on the outside looking in with Bush's close circle of war and national security advisers.

By contrast, Rice is a trusted Bush loyalist. As a principal architect of the Iraq invasion and the administration's war on terrorism, she shares blame for overstating the threat posed by Saddam Hussein, Democrats said.

"My vote against this nominee is my statement that this administration's lies must stop now," Dayton said in opposing Rice's nomination on the Senate floor.

Politicians rarely use the word "lie," preferring some of the milder terms other Democrats used Tuesday.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — An American hostage pleaded for his life with a rifle pointed at his head in a video released Tuesday, while nine Iraqis, including a senior judge, were killed in a series of attacks that highlighted the security risks ahead of this weekend's elections.

On a day that the U.S. military said six American soldiers had died, interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi also said the time was not right to talk of a U.S. troop withdrawal. Iraq must first build up its security forces to confront the insurgents, Allawi said.

In the video, hostage Roy Hallums spoke slowly, rubbing his hands as he sat with the barrel of the rifle inches from his head. He said he had been arrested by a "resistance group" because "I have worked with American forces." He appealed to Arab leaders, including Libya's Moammar Gadhafi, to save his life.

Hallums, 56, was seized Nov. 1 along with Filipino Robert Tarongoy during an armed assault on their compound in Baghdad's Mansour district. The two worked for a Saudi company that does catering for the Iraqi army. The Filipino was not shown.

"I am please asking for help because my life is in danger because it's been proved I worked for American forces," the bearded Hallums said. "I'm not asking for any help from President Bush because I know of his selfishness and unconcern for those who've been pushed into this hellhole."

Hallums said he was asking for help from "Arab rulers especially President Moammar Gadhafi because he's known for helping those who are suffering."

His ex-wife, Susan Hallums, told reporters outside her Corona, Calif., home that he has "never hurt anybody in his life."

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# Law students to compete in litigation

By Kelly Gooch/  
The University Daily

Texas Tech law students Joy Gibbs and Mandy Gundlach will be going to the National Negotiation Competition in Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 12 and 13.

Gibbs, a second year law student from Pampa, said the competition is put on by the American Bar Association.

Out of more than 180 teams, 24 will be going to the national competition, Gibbs said.

Brian Shannon, associate dean for academic affairs, is one of the team's coaches and said the 24 teams at nationals include 21 American teams and three Canadian teams.

Gibbs said the University of Texas and Southern Methodist University were among the schools that had teams go to regionals.

Gibbs and Gundlach are the only Tech team going to nationals, Shannon said.

Gibbs said she and her negotiation partner will have two preliminary problems and will be judged based on negotiation skills and what they do with the client.

At this competition, Gibbs said she and Gundlach will represent an art collector, and the other attor-

neys will represent a museum.

Gundlach, a second-year law student from Birney, Mont., said judges of the competition are interested in what negotiation teams are ethically able to do with problems, not just what they know legally.

"It's always an opportunity to hone your skills," Gibbs said.

Gundlach said she and Gibbs competed in teams at the school competition and Board of Barrister competition.

Afterwards, they were asked to represent tech in the regional competition where they finished in the top three, she said.

Shannon said three teams from this region are going to nationals including Tech, Texas Wesleyan University and the University of Houston.

Shannon said he believes Gibbs and Gundlach will be successful at

nationals. "They've got a lot of natural talent," he said. "They're very good at adapting to new information."

Gundlach said four out of the last five years, Tech has advanced to nationals in law negotiation.

"We have a good chance to move into the final round," she said.

Gundlach and Gibbs said they are not just a team, but they are friends as well.

"We work well together because we spend so much time together," Gundlach said.

The team said they have had a lot of encouragement along the way.

"Our classmates are really supportive," Gundlach said.

Gibbs said she is also thankful for the encouragement. "It takes a lot of people, other

than us, to get to (the) National competition," she said.

Shannon and Nancy Soonpaa, associate dean for student affairs, have been their two coaches.

"Our coaches are really good," Gundlach said.

Part of the reason she chose to be a coach for law negotiation, Soonpaa said, is because she believes people should understand that resolving legal problems without going to court is important.

Ninety percent of lawsuits get settled out of courts, Shannon said.

Soonpaa said she has been coaching Gibbs and Gundlach since the fall and is happy with their performance thus far.

"I think we have a strong team," she said.

Negotiation is one way of settling things, and negotiation is becoming more and more important, Gundlach said.

Shannon said he is looking forward to what is in store in February.

"We're hoping good things will happen at nationals," he said.

After graduating from law school at Tech, Gibbs said she wants to work in healthcare litigation, and Gundlach said she wants to work in agriculture litigation.

*"They're very good at adapting to new information."*

— BRIAN SHANNON  
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs



STEVE LEWIS/The University Daily  
JOY GIBBS, A second-year law student from Pampa, and Mandy Gundlach, a second-year law student from Birney, Mont., stand in front of the Texas Tech Law School.

## Wellness

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next to Chitwood/Weymouth residence hall.

"A lot of students complain about not being treated like an adult," said Christine Self, coordinator of Parent Relations.

The Parent Relations department at Tech hosted a booth focused on how to help students improve communication with their parents. According to the Parent Relations literature, if students do not want their parents to treat them like children, they should talk to their parents as adults.

Instead of complaining about a professor to their parents, students should talk to their professors and find tutors, Self said. Also, if a Tech student is ill, he should contact Student Health Services. If a student is thinking about making a big decision, he should tell his parents beforehand, according to the Parent Relations literature.

The Haven Animal Shelter hosted a booth on pet therapy.

A pet can alleviate stress, depression, anxiety and can lower blood pressure, said Jonna Byars, a volunteer at the Haven Animal Shelter.

Tech students can adopt an animal without having to take it home, Byars said. All that is required is regular visits to the Haven to spend time with the animal, she said. Students can take the dog or cat on an outing away from the shelter.

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## Tsunami

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But there were still discrepancies over deaths in both Indonesia and Sri Lanka, the two worst-hit countries. Government ministries have provided conflicting figures, reflecting the difficulties of finding, identifying, counting and burying the bodies from the Dec. 26 disaster.

Indonesia's Social Affairs Ministry, which conducts its own casualty tally, raised its estimate of dead by 9,000 Tuesday to a total of 123,198.

In Sri Lanka, officials asked President Chadrika Kumaratunga to sort out differences between one ministry's tally of 38,195 dead and another's of 30,957.

The latest figures put the overall death toll — excluding the missing — across the 11-nation disaster zone between 143,877 and 178,081.

In Banda Aceh, the capital of Indonesia's worst-hit province,

backhoes expanded one of the larger mass graves Tuesday on the main road from the city's airport as a dump truck unloaded dozens of bodies.

Complicating the official counts was the lack of precedent for dealing with a disaster of this scale.

Indonesian law provides no guidance on when missing people should be declared dead, said Iskandar Sitorus, a lawyer with the Health Legal Aid Foundation.

"I think the best way is the president has to issue a new decree," Sitorus said.

Under Sri Lankan law, family members of a missing person are required to wait for a year before starting the legal process to establish that the person is dead, said Hemantha Warunakalasuriya, a prominent lawyer with the Sri Lankan Legal Aid Foundation.

The required evidence includes a birth certificate, proof of residence and at least two affidavits from neighbors certifying the missing person was known to them.

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employees are advised to walk out of the store in pairs, and management stands at the front of the store and watches all employees go to their cars.

"(They) turn on the lights, and that is the signal they're OK," he said.

Neighborhood Services Sergeant Bill Casey said the big thing to do when you are out is to be aware of your surroundings.

"We recommend that you are alert at all times," he said. "Look for suspicious people in vehicles, standing or driving around the parking lot."

Casey described a suspicious person as someone who draws attention to being out of the ordinary.

Casey said you can compare a typical shopper, who parks the car, goes in and gets what he needs, and comes back out, to someone who is just hanging around. Most people do not just sit in their cars all day, Casey said.

Casey suggested people always park in well-lit areas, take time to look around when exiting and entering their vehicles and be aware of bad instincts.

Casey said people should call the police if they ever feel threatened or in danger. He also suggested people carry their keys on the way to and from the parking lot, as they can be used as a defense device.

## Workforce

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experience by being in that career," he said. "So, therefore I do not have any experience, so I honestly don't know if I am where I'm suppose to be pay wise."

McGregor said searching for a job was intimidating.

"There were not many jobs available, and the ones that were available, there were rumors that they were about to have major turmoil in the company," he said. "There were not many jobs wanting entry level, and I was lucky to find the one that I have now."

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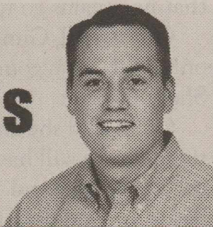
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In his second inaugural address, and in the spirit of President John F. Kennedy, President George W. Bush reaffirmed the policy of the United States is to support the freedom of all peoples in all nations.

Exactly 40 years ago, Kennedy said: "The survival of freedom in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands."

And here is Bush today: "So it is the policy of the United States to seek and support the growth of democratic movements and institutions in every nation and culture, with the ultimate goal of ending tyranny in our world."

Bush, like Kennedy, has taken the hard position that if freedom is noble, it is worth fighting for; not just for ourselves, but for others as well. And much like the criticisms against Kennedy, Bush's critics belittle the nobility of freedom while underestimating the depravity of the alternatives — mainly communism, fascism and totalitarianism — all of which are tyrannies.

Even now, as free elections in Iraq are belittled and as the violence continues, the ultimate ambition for the Middle East is obscured.

Yes, Iraq is difficult, but focusing on the difficulties only confuses the larger picture. When Bush's policy is viewed in its entirety, it is clear Iraq, while being crucially strategic, is not the ultimate goal. And when history remembers the Iraq war, it will be seen as the first significant step of a broad and far reaching foreign policy fortuitously born from the Bush doctrine of pre-emption.

But while we must not let the troubles of Iraq distract us from the ultimate objective, we must presently view Iraq as our enemies do. Our enemies do not see Iraq as a distraction from the war on terror, as some in this country do, but rather as the central focus of the war on terror, as evidenced by the violence in Iraq.

To say it plainly, we are fighting terrorism in Iraq.

Unlike other post-war resistances, such as those that plagued Germany and Japan after World War II, the insurgency in Iraq is not the result of a semi-popular social uprising nor is it born from a desire to restore the status quo.

In fact, most of the so-called insurgents in Iraq are nothing of the sort. Insurgents fight in their own country for their own country's sovereignty. In Iraq, the super-majority of the "insurgents" come from neighboring countries. They come to fight the United States; not for Iraq's sake, but for the sake of the countries Bush targeted in his inaugural speech, countries that rely on oppression and tyrannical law to govern their people.

The terrorists are not coming to restore Iraq or to help its people.

*Bush, like Kennedy, has taken the hard position that if freedom is noble, it is worth fighting for; not just for ourselves, but for others as well.*

They are coming because they feel the squeeze of freedom.

And this Sunday, the noose will be tightened as millions of Middle Easterners watch free elections take place in Iraq. We cannot know how this will affect them, but it will have an impact.

Will it spur democracy in the Middle East? Perhaps. After all, who would have thought just a few years after President Reagan told Mikhail Gorbachev "tear down this wall" that the wall would actually fall?

This is why we must not belittle the vote in Iraq. Those who do are belittling democracy. Not because they despise it, but because they despise the idea that all people are capable of it. This arrogant attitude is defeatism at best and prejudice at worst.

Of course, this pessimism also finds solace in the flawed reasoning that because there are so many undemocratic nations in the world, it is impossible to achieve freedom in all of them. However, the fact that the number of tyrannies is great only makes our task greater. And the solution to this great problem is as follows:

You end tyranny much like you eat an elephant: one bite at a time.

And this is how the battle will continue for the remainder of our lives. One by one, country by country, freedom will spread.

This will be achieved in a number of ways. In most cases, it will be achieved through diplomacy and social uprisings from within. In others, military action will be necessary if the security of the United States is in jeopardy.

But in all cases, the United States will play a vital role, and tyranny will end one bite at a time.

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## Make the choice, live with consequences

Saturday marked the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the historic Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal.

The accompanying demonstrations and speeches reminded us of the question that has plagued our society for the last 32 years — does a woman have the right to choose what to do with her body?

What a silly question. Of course she does.

The issue here is not whether a woman has the right to choose. The question is what that choice is. Here's a hint — it's long before abortion time.

The choice to get pregnant is made when a woman has sex. She may not think about it like that, but that's too bad. One of the consequences of having sex is possibly getting pregnant. You make the choice; you deal with the consequences. It's that simple.

To look at it in a different way, consider someone who has smoked two packs a day for 50 years and now has lung cancer. Does that person sit down and think, "I want to get lung cancer?" No. He does, however, make a choice with a possible and well-known consequence of that choice being disease. He now has to deal with the consequences of that choice, whether he likes the consequences or not.

Is this sex discrimination? Under the most stringent of definitions, probably. After all, the government

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is not attempting to regulate such actions on behalf of males. But is it unfair? Absolutely not. Men don't have to worry about abortions or even unwanted pregnancies nearly as much as women do, because it never will affect a man as much as it affects a woman.

But that is no surprise. After two people have had sex, there is not a 50 percent chance that the woman will get pregnant and a 50 percent chance that the man will get pregnant. If a child results from that union, the woman will bear that child. This is biology about which

we all learned in elementary school. So ladies, you are the ones who need to be responsible, because you are the ones with the most to lose. You know this. Accept it.

What the abortion argument really comes down to is responsibility. Is ending an unwanted pregnancy prematurely the responsible thing to do? While the National Organization of Women may disagree, the answer is no. The responsible thing to do, if a woman doesn't want to get pregnant, is don't. Try abstinence. If that method is not acceptable, use condoms, birth control or some other form of contraception.

Interestingly, according to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, 21 percent of women who get abortions said they got one because they were not ready for the responsibility, while 11 percent of women said they were too young or not mature enough.

That's very mature thinking. But the thing is, if a person is not mature enough to deal with the consequences, she probably isn't mature enough to be having sex.

Of course, not all unwanted pregnancies are the same. Women who get pregnant from rape or incest never had the opportunity to decide. In these cases, abortion is not an irresponsible decision to rid the woman of the consequences of her decision. Also, in situations where the mother's health is at risk if she carries the baby to term, abortion may be an appropriate way to handle the situation.

Deciding, however, as 16 percent of women who aborted their babies did, that their lives would be changed too much by having a baby is not the way to handle a pregnancy. Women who are pregnant made a choice. That is not the issue. She made her choice. She does not now get to choose the consequences of her choice. Life has never, nor should it ever, work like that.

President Bush, the Republican Congress, the religious right and so on are not out to take away a woman's choice by adamantly opposing abortion. Freedoms are not being taken away; women are not being pushed back into the 1950s because the current administration is against abortion.

The question never has been about choice. Everyone gets a choice. The choice, though, is not whether or not to terminate a pregnancy because the mother doesn't want her life disrupted. The choice is whether or not to be responsible when faced with the decisions that can lead to pregnancy.

And with all of this talk of choice, remember this — that fetus being aborted doesn't have a choice.

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### TECH TALKS BACK

#### Don't underestimate the danger of dry ice bombs

Please do not underestimate the damage a dry ice bomb can do if it explodes in a person's face. I had a young lady pick one up and give it to me. I sat it down, and it exploded about 10 seconds later. It shot small pieces of plastic for several yards. Pick up a small piece of plastic and see how far you can throw it.

The force on a piece of plastic will damage an eye. I as well as the young lady was only 10 seconds from a situation with high potential for losing an eye.

Don't make dry ice bombs, don't pick up dry ice bombs and please call the police department if you find one or know of anyone making such bombs.

Their "boom" is not that funny, and the damage they can do is that serious.

— John Borrelli, dean of the graduate school

#### Texas Tech doing a half-baked job of promoting diversity

I have been a student at Texas Tech for some time now. And I must say, the means by which diversity is promoted is laughable.

Yeah, sure they are promoting it on the levels of race, ethnicity, gender, physical ability and economic class. However, what about religion, culture, sexual orientation and the many other

levels of diversity? I am Jewish, and I am proud of that. However, up to now I have been met with anti-Semitism (remarks often along the lines of "...Jews in Ovens...") from fellow students, unfair representation of the Jewish youth group, Hillel, by the university and constant attempts by Christian groups and local churches to get me to join with them (two to three a month during the three semesters I lived in Sneed Hall).

It is no wonder fellow Jews here are scared to come out of

the closet.

This past winter I spent 10 days in Israel, and for once I felt like I belonged. Sure, the majority of Israelis are Jewish, but they respect the other demographic groups that make up the country's population.

And nowhere is this more evident than at the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, where people of all walks of life come to seek the best treatment available in the State of Israel.

This country was founded on, among other things, freedom

of religion, and that means any religion.

What gives me hope that things can change are the handful of students that respect the differences of fellow and who don't judge people before they get to know them in person. If Tech cannot on its own promote full and complete diversity, then I will help them by contacting the Anti-Defamation League.

— Benjamin D. Schlein, junior electronic media and communications major from Sugarland

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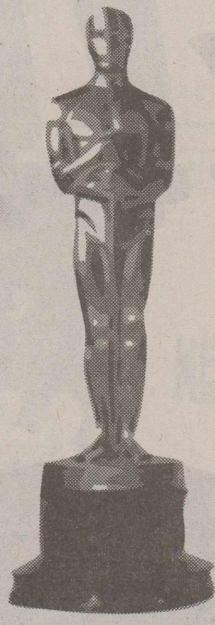
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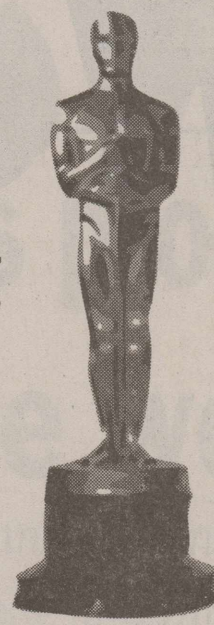
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## ACADEMY AWARDS

### Nominations and Snubs



With the announcing of the nominees for the 77th Academy Awards Tuesday morning, good news and bad news came for Lubbock moviegoers.

The bad news is two of the films nominated for Best Picture — Clint Eastwood's "Million Dollar Baby," being nominated for his supporting about a female boxer and independent hit "Sideways," a dark comedy about two friends traveling through wine country before one gets married — have not yet opened in Lubbock theaters.

The good news: They'll both open on Friday — one print of "Sideways" at Movies 16 and a print of "Million Dollar Baby" at both Tinseltown and Movies 16.

But having not yet seen either film (watch for the full reviews next week), it seems early to start handicapping each film's chances.

Yet "The Aviator" will be tough to beat. The Martin Scorsese-directed Howard Hughes biopic racked up 11 nominations, as opposed to "Million" with seven and "Sideways" with five.

Those three films were near-locks to get nominated for Best Picture. The other two spots went to "Finding Neverland," the biopic of "Peter Pan" author J.M. Barrie, and "Ray," the biopic of Ray Charles.

Speaking of "Ray," the film earned six nominations, including Jamie Foxx for Best Actor. Foxx certainly deserves the acclaim, but the film's nomination is probably more a tribute to the man than to the movie.

Foxx scored a double play by also being nominated for his supporting work in "Collateral." Foxx is only the second actor in history to earn dual nominations in one year. Al Pacino did it in 1992 with nominations for "Scent of a Woman" and "Glengarry Glen Ross."

Those worried about Foxx splitting his votes can relax. Pacino won for "Scent," and Foxx will win for "Ray."

He'll face competition in the Best Actor category, though, from Don Cheadle for "Hotel Rwanda," Johnny Depp for "Finding Neverland," Leonardo DiCaprio for "The Aviator" and Clint Eastwood for "Million Dollar Baby."

In the Supporting Actor category, Foxx goes against Alan Alda for "The Aviator," Thomas Hayden Church for "Sideways," Morgan Freeman for "Million Dollar Baby" and Clive Owen for "Closer."

On the Best Actress side, more history is being made. The category looks to be a run-off between Hilary Swank for "Million Dollar Baby" and

**James Eppler**



*Speaking of Best Actor, I think the Academy officially hates Jim Carrey.*

*How do you nominate Winslet for 'Eternal Sunshine' and snub Carrey?*

Annette Bening for "Being Julia."

This is their second face-off, after Swank won for "Boys Don't Cry" over Bening in "American Beauty" four years ago. Swank is, again, the front-runner, but the ladies will have to contend also with Imelda Staunton for "Vera Drake," Sandino Moreno for "Maria Full of Grace" and Kate Winslet for "Eternal Sunshine."

The Supporting Actress category looks wide open. Cate Blanchett got her expected nod for her turn as

Katherine Hepburn in "The Aviator," Virginia Madsen continues the "Sideways" run, Laura Linney received the only nomination for "Kinsey," Sophie Okonedo was a surprise nomination for "Hotel Rwanda" and Natalie Portman got a nod for her edgy work in "Closer."

Perhaps more interesting than the nominations themselves are the snubs.

Noticeable exemptions from the Best Picture category include "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," "Kinsey" and "Hotel Rwanda," all thought to have a shot at the category.

The year's two most controversial films, Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" and Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11," also were overlooked.

Although "The Passion" received three technical nominations, "Fahrenheit" was completely shut out. I firmly believe, however, that if John Kerry had been inaugurated last Thursday, Moore's film would be nominated.

The worst snub was given to "Sideways" star Paul Giamatti, thought by many to be Jamie Foxx's biggest competitor for Best Actor.

His spot was given to Clint Eastwood.

Speaking of Best Actor, I think the Academy officially hates Jim Carrey. How do you nominate Winslet for "Eternal Sunshine" and snub Carrey? But Carrey's former "In Living Color" partner, Foxx, seems to have done all right for himself.

It's also annoying as hell when the Academy splits directors with their films. Apparently, "Finding Neverland" directed itself, because Marc Forster was not nominated as Best Director.

His spot went to "Vera Drake" director Mike Leigh. "Neverland" also missed out on a supporting actor bid for young Freddy Highmore, which is a shame.

"The Phantom of the Opera," as I predicted, was nominated for Art Design and Cinematography, but was omitted from Costume Design. "Ray," however, got a Costume nod. What's that about?

Speaking of Cinematography, only one film nominated in that category has a Best Picture nomination — "The Aviator." Apparently, the rest of the Best Picture nominations were rather ugly.

Quentin Tarantino's "Kill Bill Vol. 2" also was missed completely. Not even the great performances from David Carradine or

Uma Thurman, or the wildly clever script by Tarantino could sway the voters.

While I do not believe "Ray" should be included in the Best Picture category, of its six nominations, how do you miss Sharon Warren's wonderful work as Charles' mother?

In the Best Song category, Andrew Lloyd Webber successfully stole a bid for his new song for "The Phantom of the Opera," but Mick Jagger's song for "Alfie" and Trey Parker and Matt Stone's soundtrack for "Team America" were left out. That's a crime.

Complaints aside, (OK, not really), as of Friday, Lubbock moviegoers will be able to see all five Best Picture nominees in theaters ("Ray" plays at Showplace 6 and streets on DVD Feb. 1).

Before officially predicting the winners, let's see all five films, shall we? Then we'll talk.

For a complete lists of nominees, visit [oscar.com](http://oscar.com).

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## Volunteers needed to help fight child abuse

By Jeremy Martin/  
The University Daily

The key to fighting child abuse is preventing it before it starts, said Kim Camacho, program coordinator for the Family Guidance and Outreach Center.

Camacho said the goal of the center is to provide support for families, build a child's confidence and self-esteem and to give parents the education and skills they need to build a happy home, free from violence and neglect.

Camacho said she thinks the center has been effective at accomplishing these goals in the past.

"We've had families tell us if we weren't here in the community, they don't know what we would have done," she said.

The program provides classes and mentoring for parents and children. Camacho said mentoring is personalized to suit each individual case. The center matches families with compatible volunteers who are there to listen to problems and to help the family find solutions.

"We focus on the particular needs of the family," she said. "The mentor works with the mom and dad, figur-

ing out how to spend more time with their kids, or helping to guide them in setting goals for providing a better environment for the children.

The center needs volunteers, Camacho said. The program is completely non-profit and counts on volunteers to function. Many of these volunteers come from Tech.

"Our last training class had 12 people," Camacho said. "Ten of them were Tech students."

The spring training session for the program begins 6 p.m. Thursday and will be open to anyone interested in volunteering or finding out more information about the program.

Alaina Bloodworth, who graduated from Tech in December with a degree in human development and

family studies, said she began volunteering at the center as part of her degree plan. She said she has enjoyed working there so much she wanted to continue after graduation.

One of her favorite aspects of the program, Bloodworth said, is the flexibility it offers. Volunteers have many tasks to choose from, she said, and they are free to pick jobs based on their personal strengths.

"There are a variety of things to do," she said. "You can find what you like. Look for what your strong point is, where your heart is."

Camacho, who has been working for the program for three years, said the center needs help in different forms. Anyone who feels uncomfortable as a mentor could be a useful volunteer by helping with clerical work.

"They could just come into our office and cover the telephone for a few hours a week," Camacho said. "We don't need any one thing more than we need others."

Erika Brooks, a senior human development and family studies major from Midland, said she helps lead a support group for teenage mothers at New Directions High School.

The program, called the Fun Lunch Bunch, takes place every Wednesday afternoon. She said she thinks the girls she works with see her as a de-

pendable friend, someone who will be there to confide in.

"Those girls know I'm going to be there every Wednesday to eat and hang out," Brooks said. "I'm an ear there for them to talk to. I'm there to listen."

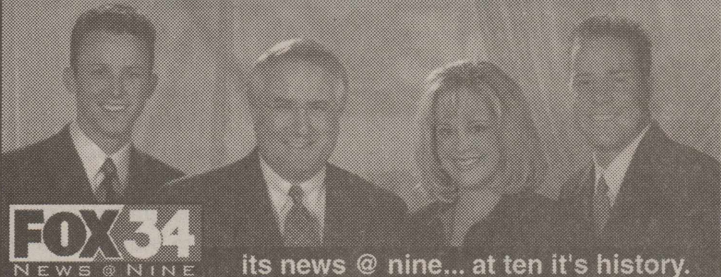
Bloodworth, who also volunteers in the lunch group, said she works in the office and mentors an 11-year-old girl as well.

She said her favorite part of the mentor program is the chance she gets

to build relationships with people in the community, particularly her friendship with the girl she mentors.

"That's the best," she said. "Spending time with her. An afternoon of eating ice cream and just talking about life."

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## Illinois ends nation's longest winning streak

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Top-ranked Illinois ended Wisconsin's 38-game home winning streak, the nation's longest, beating the Badgers 75-65 Tuesday night by scoring 14 of the game's final 15 points.

Led by Luther Head's 18 points, Illinois (20-0, 6-0 Big Ten) snapped a five-game losing streak in Madison and became the first team to beat the Badgers at the Kohl Center since Wake Forest on Dec. 4, 2002.

The 18th-ranked Badgers (13-4, 4-2), who led by eight points midway through the second half, fell to 53-3 at home under coach Bo Ryan, including 26-1 in the Big Ten.

The Badgers' most recent home win came when they scored the final 11 points of the game to beat Michigan State, 62-59.

Wisconsin took a 64-61 lead on Alando Tucker's drive to the basket with 4:31 left. But dreams of Wisconsin's first win over a top-ranked opponent since beating Ohio State in 1962 soon faded.

James Augustine, who was limited by foul trouble to 4 minutes in the first half, made two free throws with 4:11 left and Jack Ingram did the same at 3:39, putting the Illini

ahead for good, 65-64.

Augustine, who scored 12 of his 14 points in the second half, added consecutive dunks to make it 69-64.

The only break in Illinois' run came when Kammron Taylor made one free throw with 1:07 left to make it 71-65.

Deron Williams added 13 points for Illinois and Roger Powell Jr. had 11.

Tucker had 16 points for Wisconsin and Sharif Chambliss added 14 and Mike Wilkinson 13.

The Badgers, who trailed 35-33 at halftime, were just 5-of-12 from the free throw line and Illinois was 17-of-20.

Illinois coach Bruce Weber proclaimed his team the underdog for once, saying until Wisconsin lost at home, nobody, no matter how good, could be considered a favorite, not even a team that has been atop the polls for eight weeks.

"Maybe we'll have a little bit of a fear factor instead of having the target on our back," he said. "It'll be a different mind-set for us."

They wore the underdog tag as well as they have handled the targets on their chests all season.

## Texas' 3-pointers rain in Tech loss

AUSTIN (AP) — Daniel Gibson scored 20 points, hitting all six of his 3-pointers, to lead No. 16 Texas to an 80-73 victory against Texas Tech on Tuesday night.

The Longhorns (15-4, 4-2 Big 12) went 14-of-21 from 3-point range and made four in a row during one key stretch midway through the second half. It was the eighth game this season Texas has hit at least 10 3s.

Kenton Paulino added 16 points and Brad Buckman had 14 rebounds for Texas.

Ronald Ross scored 29 points and Devonne Giles added 18 for Texas Tech (11-5, 3-2), which came in as the Big 12's top-scoring team but shot just 37 percent against Texas' new zone defense.

Gibson and Paulino hit four 3-pointers in a 2-minute span of the second half that saw the Longhorns build the biggest lead of the game, 65-49.

Ross kept the Red Raiders from fading away, hitting six 3-pointers to pull Tech within 72-67 with just under 3 minutes left.

The game was a defensive battle

before the fireworks started.

Texas, which has rarely used a zone, stayed in one the entire game in an effort to ease wear-and-tear on a depleted roster and avoid foul trouble.

Texas is down to just eight scholarship players after P.J. Tucker was declared academically ineligible last week and freshman LaMarcus Aldridge was sidelined indefinitely with a hip injury.

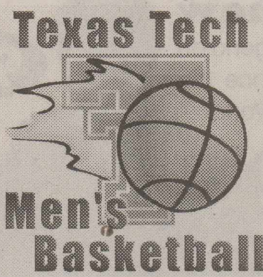
But neither was ever much of a 3-point threat when they were on the floor and were hardly missed once the Longhorns starting launching shots.

Texas' zone held the Red Raiders to 10-of-40 shooting in the first half.

Texas hit five 3-pointers in the first half but really was just getting started.

Gibson hit two early in the second, one from about 25 feet, and Buckman stepped out for another before Paulino finally found his range.

A 40 percent shooting team from long-range this season, seemingly could not miss once Gibson and Paulino cranked up their streak that built the big lead.



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2. Texas	81.6	2. Oklahoma	59.4
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4. Texas A&M	76.1	4. Oklahoma State	61.0
5. Oklahoma	76.1	5. Kansas	62.3
6. Kansas	74.6	7. Texas Tech	65.0

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## Kansas State women now tops in Big 12

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Kendra Wecker scored 26 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead No. 16 Kansas State to a 74-52 victory over No. 18 Iowa State on Tuesday night.

Claire Coggins and Laurie Koehn each added 13 points for the Wildcats (15-3, 6-1 Big 12), who were coming off a 55-53 victory over then-No. 10 Texas Tech on Saturday. Kansas State moved into first place in the Big 12.

Katie Robinette had 23 points and eight rebounds to lead the Cyclones (15-2, 5-1), who had their 12-game winning streak stopped.

Anne O'Neil, Iowa State's leading scorer, was held to nine points on 3-

for-13 shooting.

Iowa State had its worst shooting performance from beyond the 3-point line, going 3-for-25.

Kansas State capitalized on the Cyclones' poor early shooting. Coggins hit a deep 3-pointer in the first minute and punctuated an opening 22-4 run with another 3-pointer.

Iowa State rallied within 33-24 with 2:47 left in the first half, but Chelsea Domenico curled in a 3-pointer and Koehn added another 3 less than a minute later, extending Kansas State's lead to 39-26 at the break.

Kansas State maintained its double-digit lead the rest of the way.

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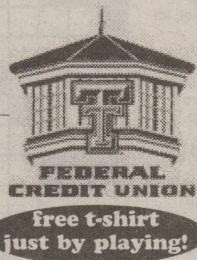
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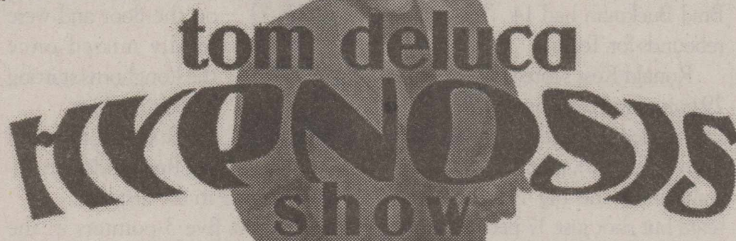
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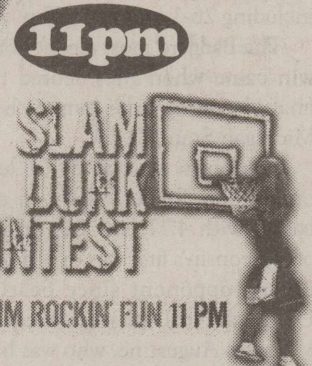
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 Women's Rugby will be playing in a doubleheader this Saturday January 29th. At Noon, the Lady Raiders will be taking on A&M at the West Rec. Fields (Behind UMC, West of the Intramural Softball Fields) followed by Baylor at 8 p.m.

**Aquatic Center Fun!**

Long course swim is coming up at the pool on February 5th! Also do not forget to sign up for our adult beginner class which begins on Monday February 7th. The class is an hour long and held Monday and Wednesday for three weeks, classes start at 6:30.

Spring youth learn-to-swim begins on Tuesday, February 15th and will go until March 10th. Classes range from Aquatot, to Parent and me and Level I and Level II swim lessons. Also starting Tuesday February 15th is our brand new program, "Swim Fit."

**FITNESS/ WELLNESS**

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**Massage**

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**Personal Training**

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**Raider Stars**

Join this incentive program for all group exercise participants and it begins February 1st. Just stop by the fitness/wellness center after every group exercise class you attend and give yourself a star—up to 5 per week. Have fun and watch your star chart grow.

**Girls and Women In Sports Day**

Wanted: Elementary-aged girls & their moms or mentors  
 What: Plays sports and games together  
 When: February 5, from 8:45-11:30 am  
 Where: Student Rec Center  
 Why: Have fun, get a free brunch, a t-shirt and 2 tickets to the Lady Raider game that evening. This event is FREE and open to the community. You must register by calling 742.3828.

**INTRAMURALS**

**Inner-Tube Water Polo**

What more do you want from a sport? Inner-Tube Water Polo has 2-teams, bathing suits, 1 ball, and NO horses. The Texas Tech Intramural Department is signing up teams for this year's 2005 Inner-Tube Water Polo season. This sport is played at the Student Rec - Aquatic Center.

How do you play, you ask? The game is 2 (10-minute) halves and players must keep their rear end in the inner-tube at all times. A team scores when a player throws the ball in the goal - 1 point per goal. Yes, there is an official calling fouls. This sport is all about fun in the water and not much skill. So, the IM department invites all students, faculty, and staff members to sign up. Last year's Mens Champion was Fish-N-Chips and Co-rec was Better Ghetto Society. Sign ups are Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, February 1st - 3rd between 8-5 in SRC room 203. The sooner you come in and sign up, the better time your team gets to play. Play starts Sunday, February 13th. If you have any questions, call the Intramural Department at 742-2945.

**Grab Your Racquet And Come Play!**

The annual spring Racquetball tournament will be held on Friday, February 4th at the Rec Center. Registration is so easy! Just head to [www.recsports.ttu.edu](http://www.recsports.ttu.edu) and complete the registration form online! There is no entry fee and we have tournaments for everyone. So if you are just learning how to play or a seasoned veteran, sign up and come have a enjoyable evening of Racquetball at the Rec.

**Basketball Captains Meeting Tonight**

Tonight's captains meetings are at 6:30pm and 8:00pm in the Room 116 of the Rec Center. Both meetings will be the same so attend the one that is best for you. We will review Texas Tech policies, basketball rules and the sportsmanship policy. Playoff eligibility is determined by your sportsmanship rating. Teams attending this meeting will receive 1 point towards the sportsmanship goal. Captains may only represent 1 Men's or Women's team and/or 1 Co-Rec team.

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**Event Date**

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# Lady Raiders look to tame Tigers, get back to winning ways

By David Wiechmann/  
The University Daily

The Lady Raiders may have suffered their first conference loss of the season Saturday, but recovering from the loss has been no problem for the team as it has maintained focus on the ultimate goal — beating their next opponent and winning the Big 12 Conference.

"I don't think our confidence has just been shot since we lost to K-State," said point guard Erin Grant. "I know our team feels we're still a great basketball team, and we feel we still have a chance to win a Big 12 championship. We just have to take care of business and not have any slippage like we did on Saturday."

No. 13 Texas Tech (14-3, 5-1 Big 12) hopes not to slip up against Missouri (7-10, 1-5) at 7 p.m. tonight in the United Spirit Arena. Coach Marsha Sharp and her squad will take

on the Tigers in an effort to get back in the win column and move toward the goal of winning the final 10 games of the regular season.

"There's still a lot of basketball left to be played, and the most important thing is to be prepared for the next team you play and try to get that momentum back as quick as you can," Sharp said.

Tech struggled to make baskets in the closing minutes against Kansas State, and that struggle resulted in losing the three-point lead the Lady Raiders held with six minutes remaining. The Wildcats had trouble shooting as well but were able to escape with a win because of buckets falling late when Tech's would not.

The team knows it has to put the

loss behind it and focus on the task at hand. Beating Missouri now is the most important thing standing in the Lady Raiders way.

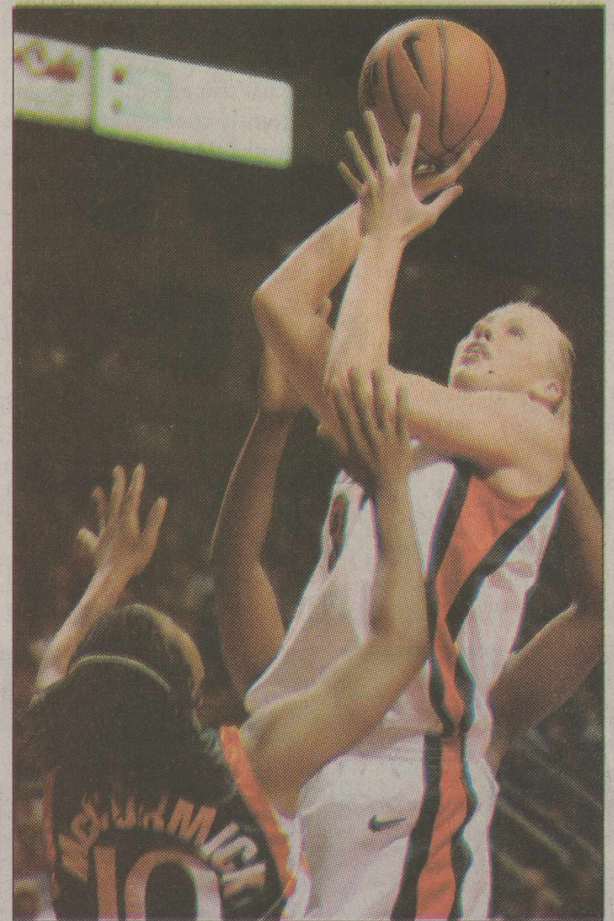
"We know we can't focus on that loss anymore," said guard Chesley Dabbs. "We play in the Big 12, and it's a challenge day in and day out. We know if we focus on the loss to Kansas State, we're gonna lose to Missouri. I think it's out of our minds; we've been working on Missouri, and that's what we're focused on."

Putting that loss behind it is necessary to make a push for the team's first conference championship since 1999 and what Sharp said her team appears to be doing. The Lady Raiders are not letting the loss bother them. Instead

they have used the loss as motivation to take it to the Tigers tonight.

The extra motivation stems from the team's being well aware of the implications on the conference standings the loss had. Tech was in a position to be undefeated and two games up on No. 4 Baylor, No. 15 Texas and No. 16 Kansas State, six games into the year. Sharp said she believes the loss has added to her team's focus and preparedness for tonight's game with Missouri.

"I think they want to win the Big 12, and they understand that we really let one slip away, and they were really hurt after the game. That's because they're winners, and they understand this whole process," Sharp said. "There won't be any problem with motivation for this group in any game. Particularly (Wednesday), they're ready to get back on the floor to move forward and get that feeling out of the pit of their stomach."



CENTER CISTI GREENWALT goes over defenders as she lines up a shot in the Lady Raiders' 109-49 win against Miami Dec. 6 at the United Spirit Arena. The 6-foot-5-inch senior is sixth in the NCAA in blocked shots with 3.8 per game.

KELLY MATHERLY/  
The University Daily

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## If T.O. plays, Eagles will soar as Super Bowl champs

There's always next year.

I can't tell you the number of times I have heard that phrase uttered — or uttered myself — during this time of year.

As a matter of fact, I've been saying it since Super Bowl XXXII, when my beloved Green Bay Packers fell short of repeating as Super Bowl Champions thanks to the Denver Broncos.

Now, as No. 39 comes to a head Feb. 6, I hear myself saying it again. There's always next year (presuming, of course, the star does return, but that's another story for another time).

The Super Bowl is a controversial time in my life, as I deal with conflicting emotions that detail how I handle the match-up between the two supposedly best teams in the National Football League.

On the one hand, there is the abundance of food, the commercials, the victory dances, the greatest game of the year to be watched — on the other, another season



Anne Gepford

is over in one night, and I have to wait until the next one begins.

*I'm not partial to either team, but it's Philly's turn to reign. They've been waiting long enough.*

Many long months must be endured before preseason play starts.

There's always next year. Next year cannot come fast enough.

I will watch the Super Bowl, most likely with a heavy heart, knowing my team fell to their hated rival in the first round — a team it already had beaten twice in regular season play.

New England demolished rookie Ben Roethlisberger and the Pittsburgh Steelers in the AFC Championship game, routing the team with a 41-27 victory. I've never been a Steelers fan in my life, but I found myself rooting for this rookie and his team, if only because I wanted the Patriots to be shown a glimpse of how it feels when a dynasty ends.

Tom Brady and his Patriots will have yet another chance to prove the dynasty Bill Belichick has created as they travel to Jacksonville, Fla., to take on the Philadelphia Eagles.

Even without Terrell Owens, Philly has put on a great show. They wanted the NFC Championship more than Atlanta did, if only because they know the bittersweet

taste of making it that far and losing in the past three years, and they proved that on the field. Michael Vick is a great quarterback, and the Eagles won in a 27-10 point game.

In my opinion, Donovan McNabb deserves to lead his team to victory over the tyranny that resides in New England. If T.O. plays, as both he and Philadelphia coach Andy Reid said after the AFC Championship game, look for Philly to lead New England. This team has had to win two playoff games without their starting wide receiver and has scored the same amount of points as if he were on the field.

I'm not partial to either team, but it's Philly's turn to reign. They've been waiting long enough.

If not, there's always next year for Eagles fans. They can join the rest of us lamenting our team's early defeats in the offseason, waiting for Super Bowl XL, which I hope will be an extra-large opportunity for my favorite team.

## Owens' status for Super Bowl remains uncertain

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Terrell Owens saw his doctor Tuesday and is expected to test his injured ankle on the field this week.

Is he any closer to returning for the Super Bowl? No one knows just yet.

The All-Pro wide receiver plans to be in uniform for the Philadelphia Eagles when they meet the New England Patriots in Jacksonville, Fla., on Feb. 6. The doctors and training staff should have the final say on Owens' status.

"Spiritually I've been healed, and I believe that I'll be out there on

that field Sunday, regardless of what anybody says," Owens said Monday night, before going to Baltimore for his weekly checkup with Dr. Mark Myerson.

Myerson inserted two screws in Owens' right ankle and a plate on the outside of the ankle three days after he was injured against Dallas on Dec. 19.

Owens was told after surgery that he had only an outside chance of returning for the Super Bowl, which was 6 1/2 weeks away at the time. Myerson said under normal circumstances it

takes between eight to 10 weeks for a person to fully recover. But Owens has rehabbed vigorously and insists he's going to play.

"You can't deny the man the ball," Owens said while sitting courtside at a 76ers game against Miami on Monday.

Quarterback Donovan McNabb and other Eagles have said they do not need Owens to beat the defending champion Patriots, who are 7-point favorites.

"We can win it without T.O. But, if he is there, we can win it with him, and we are definitely going to try to win it without him," McNabb said one day after leading the Eagles to a 27-10 victory over Atlanta in the NFC championship game. "I think he will be back. But, if he can't be back, we have to continue this ship home."

The Eagles are 2-0 without Owens in games that matter. They lost the last two regular-season games in which most starters hardly played and others were rested.

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