



## Insurgents kill 28; Shiite lead in election

By Jason Keyser/Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents struck back with a vengeance following a post-election lull, killing at least 28 people, including two Marines, in a burst of attacks, waylaying a minibus carrying new Iraqi army recruits, detonating car bombs and gunning down police and Iraqis working for the U.S. military, officials said Thursday.

Incomplete election results from Baghdad and five others of Iraq's 18 provinces showed the Shiite clerical-endorsed ticket running strong in races for seats in the National Assembly, according to the first official results.

So far, 1.6 million votes have been counted, from 10 percent of the country's polling stations. The United Iraqi Alliance, which is backed by the country's most influential Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, had 1.1 million votes, and the list led by interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's list was second with more than

360,500 votes.

The figures were only partial results and were too small to say whether they represent the nationwide trend.

Election officials have said it could take up to seven to 10 days from the Sunday vote to produce full official results. Some 16 million Iraqis were eligible to vote, but it is still not known what percentage turned out at the polls. Seats in the National Assembly will be determined by the percentage of the nationwide vote that each faction wins.

Iraqi election officials said Thursday they sent a team to Mosul to look into allegations of voting irregularities in the surrounding Ninevah province, a largely Sunni region. Complaints have included polling stations running short of ballots, confusion over the poll locations and ongoing military operations. It was not clear how many

voters were affected.

Shiites turned out in large numbers in Sunday's balloting, eager to turn their majority into political power.

Many in the Sunni Arab minority are believed to have stayed away, raising concerns that the outcome could alienate them further and could continue to fuel the Sunni-led insurgency.

Insurgents had eased up on attacks following the elections, when American and Iraqi forces imposed sweeping security measures. But starting Wednesday night, guerrillas launched a string of dramatic attacks.

In the deadliest incident, insurgents stopped a minibus south of Kirkuk, ordered army recruits off the vehicle and gunned down 12 of them, said Maj. Gen. Anwar Mohammed Amin. Two soldiers were allowed to go free, ordered by the rebels to warn others against

joining Iraq's U.S.-backed security forces, he said.

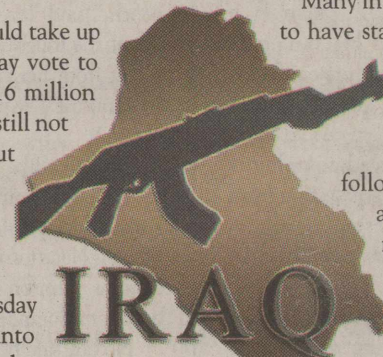
The assailants identified themselves as members of Takfir wa Hijra, the name of an Islamic group that emerged in the 1960s in Egypt, rejecting society as corrupt and seeking to establish a utopian Islamic community.

Gunmen fired on a vehicle carrying Iraqi contractors Thursday to jobs at a U.S. military base in Baqouba north of the capital, killing two people, officials said. Insurgents fired mortars at a U.S. base in Tel Afar, near Mosul, killing two civilians Wednesday night.

A suicide car bomber struck a foreign convoy escorted by military Humvees on Baghdad's dangerous airport road Thursday, destroying several vehicles and damaging a house, Iraqi police said. Helicopters were seen evacuating some casualties, witnesses said. There was no immediate comment from the U.S. military.

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## Tech reacts after State of the Union

TECHsan TALK: Students, faculty discuss ideas, opinions of Bush's plan of action.

By Brittany Barrientos/  
The University Daily

President George W. Bush gave the State of the Union address Wednesday night. The speech was met with a variety of views from Texas Tech students and faculty.

Daniel Velez, a senior political science major from Eagle Pass, said although he did not watch the entire speech, he was still left with a feeling of skepticism after watching it.

"He had plans to cut this and that, but the question is — will he?" he said. "I am feeling skepticism and optimism. It is a new start."

Bush talked about major issues such as education, Social Security, healthcare, the economy, family life, immigration, the Iraq elections and the war. He emphasized the need to see not only the issue in the present, but the future, as well.

"Over the next several months, on issue after issue, let us do what Americans have always done and build a better world for our children and grandchildren," Bush said.

Susan Banducci, assistant professor of political science, said she believes Bush spoke about many of the big issues and did so with assurance.

"He seemed confident and made some bold statements," she said. "He covered many topics and touched on many issues. It is our job to follow-up."

Bush spoke at length about Social Security reforms. He said he expects the currently enacted system to go bankrupt unless it is changed.

According to an Associated Press article, Bush's plan would cut guaranteed retirement benefits for young Americans but would not affect people over the age of 55. He suggested diverting security revenues into private investment accounts as a possible solution.

"Fixing Social Security permanently will require an open, candid review of the options ... I will work with members of Congress to find the most effective combination of reforms," Bush said.

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## Faculty Senate discusses possibility of fall break

By Meghann Lora/The University Daily

The Texas Tech Faculty Senate will discuss a report at its meeting Wednesday detailing the pros and cons of a fall break.

Sean Grass, assistant professor of English and member of the Faculty Senate, was on the committee assigned to study the implications of a fall break.

"The Faculty Senate president wanted us to look at what the potential problems are," he said.

The idea that high stress on students affects health and academic performance is one argument in favor of a fall break, according to the Senate report.

"I believe there is strong feeling that the period from August to Thanksgiving is a little bit too long without any break except that Labor Day holiday," Grass said.

Another benefit of the fall break would be that final examinations would occur from Monday through Friday and no longer would occur on Saturday, according to the report.

Arguments against the fall break include the potential loss of two teaching days because of travel, the potential increase in semester length and the loss of one week of laboratory schedules based on a weekly roster and

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## CAMPUS UNDER CONSTRUCTION



DARREL THOMAS/Student Media Photographer

GILBERTO ROMERO PREPARES holes in the ground, where he places stakes, before placing the sculpture over them Friday morning. The sculptures, titled "Bulls" were created by artist Peter Woytuk of Santa Fe, N.M. The artwork is part of Texas Tech's public art collection and is located in front of the Animal and Food Sciences building.

## Tech continues construction on campus buildings

By Kelly Gooch/The University Daily

Construction on the Animal and Food Sciences building, Experimental Sciences building and old English building still are in progress.

Michael Ellicott, vice chancellor of facilities planning and construction, said the interior of the Animal Science building is complete, and classes currently are being held in the building.

Ellicott said the exterior of the Animal and Food Sciences building will be finished in approximately 60 days depending on the weather.

"For paving we need good weather," he said.

Ashley Yates, a junior animal science major from Houston, said she has four of her classes in the newly constructed building this semester and has enjoyed the new building because it is close to the commuter parking lot.

"It's a lot more convenient," she said.

Yates said she previously had classes in the Animal Science building east of the Fisheries and Wildlife Research building.

Sara Keyser, a graduate student from Sycamore, Ga., said she has five or six classes in the Animal and Food Sciences building and is anticipating the completion of the exterior of the building.

"It'd be nice to have a courtyard," she said.



LINC ARMES/The University Daily

THE CONSTRUCTION OF the Animal and Food Sciences building is one of many projects Tech is completing around the campus.

Sandy Gellner, administrative business assistant, said the Animal and Food Sciences building was constructed because the Agriculture Department had run out of space in the old facilities.

Keyser and Yates both said they have not been bothered by any construction noise going on outside the building.

Ellicott said construction of the Experimental Science building should be complete around the end of May or the beginning of June.

The old English building has been demolished, and in about three months, a new courtyard will be in its place with a large piece of art completing the space.

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# Citibus, SGA working to improve Tech bus routes

By Kelly Aaron/  
Contributing Writer

Students parking in satellite areas are taking a gamble on whether they will make the bus to school. Students using the Town and Country parking lot are finding buses on the Indiana Avenue and 4th Street route full when approaching the satellite parking bus stop.

"The bus is hard to get on. It's usually full with students from Raiders Pass," said Colin Warren, a sophomore agriculture economics major from Prosper.

Warren said he arrives at the bus stop an hour early sometimes, but getting there early does not guarantee he will be able to get transportation to the school.

Tech acquired the Town and Country parking lot just before the beginning of the fall 2004 semester. The lot is for commuters who were unable to obtain a commuter parking pass due to the Tech Parkway construction.

Christy Aguirre, a junior early childhood development major from Lubbock, said leaving early for the bus stop does not help her get to class on time.

"Sometimes I have to walk," she said. "It doesn't matter if I leave early or not, there is still a lot of people on the bus."

Anastasios Koutros, a senior

communications studies major from Houston, said she is fed up with the bus system.

"Four or five buses will pass by without stopping, and I get fed up and just walk," she said. "The whole thing sucks."

Brent Black, Citibus director of transportation, said Citibus and the Student Government Association work together to develop a budget and to plan the number of busses needed for each route.

"We just recently became aware that students were having trouble," he said. "It's something that we are watching closely, and we are looking for alternatives without adding cost to the students."

Black said some campus bus routes may be eliminated.

"Taking one of the buses off the Masked Rider route is one option we have been considering, but there hasn't been any official changes as of yet," he said.

The Indiana Avenue and 4th Street route is very popular, Black

said, and Citibus has been surprised at the number of students using the Town and Country parking lot.

"We have gone from four to six buses, which is more than all of our other routes except one," he said.

Anne Hunninghake, SGA external vice president, said she has received complaints about the campus bus system from students this semester.

"Brent and I have been working together and brainstorming for ideas to make things easier on the students," she said. "Right now with the colder weather more students are riding the bus than normal."

Black said the Masked Rider route at the Museum and International Culture Center parking lot has not been fully utilized, and the space is a viable option for students seeking an alternative

to the Town and Country parking lot and the Tech bus system.

*"We just became aware that students were having trouble."*

— BRENT BLACK  
Citibus Director of Transportation

## The Rundown



### Back yards near Jackson says news Military pullout in lake drop six feet reports are fiction West Bank approved

DALLAS (AP) — Back yards in a half-dozen houses surrounding an Irving lake have dropped about six feet, collapsing decks and toppling fences.

An area about 50 yards long and 10 yards wide collapsed around midnight Tuesday, dropping back yards along the southern banks of the 130-acre Villig Lake on the south side of the Dallas suburb of Irving.

"It's like it imploded from underneath," said Teresa Castro, starting out at the roughly 5-foot drop about 6 feet from her home's foundation. "It's unusual. I've never seen anything like it."

"It looks like we're all going to have a big hole in our back yard for a while," Joe Johnson told *The Dallas Morning News* for a story in Thursday's editions. Johnson said he had limited hope for insurance coverage.

No one said he heard anything to indicate anything was wrong.

Area resident Jim Ferguson lost his 16-by-16-foot wood deck and several birdhouses he had up on poles.

"The dog was out, but he apparently had enough sense to stay out of the damage," Ferguson said.

Ferguson, like other residents, did not know what he would do. Some residents said they would have to add several hundred tons of dirt to restore their back yards to the previous height.

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — Michael Jackson said in a television interview scheduled to air Saturday that many of the news reports about him are "fiction" and that his celebrity makes him a target.

Jackson was barred by a gag order from talking about the molestation charges he faces. But he said in a wide-ranging interview with the Fox News Channel's "At Large w/ Geraldo Rivera" program that he believes the truth about him will ultimately come out.

"The bigger the star, the bigger the target. I'm not trying to say I'm the super-duper star, I'm not saying that," Jackson said in the interview, which was taped two weeks ago. "I'm saying the fact that people come at celebrities, we're targets. But truth always prevails. I believe in that."

Excerpts of the interview were released Thursday by Fox.

The interview was Jackson's first since he was indicted by a grand jury in April on charges of molesting a boy and plying him with alcohol. Jackson's lawyers and prosecutors are scheduled to begin questioning potential jurors in the trial Monday.

Jackson also said in the interview that he designed his Neverland estate, where prosecutors say the molestation occurred, as a place where he could enjoy the childhood activities he missed while he was a child star.

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Cabinet ministers on Thursday approved the release of 900 Palestinian prisoners and a military pullout from the West Bank town of Jericho within days in overtures intended to improve the climate ahead of next week's Mideast summit.

The ministers also approved an earlier decision by the army chief to halt the targeted killings of wanted Palestinian fugitives and agreed to form a joint Israeli-Palestinian committee to decide what to do about them.

The 900 prisoners represent about one-eighth of the total number of prisoners Israel holds. The decision to withdraw only from quiet Jericho falls short of expectations that ministers would approve the evacuation of five West Bank towns, but followed the Israeli government's decision this week to slow the pullout after a brief outbreak in violence.

Palestinians and Israelis both said Thursday they expect the summit in Egypt to produce a truce ending more than four years of violence.

A joint declaration of a cessation of violence is one of the first requirements in the internationally backed "road map" peace plan, which calls for the establishment of a Palestinian state this year.

"We are not talking about peace now, and not about the road map, but rather about phases that come before implementation of the road map," participants quoted Prime Minister Ariel Sharon as saying at Thursday's meeting.

## Watergate papers available to public

AUSTIN (AP) — While scribed by *Washington Post* reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein while covering the Watergate scandal are now available to the public.

"We told the story from our perspective as well as we could. Other people should have a look at the stuff," Bernstein said Thursday at the University of Texas' Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, which purchased the materials for \$5 million in 2003.

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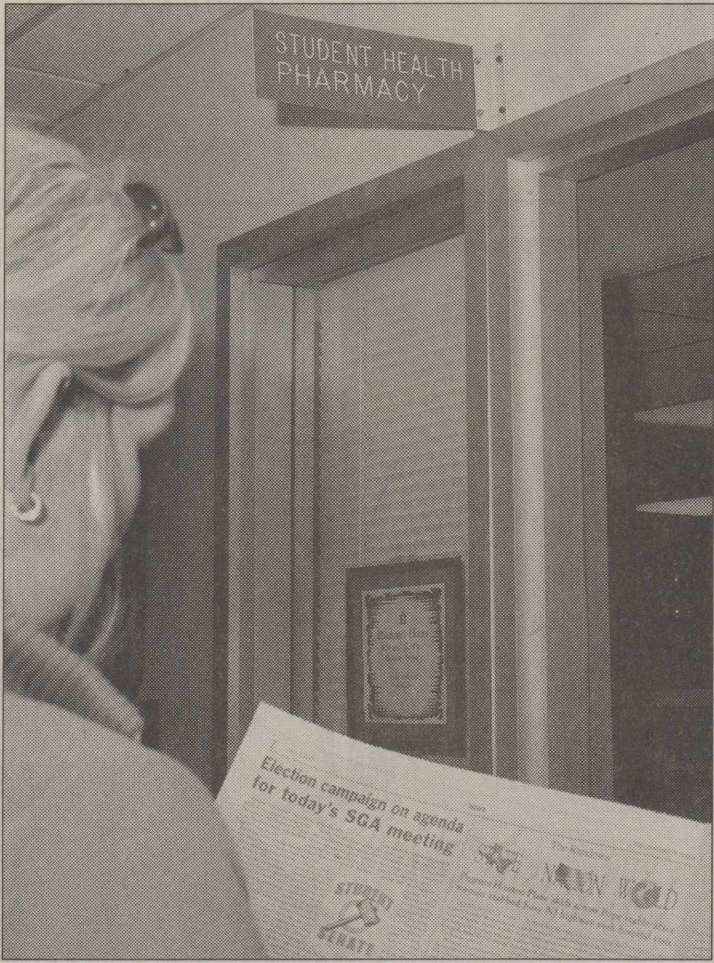
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# Effects of flu lessened by proper hygiene



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STUDENTS WAIT in line outside at the Thompson Hall Pharmacy to have prescriptions filled Thursday morning.

By Brittany Barrientos/  
The University Daily

Texas Tech students can avoid the flu if they take necessary precautions.

"The most effective (preventative method) is the vaccination," said Randall Jeter, associate professor of biological sciences.

He said the vaccine is an inactivated flu virus to which the body forms an immunity.

Contrary to common belief, most people do not experience side effects from the flu vaccine.

FluMist is another option available to students, Jeter said.

This vaccine is a nasal mist that can be administered by certain health care providers.

The FluMist spray is not as effective as the shot, he said, but it is still better than nothing.

The flu is spread through hand contact more often than through the air, Jeter said.

Keeping up proper hand-washing techniques is a good way to stay healthy, he said.

Students should make sure to spend at least 10 seconds lathering their hands with soap.

If students use proper hygiene

every time they use the restroom, their chances of getting the flu will be greatly reduced, Jeter said.

"It's easier to get (the flu) when you smoke," said Heidi Thompson, a junior advertising major from San Antonio.

Cigarette smoking improves the chances of the virus gaining hold in a person's lungs, Jeter said. The smoke can damage cells that line the respiratory tract.

This makes it easier for smokers to get the flu.

If a student does get the flu, staying at home is best, Jeter said. College campuses can spread germs easily, so a person suffering from flu should avoid contact with other students, he said.

When sneezing or coughing, students should use an arm or sleeve rather than hands to cover their mouths, Jeter said.

This way sickness is not spread to other people through hand contact with objects like handrails, Jeter said.

The elderly and those with

immune deficiencies are more at risk to contract the flu, Jeter said. College-age students should not be as concerned but should still exercise caution.

William Butler, a freshman business major from Lubbock, said he takes vitamins and exercises regularly to prevent getting the flu.

Generally, flu season begins in November and ends around March. Symptoms include: lethargy, body aches, fever, headache and tiredness, Jeter said.

## Colorado professor incites controversy

By Erin Wiggins/  
Colorado Daily

(U-WIRE) BOULDER, Colo. — The University of Colorado Board of Regents will have an emergency meeting Thursday on the Fitzsimons campus in Aurora, Colo., to discuss the recent publicity surrounding CU professor Ward Churchill's speech at a New York college and writings from a 3-year-old essay.

In a statement sent out Sunday afternoon, the board said it is "taking this unusual action" to specifically consider the recently publicized controversy over Churchill, who chairs CU's Ethnic Studies Department and who is slated to speak that same day at Hamilton College, a small liberal arts school in New York.

At issue are Churchill's writings from a Sept. 11, 2001, essay titled "Some People Push Back: On the Justice of Roosting Chickens," in which he referred to World Trade Center victims of the attacks as "little Eichmanns" (referring to Nazi World War II criminal Adolf Eichmann) as not innocent victims but willing perpetrators of the "mighty engine of profit" who were taken out by the "gallant sacrifices" of "combat teams" who attacked the twin towers and Pentagon that day.

"Mr. Churchill's comments regarding the events of Sept. 11, 2001, have resulted in substantial controversy, and the Board of Regents intends to consider the concerns of members of the public and the university community at the special

meeting," the statement said. Some students on Hamilton's campus last week protested Churchill's scheduled appearance.

Regent Michael Carrigan, a Denver Democrat, said he and the other regents have been "deluged" with e-mails and messages over the issue.

All nine regents are calling for the meeting.

"We are hearing a lot of concern from the public, and we share the public's concern," Carrigan said Sunday. "That's why we called this special meeting; to discuss our options."

Regent Cindy Carlisle, a Boulder, Colo., Democrat, said she is "appalled" by Churchill's essay and said despite the issue being complex legally, "something needs to be done."

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## Nods to Knight

Controversial coach cares about more than the game

**Sara Miller**



It seems like every time things get a little quiet around Texas Tech, Bob Knight takes the heat over something. Whether it is the latest rumors of "abandoning and betraying" Tech by the suggestion of taking a position at another university, admonishing fans for not showing up for games or the possible temper tantrum.

They say all press is good press, but I would have to disagree. I realize Knight, like all of us, has his flaws, as well as his good days and bad days, but I have yet to read much in Lubbock about the positive things he has done.

So, I have decided to take this moment to highlight some of Knight's accomplishments since coming to Tech.

*The next time you catch yourself about to make a negative comment about Knight at Tech, take a look around, and realize he cares about more than the basketball team's record.*

First and foremost, he has put the word "student" back in front of the term "athlete." Lest we have forgotten with all the hype, universities were not founded for athletes alone, but for the pursuit of knowledge. A few weeks ago in Dallas, I heard a radio program where Knight discussed his recruiting techniques. He talked about going into schools, talking to players and discussing academic and athletic responsibilities — making sure they understood study hall was just as much a part of his program as basketball practice. If the student still was interested, Knight and the recruit would talk.

While at Indiana, Knight's student athletes had consistently high graduation rates, and he has continued that tradition here at Tech. It is about time someone realized students are not just here to play ball — they are here to get an education, and Knight makes sure they get that, too.

Second, Knight has brought school spirit and students back to the games. There are probably students who, like me, were around before Knight came to Tech, and the atmosphere was very different.

Knight has encouraged student attendance by giving us awesome seats — most of my friends at other schools can't believe where we get to sit at home games. Granted, we pay a fee for it, but it is relatively low in comparison to what we would pay at other schools for worse seating.

Games are exciting now. One of the very first things I did upon returning to Lubbock from Europe was head out to a basketball game to watch Knight's team in action. For me, being a West Texas girl, Knight's basketball is almost as exciting as football.

Almost.

Third, he has turned our basketball team completely around and has brought us national recognition. People who never have heard of Lubbock know Tech is where Knight went after Indiana.

Sure, Knight has not taken us to the Final Four yet, but we are on our way. Give him some time, cut him some slack and realize it is not entirely his fault. He is simply the coach — the players are the ones who play. However, I suspect Tech will be up there soon. At the end of 2004, Knight's win-loss record was 831-323.

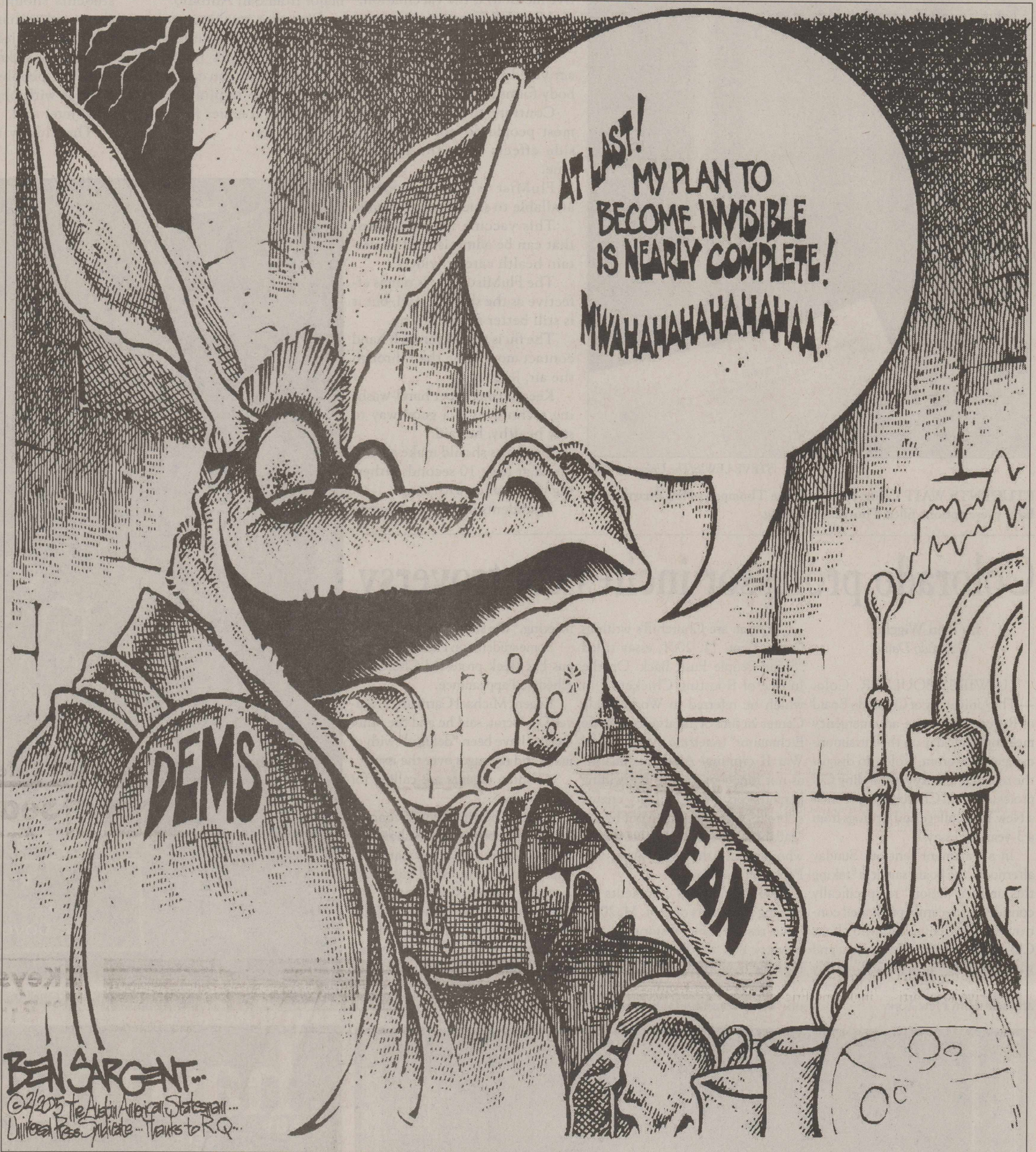
I would say he's a force with whom to be reckoned. Athletic programs are not built overnight.

Finally, if Knight's commitment to Tech isn't solidified, let us remember he started the Bob Knight Library Fund, proving that his commitment isn't just at the athletic arena.

He started a fund all of us — students, faculty and administrators alike — could benefit from.

The next time you catch yourself about to make a negative comment about Knight at Tech, take a look around and realize he cares about more than the basketball team's record.

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TECH TALKS BACK

## Villainous vivisection — moral obligation overshadows science

Testing on animals does not show humans to be the superior species

By Bhaskar Raman/  
The Post

(U-WIRE) ATHENS, Ohio — "We should be able to refuse to live if the price of living be the torture of sentient beings."  
— Mahatma Gandhi

Science is a wonderful and glorious pursuit. It brings out the very highest capacities of man, the greatest creative abilities and the finest intellectual reasoning.

This is the reason why, of all the various ways in which humans torture and abuse animals, vivisection is probably the most abhorrent.

In the name of science, in the name of all that is best and brightest in man, are performed the darkest, most cruel, destructive and despicable deeds we can imagine.

Vivisection makes a mockery of the abilities that make humans special.

The logic of testing products on animals in order to certify them fit for human use does not stand up to analysis.

Animals are so considerably different from humans, and what is good for them isn't always good for us and vice versa.

For example, according to the National Anti-Vivisection Society, aspirin, one of the most benign and harmless drugs for humans, causes serious birth defects in cats and dogs. Penicillin kills guinea pigs.

Quite obviously, what is sauce for the goose may well be mulligatawny soup for the gander. To test a product for human consumption on an animal is akin to searching the Bible for quotes

from the Kama Sutra.

Many scientists, such as Dr. George Hoggan, who spent many years performing "research" on animals, finally arrived at the conclusion that "not one of those experiments on animals was justified or necessary."

George Bernard Shaw went so far as to call vivisectioners mere "kudo-hunters who have nothing to tell ...[and] crowd humane research workers out of the schools and discredit them, they use up all the available endowments and bequests, leaving nothing for serious research."

Even if some benefit could be gained from such a "science," do we really want it at that cost? Our aftershave lotions and perfumes bear with them the screams of innocent monkeys into whose eyes they were sprayed.

Our medicines come with the guarantee that hundreds of thousands of lab animals, from rats to primates, have suffered illness and terrible side effects before they were perfected.

With such scientific growth comes great moral decay.

Our ability to empathize, our sensitivity, our basic humaneness is at stake here. I don't think a new variety of eau de cologne is worth that.

Those who argue in favor of vivisection claim that because we are superior and capable of domination, we can do as we please with these animals.

While I wholeheartedly agree we are intellectually superior to animals, that is the very reason why I say that we, most of all, need to live to a higher moral code, a greater responsibility, for we all know what happens when power is placed in the hands of the reckless.

*Animals come to us innocently with trust, like a child. They don't understand deceit and betrayal. They are honest and simple. They know love, and they know fear. No animal other than man ever exhibited hatred.*

We have greater strength, greater forces at our command. We also have a responsibility to wield that power to the benefit of all creatures.

It is our responsibility to nurture and care for them. We do it with our own, do we not? If a child is born autistic, do we not give extra care and special attention to the child?

It is our duty, our dharma to do so; the same dharma must be extended to all creatures.

Animals come to us innocently with trust, like a child. They don't understand deceit and betrayal. They are honest and simple. They know love, and they know fear.

No animal other than man ever exhibited hatred.

So what do we do?

Do we take this little child in our arms, give it love and nurture it, nourish it, play with it?

Or do we take it into a darkened laboratory, clamp it down and cut

it open and pull out its organs, one by one, slowly, while it writhes in pain and anguish?

For an intellectually superior species, I would have thought the answer is self-evident.

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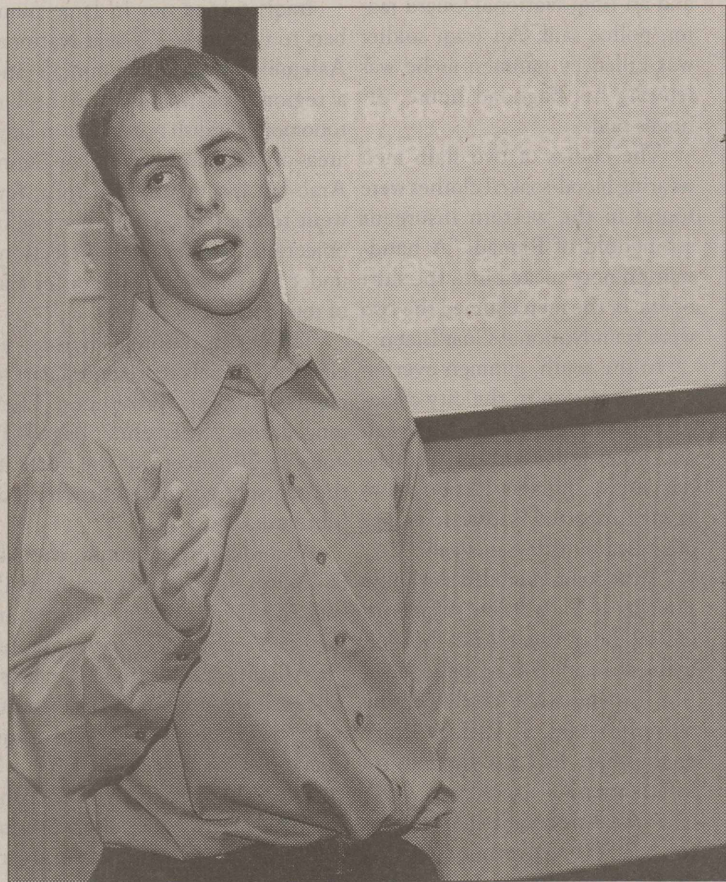
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# Student senators prepare to lobby in Austin



ANDREW WEATHERL/The University Daily  
Ryan Worley, Student Government Association chief of staff, discusses the strategies to be used by those who will be going to lobby the Texas Legislature for increased funding Thursday evening at the Student Senate meeting.

By Brandi Fleming/  
The University Daily

The Student Government Association held the ninth Student Senate meeting of the 40th session Thursday night in the Electrical Engineering building.

Out of 68 student senators, approximately half attended the Senate meeting.

Ryan Worley, chief of staff for the SGA president, gave a slide show presentation about the upcoming SGA lobbying trip to Austin.

Worley said Tech is competing against schools like the University of North Texas, the University of Texas-El Paso and the University of Houston for funds.

"Everyone is asking for money; we need to take a different approach," Worley said. "We are going to ask for money for higher education in general."

Many things have changed since the last time funds were allocated to universities, Worley said. Tech's enrollment has risen 17.1 percent, 11 percent more degrees are being awarded to students and research expenditures are up 29.5 percent, he said.

"We want to make sure they know we are on the right track to becoming a tier one university," Worley said.

An update was given on the progress of the postcard campaign for the SGA's lobbying trip to Austin.

"The postcards will be ready at 11 am tomorrow morning, and we will start handing them out," Worley said. "We ordered 2,000, and we want to take 2,000 with us to Austin."

The postcards will be hand delivered by SGA to the capital Feb. 9.

Nathan Nash gave a reminder that SGA elections are Feb. 22-23.

"We really want to encourage students to vote for their represen-

tatives," he said.

The Budget and Finance Committee gave a report on funding allocations currently in progress.

Nathan Bowen, committee member and senator for the College of Human Sciences, said students and organizations need to understand SGA funding allocations.

"The goal of the SGA is not to finance organizations, but to subsidize them, he said. "We have to comply with audits," Bowen said. "But there is always conflict when you are dealing with money, because people want more than they are entitled to."

He said the committee began interviews for the allocations today.

"We are looking for expenses in their budgets that we should not be covering," Bowen said. "We have over 300 organizations wanting funding, and it is not an easy job trying to coordinate money between all of them."

The SGA will try to make the best decisions when allocating funds to student organizations, he said.

"It is not easy keeping everyone happy, but we are going to do the best we can to get them all equally funded," Bowen said.

According to the Budget and Finance report, the SGA allocated \$225,000 last year to 260 student organizations.

The Student Senate voted all Senate Bills on the agenda up for discussion.

The Student Senate passed a bill regarding changes in the election code for vice president of Student Affairs Senate.

A bill concerning revision of the Rules of Senate membership in the Committee on Graduate Student Affairs also passed.

“Everyone is asking for money; we need to take a different approach”

— RYAN WORLEY  
Chief of Staff for the SGA President

## Art exhibit displays African-American pieces

By Kaleigh Cantrell/  
Contributing Writer

The Texas Tech University Library will debut a new exhibit, "Black Art, Ancestral Legacy: The African Impulse in African-American Art," Monday, focusing on black history and art.

The exhibit is organized into four sections, each demonstrating the presence of the African impulse in many aspects of black culture, according to the traveling display's official Web site.

In addition to the visiting display, the Tech Southwest and Special Collections Library will present its exhibit entitled "African Americans in Lubbock."

"African Americans in Lubbock" is a standing display of photographs focusing on contributions black individuals have made to the South Plains area.

Five local artists, including Eric Strong, will also display some of their work in the Croslin room of the Tech library.

Strong, a nationally recognized storyteller, was asked to participate because of his unique incorporation of instruments to tell stories.

"My drums and other exotic African instruments are not just art; they are utilitarian," Strong said.

Some of the instruments displayed were actually banned during slavery because people could communicate with them, like the talking drum, Strong said.

"There are strings on the side that you squeeze, and it sounds like a human voice," he said. "People were able to carry on a conversation with a drum that could actually talk."

Among the other instruments on display are the Udu drum, said to assimilate the voices of the ancestors, and the Djembe drum, which is known for carrying wisdom, Strong said.

Former Tech professor Tony Gleaton's work will also be displayed. Gleaton is a local photographer whose work has been

featured at the Smithsonian Institution.

Strong said he considers Gleaton the most famous black photographer in the world.

"There are three Smithsonian artists in Lubbock, and all will be featured at this

exhibit," Strong said. "It is really rare that a town the size of Lubbock has this many Smithsonian artists."

Stephen Bogener, Tech archivist and coordinator, said he encourages all to attend the reception at noon Monday in

the Croslin room.

"We want to let the public know that we are reaching out to the black community," he said. "And we are honoring the work of these local artists for their cultural contributions to West Texas."

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Kevin Scott, assistant professor of political science, said nothing from Bush's speech surprised him, and he believes Bush wears his stances on his sleeve.

"You always know where he stands; he conveys that well," he said. "That is an effective skill for a president."

The longest applause for the night went to the parents of Marine Sgt. Byron Norwood, who was killed in Fallujah.

Banucci said she was not surprised by the acknowledgment, but believes it was an odd choice for Bush to recognize fallen soldiers because of the lack of coverage deaths in Iraq have received.

"How can you not applaud someone (who has suffered such a loss)," she said. "I thought it was an odd choice to highlight that, to display them during a State of the Union address."

The Iraqi Women's Political Council leader was present and held her ink-stained finger in the air.

Iraq held its first democratic election Sunday.

Bush commended the troops, but did not mention a timeframe for exiting Iraq.

"Our greatest responsibility is the active defense of the American people," Bush said. "Twenty-eight months have passed since Sept. 11, 2001, over two years without an attack on American soil, and it is tempting to believe that the danger is behind us. That hope is understandable, comforting and false."

Scott said he believes Bush pinpointed and described the issues he wanted to and said

a speech like this is not the time for specifics. "He was specific on things he wanted to be specific about," he said. "I think it is clear that President Bush is trying to convert an elec-

tion victory into a policy victory."

Despite his skepticism, Velez said he is hopeful for Bush's second term.

"I'm sure he learned from his mistakes, even though he might not admit them," Velez said. "The next four years are going to be interesting, (but) I'm pretty sure it won't be that bad."

"I'm sure he learned from his mistakes, even though he might not admit them."

DANIEL VELEZ Senior Political Science Major from Eagle Pass

Senate

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decimation of rehearsal time for the Theatre Arts musical in October, according to the report.

Another concern is that fall graduates would not receive diplomas at the commencement ceremonies, Grass said.

"The administration is concerned about being able to audit the final grades of graduating seniors," he said.

Some faculty hesitancy is caused by concern about the support staff.

"There is also some concern with regard to support staff and how this will affect them," Grass said.

Support staff may have to work until Christmas to handle graduating seniors' grades and degree audits, Grass said.

Student Government Association Internal Vice President Nathan Nash said a Senate resolution calling for the break to occur on Oct. 20 and Oct. 21, a Thursday and a Friday, was passed at the last Senate meeting.

"We would like it to be on the same weekend as the football game at the University of Texas in Austin," he said.

Students were able to voice their opinions through surveys, Nash said. Five-hundred students completed surveys with different options for a

fall break, and the two days in October was the preferred option, Nash said.

"This was by far the most prevalent solution," he said.

The Student Senate has been communicating with the administration throughout the entire process of implementing a fall break, Nash said.

"The administration knows that this is one of our priorities for the students," he said.

Gene Wilde, president of the Faculty Senate, said the Faculty Senate would discuss the details of the report at the next Senate meeting.

He does not know how members of the Senate feel about the issue.

"At this point, we'll discuss it and see," Wilde said. "It's hard to tell what people think."

Wilde said he expects the Faculty Senate to discuss the report and possibly to vote on it at the next meeting.

"We asked the committee to prepare this study fairly quickly because if it is going to be approved by the president that will have to be done pretty quickly," he said.

Grass said the Faculty Senate committee was charged with looking at the potential benefits and drawbacks of a fall break on students, faculty and staff.

"Our committee wasn't charged with an evaluation," he said. "We were looking at the pros and cons for everyone."

This was by far the most prevalent solution. —NATHAN NASH SGA External Vice President

Iraq

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area, killing five Iraqi policemen and an Iraqi National Guard major, police said. An Iraqi soldier was killed by gunmen as he was leaving his Baghdad home, officials said.

The bodies of two slain men wearing blood-soaked clothes were found in the western insurgent stronghold of Ramadi. A handwritten note tucked into the shirt of one of the men claimed the two were Iraqi National Guardsmen.

In the south, gunmen overran a police station in the city of Samawah, killing an Iraqi policeman and injuring two others Wednesday night, Japan's Kyodo news agency reported. Japanese troops are based outside Samawah.

A car bomb exploded at a house used by U.S. military snipers in Qaim, near the Syrian border, witnesses said. U.S. troops opened fire, hitting some civilians, the witnesses said. A U.S. military spokesman had no immediate information.

A roadside bomb exploded near the car of the governor of Anbar province Thursday in Ramadi. Gov. Qaoud al-Namrawi was not harmed, but a woman was injured when his guards opened fire.

Both Marines were killed in clashes Wednesday in Anbar province, which includes such restive cities and towns as Ramadi, Fallujah and Qaim.

The lull in attacks had prompted Allawi earlier to declare that the success of the elections had dealt a major blow to the insurgency.

"The coming days and weeks

will show whether this trend will continue," he told Iraqi television.

"But the final outcome will be failure. They will continue for months but this (insurgency) will end."

Iraqis turned out in large numbers to vote for a 275-seat National Assembly, provincial councils and a regional parliament for the autonomous Kurdish north. But in large areas of the country where the Sunni Arab-led insurgency still roils, few went to the polls, either because of objections to the holding elections under foreign occupation or for fear of retribution.

The results released Thursday by election officials represented partial counts from six provinces. They ranged from 25 percent of Baghdad's votes to 70 percent of the votes in the sparsely populated province of Muthanna.

According to the count, the Alliance was running first and Allawi's list second in all six provinces. In Baghdad's province, for example, the Alliance was leading 3-1 against Allawi. It was not clear what districts Baghdad the partial results came from.

The other provinces were Dhi Qar, Qadisiyah, Najaf and Karbala, which like Muthanna have overwhelmingly Shiite populations.

Kurdish political leader Jalal Talabani said he would seek the office of either president or prime minister when the National Assembly convenes.

"We as Kurds want one of those two posts, and we will not give it up," Talabani, head of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, said at a news conference alongside the other main Kurdish leader, Massoud Barzani.

Jockeying has begun for the leadership positions even before the balance of power in the assembly is known. The assembly must elect a president and two vice presidents by a two-thirds majority, then it must approve the prime minister chosen by the three. Kurds voted in large numbers, and the ticket led by Talabani and Barzani is expected to win a sizeable bloc of seats.

Because many Sunnis stayed away from the polls, influential Sunni clerics are challenging the legitimacy of the ballot, as well as the new government and the constitution that the National Assembly is to create.

"We cannot participate in the drafting of a constitution written under military occupation," said Mohammed Bashar al-Feidhi, a spokesman for the Sunni clerical Association of Muslim Scholars.

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## From WAR ZONE to SCHOOL ZONE



STEVEN HALE (LEFT), posing with fellow Marines in Iraq.  
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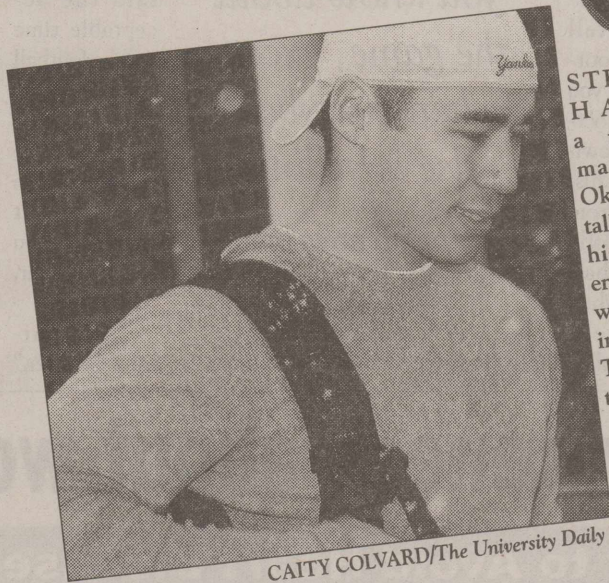
By Jeremy Martin/  
The University Daily

Freshman Steven Hale said his electrical engineering classes should be easy for him. Hale, who returned in November from a tour of duty in Iraq, said he already is experienced with most of the concepts and equipment with which he is going to be dealing in his classes.

"I know what it all is," he said. "I expect the classes to be really easy." The difference, he said, is that he learned electrical engineering in combat, surrounded by explosions and gunfire with others men's lives at stake. After that, taking a test seems simple.

In Iraq, Hale served as a communications technician. His job was to protect his battalion from improvised explosive devices or homemade bombs. Insurgents would place an artillery shell or bomb at the side of the road and would wait for troops to drive by it. The bomb would be wired with a homemade fuse attached to a walkie-talkie or a cellular phone so that the insurgent could activate the bomb remotely.

Hale was responsible for jamming the communication frequency the insurgents were using and for keeping the bomb from exploding.



STEVEN HALE, a freshman from Oklahoma, talks about his experience in Iraq while walking to class Tuesday afternoon.  
CAITY COLVARD/The University Daily

done with combat. When he began to accept that his service was through, he said he was relieved and happy to be alive.

"Once you're out, it hits you," he said. "You lived through it. My battalion lost six Marines while I was over there.

A lot of battalions lost a lot more." Hale said he loves Tech, but he still feels out of place on campus.

"I'm trying to grow this back out," he said, taking off his hat and running a hand through his fading military buzz. "Trying to fit in."

When people realize he's a Marine, Hale said, they often treat him differently.

They will avoid talking to him, because they do not want to get into a debate about the war.

While he said he has seen a few Marine or Army shirts on campus, most of

the military people Hale sees on campus are like him, trying to pass as average college students. He said he thinks most people returning from combat feel out of place. No one wants to talk with them about what they have been through.

"I can recognize other military here on campus by the way they walk or the way they talk, but we're mostly trying to keep a low profile," he said. "The war makes people uncomfortable. Nobody's willing to talk about it."

Staff Sgt. Bradley Butcher, who served with Hale in Iraq, said he thinks the military often is misrepresented by the media and misunderstood by the public. Butcher said Hale, like many troops returning from combat, is finding himself resented or ignored by the people for whom he wanted to fight.

"I don't think anybody really understands what Steve did for them over there," he said. "He performed as a Marine and as a man. I'm probably breathing today because of him."

His father, Jerry Hale, served in the Army for 22 years. He said his son's problem communicating with people may be that people can often be divided into two groups—those

who have served in the military and those who have not. People who have served see things differently.

"It's a whole new world most people have not been exposed to," he said. "It makes you more open to other ideas and other ways of doing things, but it can make you seem a little unapproachable."

Steven Hale said he believes people often get the wrong idea about the

other, more helpful, side of Marines. He said that in addition to combat duties, his battalion helped rebuild villages and give people running water.

"Where ever the Marines moved into, there was a notable difference in every town," he said. "They left every place better. If you ever donated money to charity, that's pretty much what we're doing, except with guns"

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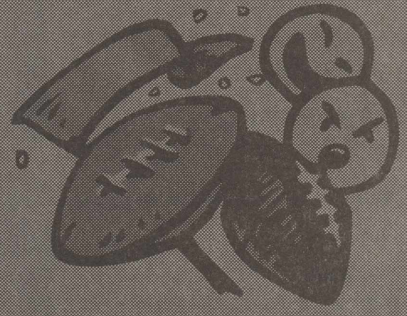
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# Faking Football

# How to score points Super Bowl Sunday



By Clara Cobb/  
The University Daily

The Super Bowl is Sunday, and Texas Tech students are ready for some football. Students offer advice on proper Super Bowl party etiquette and how to fake football knowledge for the less sports savvy.

"Dress casually; it is a casual setting," said Matt Eckel, a senior biology major from Dallas, adding football parties usually are for men, and men do not care as much about fashion and style.

That means for ladies — no high heels, no mini skirts and no ponchos or broaches. For guys — no neck ties

and no dress slacks.

"Definitely don't dress to impress, ladies," Justin Keene, a junior electronic media and communications major from Lubbock, said. "No guys are going to look at you."

The focus of most party participants is going to be on the game, he said. While the TV may be the center of attention at most Super Bowl parties, Keene said he recommends not attracting any additional attention to a lack of sports knowledge.

"Don't yell, 'Home run.' That happened to me one time, I'm not joking," he said. "She was like, 'Home run!' and I am like, 'What are you talking about? It's football!'"

David Bowling said he agrees — he high school, 'like, I remember this one time when I was in the band."

Bowling said the acceptable time to fake football knowledge is when other party participants are cheering. At that time, you should cheer, too.

"Sit quietly, eat the snacks, drink the beer,"

Bowling said. "Don't pretend you know about the game, except for when everybody else is yelling."

Snacks and food are a big part of the Super Bowl party, said Bobby Wheelener, a junior philosophy major.

"If a girl wants to impress a group of guys, bring something homemade like queso," he said. "Ask somebody what their favorite chips are."

Wheelener said bringing food is essential to proper party etiquette. Most hosts and hostesses expect guests to bring food.

"If you bring something to the party you'll get invited back," Wheelener said. "Even if you don't have a clue what is going on."

If you are not sure what is going on, Brett Gleason said faking it is acceptable.

"Just clap when other people are clapping — it is an acceptable excuse to say the Super Bowl is the only game I watch," Gleason, a sophomore human development and family studies major from Lubbock, said. "It is very acceptable to like college more than pro. Just tell people you like college football more than you do pro football."

Sanjeet Baidwan, a freshman molecular biology major from Lubbock, said she has her own plan to fake some football this Sunday.

"Pick a color and cheer," Baidwan said.

*"Don't pretend you know about the game, except when everybody else is yelling."*

— DAVID BOWLING  
Junior History Major  
from Midland

## Go Red Day bringing awareness about women's heart disease

By Nicole Portman/  
The University Daily

If men wearing little red dresses on campus today got you seeing red, be careful not to get too upset — they are just showing their support in the American Heart Association's National Go Red Day.

The AHA is making small red dress pins available on their Web site to help people show their support in the fight against heart disease. Go Red Day is a multi-year national campaign that was established to shed light on

heart disease as the No. 1 killer among women. This year the campaign hit Lubbock for the first time thanks to Covenant Heart Institute and was met with open arms by the community.

"Covenant picked up the gauntlet to financially back the project; We hope this to be a yearly educational program to help find preventative health care and to be in charge of their own health," Dr. P.C. Snodgrass said.

Snodgrass who heads the Lubbock

### How to Avoid Heart Disease

- Don't smoke
- Avoid second-hand smoke
- Exercise regularly
- Eat well - Cut out fast food
- Research family's medical history

Source: Professor Tom Tenner, Department of Pharmacology - HSC

Goes Red campaign said she believes among men," Snodgrass said. "I believe it was a gender bias that women were so busy worrying about their husband's health, they took so little concern about their own."

The message that heart disease is a huge issue and one that needs to be dealt with soon is universal among the medical community; however, few people understand the real dangers of heart disease.

"The important message that we

need to get out is that heart disease is the No. 1 killer in women," said Chris Bartlett, of Covenant Health System.

"One in every two and a half women will die of heart disease. It takes the lives of more wives, mothers, sisters and daughters than the next seven leading causes of death combined, and that includes cancer."

Texas Tech and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center were among

local businesses that took an active role in making sure the message about heart disease was heard. The Will Rogers Statue, along with many other local landmarks, is wearing a red scarf today to commemorate the Lubbock Goes Red Day.

"You will see landmarks that have a red scarf or a red bandana, that is not a fraternity prank or a form of graffiti," Snodgrass said. "They will have red scarves to remind you how important it is to take care of your heart both physically and emotionally."

Most college students believe heart disease is something they do not need to worry about. However, physicians warn habits picked up now

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# Lady Raiders battle No. 8 Baylor

By David Wiechmann/  
The University Daily

LaToya Davis is ready to get back on the floor and play her style of basketball. She is ready to crash the boards, take it to the rim and have a battle in the paint against No. 8 Baylor.

The junior forward will be back in action after spraining her right knee against Missouri last week.

"I have a lot of aggression. I'm just ready to get back and play," Davis said. "It's so hard to sit and watch on the sidelines when you're hurt and not able to get in the game, but I'm ready for Saturday to play against Baylor (16-2, 6-2), which is a great team."

Davis sat out the last game against Texas A&M, even though she was cleared to play. The coaching staff

decided Davis would only be put in against the Aggies if her playing were imperative. The No. 12 Lady Raiders (16-2, 7-1) rolled over the Aggies, and Davis had extra time to rest her knee and to prepare for the Lady Bears.

Swelling on her knee has gone down, and Davis was sporting a new red and black brace in practice Wednesday. She said her knee feels better than earlier in the week, and although she wishes she had not been injured, at least she picked the right time in the schedule to do it.

"Injuries — there's not a good time to get them, but if I had to fall, I'm glad I did now because we got the break and it gave me a chance to rehab my knee," she said.

Davis' physical play will be welcomed back to the floor by her teammates and coaches since it will be

needed against one of the nation's top frontcourts.

Forwards Sophia Young and Stefanie Blackmon rank fourth and fifth in the Big 12 Conference in scoring with 17.1 and 16.1 points a game, respectively. The duo also is among the top rebounders. Young is second behind Cisti Greenwalt, and Blackmon ranks seventh.

Davis said the game plan obviously will be trying to stop Young and Blackmon, but that will be impossible. Instead, the Lady Raiders will have to keep them from being as productive as usual.

"I don't think you can slow them down, but if you can just limit their shot selection," she said. "They mainly like to shoot and rebound, so we need to get a lot of one-and-outs."

The game also bears strong significance in the conference standings.

Baylor defeated No. 15 Kansas State (16-4, 7-2) in Waco Wednesday, which drops the Wildcats out of a first-place tie with Tech and No. 19 Iowa State (17-2, 7-1). A Tech win would keep them at the top and would push Baylor two games behind the lead with seven games remaining before the conference tournament. Iowa State plays host to No. 13 Texas (13-6, 6-2) Saturday as well.

Considering the weight the game carries, coach Marsha Sharp said this game will be Tech's most important at home, at least until the next one when the Lady Raiders host Iowa State Tuesday.

"I think these two games will define whether we will be a factor in the race for a conference championship or not," Sharp said. "I think they're two must-wins if we're gonna stay in it and try to win it."



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PATRICE EDWARDS IS fouled in the Lady Raiders' 69-29 victory against Arkansas-Little Rock Dec. 2.

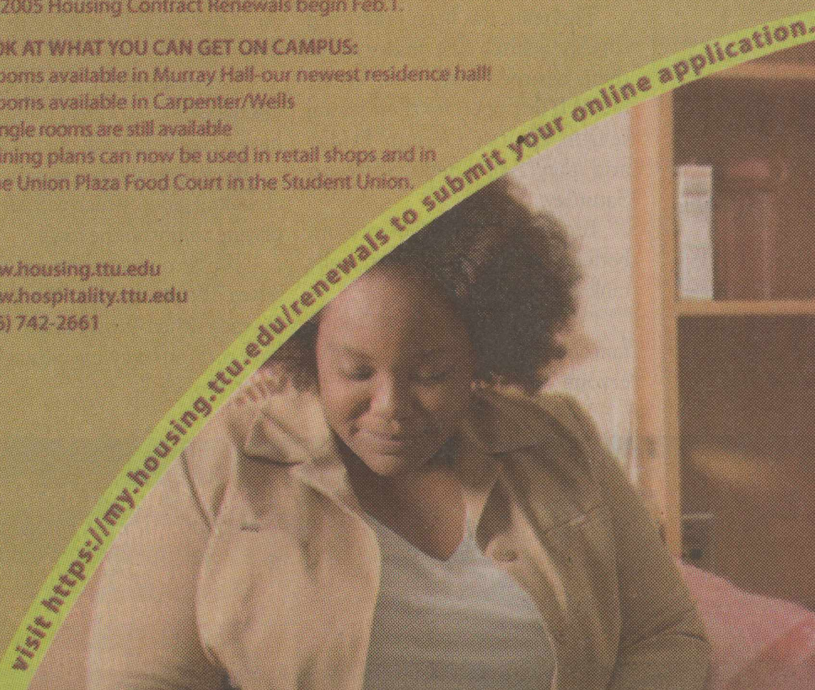
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## Track team competes in final home meet of indoor season

By Anne Gepford/The University Daily

The city at 33 degrees north latitude and 101 degrees west longitude is searching for recognition.

And Texas Tech's track and field team is the one to put Lubbock on the map.

Corey Dowden, a jumper for Tech, said this weekend is a way to get the jump crew noticed.

"We just want to get Tech on the map," Dowden said. "We're trying to get some recognition. It's the beginning of a new tradition."

The Wes Kitley Invitational Saturday is the third and final home meet of the indoor season.

Bobby Evers said the meet is one last

chance before Arkansas to get a good mark or time for entry.

"We just need to work out all our kinks," Evers, a jumper, said. "Coach said he sees a lot of potential. We have a complete team."

The upcoming meet will be held at the Athletic Training Center, which is just south of Jones SBC Stadium.

Dowden said the competition depends on the mindset of the team.

"I believe we're ready for it," Dowden said. "It depends on what our mental focus is. We should be all right."

The men's team enters the meet ranked ninth on the Trackwire Top 25. Dandy Dozen rankings include nine Red Raiders in their respective events.

Bryan Scott, a sprinter and hurdler, said the competition will put them in a better position to travel to Arkansas for their first out-of-town meet next weekend.

"It'll be a real good workout to put us in real good shape for that Arkansas meet," Scott said. "There will be lots and lots of competition there in that first out-of-town meet."

To put Lubbock on the map, the track and field athletes must continue to improve in their events.

Marcus Jammer, a middle distance runner for Tech, said there is only one way to improve.

"We're going to give all that we have," Jammer said. "Let the chips fall where they may."

## Tech softball ready to embark on new era under new leadership

By Trey Shipman/The University Daily

A new chapter in the history of Texas Tech softball begins as the Lady Raiders prepare to take on Texas A&M Corpus Christi at 11 a.m. today in San Marcos. Tech is part of a six-team tournament that also includes Wichita State, Texas State, Northern Colorado and the University of Texas-Arlington.

The Lady Raiders begin play this season under new command with highly-regarded former Washington coach Te-

resa Wilson at the helm. Coach Wilson said in her first games as a member of the program she hopes to see her team play with a certain level of focus.

"The main thing we'll be looking for is the execution of fundamentals," said Wilson, who has led her teams to 10 straight NCAA tournament appearances. "Practices have been going very well, and we just need to take what we've learned there onto the field."

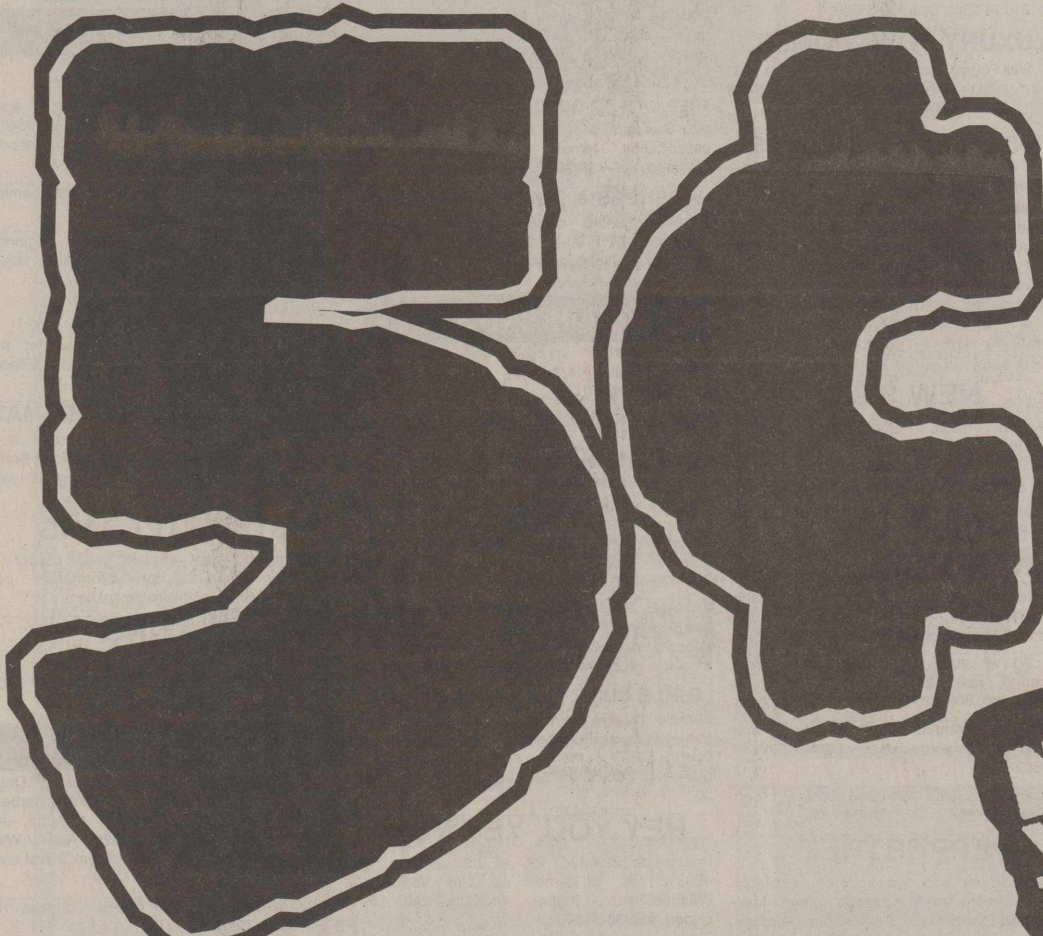
Tech returns six starters to the lineup this season led by senior outfielder Kelly

Rhine who posted a .339 batting average last season. Tech's top returning pitcher is junior Erin Crawford who compiled a 2.39 ERA and 128 strikeouts in 32 appearances in 2004.

Wilson said this weekend is about preparing for the future.

"We're playing for April and May, the time of the year that everyone remembers," Wilson said. "No one remembers what happened in February, so if we can execute and get better, then we will have reached our goal."

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