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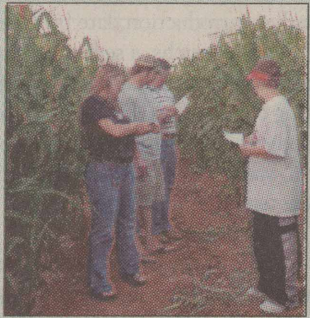
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Muslim groups feed hurricane victims

HOUSTON (AP) — About 2,000 Muslim volunteers helped victims of Hurricane Katrina at the city's downtown convention center on Sunday — the fourth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Muslim leaders from around the country who were in Houston for the volunteer effort said the anniversary was mere chance. But they welcomed the coincidence as an opportunity to highlight their faith's true meaning.

"We're not trying to prove anything, other than what our faith requires us to do," said Mahdi Bray, executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based Muslim American Society. "What goes with our faith is to help others, to respond and show compassion when people need it and I'm glad we can do it."

The Muslim volunteers did a variety of things on Sunday, including serving food to refugees at the convention center and handing out water to others.

NATION

Gas prices hit all-time highs after Katrina

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — Damage to Gulf Coast oil production by Hurricane Katrina pushed retail gas prices to historic highs in the past two weeks, with self-serve regular averaging \$3 a gallon for the first time ever, a nationwide survey found.

The weighted average price for all three grades surged more than 38 cents to nearly \$3.04 a gallon between Aug. 26 and Sept. 9, said Trilby Lundberg, who publishes the semimonthly Lundberg Survey of 7,000 gas stations around the country.

Self-serve regular averaged \$3.01 a gallon nationwide, according to the survey. Midgrade was pegged at about \$3.11, while premium-grade was at nearly \$3.21.

Lundberg said the hurricane had cut 11 percent of the nation's gasoline production capacity by decimating refineries and damaging pipelines.

WORLD

Troops lower Israeli flag in Gaza pullout

NEVE DEKALIM, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli troops lowered their national banner and snapped farewell photos in the final phase of the historic Gaza pullout Sunday as Palestinians began celebrating nearby, eager to take control after 38 years of Israeli military occupation.

The first army convoys left Gaza after sundown Sunday. Military jeeps and armored bulldozers drove slowly through the Kissufim crossing point, marking the beginning of the end of Israel's presence in Gaza.

Hundreds of Palestinians celebrated outside abandoned Jewish settlements, beating drums as they waited for the opportunity to go in.

Mosques blared chants praising the "liberation" and fireworks lit up the sky.

But the withdrawal, code-named "Last Watch," was overshadowed by Israeli-Palestinian disputes, including over border arrangements and Israel's last-minute decision not to demolish Gaza synagogues.

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Wolfforth voters approve liquor sales

By JAY LANGLEY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

One of the largest voter turnouts in Wolfforth history resulted in the passing of liquor-by-the-drink sales within Wolfforth city limits.

Seventy-four percent of the 752 people who voted Saturday said they want liquor to be sold in Wolfforth. The small town is about 10 miles outside of Lubbock and has 1,700 registered voters. Typically mayoral elections in Wolfforth draw 100 to 150 people.

Steve Komarek, chairman for the Respon-

sible Citizens for Economic Development, said he is very happy with the vote.

"This is not about liquor," he said. "We need businesses. It is about the growth of Wolfforth."

One of the businesses coming to Wolfforth is a minor league baseball team. The West Texas Professional Baseball League has chosen the town as the location for a team. The \$100 million baseball stadium is under construction and is scheduled for completion in 2007.

Komarek said the team coming to Wolfforth was not contingent on the vote. He said the issue is getting hotels and restaurants to

come to the city.

"When you build a baseball stadium, you want to build hotels and restaurants around it," he said.

Komarek said the business owners would not come to Wolfforth if it did allow liquor sales.

"The first question the business owner would ask me is if Wolfforth was a dry city," he said. "Then they would tell me to call them when it's not."

Wolfforth resident Judy Drake said she does not support the new law.

"If people want to drink, they will go to

Lubbock anyway," Drake said.

However, she said, the baseball stadium is a good idea.

"If they want to serve beer at the ballpark, that's OK," she said. "Just not outside of the ballpark."

Komarek said Wolfforth must follow an on-site consumption law. Restaurants will have to calculate their sales and make sure food sales are at least 60 percent of total revenue and alcohol sales stay at 40 percent or less.

"It is a mild liquor adjustment," Komarek

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VOLUNTEERS DISTRIBUTE PACKAGED clothes in the warehouse behind the Impact Church of Christ in Houston.

Houston Toilers

Tech students journey south to aid hurricane relief effort

By CLARA COBB
LIFE & LIESURE EDITOR

HOUSTON — Seven near-strangers, 11 hours, 700 miles.

Saturday may have been the longest day of their lives.

Some time after 2 a.m. a delegation from Christ in Action, a Church of Christ-based religious student group, arrives and reunites in Houston. A U-Haul truck, filled with donations the group collected in Lubbock, beat the church's 15-passenger van to Impact Church of Christ in downtown Houston.

"I don't know what will happen tomorrow," Cliff Holdridge said. "Our very first goal was to get help to these people who don't have any. It's not about us. It's about (god) and those people. If that stays our focus, we'll be fine."

Holdridge, a senior history and political science major from Lake Travis, spearheaded the road trip to help evacuees from the Gulf Coast areas. A few years ago, he would have never dreamed of doing any mission work or helping other people, he said.

After moving to Lubbock and growing up, Holdridge said he's found a way to give back and be grateful for the positive things in his life.

"In Austin, no one cares what you do. Lubbock's not like that," he said. "I realized there is a god, and I wasn't it. I went from being a selfish, spoiled brat to being a selfish, spoiled brat who tries to help other people."

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(ABOVE) STATE TROOPERS arrest an unidentified fan before the start of the Texas Tech football game Saturday night. Troopers escorted him to the Freedom Bus located at the southeast corner of Jones SBC Stadium.

Arrests spoil season opener for 25 fans

By LINDSAY WATTERS
STAFF WRITER

Red Raider fans celebrated the first football game of the season against Florida International University on Saturday and, for some, too much celebration left them in handcuffs and tears by the end of the day.

Texas Tech police officers said when games begin so late in the day, fans usually drink alcohol for hours under the hot and dehydrating sun, which makes it harder to control intoxication levels.

Maj. Gordon Hoffman, assistant chief of the Tech Police Department, said officers arrested 25 people Saturday, mostly for public intoxication.

"Most of the people we arrested were trying to get into the stadium at Gate 6, the student gate," Hoffman said. "We look for the ones who seem out of control and dangerous. If they weren't acting intoxicated or disturbing others, we wouldn't know if they were drunk."

Hoffman said another way to get caught being intoxicated at a football game is to disturb others around

you. A mother called the Tech PD when a group of students, who were sitting in the stands next to her and her 10-year-old daughter, started getting rowdy and using vulgar language.

"We are usually very aware of how these people smell as they walk up," Hoffman said. "The intoxicated ones have a strong, distinctive smell about them. The people that I've seen arrested today have had way too many drinks."

To test the fans after they have been recognized as possibly intoxicated, Hoffman said they use a portable breath test, instead of a Breathalyzer to test for the presence of alcohol.

If the person tests positive for presence of alcohol, the officers arrest the person and lead them to a bus where they will fill out paper work and have their mug shots taken. They are kept on the air-conditioned bus until the Lubbock Police Department takes them downtown to the holding facility where their paperwork

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Raider alumnus Lanier honored for role in Vioxx lawsuit

By DANIELLE NOVY
STAFF WRITER

The Merket Alumni Center was ablaze with good spirits and wine Friday night when the Texas Tech Law school held its second annual gala, naming W. Mark Lanier its Distinguished Alumnus of 2005.

Lanier, a 1984 graduate of the Tech School of Law, added the award to a collection of other honors including being named a Texas Super Lawyer and one of the top 5 "Go To" personal injury plaintiff attorneys in Texas.

Although Lanier's record includes the 1993 verdict in which he won \$400 million for a small oil company in a fraud case against

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Whitmore introduces new advertisement to promote academics

By ANNE GEPFORD
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

From here, it's possible. At least, Texas Tech's new advertisement spot says so.

President Jon Whitmore and Athletic Department Chief of Staff Craig Wells held a news conference Friday to show the new spot that will be aired during televised Tech athletic events, such as football and basketball games.

Wells said the spot will run anytime a Tech event is picked up by a network, either regionally, nationally or internationally.

"This is an opportunity for us to get the word out about Texas Tech beyond our athletic programs, at an athletic event," Whitmore said.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association allows for schools to broadcast a 30-second

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Electronics corporations wage 'DVD war'

By **CARLOS BERGFELD**
STAFF WRITER

A digital battle draws near. As supporters of different next-generation DVD technologies displayed their products last week at the IFA consumer electronics trade fair in Berlin, one thing was clear: There would be no compromise. Two successors — HD DVD and Blu-ray — to the existing DVD standard have emerged. Electronics corporations Toshiba, NEC, Memory-Tech and Sanyo Electric chair the HD DVD Promotion Group and the DVD Forum, which

defines DVD specifications, and has selected HD DVD as the next DVD format.

Several entertainment and technology companies sit on the board of directors for the Blu-ray Disc Association, including Sony, Sharp, Pioneer, Apple, Dell, Philips, Panasonic and Samsung.

Scott Baugess, a visiting assistant professor of corporate finance, said it is unlikely multiple formats can coexist for a medium like the DVD. "It's more costly when there are

multiple formats for the consumer," he said. "Eventually, it's going to simplify to one format."

This theory has proved true in the marketplace on several occasions, Baugess said, with the clearest connection being to the format war between the VHS and Betamax video cassettes during the '70s and '80s.

The Sony-developed Betamax format was eventually defeated and almost completely phased out by VHS.

Jason Moscovitz, a junior phi-

losophy major from Arlington, said though he would definitely not be purchasing the new technology soon after its release, the existence of two formats will help buyers.

"Competition drives innovation, competition drives prices down," he said.

Though it may seem risky to support a format with fewer companies supporting it, the rewards become much larger for the side with less support if they succeed.

Royalties would be split between far fewer companies, Baugess said, much in the way Philips receives royalties for every CD sold after being the main developer of the technology.

Baugess said several factors can influence a business's decision to support a format, though technological merit may have nothing to do with the decision.

"There are a lot of people that are going to say that the best technolo-

gies will always win," he said.

This theory has proved untrue in the marketplace on several occasions, Baugess said, as many people thought the unsuccessful Betamax format had video of higher quality than VHS.

The two new formats have similar features such as support for HD quality images and the use of a blue laser as opposed to the red laser in current DVD players.

The smaller wavelength of a blue laser allows the more tightly packed discs to hold more data.

Whereas current DVDs have 4.7 GB and 8.5 GB of storage on single and dual-layer discs, respectively, HD DVD holds 15 GB and 30 GB, and Blu-ray holds 25 GB and 50 GB on its single and dual-layer formats.

Bryan Johnson, a freshman from Pampa majoring in electrical engineering and computer science, said he does not see the need for a new format just yet, and thinks current DVDs will remain on the market

well after both new formats hit the market.

"It's just like VHS and DVD. VHS is still around," he said. "The new DVDs might slowly take over."

Sony has furthered its support of the Blu-ray format by planning to include a Blu-ray drive in its PlayStation 3 video game console, according to Sony's PlayStation Web site.

Baugess said Sony's diverse range of products allows it to take risks without worrying about losing much ground in the market.

Neither of the new formats has been specifically given support by the movie industry, nor has a firm market-introduction date been set.

Jenny Frerichs, a senior psychology major from El Paso, said movies using current DVD technology look good to her, but she knows everyone will want to get their hands on the new technology, despite the lack of a single format.

"I think everyone's obsessed with technology," she said. "I think there will be a lot of people that buy into it quickly."



United Way kicks off 60th-annual campaign

By **ANGELA PAYNE**
STAFF WRITER

Recently, Hurricane Katrina has given people throughout the U.S. a reason to donate to charitable causes, but in Lubbock, annual efforts are under way to help members of the community, as well as those affected by Katrina.

The 60th annual United Way Campaign runs from Aug. 31 to Nov. 18, in an effort to raise more than \$4 million for 23 different agencies in the Lubbock area.

When the campaign is complete, members of the United Way will assess the needs of the community, Brenda Arrington, the United Way marketing communications director said.

"Through employee campaigns, we take a portion of the company's budget, between 2 and 50 percent, to contribute to the community's needs," she said. "We fund programs within the agencies."

There also are numerous other efforts that have had support because of the hurricane, many of which encourage Texas Tech students to take part.

Glenn Cochran, president of the Lubbock area United Way said aid op-

portunities are endless for students.

"Some will work in an after-school program or go through training for the crisis line at the rape crisis center," he said.

The United Way also provides several social services to the students at Tech as well, said Michael Shonrock, vice president for Student Affairs.

"There are a number of student organizations that have been involved with the United Way, including the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army," he said. "Most recently, because of Katrina, these organizations work with individuals."

This week the United Way will be distributing 10,000 "Raider Aid" T-shirts, Shonrock said.

"The Texas Tech Student Government Association and Health Sciences Center will get T-shirts, and the proceeds will go to the American Red Cross and other support," he said.

Shonrock said he believes volunteering will benefit and give back to the citizens of the community.

"The benefit is getting teenagers involved in Lubbock," he said. "It is a wonderful experience, and you make new friends and relationships."

Shonrock said there are many incentives for students to volunteer

including acquiring organizational skills and community skills.

"You get hands-on experience," he said. "Working with local agencies and volunteerism is important."

Dan Pope, chairman for the 2005 United Way Campaign, said this year's goal is to raise \$4.4 million.

"We have a coordinated effort of 1,000 volunteers, three-fourths of these volunteers are from the employee campaign and set up groups and meetings," he said. "Most of the money we raise is through payroll deduction, and services are provided through partner agencies."

Pope said volunteers are given various tasks that fit their schedules and strengths, and everyone who volunteers will make an impact.

"Volunteers are loaded by employers to work for four months, ten hours a week," he said. "They will contact companies to set up and have meetings."

Cochran said numerous lives were touched last year because of the campaign, and he hopes this year is equally as successful.

"It is important for everyone to remember to continue to support the United Way in an ongoing basis," Cochran said. "Provide stability for the relief effort to give help to those in need."



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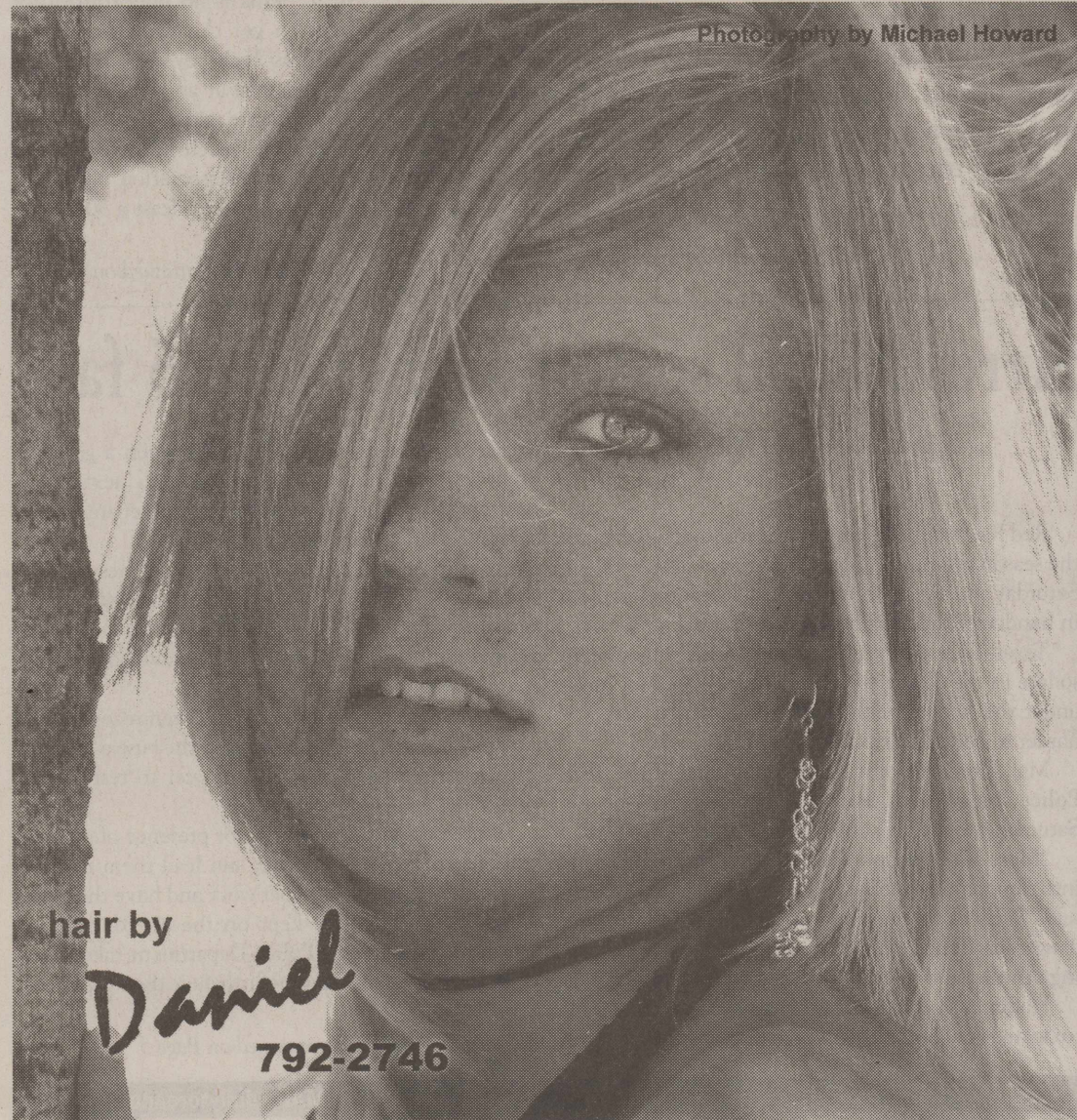
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Diversity fair brings out students, organizations

By **MEGHANN LORA**
ASSOCIATE NEWS/COPY EDITOR

Students gathered Friday in the Student Union Ballroom for salsa dancing, pizza and free hip-hop CDs to celebrate the diversity of the Texas Tech campus.

The Center for Campus Life hosted Celebrating Diversity at Texas Tech: A Student Welcome Reception, to introduce new and returning students to programs, services, organizations and events that celebrate the various cultures that make up the Tech community, according to the Center for Campus Life Web site.

Jobi Martinez, assistant director for the Center for Campus Life, said the welcome reception to celebrate diversity was not done last year, but had been done previously at Tech. She said the university pushed to bring the event back this year and was successful — this year's reception was slightly larger than in past years.

She said the reception was meant to introduce new Tech students to what the university has to offer. About 40 organizations and programs had displays at the welcome reception, Martinez said.

"We bring together different student organizations and programs

to celebrate the diversity at Texas Tech," she said. "This is geared toward all new students and current students at Texas Tech."

Martinez said she believes the event had a positive effect on students who attended.

"I think students are enjoying it and are really having a great time," she said.

"We decided to give a unique pattern to it," she said. "We patterned it after a CD release party — CD meaning celebrating diversity."

Students who attended the reception received a free celebrating diversity T-shirt and could eat free food from the Student Union dining

venues. KTXT-FM gave away free CDs including Kanye West, Ozomatli, Beck, John Coltrane and regional artists featured on KTXT-FM.

Reina Rodriguez, a freshman music education major from Lubbock, said she found an organization to join at the reception.

"I talked to the ladies doing the gospel choir," she said. "I had no idea Tech had a gospel choir. I did that in high school, and it is something I would definitely like to do here."

Rodriguez said a welcome reception is good for new students because everything is in a central location. The reception allows students to meet new people and find organiza-

tions they would like to join.

"When you don't know anybody, probably the best way to get to know people is to join an organization," she said. "It's not fun to not know anybody."

Student Government Association President Nathan Nash said the university has many diverse organizations on campus. He said students should get involved with an organization that fits their own needs.

"This campus does have an obligation to make everyone feel welcome," Nash said. "Find ways to get involved; find ways to make an impact."

Abelardo Cuellar, a junior mechanical engineering major from

Monterrey, Mexico, represented the Spanish Speaking Society at the diversity reception. He said his organization wanted to have a table at the reception to recruit more members.

"We give tutoring and help to promote Spanish and the culture in the Texas Tech community," Cuellar said.

The Spanish Speaking Society was able to reach many of those who attended the reception, he said.

"It's been successful," Cuellar said. "We've had a bunch of people come by."

Variety of study abroad options offers students new experiences

By **WHITNEY ROBERTS**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

With globalization occurring at a rapid pace in today's world, international experience is becoming more valuable for college students across the nation.

Texas Tech aids students in this quest for international experience with its study abroad program, which allows students to complete an academic curriculum while experiencing a different culture.

Jamie Clark, a senior international business major studied in Norway last summer and believes studying abroad is a good experience for students to take advantage of.

"I decided to study abroad because it gave me the experience I needed for my major," Clark said.

According to the study abroad Web site, Tech offers four different

study abroad programs. Students may choose a reciprocal exchange program, a Tech affiliated program, departmental and college programs or to attend the Tech center in Seville, Spain.

Last year alone, Tech sent 600 students overseas to study and hosted 55 international students. Of the 216 different programs and locations Tech offers, including Australia, Africa, Russia, South America and Europe, the top three destinations are Italy, Spain and London.

Richard Menard, a study abroad counselor and international exchange coordinator, said there are many benefits to studying abroad.

"Especially living in this part of the world, students are really

wanting to learn Spanish," he said. "More and more of them are going over to Spain in their sophomore and junior years and coming back and telling their friends about it, and they end up going as well."

Students in a study abroad program typically spend 15 to 20 percent of their time in class, Menard said, while the rest of their time is spent meeting people and learning about another culture.

"It's not just about the education," he said. "It's more about meeting people from different cultures and understanding one another."

Once the students meet people from different cultures and adapt to the country they are living in, they commonly experience a reverse

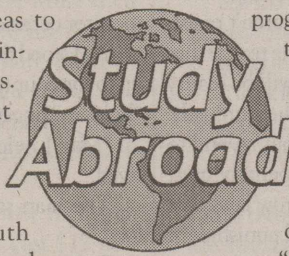
culture shock once they get back to the states, said Tanya Teske, a senior marketing and business major who studied in London last summer.

"I was so bored once I got home," she said. "I missed London and the friends I had there, and just the fact that there was always something fun to do."


Not only do students earn credit toward a degree while overseas, they also gain experience useful in the professional world, Menard said.

"A lot of employers are looking for study abroad on the resumes they're receiving," Menard said. "Living overseas forces you to adapt to a different culture and flourish there, and these employers are looking for adaptability."

According to the Tech study abroad Web site, five percent of American students study abroad.

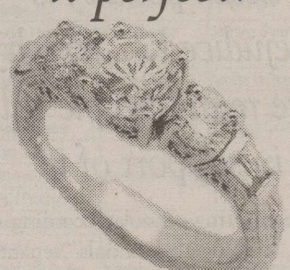


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Death penalty a racist instrument, institution

Here's a neat prank anyone can play on their friends. All you need is an unsuspecting target willing to answer a few questions for you. First, ask them if they thought the Southerners were right to make voters take tests before they participated in elections. They will almost certainly say they do not, citing the racist application of the tests to keep black Americans from voting.

Next, ask them if they believe it is clear that the death penalty is prejudiced... So why are many people still in support of it?

in segregating schools according to race, keeping the schools "separate but equal". Again, they will probably say no, because aside from integration being vital to racial harmony, funding to and the quality of black schools certainly was not equal to that of white schools. Then, ask them if they endorse the death penalty. Your target likely will be with the 80 percent of Americans who say that they do.

Finally, ask if they are against the first two racist policies, why do they agree with the third equally racist policy? While they are perplexed by their own hypocrisy, kick them in the shin and scamper away

while giggling.

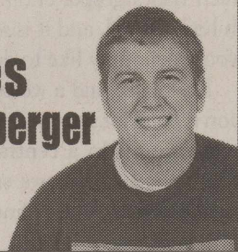
Capital punishment is one of the most racist aspects of our government. Sadly, civil rights activists have yet to take this cause significantly. While police brutality and suspected racism in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts make headlines, the discrimination inherent to the death penalty goes on unnoticed. But it's definitely there.

According to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the Census Bureau, despite being only 12 percent of the U.S. population, 43 percent of prisoners on death row are black. Hispanics, while being only 14 percent of the population, make up 26.8 percent of death row inmates. Whites, as 80 percent of the population, make up 31 percent of the inmates on death row.

The discrepancy between the races of death row inmates is alarming. The argument likely to be made by a death penalty supporter is that minorities commit more crimes than whites. However, according to the Department of Criminal Justice, 74 percent of the cases in which federal prosecutors seek the death penalty involve a minority defendant. This means that white individuals who commit murder often are not even in jeopardy of being executed a fourth of the time, while the odds are weighted heavily against minorities.

I don't know if prosecutors are more confident in their chances of receiving a capital punishment

James Hershberger



verdict for a minority on trial or if, since attorneys are by and large white men, they are more likely to let seek a lesser sentence for whites. Whatever the reason, prosecutors are not fair in who they seek the death penalty for, resulting in an unjust number of minorities on death row.

What is even more shocking is the difference between those punished for murdering white and those murdering blacks. According to the Death Penalty Information Center, since 1976, there have been only 12 death sentences given to white defendants whose victims were black, while there have been 202 death sentences given to black defendants with white victims.

According to the United States General Accounting Office study on death penalty sentencing, in 82 percent of the cases they reviewed, "race of the victim was found to influence the likelihood of being charged with capital murder or receiving the death penalty" leading them to conclude "those who murdered whites were found more likely to be sentenced to death than those who murdered blacks."

It is clear that the death penalty is prejudiced in its application in America. So why are many people still in support of it? Is it because they believe it to be a deterrent, despite the fact that the states that banned capital punishment have a lower murder rate than those who practice it? Is it because of a desire for revenge, even though it is applied unjustly? Or is it because we still have much further to go before we truly are a colorblind society?

People admire Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks for their efforts towards racial parity. Students eagerly turn the pages of John Howard Griffin's book *Black Like Me* to understand racism from the white perspective. Everyone has one friend of another race whom they cite as undeniable proof that they aren't racist. Despite all this, few people realize that Dr. King's dream never will be reality as long as laws are applied unjustly. If America is serious about an end to racism, then the death penalty must go the way of the Jim Crow laws. We must support anti-capital punishment politicians and be willing to progress past traditional punishments in favor of more effective and fair means of retribution. If we lay the death penalty to rest, we will take a major step toward ethnic equality.

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Many gay marriage opinions based on misinformation

Alright folks, I'm back again with something a little more pressing than nerds that just can't keep their hands out of the jar labeled "Video Game Addiction and Pizza." Once again, same sex marriages are in the spotlight.

As many of you should know, the state of California has recently passed a bill in the past week or so that would allow for same sex marriages to be legal by amending their constitution. The amendments to be made include changing every gendered reference (one man and one woman) to be gender neutral (specifically sections 300, 301, and 302, if you happen to be even remotely interested). Sounds like a great idea, right? Equality and all that jazz is a great thing to write into a state law, as opposed to writing in social setbacks that could take years to recover from. Luckily, it barely passed through their legislature, with several members absent from voting or voting "abstain," and just a few more voting "aye" than "nay."

Gov. Arnold, however, is planning to veto the bill because it conflicts with a law passed by California citizens in 2000, almost six years ago, to fill a loophole in their Defense of Marriage Act which stated they had to honor same-sex marriages from other states. Maybe it's just me, but the five years, six months, and five days since Proposition 22 (the typical "Only marriage between a man

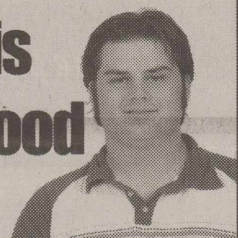
and a woman is valid" line that seems to be popular amongst state legislatures these days) seems like a damned long time, especially considering the political atmosphere of the country and the social changes that have come about since then for GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transsexual/Transgendered) marriage rights.

Courts have ruled that these types of laws are unconstitutional, however, only at the state level. Mayor Gavin Newsome of San Francisco even married close to 400 GLBT couples earlier this year, against the current statutes. There wasn't a huge, ultra right-wing outcry in California when he did this. Sure there was some, and the government got angry that he straight-up refused to acknowledge parts of the state constitution, but I'd say that, overall, the effects of the situation were fairly positive. Personally, I think his reasoning for vetoing the bill is not very intelligent... but nobody asked me. On a side note, I really do like some of the things the Governor has done during his career as governor, like helping to promote stem-cell research.

Maybe before I continue, for those of you who aren't into this as much as I am, let's get to some of the issues.

First, even though three courts have ruled in favor of same-sex marriage, it really isn't much further along now than it was before. Most states won't recognize

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it, regardless of where it was performed. Status quo hasn't changed.

Second, we are a people who have been divided between what they have been told is wrong, and what appears, at least to me, to be an inherent discrimination of rights. Many religions preach in varying degrees that homosexuality, transgenderism, transsexualism, etc. are immoral. But even with biblical support, it still amounts to being only your opinion.

We also have people who religion has or hasn't touched their lives who believe that a group of people is being treated differently than others, not because of the color of their skin or their religion, but who they fall in love with. People have trouble reconciling homosexuality and religion because one says it's wrong, and one seemingly knows no religion.

Neither extreme side will budge... we have Fred Phelps stating loud and clear that "God hates fags," and then we have all the gays, lesbians, their families

and their friends wondering how this could be.

Why it's so important to be against it, I don't know. It doesn't affect other people other than that you see different types of couples, and different isn't always bad. This reasoning, however, is one of the more popular reasons to not vote on or accept same-sex marriage, at least in my experience.

Ahem, back on the main topic. The Governor is only vetoing this bill because of the almost six-year-old Proposition 22 (which was specifically devised to disallow out of state same sex marriages because their DOMA did not). I think that this is a horrible reason to veto the bill reason to veto the bill because, under its current text, California still doesn't have to recognize marriages from other states. If he thinks it's relevant, he definitely should think again.

To people who don't agree, maybe you should try and be a little more understanding to what you don't know or understand. I've witnessed comments made and feelings hurt all because somebody didn't really know what they were talking about.

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Views from the Big 12 Discrimination lives on in modern times

By GINA FORD
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(U-WIRE) LAWRENCE, Kan. — It's amazing, sad but still true that in the year 2005, African-Americans are still faced with the back of the line, back of the bus and a "go around to the back" mentality when it comes to being served. It's happened to me right here in Lawrence.

I ordered food over the phone from Jade Garden, a local Chinese restaurant, two days before classes ended this past semester.

I arrived at Jade Garden about 20 minutes later. I entered the restaurant and approached the long counter across the dining room. The gentleman on the left was helping some other customers, and the gentleman on the right was answering a phone order. Both cashiers were fairly young white men.

I waited a few minutes quietly until the cashier on the right got off the phone. When he seemed to be available, I looked at him to assist me, and he held up his index finger without saying a word. He then walked away and returned to the counter moments later.

I waited patiently for about eight minutes, and the other cashier was still helping the same customers, as there was a discrepancy with their bill. The cashier on the right who I had been waiting on was staring at the computer monitor occasionally hitting a few buttons.

As I stood there, an older white gentleman walked into the restaurant, came up to the counter and stood beside me. The cashier who had given me the silent "hold on" finger, and ignored me the rest of the time, suddenly came to life.

"May I help you?" he asked the older white gentleman who had just arrived.

The man said, "Yes. I called in an order and would like to pick up my food."

Perhaps because my skin was darker, he had somehow missed me standing right in front of him for the past 10 minutes. So, I stood there stunned for a few moments, before growing angry. I began to stare at the cashier over my glasses. Although I could not see myself, I know I looked angry because as soon as he looked at me, he quickly averted his eyes.

A Hispanic gentleman came from the kitchen and asked if I needed help, as I had been standing there for an extended period of time. I told him yes and gave him my name. My food had been sitting directly behind the counter the whole time.

Why did I have to stand there for 10 minutes when the white man came in, got his food and was out the door in two?

It is not as if I misinterpreted the situation and thought about it after the fact. There is no mistaking that the cashier intentionally ignored me. Why did the Hispanic man have to get my order for me? He was not a cashier. The white man who came into the restaurant was picking up food just like I was, except it took me about 10 minutes longer.

After two years of living at the university, I have noticed that people are surprised when they hear of racial acts that occur in Lawrence as well as other places in this country. Many believe that all people are treated the same way regardless of race and other differences.

Some acts of racism are unintentional and are results of ignorance. Ignorance however, is not an excuse for oppressing people based on ethnicity or other differences.

I am a living testament that racial injustice still goes on, and as African-Americans, we are forced to deal with it every day of our lives.

Patriotic car magnets don't stick to intent

By ADAM KEMP
THE BATTALION (TEXAS A&M)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION — "Support Our Troops" is always a popular phrase. These days, people show their support by plastering silly magnetic ribbons all over their cars, but are they really supporting the troops?

As it turns out, the answer is no. When someone buys one of these magnets, he is not supporting anyone but the magnet industry. According to Magnet America, which claims to be the "original producer and designer of the famed yellow ribbon car magnets," some of the money does go to the troops but only in the form of occasional donations made by the company. There is no set percentage of their profit set aside for supporting the troops.

Magnet America, along with most other ribbon magnet producers, is a for-profit company, not a fundraiser for the troops. There is no guarantee that they will do anything in particular with your money.

Most people who use these magnets probably realize they are not actually helping the troops. After all, if they wanted to help, they could easily donate money directly to the troops, send a care package, write letters of encouragement or any number of activities. I'm sure that many ribbon-bearers have actually done these things, and I commend them. However, there are countless people out there who buy these magnets for no other reasons than to show off their patriotism.

Being patriotic is a good thing, but these magnets represent the wrong kind of patriotism. They scream, "Look at me! I'm more patriotic than you are" without actually having to do anything patriotic. Many of them are not even made in America.

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is processed.

"They receive Class-C misdemeanors, which are only punishable by fine," Hoffman said. "They normally don't stay in the holding facility overnight unless the officers think their health is in danger, and in that case they're taken to the hospital. It's happened before where the officers were really scared for the arrested person's life. It can get scary."

Hoffman said the police officers look for those who are presenting themselves as a danger to themselves and others, and try to control them.

"I saw one guy passing out on the bus. Some also throw up a lot. It concerns us," Hoffman said. "We don't want them to harm themselves or others and taking them into custody

prevents all of this."

Lt. D.L. Clements with the Tech PD said he had seen interesting things since they started arresting people on Saturday.

"One guy threw-up vodka and orange juice inside the holding bus," Clements said. "We also had a few guys crying after we arrested them. When they get out in the sun, they tend to get dehydrated and it makes it easier to become this way."

Clements said the officers hold the intoxicated arrestees on the "Freedom Bus" until the Lubbock PD loads them on to their sheriff's van to take downtown. Since the Tech PD does not take the drunken fans downtown, this gives them more time to look for people that have had too many drinks.

"The system seems to be working out well," Clements said. "The people we have taken in have been pretty cooperative. I would say 25 arrests

is a regular number for an evening game."

Clements said the legal limit for blood alcohol level is .08 and some of the arrests were made with blood alcohol levels above .32, which is high and well beyond the legal limit.

"We were expecting this many arrests because the game is so late in the day and people have been drinking alcohol for long periods of time," Clements said. "We were ready for this."

Matt Barrier, an 18-year-old freshman from Dallas, said he was given a warning by police officers patrolling Raider Gate, a student tailgating area.

"I was standing around a fraternity's tailgate and someone handed me a beer," Barrier said. "I saw the officer standing there right after I got the drink. I tried to find the person that gave me the drink, but he had run off."

Barrier said he received a warning for minor in possession, and the officers were really nice about the situation.

"I asked them what I should do with my drink and the officer said I might as well drink it," Barrier said. "They were cool. They knew I wasn't drunk."

Barrier said he told the officers he could pass a sobriety test, but the officers said it wasn't necessary.

"I was just headed to the game," Barrier said. "I'm not mad at all. I'm actually very happy that I only got a warning. I'm lucky for that."

Hoffman warned Raider fans who drink alcohol before the games to control themselves and the number of drinks they have.

"If you drink to the point where you can't control yourself, don't come up to the game," Hoffman said. "You won't enjoy it anyway if you are that drunk."

Wolfforth

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said. "Unlike Lubbock, we won't have any places that are strictly just bars."

There also will not be any liquor stores in Wolfforth, Komarek said.

Alvin Albert, a Wolfforth resident, said he favors the alcohol law.

"It should create a lot of new businesses for the town," Albert said. "Hopefully it will help this little town grow. And if it does not take any money out of my pocket, I am OK with it."

Komarek said the sale of alcohol would collect more money for city projects like a new library or im-

provements to the police station.

"We want to create new revenue from sales taxes, without raising taxes or creating a new tax," he said. "The new businesses in town will allow us to do so."

Komarek said because Wolfforth has such an outstanding school system, the population continues to grow.

"With community growth you need economic growth," he said. "The growth is coming from Lubbock and we need to be ready for it."

The minor league baseball team will not be the only team to use the new stadium. The Texas Tech baseball team has already signed an agreement with West Texas Professional Baseball to play in the stadium starting in 2007.

Vioxx

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one of the largest oil providers in the U.S., it was the nation's first Vioxx case in August that returned his name to the national headlines.

In the highly publicized case, Lanier's client was awarded \$253.4 million against the drug company Merck, which peddled Vioxx to thousands through the Medicaid program.

As Friday night's gala came to a close, Lanier offered those in attendance an animated speech explaining the process of the lawsuit and how the company had failed to disclose the adverse effects of Vioxx.

"We fought a full-time fight against some of the biggest firms," Lanier said of the case.

"In my mind, Mark Lanier is in fact the greatest champion of social and economic justice we have in the U.S. today," said Huffman.

Guests attending the gala agreed. "He always acts as one of us," said attendee Mi Sook Lewis. "He is real."

The Lanier family raffled off two sets of tickets to a Christmas party at their Houston estate, while their theme of generosity was highlighted by posters in the courtyard of Merket Alumni Center, which showcased design plans for the upcoming "Mark and Becky Lanier Professional Development Center."

The 32,000-square-foot, high-tech courtroom is slated to cost \$12 million, half of which was donated by the Laniers in 2004.

In addition to honoring Lanier, the gala also played host to Maj. Michael R. Holley, a 1999 graduate of the Tech Law School and chief prosecutor of the Abu Ghraib detainee abuse cases.

Holley, who served as the guest speaker of the evening, summarized three of his cases with the crowd, leaving a smattering of attendees dabbing their eyes with the linen napkins.

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advertising spot at least once during the game, Whitmore said.

Sally Post, a member of the communications and marketing staff, said most of the collegiate spots show pictures of the campus and focus solely on academics.

She said while Tech has done that in the past, this year the charge to the marketing agency was to make Tech stand out.

"I think it's one of the better spots Tech has produced," Post said.

The marketing agency chose to not focus on the campus and regular students, instead choosing to have student-athletes talk about the rest of the campus.

"The word student-athlete doesn't have student before it by mistake," Wells said. "It's an opportunity of a lifetime. It showcases our students, and they happen to be athletes."

Whitmore said the new spot is an interesting way to go with advertisements for Tech. He said the point of the ad is to make it clear what Tech's goal is, beyond athletics and academic excellence. The use of student athletes, he said, makes that point clear.

"One of the things we're proud of here at Texas Tech is that our athletes are high quality students," Whitmore said. "Tech's story is a good one. We hope it will have an impact."

Post said the student-athletes were chosen based on their availability during the summer, but also to show the diversity

of Tech.

"We were just trying to get a wide variety of athletes from sports," she said.

The advertisement opens with women's tennis player Tara Browning and follows with athletes from football, women's basketball, track, baseball, men's basketball and soccer.

"We athletes are used to our fellow students, alumni and faculty cheering us on," Browning says at the beginning of the spot.

"But we would like to brag on them for a change," said Manuel Ramirez, a Tech football player, as he continues on with the statement.

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11 PM	BBC World	(35) Jay Leno (HD)	(35) David Letterman (HD)	(35) Late Late Show	Blind Date	Jimmy Kimmel	
12 AM	Destinos	(35) Last Call	Paid Program	Blind Date	Jimmy Kimmel	Paid Program	

Huffman presented Lanier with a plaque and a medallion as a standing ovation rippled across the crowd that included his previous law professors, mother and wife, Becky.

Walter Huffman, dean of the Tech Law School, countered Lanier's words with those of praise in his introductory remarks at the dinner.

"Mark has been in the news a lot lately, winning the un-winnable trials," Huffman said. "He has solidified through this trial his reputation as one of the best trial lawyers in the nation."

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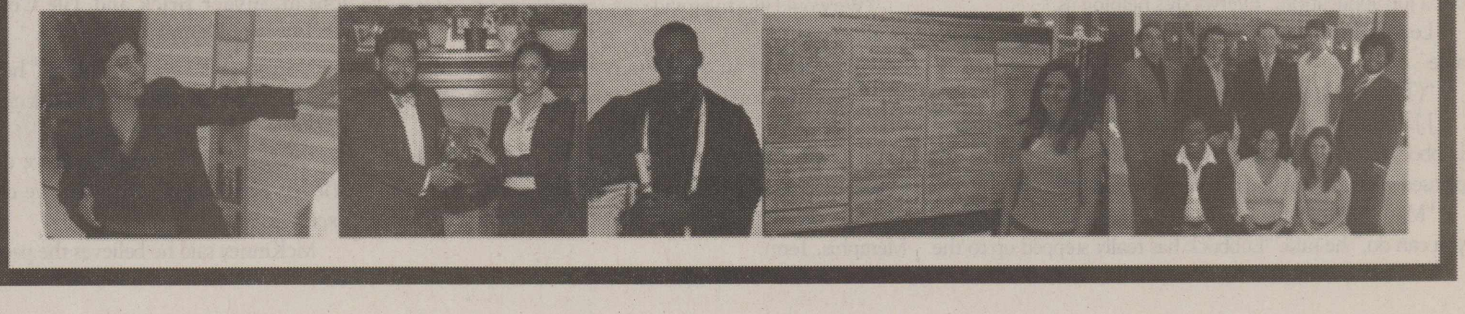
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Houston

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The group decided to go to Houston after watching the impact Hurricane Katrina had on the people on television, he said. The decision was made to go to Houston before Lubbock was set to receive evacuees. The group decided to continue with the trip due to the fact many donors gave based on the group traveling and also because Houston had more impact from evacuees than any other city in Texas.

At 9 a.m. Saturday, they were tired, hungry, sore from sleeping in the car and on the floor, dirty, road-weary and ready to work hard.

Impact Church has a façade that seems small, nestled into an abandoned warehouse district on one side, and a rundown, downtown neighborhood on the other. On the inside, however, the church seems to go on forever, like a string of high school gymnasiums. Clothes and item sorting took place in three congregation-sized rooms with tall, vaulted ceilings and a warehouse, which is filled from the floor to the ceiling with donations from Houston and around Texas.

Donna Sue Arnold, a volunteer coordinator from West Houston Church of Christ, said Impact's first goal was to distribute items to evacuees in need regardless of when they arrived in Houston.

Arnold, along with several other Impact volunteers, delegated work to other volunteers, who then sorted clothing by gender and size. Several changes of clothing in a particular size were then bagged and sent to shelters, hospitals and schools as well as to individuals who took evacuees into their own homes.

Volunteers bustle around the rooms like busy bees collecting items to bag, and relocating items that are in the incorrect area, such as small women's clothes that are mistaken for large children's clothes.

She said evacuees could also come to Impact and pick up any clothing items or any other items they needed in order to help begin a new life.

"We've had hundreds of people coming through," Arnold said. "We've also had hundreds of volunteers. We're lucky. What we found is a lot of people had friends and family here. I don't think the evacuee accounts you read are accurate."

Impact also assists evacuees in finding housing and employment. Arnold said most of the evacuees who come through Impact for assistance do not take very much.

"They're just like you and me, except their homes are destroyed and they have lost everything," she said. "Everyone who comes through is grateful. We're not seeing the problems that have been on the news."

Tara Linn Hunter, sophomore vocal performance major from Oahu, Hawaii, lives with her grandmother in Lubbock. She said if she had not come on the trip, she would have taken her grandma to the cowboy symposium.

"Everybody wants to be in with the people doing something," she said. "It's what happens behind the scenes which matters now. What can be better than going through underwear?"

Hunter worked two years in Japan as a missionary before returning to school at Tech.

She said she does not believe she will pursue mission work as a profession, but she had volunteered at Reese Technology Center before coming to Houston.

Hunter said mission work and her dedication to helping people, was a major motivating factor in coming to Houston to work with, and for, evacuees and the relief effort.

"I think you can be a missionary no matter what you do," she said. "Mission work will always be a prior-



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CHRIST IN ACTION members Cliff Holdridge, a senior history major from Lake Travis, Marcia Crabtree, a senior psychology major from Junction, and Jason Pyle, a freshman at Lubbock Christian, take a break from sorting clothing Saturday afternoon at Impact Church of Christ in Houston.

ity in my life. That's just part of being a Christian."

Hunter spent her day focused on the children's clothing and was able to assist evacuee mothers as they picked out clothing for their daughters. She said their voices were soft, and they rumbled through the words they spoke.

"I couldn't figure out which language they were speaking," she said. "I think it was Cajun, but it was beautiful."

Miles Gullett, a sophomore missions major at Lubbock Christian University, has also spent time overseas doing mission work, which he hopes to dedicate his life to. His parents are missionaries living in Puerto Rico.

Gullett met people from Houston, Abilene and other Texas cities, but did not directly interact with evacuees. He said he would have liked to work with evacuees, but did not because he is shy.

"My experience was that this was short. I wish it could have been longer," he said. "I had my heart set on going to the Astrodome, but that didn't work out. God put me where he needed me."

Gullett said it was worth the drive and money to come down to Houston, though he did not accomplish his original goals.

"When we came in last night and saw that big mountain of stuff, I knew it was going to be a lot of

work. We didn't have half that stuff at CA, and it took us forever to sort," he said. "I really feel like we lived out our name today. I really don't think church should be in a building. We should meet, but many people think church is just a building that we go to, but I think church is the people."

"What people need to do is to go out and bring Jesus to people and, a lot of times, they need to do that with actions instead of words."

Gullett said he does not do much of anything besides go to work and go to school, so he had no weekend plans and looked forward to coming to Houston to do mission work.

All the people who heard and saw the group come from Lubbock, he said, were moved and motivated to work harder and do more for the evacuees.

"No matter our differences, we just worked together to help people in need," Gullett said.

Marcia Crabtree, a senior psychology major from Junction was instrumental for the group, organizing their donated items before departing on the trip. Once in Houston, Crabtree found herself doing much of the same tasks she spent two weeks doing to prepare for the group's departure in Lubbock.

When asked if she personally had done a lot of folding and sorting, she responded, "Yeah, we've all done a lot of work."

Crabtree has been attending Christ in Action activities longer than any of the other members of the group, and therefore had the strongest connection to other members on the trip, which she encouraged throughout the day.

"What's the name of the group? Christ in Action," she said. "It says in the Bible we're the body of Christ and we're supposed to imitate Christ if we're going to follow him."

She said doing, as opposed to talking about doing, was an important to her and her religious experience.

"I don't want to be just another smiling stranger," she said after helping an evacuee family. "I could see how overwhelming this all is."

Jeremy Owens, a petroleum engineering major from Round Rock, moved to Lubbock last spring. A short time thereafter, he joined Christ in Action and has been involved ever since.

"Coming from a secular business environment to a bible belt, a Christian community, was very refreshing. It made me realize that it is not all about the money you make," Owens said as he pulled boy's size-12 clothes from a sorting table for a bag. "This is a much greater cause than you could accomplish in a business setting. This is about the people you affect. I'm the kind of person, I don't have to have my name

out there; I don't need to have my name out there. The stuff that needs to get done, I can do it without anybody asking me."

He was able to interact with evacuees, which he found was powerful, humbling experience.

"There's people who sit and point fingers and there's people who do something and act," he said. "Why do we do things? There's people who come through already and got stuff and said thank you, and that's enough for me, as long as my work is helping someone."

Hunter found she was humbled later at the Galleria, where the group went for dinner. She said the contrast in her day, which was spent at the church and her night, which was spent at the mall, reminded her of Mexico City, where the economically disadvantaged and the extraordinarily rich are at such extremes.

"I just think it was funny we spent all day sorting clothes, and then we go to this huge mall with all this insanely expensive stuff. We all essentially need the same things, but as soon as you get a little bit of money, you think you need a whole lot more," she said. "I went from thinking what a little girl is going to need for the winter that's coming up and how primitive all of our needs are and wondering how long it's going to last her, and then I'm looking at J. Crew clothes in the same day."

In a later reflection, Crabtree pointed out the only time anyone complained was when Hunter complained she had to stop working and sorting so the room could be cleared for Sunday's worship service the next morning.

By the end of Saturday, there were more sitting volunteers than standing. Holdridge, in a pile of clothes, said the day was probably the longest day of his life, and he was grateful for that.

"We could've sat in the CA building this weekend and prayed for these people, but there comes a time where you've got to get out of the boat," he said. "It took a big step of faith. It took a lot for Peter to get out of the boat, and it took a lot for us to come to Houston. It takes a lot to get out of the boat."

Holdridge said the group would continue to provide relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, both in Lubbock and around Texas as long as donations and volunteers continue to dedicate themselves to the cause.

"I liked to think we at least saved one life, that one person will benefit, then this has all been worthwhile," he said. "Sure, the hurricane victims will benefit, but the blessing really is for us. Personally, I feel like college kids, personally, we're concerned with ourselves and what we get out of life. We did this because we could not sit there, and watch television and watch people as their entire lives just floated in the water and no one seemed like they were doing anything."

Holdridge hopes the group sets an example for other volunteers and other mission efforts. He said if nothing else, he hopes the example set shows compassion — that actions do speak louder than words.

"A lot of us have been religiously abused. I grew up with this sense God was an old man on a hill with a zipper. He was like Santa Claus," he said. "But, one thing I've been taught is that God can move mountains, but, you've got to bring a shovel."

Hunter smiled as she hummed "Amazing Grace" after singing the song in Japanese for the group.

"You know, it is like Cliff said about moving mountains. When we walked in last night, there was a mountain of clothes — I have never seen that many clothes — and it was just cool how we all got together, different ages, different race and we all moved a small little mountain together and I think that's really neat."

Some Katrina evacuees search for jobs, call Lubbock 'new home'

By ANDREW WOOD
STAFF WRITER

As Hurricane Katrina victims at the Reese Technology Center begin going in different directions, some already have decided to call Lubbock their new home and have begun seeking employment.

Several Lubbock area employers came together Friday at Reese Center to provide a job fair to present job opportunities to the evacuees who have been forced to start over with their lives.

Henry Crump came to the event looking for work in a restaurant. He said he and his brother managed a sandwich and seafood shop in New Orleans.

"Some gentleman told me they had a lot of restaurants," he said. "It looks good, (there are a) lot of jobs here to offer. I'm kind of surprised."

Sharonda Ward came with her husband and daughter. She said she was grateful for the many opportunities available.

"I feel great. I feel like everything is coming to me," she said as she expressed her appreciation for the people in Lubbock. "Everybody's nice; everything is falling into place."

The job availability, she said, leaves others with no reason to remain unemployed.

"It's an opportunity, I'd take advantage of it," she said, "(There is) no excuse."

Linda Pittman said she was impressed with the efforts from the people in Lubbock.

"For right now, everything's fine," she said while filling out a job application. "Everybody's helping us."

Levi Brown said he was pleased with the options available.

"(There are) good opportunities," he said.

J.J. Johnson, pastor of the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in Lubbock, came to help the evacuees find a job. He said he was pleased with the Lubbock citizens' overall reaction.

"Man, I think this is one of the most awesome things you can do," he said. "Lubbock has really stepped up to the

plate."

He was glad to see various organizations come together in a time of need.

"I think this is great to see different companies (come together) just for this cause," he said.

Danny Soliz of WorkSource of the South Plains coordinated the job fair and said he was impressed with the companies coming together in such limited time.

"(It took) two days to put it together," he said. "To do in two days, and the number of responses is amazing."

The job openings, he said, are also a way to assist the evacuees who are making long term plans to stay in Lubbock.

"I think it's working out," Soliz said. "It's helping those folks settle in."

As long as the people are able to find employment, Soliz said he would consider the job fair a positive achievement.

"I think it's great," he said. "Even if we just hire one, it's been a success for it."

Excell Services and Mary Kay were just two of the 62 western Texas organizations represented.

Nelda Martinez of Excell Services said employment is available for everyone, including people with disabilities.

"We do have services for those who are challenged," she said. "We teach to excel in customer service; we train to excel."

Katherine Ward of Mary Kay Cosmetics said the company's employment interest is for women who plan to stay home and attain income.

"We would like to provide opportunities for the women," Williams said.

"(The job is) an opportunity to enrich women's lives through staying home and owning your own business," Ward said.

Though many evacuees are content to stay in Lubbock, evacuee James McKinney said he appreciates the hospitality he has received, but is ready to return to his hometown of Memphis, Tenn.



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WENDELL TAYLOR, AN evacuee from New Orleans, talks to Mitchell and Jeff Goodger about possible jobs at Snyder Brick and Tile Company. Taylor took advantage of the job fair Friday morning at the Reese Technology Center.

"It's nice, but I got to go home," he said.

The service provided by Lubbock citizens, McKinney said, has exceeded his expectations.

"Nobody in the world could've done better," he said. "(It has been) superb what they've done for us. It's been excellent."

McKinney said he believes the people in Lubbock have

put forth a solid effort.

"I thank the Lubbock community," he said. "Lubbock people have given 110 percent."

His time in Lubbock has given him reason to cheer for the Texas Tech Red Raiders, he said, as he planned to attend the Tech football game Saturday.

"I'm a Red Raider fan," he said.

Tech alumnus Cory Morrow entertains Red Raiders

By KATY MERLET
FEATURES WRITER

With beers in hands and cowboy boots on, the screaming fans had all eyes on the lit-up stage at Wild West Saturday night.

Texas Tech alumnus Cory Morrow returned to the Hub City to promote his new album "Nothing Left to Hide."

Guitar in hand with no shoes on, Morrow said he felt right at home on the big Texas stage.

"We decide to come back home to release our new CD, to the people we love the most," he said.

From the jumping, two stepping and the guns up thrown in the air, it looked as though the crowd also loved Morrow.

Nathan Yates, second year law student, said Morrow's shows are more personal, and he is always involved with the crowd.

"His shows are always so crowded," Yates said. "He could easily do his venues at a big-

ner place, such as the Municipal Auditorium, but he plays at places where his concerts are more personal."

During the two-hour show, Morrow played songs old and new and even had time to give some relationship advice.

"In relationships, take the good

with the bad; learn from it, and move on," he said.

Students Whitney Ballinger, senior marketing major, and Shelby Miller, senior interior design major, have never missed one of Morrow's shows. They were sitting together with a perfect view of Morrow.



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THE A-MAIZE-ING RACE

Lubbock citizens scramble to find their way around a cornfield at the 5th-annual "Maize Craze"

By ANNE GEPFORD
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The static of walkie-talkies echoed through the air as two children tried to find their way.

A few acres away, people studied a map to determine their direction.

In the middle of the field, a man stood on a platform looking for those lost.

The fifth annual "Maize Craze" had begun.

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce had a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. Friday, while 7 p.m. brought the first guests out to the corn maze.

KLLL-FM gave away promotional tickets on the radio for the first people to master the MAiZE.

Tracy McAlister, a Lubbock resident, won some of the tickets from KLLL-FM. She brought her son, daughter and daughter's best friend out to the corn maze.

"We won the free tickets, and the kids think it's a blast," she said.

For McAlister's second visit, it was the perfect time to tackle the 8-foot-tall cornstalks, as she said her favorite time to visit is when the maze first opens.

"It's not as busy," she said.

Patti Simpson, one of the own-

ers of the Lubbock MAiZE, said while it may be slow during the first few weeks after opening day, more than 20,000 people visited the maze last year.

She said the design for the fifth year was decided on by her and her husband after looking on the Internet.

Based on an old tin sign, the design this year is a tribute to the American farmer.

"Something catches our eye," Simpson said. "It just caught our attention."

With a different design every year, Simpson said they have to start setting up for the MAiZE in August.

"We basically start from scratch every year," she said.

Throughout the five years the maze has been operating, several new additions have been made to the activities offered.

"Every year we've added something. It looks completely different," Simpson said. "We've got dreams of things to do to make it better. We just have to do a little bit at a time."

Some of the activities offered besides the maze itself include hayrides, bonfires, a pumpkin patch, a petting zoo and a corn cannon, which Simpson said is the most popular item.

While the fall weather in Lubbock can be hit-or-miss, Simpson said it often offers perfect conditions for all of the activities offered.

She said making S'mores is one of her favorite activities in the fall.

"That's just not something you do very much," Simpson said. "Come roast a S'more."

Donna Bruggeman from Leveland said she looked forward to the weekend after winning the tickets earlier in the week.

"It's a great time," Bruggeman said. "I've always actually wanted to do a maze like this."

Even though her family did not stay to finish the maze, Bruggeman said she wants to return later on in the season.

"I want to do the whole thing," she said. "I just think it's cool."

The whole maze includes numbered signs to help guide people through. Games can be played with trivia questions that hint at which way to turn to go the correct way through the maze.

Simpson said it usually takes people about an hour to get through the 12-acre maze, although this year's might be different.

"I think this is going to be one of our hardest mazes," she said.

The corn maze opened to the

general public Saturday morning.

It is open for general admission from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and from 2 to 10 p.m. Sunday. Monday through Thursday nights are for groups by reservation from 5 to 10 p.m.

This year, admission is \$7 for teens and adults, \$5 for children ages 5 to 12 and free for those age 4 and under.



DARREL THOMAS/Student Media Photographer

PATTI SIMPSON, ALONG with her parents, Doyce and Paula Middlebrook, and husband James, cut the ribbon for the fifth season of the Corn Maze, as members of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce look on. This year the maze is a tribute to the American farmer.

Students impressed with rec experience

The Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center had music blaring outside the building on Friday as the Total Rec Experience event took place. The event was held between 4 and 8 p.m., and all of the student body was invited.

David Prout, assistant director of marketing at the rec center, said the purpose of the event was to introduce the students to the amenities of the rec center and to have a good time.

"It's a welcome back to school event put on by the rec center," he said.

There were many activities at the event to keep the students entertained.

"We have events and activities we wouldn't normally have on a regular basis," Prout said.

Several inflatable activities were set up, including a Velcro-like wall, an obstacle course, a jousting ring, a bungee run and a giant slide.

Best Buy came to promote its Ultimate Dorm Room supplies. They also brought an entertainment center completed with Playstations, so students could compete against each other, Prout said.

Dive instructors from The Best Little Dive Shop in

Texas performed scuba lessons in the pool. Throughout the demonstration, Prout said students were taught how to put on diving equipment and operate them in the water.

The event also had free pizza and drinks.

He said various sports tournaments were held at the event, including dodgeball, volleyball, wiffle ball and basketball.

Matt Haynes, a senior architecture major from Lubbock, said he went to the event to participate in the dodgeball

tournament, but he enjoyed many other activities as well.

"It was awesome," he said. He also did some of the inflatable events like the Velcro-like wall. He said he did a back flip onto the wall.

Keith Smith, an exercise and sport sciences graduate student from Des Moines, Iowa, said he enjoyed the event.

"It's a pretty good idea," he said.

Smith and Haynes both were members of the dodge ball team called the Dickies.



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ANA TAPIA, A sophomore international business major from San Antonio and Ashley Chollar, a sophomore math major from San Antonio, face each other in a tricycle jousting match during the Total Rec Experience Friday evening.

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