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BCS selections find success, little criticism.  
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Enjoying breakfast with a special holiday friend.

### STATE

#### Cotton facility sustains \$11 million in losses

TULIA (AP) — A Panhandle cotton processing facility sustained an estimated \$11 million in fire damage as gusty winds fanned flames that charred three warehouses at the North Plains Compress Co.'s 100-acre site, company officials said. No one was injured in the fire that began Friday afternoon just south of Tulia and took firefighters from 14 agencies 12 hours to bring under control, officials said. The blaze began in hay bales stored at Tulia Livestock Auction on U.S. 87 and spread to the compress, officials said. The cause of the fire remains under investigation, officials said. The preliminary loss estimate included about 30,000 bales of cotton, company official Richard Griffin said. A bale weighs about 480 pounds. The blaze could have been worse, Griffin said. "We were saved because the wind was straight east to west and (the fire) swept through a corner of the property," he said. Firefighters remained at the compress Saturday afternoon to monitor the still-smoldering area, officials said.

### NATION

#### Arkansas man scales White House fence

WASHINGTON (AP) — A man from Arkansas scaled the fence surrounding the White House Sunday while President Bush was inside and was immediately captured by Secret Service officers. Secret Service spokesman Jonathan Cherry identified the jumper as Shawn A. Cox. Cherry said Cox was being charged with unlawful entry and was expected to appear Monday in U.S. District Court. Cox has a record with the Secret Service, Cherry said, but he would not provide details. Cherry said he did not know where Cox was from in Arkansas or why he wanted to get on the White House grounds. He did not have a weapon, Cherry said. Bush was at home when Cox climbed the fence on the northeast side of the property around lunchtime. Uniformed Secret Service officers stood by with guns drawn while an agent escorted Cox to a guard station.

### WORLD

#### Singapore executes Australian drug dealer

SINGAPORE (AP) — Singapore executed an Australian heroin trafficker on Friday despite a warning by Australia's prime minister that the hanging would sour relations between their countries. The case has caused an outcry in Australia where opponents of the execution held vigils in cities around the country, with bells and gongs sounding 25 times at the hour of the execution. "I just think it's barbaric, it's wrong, it's disturbing," said Elizabeth Welch, a 54-year-old counselor at a vigil in Sydney. Vietnam-born Nguyen Tuong Van, 25, was hanged before dawn despite numerous appeals from Australian leaders for his life to be spared. He received a mandatory death sentence after he was caught with 14 ounces of heroin at the city-state's Changi Airport in 2002, en route from Cambodia to Australia. Nguyen's death came amid fresh debate about capital punishment in the United States, where North Carolina's governor denied clemency to a man who killed his wife and father-in-law.

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## Bush adviser: Troop reduction possible by '06

By NEDRA PICKLER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States may be ready to reduce troops in Iraq next year if Iraqis continue making progress at the current rate, President Bush's national security adviser said Sunday.

Stephen Hadley appeared on a round of Sunday talk shows to follow up on President Bush's speech on Iraq from the U.S. Naval Academy last week. Hadley echoed Bush's statement that decisions about troop withdrawals would be made when U.S. commanders there felt Iraqis were ready to govern and protect themselves without U.S. help, but said that could come as early as 2006.

"We think that if trends continue and we continue to make the progress and the Iraqis continue to make the progress we're making, we'll be in a position sometime next year for us to — for the commanders on the ground to make their assessments," Hadley said on ABC's "This Week." "And it may be at that point they will come to the president and say, we want to make some adjustments."

Hadley said the deaths in Iraq, now above 2,100, have been very difficult for the president. Still, he said Bush expects insurgent attacks will increase in the next couple of weeks before Iraq's Dec. 15 elections.

Hadley was repeatedly asked on "Fox News Sunday" whether Vice President Dick Cheney was wrong when he said last May that the insurgency was in its last throes, but he would not directly answer. "Clearly, there's a lot more work to do," he said.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said he also thinks it is possible to bring U.S. troops home in the next year or two, "but it's going to be tough." He said one of the biggest mistakes that the Bush administration made in

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## NIGHT LIGHTS

Students, community pack campus

By JEREMY REYNOLDS  
STAFF WRITER

Seven-year-old Scout Sammann stared wide eyed as she clung to her mom's shoulders like a backpack, watching the Saddle Tramps march through Memorial Circle.

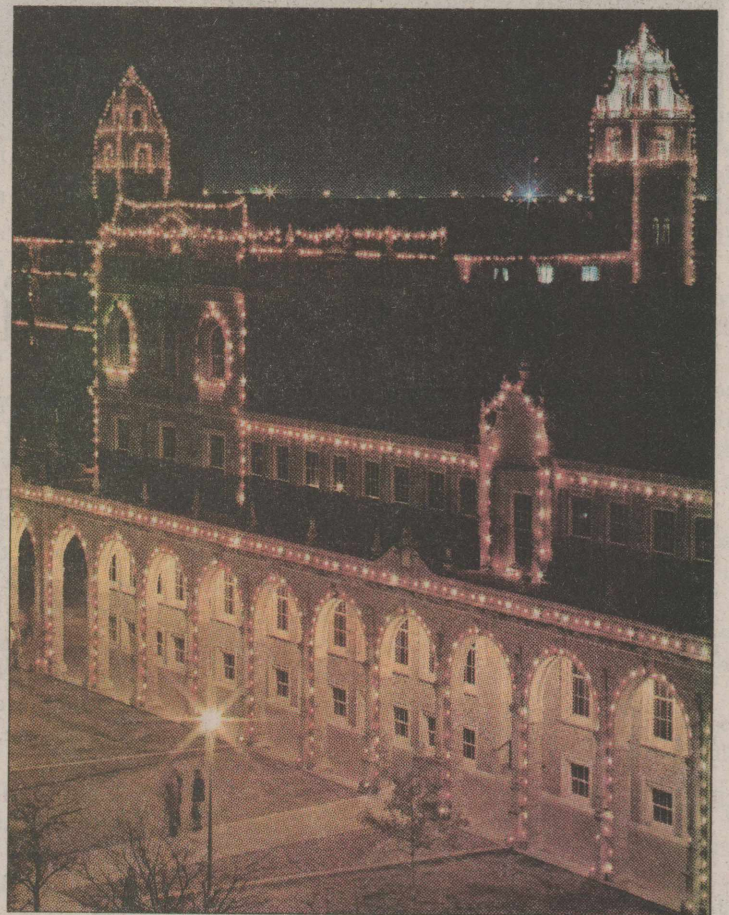
The 47th Annual Carol of Lights, "A Season To Remember," opened 7 p.m. Friday.

"I like to see the men walk by," Scout said.

This was her fifth year to make an appearance at the Carol of Lights. She said she liked the red lights the best. She likes the holiday season because she gets presents.

Jordan Pritchard, 6, stood with the rest of her family as performers serenaded the crowd of spectators that

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## Alabama Crimson Tide roll into Cotton Bowl to face Red Raiders

By JOEY KIRK  
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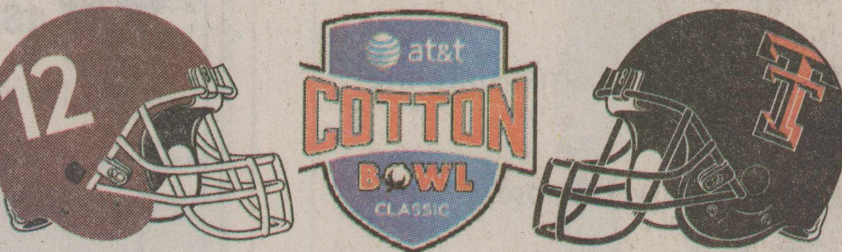
Cody Hodges now can finish writing out his wish list for Christmas.

And one could probably guess what will be at the top of it.

"Ah...to win the Cotton Bowl," the Texas Tech senior quarterback said.

The Red Raiders accepted an invitation from AT&T Cotton Bowl officials Sunday evening to play against No. 13 Alabama in the 70th edition of the tradition-rich bowl game at 10 a.m. Jan. 2.

With the announcement comes excitement, Hodges said, as he and his teammates finally know where they will be spending their holidays.



Monday, Jan. 2, 2006  
10 a.m. on FOX

"I had a good idea that we were going

to go there, especially with the win against (Oklahoma)," he said. "Obviously, we had to wait for the announcement."

This will be Tech's third trip to Dallas

for the Cotton Bowl and the Raiders' first time to play Alabama. Tech is 0-2 thus far, losing to now-two-time National Champion Southern California, 55-14, in 1995 and to St. Mary's, 20-13, in 1939.

In its last appearance, Tech gave up three touchdowns in a span of one minute and 16 seconds during the first quarter, allowing the Trojans to take a 34-0 halftime lead. Then-USC receiver and now-Dallas Cowboy player Keyshawn Johnson had eight receptions for 222 yards and three touchdowns during the game against Tech, which gave

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## RED, WHITE AND BLEW



STEVE LEWIS/The Daily Toreador

OFFICER MATHEW WAINSCOTT, left, and Officer Dwight Brown take down the flags in Memorial Circle Friday afternoon after winds reached more than 30 mph.

## Lust-love division blurs in college

By DANIELLE NOVY  
STAFF WRITER

Catcalls and Orlando Bloom posters serve as evidence that the issue of lust never is far from the minds of some Texas Tech students.

Lust, one of the seven capital vices, is a dual-edged sword; while it is said to be one of the most commonly committed sins, it also is one which tends to burn itself out over time, according to www.holyspiritinteractive.net.

Lust, an inordinate craving for the pleasures of the body, according to www.

deadlysins.com, is associated with the demon Asmodeus, who is said to tempt people into lusting after others.

The modern perception of lust stems from a variety of definitions, such as the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which described lust as disordered desire for or inordinate enjoyment of sexual pleasure.

Thomas Clendenen, a junior business major from San Marcus, said lust often is mistaken for love in modern society.

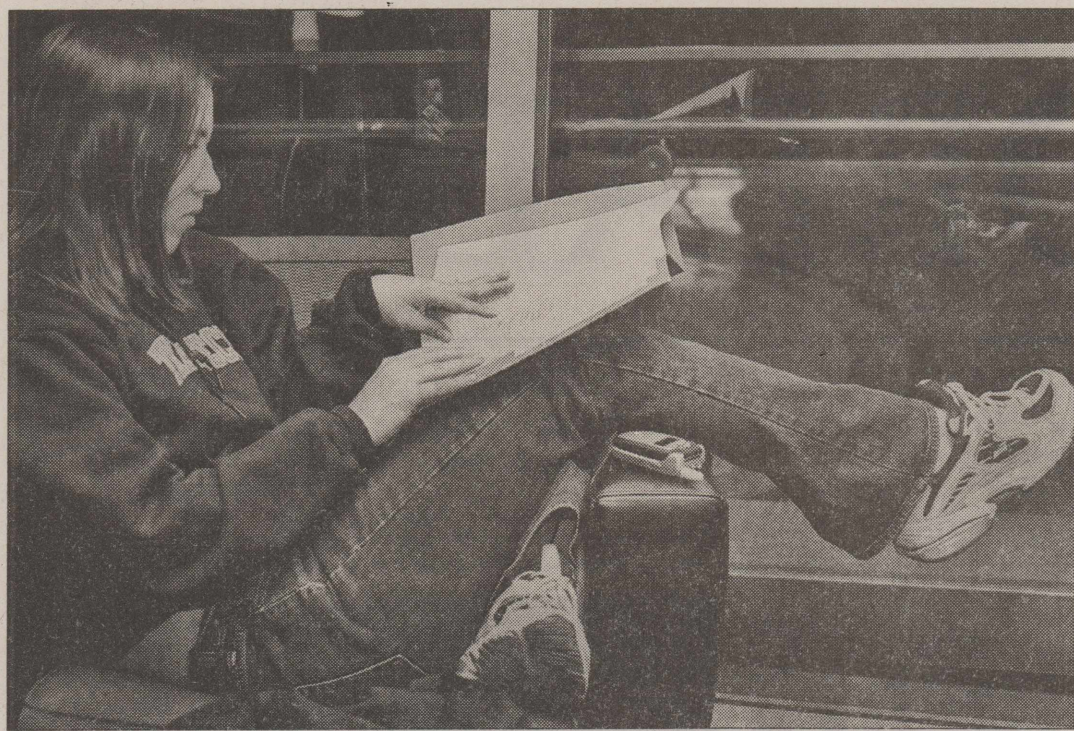
"There is a difference between lust and love," he said. "They commonly get confused, and



This is the sixth installment in a seven-part Seven Deadly Sins series.

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STUDY LOUNGE



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KERRI KOENIG, A junior landscape architecture major from Elgin, studies for her history class in the Student Union Building Thursday morning.

International students bring diversity

By MEREDITH BENSON  
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For students from different backgrounds, coming to Texas Tech to go to college can be somewhat of a challenge. A new environment, culture, exchange rate and way of living are added stresses a minority student deals with everyday. However, many students embrace the challenges they face as being a part of the learning experience they plan to acquire in college.

"The culture is different, but as studies are concerned it's all the same, there is just a different approach to the work," said second-year graduate student Sid Bajpai, who is from New Delhi.

Bajpai came to Tech after leaving New Delhi and said he was able to slowly transition into the new culture in America through the India Students Association at Tech. The organization picked Bajpai up from the airport when he came to Lubbock and introduced him to other Indian students attending Tech.

"I live with people from India because we have the same habits, but on the weekends I hang out with people from everywhere," he said. "At first I only hung out with Indians because I was not used to the culture here."

Bajpai said he is working on his doctorate in agriculture and applied economics.

He said he decided to come to Tech after meeting a professor who was attending a conference in New Delhi. After graduating, he said he plans to travel and work in different places around the world.

Some wonder whether being a minority and having a different background has any effect on the admissions

process when applying to colleges.

"I didn't feel I was being given special treatment or worse treatment," said Omkar Nafaday, a second-year graduate student from Mumbai, India, who is studying chemical engineering. "I got into the school I wanted, and I think that Americans have the same treatment as me."

Dale Ganus, associate director of admissions said minority students do not have a better or worse chance of being admitted to universities.

"There is no advantage or disadvantage regardless of who they are, if they meet Tech's requirements," he said.

Ganus said Tech does not have quotas as to how many minority students they will accept. However, if students do not meet the requirements to automatically get into Tech, they then go through a review process.

Ganus said having students from different places enhances the diversity of the university.

"We have students from every county in Texas, every state in the United States and 87 different countries," Ganus said. "Our students come from all over the world with all different backgrounds."

Nafaday said he enjoys having a diverse group of friends.

"I have American friends, Spanish friends, friends from other places. I think just being in the Indian circle would be boring," he said. "I think I am here to experience the culture besides just getting my degree. I think that their are good and bad things about both cultures and it is good to know both."

Work vs. School: Students discuss which deserves more of their focus

By ALLISON PIPES  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

With the beginning of school every fall, thousands of Texas Tech students begin the ritual of trying to find a job.

However, with work comes the responsibility of having to do a balancing act between school, work, social life and being a student in general. Many students have been forced to find out the hard way that going to school and working full time is almost impossible at some points.

Lindsey Owen, a sophomore restaurant, hotel and institutional management and public relations major from Fort Worth, said when she worked at Embassy Suites, she had to work eight-hour shifts.

"I would get out of class and have to go home to change for work," she said. "It was definitely hard. My school work was really affected because of it."

Pam Titzel, a real estate agent for Keller Williams Realty, said while she attended Tech, she worked for the Miller Beer distributor.

"Not only was I working at the distributor, but I was also going to school and doing odd jobs for the company, like working a beer counter at an event," she said. "The last thing I wanted to do when I got off work was worry about doing

homework."

Titzel said her company employs college students as assistants, and believes working and going to school emphasizes the importance of finishing college and getting a good job.

Brian Abernethy, a law student from Irving, said he has had his current job for a little more than a year, but works less now.

"The last job I had, I probably worked about 24 hours per week, but only because I didn't have the demands I do now," he said.

Abernethy said although he works less, he still had issues concerning school and work.

"I have group functions, and I am not as available to attend as the others in my group because of work," he said. "But, I manage to make everything work."

Gail Schafer, a bank officer for Lubbock National Bank, said she also believes working and going to school not only prepares students for their professional lives, but also teaches them responsibility.

"I think working and going to school shows them how much better your life would be if you were to finish college," she said.

Schafer said she watched her husband juggle work and school and family, and although it was hard for him, he was extremely proud when he graduated.

"I think working makes you stronger, and when you have graduated, it gives you a sense of accomplishment to know that you could do a bunch of things at once," she said.

Carol Avellanos, a sophomore advertising major from Borden County, said she worked many hours for a while, but has since cut back. She said since she started working less, she has more energy for school.

"Since I'm working less and going to school, however, it is a little bit harder for me to pay bills sometimes," she said.

Although school was important to her, Avellanos said work was even more so because if she did not work, she would not be able to survive.

Grant Green, a law student from Nacogdoches, said because he works 24 to 30 hours per week, juggling school and work is a challenge to him.

"It cuts into my studying time, because there's only a certain amount of time during the day you can study," he said. "If you work during those hours, it makes it really hard to study at other times."

Green said although working is important to him, school comes first.

"It's the means to another and better end," he said. "We all aspire for a better life, and finishing school gives us that opportunity."

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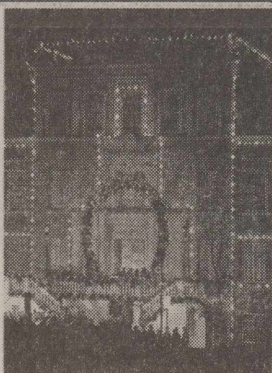
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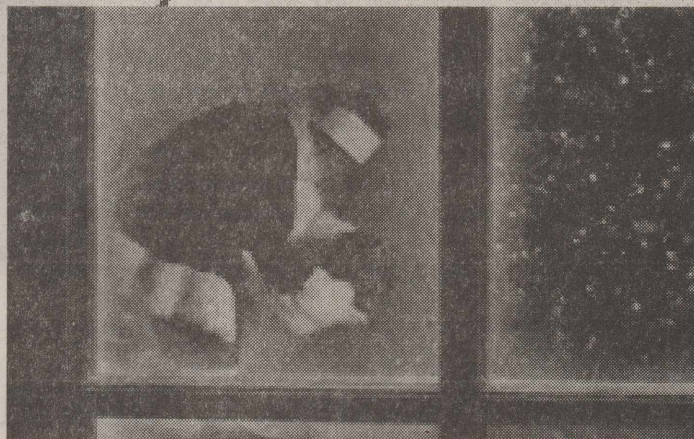
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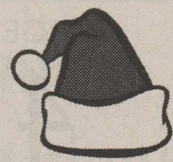
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# Holiday shopping season lingers on



Local retailers say online shopping not hurting their business

By ANDREW WOOD  
STAFF WRITER

If fewer people are standing in line to meet Santa, it could be because more people are staying out of the stores and are doing their Christmas shopping online.

Although more people are using the Internet as an outlet for Christmas shopping, some stores in Lubbock, including the Wal-Mart Supercenter located at 4215 South Loop 289, have been just as busy this year.

Nick Salazar, a manager at that location, said he acknowledges the growth of the Internet, but it has not kept customers from coming in the store.

While just as many customers come through the front door, there have been more heading to the electronics section, he said.

"It seems like more (people) are into electronic gifts this year, more than ever," he said.

The iPod has been one of their top-selling electronic items this year, along with Tumble Time Tigger, he said.

T.J. Goldsmith, assistant store manager of KB Toys located at the South Plains Mall, also said she sees a growing trend in people buying electronic gifts to place under the Christmas tree.

Customers at her store, she said, have been "going crazy" for the Game Boy Advance and PlayStation 2.

Despite the rising popularity in electronic gifts, people still come in her store to buy Barbie dolls, toy guns and board games all on a regular basis, Goldsmith said.

The online market actually has been beneficial to KB toys, she said, because some customers come in the store looking for a toy they found while they were surfing the Web. Goldsmith said the Internet has become a great "shopping tool."

"A lot of people don't realize that they can do that," she said.

Goldsmith said the store has not seen any drastic changes in customer traffic since this time last year, and the sales figures are close to the same.

At the other side of the mall, David Ramirez, assistant store manager at RadioShack, said sales at his store are going as expected, and the estimated number of customers in his store has not changed.

Along with Goldsmith, Ramirez also said the Internet has been a benefit to the store. People can bring in advertisements that can only be found on the company's Web site.

He said the RadioShack located at the mall specializes in electronic items geared towards the general public. Sirius satellite radios and iPods have been two popular Christmas items this year.

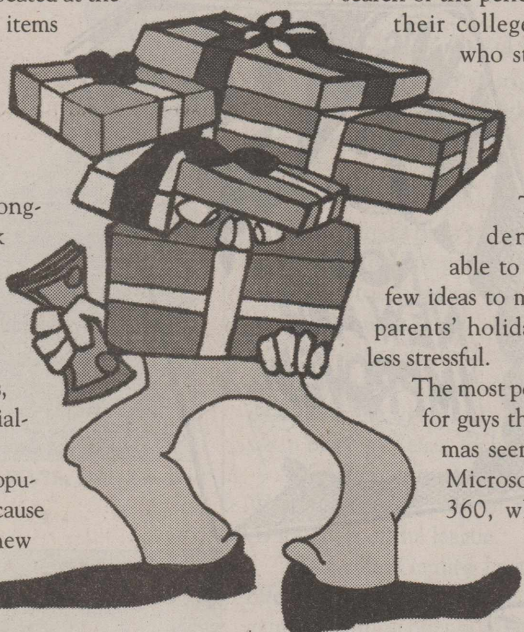
For Bob McGarrett, a long-time employee at The Book Rack, located at 5302 Slide Rd., sales at his store are not affected by the holidays, growth of the Internet or the rising popularity of electronics, partly because the store specializes in selling used books.

Used books do not make popular Christmas gifts, he said, because most people prefer to buy new books if they are Christmas shopping.

Although the number of customers in his store does not increase during the holidays, he said it does not suffer from used books sold online.

McGarrett said people prefer to come in the store and buy used books because they enjoy the atmosphere and can walk out with at least 20 books when they go there to shop.

"We forget, not everybody is on the Internet," he said. "There's a surprising number of people who aren't."



All I want for Christmas: Students give insight into their Christmas lists

By PATRICK BERGER  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Thanksgiving is over, which is the national green light to head to the local shopping mall in preparation for the next big holiday. Confused parents run all over town in search of the perfect gift for their college student

who still hasn't given them a list.

Texas Tech students were able to provide a few ideas to make their parents' holiday season less stressful.

The most popular gift for guys this Christmas seemed to be Microsoft's Xbox 360, which was getting wiped off of shelves

everywhere the first day of its monumental arrival Nov. 22. In addition to the regular gameplay, the machine also stores MP3s, plays slideshows and can serve as a DVD player.

Steven Seiders, a junior political science major from Austin, says the gaming system is a no-brainer.

"That thing has everything."

Seiders said. "It's expensive, but you're getting like five appliances in one."

The Xbox 360 is available now for \$299 or \$399.

Another gift that both sexes want to see under their tree is Apple's newest version of the immensely popular iPod. This version features not only music, but the technology allowing its users to watch streaming video. According to [www.store.apple.com](http://www.store.apple.com), iTunes Music Store will make music videos and TV shows available for download.

Jordan Collins, a business major from Dallas, said although he already has an iPod, the availability of hand-held video and music is hard to pass up.

"I guess they are just going to keep making them better and better," Collins said. "I think they actually made the new one smaller than the last one."

The new iPods come in two variations. One sells for \$399 and holds 60 gigabytes of memory, or about 15,000 songs. Another more cost-efficient version holds 30 gigabytes of memory and sells for \$299.

The gifts most women are asking for are the usual suspects — clothes and jewelry.

"I don't know what I want. I never do," said Abbey McCann, a junior business major from Houston. "My parents just know what stores I like, and that's what I usually get."

Another group of students want

their stockings to be stuffed with tickets to various locations.

Chase Crawford, a psychology major from Houston, has a ski trip to Beaver Creek, Colo., that needs some parental funding.

"Instead of socks and sweaters, an after finals vacation is all I need for a merry Christmas," Crawford said. "My parent's money (is) better spent on a new experience than a new toy. My last Christmas present was New Years on Bourbon Street."

Other students are planning a trip to Dallas for the highly anticipated match-up between the Red Raiders and the University of Alabama Crimson Tide at the AT&T Cotton Bowl.

Michael Black, a restaurant and hotel management major from Clovis, is one of those students.

"That's all I asked for," Black said. "My parents got me three tickets on the 50-yard line for the Cotton Bowl. That's definitely all I need."

Then there is the ever-popular money request that always ends up on most students' lists.

Travis Prewitt said when his parents just give him money, it makes it easier on everybody.

"My parents always end up getting me something I don't really want and I always end up taking it back to the store," Prewitt said. "So by them just giving me the money, I am saving a trip to the store."

TV shows on DVD have also been popping up more and more on students' lists. The big release most students are wishing for is seasons five and six of the epic series "Seinfeld."

"It is just nice to have all of the episodes of a show on DVD and no commercials," said Patrick McCauley, a petroleum land management major from Houston. "And 'Seinfeld' is the best show ever."

Other anticipated DVD releases are "The Simpsons" seventh season, "Family Guy" Vol. 3 and "Wedding Crashers."

## Most wished for gifts for 2005

<b>Books</b> "Rachael Ray 365: No repeats — A Year of Deliciously Different Dinners" "Freakonomics: A Rouge Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything" "The Complete Calvin and Hobbes" "The Chronicles of Narnia" "A Million Little Pieces" Madonna — "Confessions on a Dance Floor" Enya — "Amarantine" "The Sound of Music — 40th Anniversary Edition" "Rent" — 2005 Movie Soundtrack	Bruce Springsteen — Born to Run 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary three-disc set <b>Electronics</b> Black Apple two GB iPod Nano Black Apple four GB iPod Nano White Apple two GB iPod Nano Apple 30 GB iPod with video playback Apple 60 GB iPod with video playback <b>Magazine subscriptions</b> Real Simple People O, The Oprah Magazine In Style	Cosmopolitan <b>Computer and video games</b> "Mario Party 7" — Gamecube Sony PlayStation Portable "Star Wars Battlefront 2" — PlayStation 2 "Mario Kart" — Nintendo DS "Animal Crossing: Wild World" — Nintendo DS <b>Cameras</b> Canon Powershot A520, 4 megapixel Canon Powershot SD200, 3.2 megapixel Canon Powershot SD400, 5 megapixel Canon Digital Rebel XT, 8 megapixel Canon Powershot SD450, 5	megapixel <b>DVDs</b> Star Wars, Episode III — Revenge of the Sith March of the Penguins Madagascar The Polar Express Serenity <b>Beauty</b> Philosophy holiday rescue hot	cocoa and marshmallow gift set Philosophy candy cane shower gel and bubble bath Philosophy hope in a jar daily moisturizer DuWop Lip Venom Philosophy cinnamon buns shampoo, conditioner and shower gel Source: Amazon.com
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### Attention Greeks!

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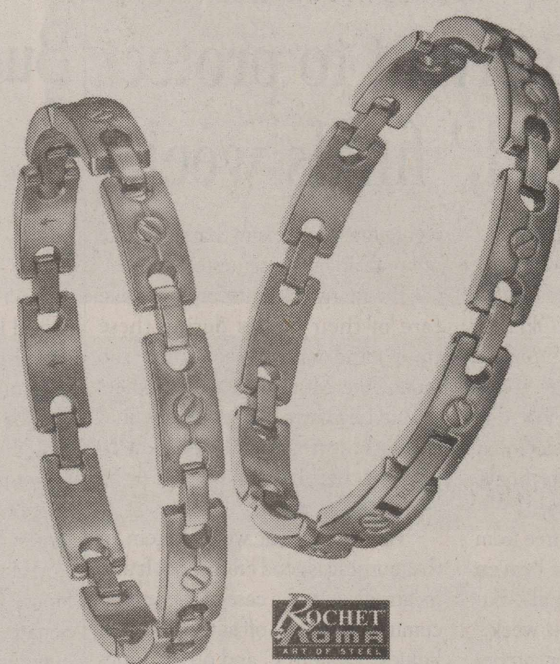
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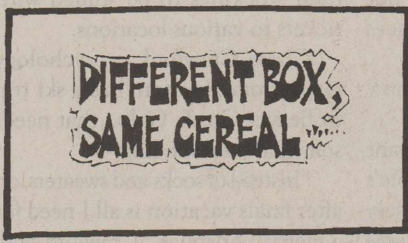
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### VIEWS FROM THE BIG 12

## Start acting like you know what you're doing

### Students should learn to speak, test with more authority, self confidence

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DAILY O'COLLEGIAN (OKLAHOMA STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) STILLWATER, Okla. — As we approach finals week, I think now is a good time to reflect on a very important concept called self-confidence.

Most of us are probably starting to lose bits of it as the clock ticks down, but I want you to stop right now and put everything in perspective.

We've all had our cynical moments. "When am I ever going to need this junk?" tends to be the mantra spoken by every student in every general education class to anyone who's dumb enough to listen.

Guess what — you may not ever need what you're being tested over. But you will learn from your ability (or lack thereof) to calmly and formulaically organize the materials, both physically and mentally.

These skills are more important than you may ever be aware of.

Essentially, you are being tested over your authority of the material, and your confidence in your authority.

One thing I have learned is how to b.s. until it led to reality, to something meaningful and worthwhile.

In a cuter phrase, I learned to "act as if" I were a scholar.

Here's a personal story of mine that taught me just how helpful acting as if could be.

About two years ago, I was dead set on becoming a filmmaker. (FYI, I've changed my mind since meeting my love and realizing that 16 hour days on a set wouldn't allow me to spend much time with him. But at the time, I was all about it.) And because I'm an open book, I had to tell everybody.

For the first few weeks, every single response was a warning. "Oh, that's really hard to do," they'd say. As if they knew. And for the first few weeks, this really pissed me off.

Didn't they know that I knew

that and was willing to try anyway? Didn't they see my ambition?

And then it hit me — they couldn't. It was my job to show them. You can't expect people to know, or even assume things about you — they won't do it.

They don't have the time (or rather, attention span) to figure you out.

The whole notion of first impressions is true, they only last so long.

And after that light bulb moment of mine, I changed my tone when I told people my goal.

No longer did I merely "want" to go to film school, I was "going" to go to film school.

No longer did I say it with a cute, girly shrug. I said it with womanly confidence.

And no longer did people not believe me. Instead of "that's hard," I got "that's cool!"

People believed me and believed in me. Why? Because essentially, I told them to.

Now that I'm checking out different career paths, every once in a while they'll still tell me how hard everything is.

Again, as if they know. No matter how easy a job could be, someone will tell you otherwise.

I've determined that these people will always be around. They're in your classes now, griping, "When will we need this junk?" right along with you.

Do not listen to them. Instead, know the struggle is worth it. Know that you can handle anything. Because what if you tell yourself that you can't? You still have to take the test!

Know that half the battle, in both finals and in life, is assuming the right amount of confidence.

This confidence, whether shown to tests or employers, will carry you where you need to go.

Act as if you are a good studier. Act as if you are a master of the material, and you will be.

## Health important to protect during 'dead,' finals weeks

**STAFF EDITORIAL**

OKLAHOMA DAILY (U. OKLAHOMA)

(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. — Even though most students probably have more assignments due today and next week than they've had due at any other time this semester, next week is the last week before finals, colloquially called "dead week."

There is no actual week free from assignments and class. That heaven will have to arrive after finals. But there is, sometimes, a "sick week," where the toll of the semester catches up to students while they're pushing sleepless nights to the max and popping No-Doz like there's only tomorrow and only a few hundred more lines of text to read, absorb and

regurgitate on an exam that will make or break an entire semester.

Too many students forget to take care of their bodies during these times, and without sounding too much like Mom, OU's lil' studiers should head into the semester's final weeks knowing that, for them to perform their best, they need to be as healthy as possible.

That means eat well. Protein in the morning is good brain food. It also means if you feel a case of the sniffles coming on, head it off at the pass with liquids, Vitamin C and other things to assist immune systems.

Try to find time to sleep, and take time out from studying (if possible) to get some exercise. It helps relieve stress.

## Budget cuts can hurt students

**EFRAIN LOPEZ  
THE BATTALION (TEXAS A&M)**

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION — As if rising tuition costs weren't enough, Congress has just passed legislation that cuts loan aid and increases costs for borrowing students.

The House and Senate have each passed their own version of deficit-reduction bills that target a wide range of government spending, the largest being student loan cuts.

Totaling about \$14.3 billion in the House version and \$9 billion in the Senate, they come largely in the form of reduced subsidies to lenders.

With added fees and interest to loans, this move hinders both students looking to borrow and those ready to consolidate after graduating. The House version in

particular, which narrowly passed 217-215 even with the opposition of moderate Republicans, has come under attack by advocacy groups and Democrats.

An area of contention involves the fees when borrowers first get a loan, an up-to-3 percent origination fee and an optional 1 percent insurance fee.

The bill phases out the origination fee through 2010 but makes the insurance fee mandatory.

Although the part about the origination fees sounds good, most lenders already waive or reduce it, making the phase-out meaningless for many.

Either way, with the now-mandatory insurance fee and gradual phase-out of the origination fee, loans will definitely be more expensive at the outset.

## NRA's newest convert: Even a hippie needs a gun

About two weeks ago, a male approximately 5 foot 9, 150 pounds broke and entered my house. (SIDE NOTE: This is funny because it is true.)

That night, or rather, early that morning, it was really, really not funny. I had just locked up the front door and the dog in the front room. My friend Lauren was watching TV in the back room.

Suddenly Jules, my roommate's seven-month-old black lab, began barking like she has mad cow, or bird flu, or mad cow and bird flu. She's growling and snapping like I never have heard her bark before.

Then we heard the coughing. Then we heard stomping. Dogs don't cough or stomp.

Lauren and I were freaking out. We grabbed butcher knives and head lamps and quickly turned on all the lights in my house.

(SIDE NOTE: For this to be funny, make sure you are picturing two women in a hallway, clutching pillows across our bodies, butcher knives in hand, wearing head lamps and pajamas.)

Finally, all the lights are on except one. The light in the front room isn't on. The switch to the light doesn't actually work — my house is old. The front room is lit by lamp light and natural window light.

We were standing in the hallway and the only barrier between him and us was the hall door. I began to call the police. In the middle of the phone call, my phone dies. I had just driven back from Austin that night and I had one bar on the phone all weekend. My phone wouldn't turn back on.

All of a sudden, the horror movie "get the hell out of there, you retard" music began to crescendo in my imagination and my head was pounding. Or maybe the pounding was coming from in my chest.

(SIDE NOTE: I have been stalked by mountain lions. I have shot a black bear at point blank range with pepper spray. I have administered CPR to a 16-year-old having a heart attack. I have never been as scared as I was that night.)

There was only a door between the man inside my house and us. Really, we didn't know there was a man in my house yet. Knives in tow, I opened the door and called the dog. She didn't come. She was trying to come, we could hear her scratching, and again it is evident she is being restrained.

She's barking again, and I peek in my front room. If anyone's there, they are not in eyeshot of the doorway. Then I see the shadowed reflection of a man in the double glass doors leading to the dining room.

The dining room doors are locked, and the hallway door doesn't lock, but since my house is old, the door sticks when slammed. We slam the hall door and run in my bedroom, slamming the door behind us. We have to buy a little time.

(SIDE NOTE: I am a pretty liberal hippie when it comes to life, a make-

**Clara Cobb**



*In my mind, I was thinking about how the man in my house could have pulled a gun on us at any minute.*

love-not-war type of girl. But I know enough about anatomy to know a butcher knife doesn't protect from a bullet. I have been an anti-hand gun person for years, mainly because they serve one purpose: to kill people. However, this has become a matter of self-defense. Damn it, this is Texas, and I'm getting a gun.)

There are only two ways out of my house, and both doors are in the front room. The windows in my bedroom are screwed shut, ironically, to help prevent someone from breaking in my window. We were so lucky my inner Boy Scout has to have a Leatherman lantern in my nightstand. I unscrewed the windows.

(SIDE NOTE: Lauren recounts this moment as the fastest she has ever seen anyone unscrew anything. Yay, adrenaline.)

We jumped out my window and now were in my backyard, where all the gates were locked, but the fence is old, rotting and falling down. We tried to break through the fence at the gate, but ultimately ended up running across a downed section into my neighbor's backyard. We pounded on the door. We have to get a phone, stat.

No response. In my mind, I was thinking about how the man in my house could have pulled a gun on us at any minute, or could have been hurting the dog or worse — he could have been finding the perfect hiding place in my house to wait until we came back and went to sleep.

We jumped the fence. Three doors down, the girls have their front door unlocked. We woke up my neighbor girl, who was sleeping on the couch and used her phone to call 911.

Dispatch tells us to wait outside for the police and return to the scene. Hell no, we weren't returning. Especially after we watched the man leave my house, literally walking out the front door.

(SIDE NOTE: \*sigh.\*) Anyway, I begin my gun classes in January. I hear that with a shotgun, I won't miss much, so for the record, I also am buying a raffle ticket from the Texas Tech Polo Club.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Lovelady fails to recognize Wal-Mart's flaws, disregard for employees

Travis Lovelady's column in Friday's *Daily Toreador*, which painted Wal-Mart in an embarrassingly sunny light, was both misleading and frightening. Mr. Lovelady shrugs off the death of "small-scale manufacturing, farming and many service industries" as if their loss is simply expected. He points out that Wal-Mart saves families money, but ignores all the jobs pushed out by Wal-Mart.

And when Wal-Mart replaces those lost jobs, it does so poorly. According to the company itself, an

average full-time worker there will make \$17,114.24 yearly. That's below the poverty level for a family of four. The average American worker, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, makes \$38,428 per year—more than twice that of the average Wal-Mart employee. It gets scarier. Of Wal-Mart's 6,000 global suppliers, 80 percent originate in China. In fact, Wal-Mart alone is responsible for 10 percent (\$18 billion) of the United States' enormous trade deficit with China. The Walton family, the richest in

the world, is worth \$90 billion. So it's giving less than one-fourth of 1 percent of your fortune still considered charitable (even if it is \$170 million)? As founder Sam Walton put it, in his ironically titled 1992 autobiography "Made in America," "Wal-Mart really is not, and should not be, in the charity business." He wrote that donated money should come from the pockets of "either our shareholders or our customers." Mr. Lovelady acknowledges Wal-Mart's shortcomings early on, but challenges the reader to "find a

company as successful as Wal-Mart that is (perfect)." So because they're "all crooked" we should just hide our heads in the sand? One has to wonder what Mr. Lovelady's interest is in defending the world's largest and richest retailer. Perhaps the "liberal" in him discovered that Hillary Clinton sat on the powerful Board of Wal-Mart from 1986 to 1992?

**Eric Braden  
A sophomore natural history and humanities major from Katy**

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CANADIAN GEESE HAVE become winter guests in Lubbock.

Senators author act creating penalties for allowing minors access to violent, sexually explicit video games

Game retailers and developers may feel the "Hot Coffee" mod's burn months after the scandal has died down. Senators Hillary Clinton and Joseph Lieberman announced Tuesday the authoring of an act aimed at imposing penalties for allowing minors to access violent or sexually explicit games. The Family Entertainment Protection Act, to be introduced during the upcoming reconvention of Congress, will audit retailers and punish them for selling Mature or Adults-Only rated games to minors. The act also will introduce an annual analysis of the

Entertainment Software Ratings Board's rating system, and it gives the Federal Trade Commission authority to investigate the incident with "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas." The ESRB re-rated developer Rockstar's game when sexually explicit content could be unlocked with the "Hot Coffee" mod. Clinton called on the FTC to investigate Rockstar after the mod was discovered, and the developer released a cleaned-up, Mature-rated version of the game after the incident. —Carlos Bergfeld/Staff Writer

Professor loses weight, keeps it off with the no-diet diet

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — When Steven Hawks is tempted by ice cream bars, M&Ms and toffee-covered almonds at the grocery store, he doesn't pass them by. He fills up his shopping cart.

It's the no-diet diet, an approach the Brigham Young University health science professor used to lose 50 pounds and to keep it off for more than five years.

Hawks calls his plan "intuitive eating" and thinks the rest of the country would be better off if people stopped counting calories, started paying attention to hunger pangs and ate whatever they wanted.

As part of intuitive eating, Hawks surrounds himself with unhealthy foods he especially craves. He says having an overabundance of what's taboo helps him lose his desire to gorge.

There is a catch to this no-diet diet, however: Intuitive eaters only eat when they're hungry and stop when they're full.

That means not eating a box of chocolates when you're feeling blue or digging into a big plate of nachos just because everyone else at the table is.

The trade-off is the opportunity to eat whatever your heart desires when you are actually hungry.

"One of the advantages of intuitive eating is you're always eating things that are most appealing to you, not out of emotional reasons, not because it's there and tastes good," he said. "Whenever you feel the physical urge to eat something, accept it and eat it. The cravings tend to subside. I don't have anywhere near the cravings I would as a 'restrained eater.'"

Hawks should know. In 1989, the Utah native had a job at North Carolina State University in Raleigh and wanted to return to his home state. But at 210 pounds, he didn't think a fat person could get a job teaching students how to be healthy, so his calorie-counting began.

He lost weight and got the job at Utah State University. But the pounds soon came back.

For several years his weight fluctuated, until he eventually gave up on being a restrained eater and the weight stayed on.

"You definitely lose weight on a diet, but resisting biological pressures is ultimately doomed," Hawks said.

Several years later and still overweight at a new job at BYU, Hawks decided it was time for a lifestyle change.

He stopped feeling guilty about eating salt-and-vinegar potato chips. He also stopped eating when he wasn't hungry.

Slowly and steadily his weight began to drop. Exercise helped.

Let the games begin: Raider Gaming League provides low-cost competition

By CARLOS BERGFELD  
STAFF WRITER

Though some gamers already have moved on to the next generation after the Xbox 360's launch, others still are trying to get the most out of the current generation systems.

The Raider Gaming League, a newly formed gaming group, held their first tournament at the Ramada Inn and Conference Center Saturday.

The tournament hosted one-on-one and two-on-two tournaments for "Super Smash Bros. Melee" and a one versus one tournament for "Halo."

Twenty-one competitors showed up for the Smash Bros. tournaments, and players had to pay \$7 to enter their first tournament and \$5 for each subsequent entry.

The Raider Gaming League is not a student organization, but as such, it does not have to abide by any rules set in place by Texas Tech.

"We like the freedom of it," said Warren Falconer, one of the two co-founders of the league.

The Raider Gaming League can offer cash prizes, whereas student organizations must offer non-monetary prizes in competitions.

Entry in the league's tournaments is open to anyone who wants to play, not just Tech students.

The league also wants to make it easier for participants by making sure players do not have to bring their own television sets, consoles and games to the competitions.

"We want to provide as much for them as possible," Falconer said.

Not being a student organization, the league had to produce all of the money to fund its first competition.

"Right now, we've lost money on this stuff, and we're trying to get to be where it's self-sustaining," said Jonathan Carruthers, the league's other co-founder.

Carruthers said if the league grows large enough to turn a profit, it would donate all funds in excess of a tournament's expenses to charity.

Carruthers, judge for Major League Gaming, said the league modeled their rule-set after the Major League Gaming rules.

"They're definitely the most balanced and competitive rule settings you can get," he said.

Winners of the tournament are posted at the league's Web site, at www.raidergamingleague.net.

Falconer said the league would track participants on the Web site with a point system to encourage competition and ongoing participation.

"It's about being competitive, but we also want people to get together and have a good time," he said.

The league plans on making tournaments a monthly event, and Falconer said the league would be open to suggestions for adding games not currently offered in tournament play.

The league had contemplated offering a few legacy titles, the original "Super Smash Bros." and "Goldeneye," in the current tournament, although there was not enough interest to merit tournament play.

Some of the Smash Bros. participants were loyal Nintendo fans, and said they were holding out for Nintendo's addition to next-generation gaming in 2006 rather than buying an Xbox 360.

"It's going to be cheaper, and it's going to have more," said Matt Handren, a sophomore from Flower Mound studying petroleum engineering. "I don't like how they're just

upgrading graphics and how fast it runs." Handren said he likes game tournaments because they are competitive and a good place to meet other gamers.

Steven Smith and Ben Vasquez, two senior architecture majors from Austin and Corpus Christi, respectively, signed up to play as a team in the two-on-two Smash Bros. tournament.

"We're both really anxious to see how we stack up against true players," Smith said.

Vasquez said he owns almost every current and legacy system, but remembers having to resort to drastic measures when he began studying at Tech so he could keep his grades up.

"I had an Xbox when it came out and had to sell it because of architecture," he said.

Interested parties can register on the Raider Gaming League's Web site for free to receive news updates and other league-related content.



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KARA HOWARD, A graduate student from Amarillo studying horticulture, and Tarrah Bell, a technician for Dr. Ellen Peffley in horticulture from Muleshoe, thresh guar out in the cotton field Thursday afternoon.

Lights

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took up the better half of Memorial Circle and the Science Quad with holiday songs. Hanging close to a stuffed animal, she talked about why the color red is the best holiday one. "It's really bright, and it's the color of Santa," Jordan said. She said this was her first time attending the Carol of Lights and one of the first times she has seen Raider Red up close. "He's funny," Jordan said. Next to Raider Red, one of main attractions for the youth who gathered on the Texas Tech campus Friday night, was the Masked Rider outlined in Christmas lights. "I think it's a great tradition, and

I'm really proud to be apart of it," Masked Rider Justin Burgin said. Burgin said it is impressive that the school would take the time to string up all the lights for something that brings the community closer together. Nikki Nordell graduated from Tech in 1998 and 2000 but still comes back for the festival every year. "This is awesome because it brings the tradition back to the university," she said. "Students who have been here before can come back for this." While Nordell stood talking about her time on the Tech campus and what she remembered of the Carol of Lights, others like Scout, stood dreaming about the day she could call herself a Red Raider. "I want to come here because my

mommy did," Scout said. Shelby Pritchard, 9, said Friday was her first trip to the Carol of Lights and everything about it was amazing, at least almost everything. "It's really awesome except there are a lot of guys here," Shelby Pritchard said. Unlike years past, the weather for the night was comfortable. The outdoor ceremony, which lasted about 30 minutes, consisted of holiday songs and a speech from Michael Shonrock, vice president of student affairs. Elizabeth Griffin, a freshman advertising major from Borger, said she liked the idea that the Carol of Lights was unique to Tech. "It's a really neat Christmas thing," Griffin said. "It's neat the school took the time to hang all the lights. They're trying to make Christmas a weeklong thing. I'm glad they did it."

Former Sept. 11 commissioners say U.S. at risk for more terror attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. is at great risk for more terrorist attacks because Congress and the White House have failed to enact several strong security measures, members of the former Sept. 11 commission said Sunday. "It's not a priority for the government right now," said the former chairman, Thomas Kean, ahead of the group's release of a report Monday assessing how well its recommendations have been followed. "More than four years after 9/11 ... people are not paying attention," the former Republican governor of New Jersey said. "God help us if we have another attack." Added Lee Hamilton, the former Democratic vice chairman of the commission: "We believe that another attack will occur. It's not a question of if. We are not as well-prepared as we should be." The five Republicans and five Democrats on the commission, whose recommendations are now promoted through a privately funded group known as the 9/11 Public Discourse Project, conclude that the government deserves "more fs

than As" in responding to their 41 suggested changes. Since the commission's final report in July 2004, the government has enacted the centerpiece proposal to create a national intelligence director. But the government has stalled on other ideas, including improving communication among emergency responders and shifting federal terrorism-fighting money so it goes to states based on risk level. "There is a lack of a sense of urgency," Hamilton said. "There are so many competing priorities. We've got three wars going on: one in Afghanistan, one in Iraq and the war against terror. And it's awfully hard to keep people focused on something like this." National security adviser Stephen Hadley said Sunday that President Bush is committed to putting in place most of the commission's recommendations. "Obviously, as we've said all along, we are safer, but not yet safe. There is more to do," Hadley said on "Fox News Sunday." Ex-commissioners contended the government has been remiss by failing to act more quickly.

Kean said the Transportation Security Administration was wrong to announce changes last week that will allow airline passengers to carry small scissors and some sharp tools. He also said the agency, by now, should have consolidated databases of passenger information into a single "terror watch list" to aid screening. "I don't think we have to go backward here," said Kean, who appeared with Hamilton on NBC's "Meet the Press." "They're talking about using more money for random checks. Terrorists coming through the airport may still not be spotted," Kean said. Kean and Hamilton urged Congress to pass spending bills that would allow police and fire to communicate across radio spectrums and to reallocate money so that Washington and New York, which have more people and symbolic landmarks, could receive more for terrorism defense. Both bills have stalled in Congress, in part over the level of spending and turf fights over which states should get the most dollars. "This is a no-brainer," said Hamilton, a former Indiana congressman.

Lust

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until you have a life experience that lets you know the difference between them, you won't know which one you are experiencing." The debatable roles of both lust and love duked it out on the Internet to see which one would draw more public attention. A google search for "lust" produced about 19 million results, while a search for "love" garnered more than 513 million results. Meanwhile, Yahoo search on "lust" gathered about 62 million results, while "love" produced more than one billion results. Derek Pope, a sophomore English major from Garland, said lust and love are two different entities whose definitions can become blurred. "Lust stems from purely physi-

cal manifestations," he said. "Love typically embodies both physical and emotional connections." Pope said many Tech students' relationships are hovering in an extended form of lust that can be easily confused with love. "A lot of times love starts out as lust," he said. On the Web site www.biomatch.com, the definition of love was summarized as "a relationship," while lust was defined as both "an eagerness to possess" and "a strong sexual desire." The definition of lust is accompanied by different punishments described according to the severity of the sin. The Italian artist Giovanni Segantini painted "The Punishment of Lust," also known as "The Punishment of Luxury" in 1891 to depict his interpretation of the sin's punishment. His painting features the souls of women floating against a snow-covered mountain background.

Of all of the seven deadly sins, the severity of lust falls in the middle of the pack, Pope said. When Charles Panati, a Greek monastic theologian, first compiled his list of eight offenses, he placed lust as the second least serious sin, with pride as the worst and gluttony as the least serious. Centuries later, when Ernst and Johanna Lehner penned "The Picture Book of Devils, Demons and Witchcraft," they associated each sin with a specific punishment it would bring. Lust's punishment was described by the Lehnners as one that the offenders would be smothered in the wrath of fire and brimstone. Pope said this punishment is unfitting in contemporary culture. "I think lust is a natural urge and suppressing it would be suppressing human instinct," he said. "There is really no need for a punishment such as that."

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ing the war was to have too few troops in Iraq. "We've made serious mistakes, and I'm frustrated by them, and most Americans are, too," McCain said on "Meet the Press." "But most Americans, I think, still appreciate that if we had some kind of premature withdrawal that the consequences would be very severe." Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Richard Lugar, R-Ind., said Bush has an uphill struggle to

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convince Americans that he can be successful in Iraq. He said civil war there is possible. "That would be catastrophic, not only for Iraq but the Middle East and for our interests," Lugar said. Some Democrats criticized Bush for not being more aggressive about troops withdrawals. Bush's former campaign rival, Sen. John Kerry said it's more dangerous for the mission to keep troops in Iraq in such large numbers. The Massachusetts Democrat has called for Bush to bring home 20,000 troops if the December elections are successful and he said Sunday that there should also be a political summit in the region immediately. Kerry said he would not have voted for the resolution authorizing war if he knew what he knows now. "They misled us and misled the nation," Kerry said.

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which gave up 578 total offensive yards to USC. But this time, Tech will be facing the Southeastern Conference's No. 4-ranked team, Alabama. When "Roll Tide" is heard throughout West Texas, offensive lineman E.J. Whitley said a couple of things come to mind. "You know, when you grow up, you always hear about Alabama football and how they're good at this and how they're good at that," he said. "But we're good too. We've got a little bit of mystique to us as well." The Crimson Tide's mystique, however, comes in the form of the nation's No. 1-ranked

scoring defense. Alabama has allowed only 10.7 points on average per game, and its pass defense gives up about 154.8 yards per game. Numbers and stats don't worry Hodges a bit, though — even Alabama's nation-best 53 postseason appearances. With a month to prepare and to think about the game, Hodges said Tech cannot allow these things to become distractions, hindering the Raiders from what they will be going to Dallas to do. "We know our job is to win the football game. It's not to go and have fun, like a reward after a hard football season," he said. "Our reward is to win the Cotton Bowl, then we can relax and have fun. Our job is one thing: Win the football game." Tech has won nine of its 11 regular season games, giving it the opportunity to earn its sixth consecutive bowl game appearance, which is something assistant coach Ruffin McNeil said he is proud of. "A lot of teams are putting the uniforms in moth balls right now, and we've been fortunate enough to be in six in a row playing," he said.

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# San Francisco no treat for Red Raiders

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (AP) — Armondo Surratt is slowly rounding into form after sitting out last year as a transfer from Miami. His San Francisco teammates are following his example.

The Dons' diminutive point guard recorded the first double-double of his career Saturday night, scoring 13 points and dishing out a season-high 11 assists to lead San Francisco to a 90-72 win over Texas Tech and coach Bobby Knight on Saturday night.

"It's coming back," said Surratt after helping the Dons snap a three-game losing streak. "It was hard sitting out. Nobody likes sitting out. I just did what I had to do."

Jerome Gumbs scored a career-high 31 points and Alan Wiggins added 20 points and six rebounds for San Francisco (2-4), which placed four players in double figures. Dior Lowhorn scored 20 points and

had four rebounds to lead Texas Tech (5-3), which saw its three-game winning streak end. All three of the Red Raiders' losses this season have come on the road.

The two teams met last year in Lubbock, with the Red Raiders winning in a blowout, 97-53. Dons' coach Jessie Evans was ejected early in the second half of that game but was on hand for the entire game Saturday and saw his San Francisco team put together its highest-point total of the season against a Texas Tech team that trailed for all but two minutes of the game.

"Since they beat us last year I've always had that in the back of my mind, regardless if we were winning or losing," Gumbs said. "I felt that we owed Texas Tech at least, not just a win, but our best game, our best energy, our best competition. I felt really embarrassed after we lost on TV over there."

The Dons, who were coming off their worst shooting performance of the season in an overtime loss to Pacific four nights earlier, shot 54.2 percent from the floor against the Red Raiders and made 13 3-pointers.

"It was a good win for us," Evans said. "When you play hard and play smart, you're rewarded. The last three games we didn't play with the effort that was needed. We got that addressed."

Gumbs scored 17 points in the first half when San Francisco took a nine-point lead. The Dons' senior forward hit five of his first six shots from the floor and finished the game 12-for-19 from the floor.

San Francisco led 65-58 with nine minutes left to play in the second half when the Dons went on a 15-2 run to take control for good. Gumbs started the run with a 3-pointer off an assist by Surratt, then following a 3 and a dunk by

Wiggins, the duo teamed up again. This time Surratt fed Gumbs cutting through the key for a layup that gave San Francisco its largest lead of the game at 80-60.

"When our shooters get warm, it's on," said Surratt, who injured his elbow early in the second half but stayed in the game. "We just had to run our offense, swing the ball and get everybody touches."

San Francisco began the second half with a 7-2 run to open a 14-point lead on Texas Tech, which struggled shooting from 3-point range. The Red Raiders missed nine of their first 13 3's and trailed 49-35 with 17:54 left to play.

Texas Tech cut the deficit in half two minutes later then pulled within 53-49 on a short jumpshot by Dior Lowhorn with 14:09 remaining.

The Red Raiders couldn't sustain the momentum, though, and Gumbs' 3-pointer with 8:23 began San Francisco's game-clinching run.

"The difference in this game tonight was really apparent to us," said Knight, who was denied in his bid for career win No. 860. "USF came to win a basketball game and we came to play a basketball game. That was a huge difference."

Playing before its largest home crowd of the season — in large part due to the presence of Knight — San Francisco opened the game with a 15-6 run against the Red Raiders. Dominic Ingerson and Gumbs combined for three 3-pointers and Surratt dished out five assists in the first six minutes to ignite the Dons' early run.

San Francisco, which shot just 28.6 percent from the floor in a 75-71 overtime loss to Pacific on Monday, was 16-for-30 from the field in the first half against Texas Tech.

The Red Raiders trailed most of the

first half but closed within 29-27 on a pair of free throws by Dazzmon Thornton with 5:53 left. Texas Tech went cold from there, missing four of its next six shots which allowed the Dons to take a 42-33 halftime lead.

**BOX SCORE**

**TEXAS TECH (5-3)**  
Zeno 9-16, 1-1, 19, Martin 0-1, 0-0, 0, Lowhorn 7-11, 6-8, 20, Jackson 2-8, 5-6, 11, Dora 3-9, 0-0, 7, Coffman 1-3, 0-0, 3, Buttell 0-1, 0-0, 0, Voskuil 1-2, 0-0, 3, Thornton 1-2 3-4 5, Prince 1-3 2-2 4. Totals 25-56, 17-21, 72.

**SAN FRANCISCO (2-4)**  
Ingerson 5-11 0-0 15, Surratt 5-13, 0-0, 13, Gumbs 12-19, 3-4, 31, Wiggins Jr. 7-9, 5-7, 20, Wallace-Carter 3-5, 5-6, 11, Shiller 0-1, 0-0, 0, Cavic 0-1, 0-0, 0. Totals 32-59, 13-17, 90.

## Double-overtime loss to Lady Lions could drop Lady Raiders from Top 25

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Courtney Molinaro scored on a breakaway layup and hit three key foul shots, and Kamela Gissendanner finished with 34 points, helping Penn State overcome big shots by Erin Grant and beat No. 24 Texas Tech 78-72 in double overtime on Sunday.

Romana Vynuchalova also hit two late foul shots as the Lady Lions (3-3) pulled away in the second overtime after squandering a 13-point lead in regulation.

After a desperation 3-pointer by Texas Tech's Judith Smith bounced off the rim as time expired, the Lady Lions raised their arms and exchanged hugs at center court.

Grant hit a layup with 3:16 left in the second overtime to give Texas Tech (2-5) a 65-63 lead. But Penn State rallied behind the play

of Molinaro and Gissendanner.

With 32 seconds remaining, Gissendanner grabbed a defensive rebound, then found Molinaro for a layup to give Penn State 75-70 advantage.

Texas Tech is in danger of falling out of the Top 25 for the first time since 1992.

Grant tied the game at 46-all with 3 seconds left in the regulation on an off-balance jumper from the free throw line, then tied it again at 59-all in the first overtime with a desperation 3-pointer from the right wing with time expiring. She finished with 28 points and hit all 14 of her foul shots.

Alesha Robertson scored 19 points and LaToya Davis finished with 18 points and 13 rebounds for Texas Tech.

Adrienne Squire had 11 points and 13 rebounds for Penn State.

## Cowboys blow shot at division lead

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys no longer have first place or control of their destiny.

Squandering a chance to take command of the NFC East and sweep the season series from their biggest threat in the division, the Cowboys lost to the New York Giants 17-10 on Sunday to burden the pursuit of their first division title in seven years.

First place now belongs solely to the Giants (8-4), whose victory put them one game ahead of the Cowboys (7-5) and handed Dallas its first back-to-back losses of the season.

"We're at a disadvantage now," said Cowboys coach Bill Parcells, whose team entered the game trying to shake off an overtime loss to Denver on Thanksgiving. "We've got some tough games coming up. If we don't play better than we did today, we're not going to do anything."

The Cowboys, whose last NFC East title came in 1998, face an uphill battle in the division race with four games left. They face Kansas City at home and are at Washington and Carolina before finishing the regular season at Texas Stadium against St. Louis.

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7 AM	Jay Jay	Today	Early Show	Believers Voice	Good Morning America (HD)	Jack Hanna
:30	Caillou	This venerable morning show is TV's longest-running daytime series.	Clay Aiken performs. Also: Adam Rodriguez.	Life Today		Sabrina
8 AM	Bears			Awesome Adv.		Roseanne
:30	Barney			Paid Program		Roseanne
9 AM	Dragon Tales			Judge Mathis	Tony Danza	Martha
:30	Arthur			Paid Program		
10 AM	Sesame Street	Regis & Kelly	Price Is Right	Judge Joe	The View	Tyra Banks
:30				Judge Joe		
11 AM	Mister Rogers	Jeopardy!	Young and the Restless (HD)	Judge Hatchett	Paid Program	Starting Over
:30	Teletubbies	Jeopardy!		Paid Program		
12 PM	Home Time	News	KLBK 13 News	Jerry Springer	All My Children	Access Hollywood
:30	Love of Oiling	Days of Our Lives	Bold & Beautiful			People's Court
1 PM	Scrapbook		As the World Turns	Paid Program	One Life to Live	
:30	Zoom	Passions	Guiding Light	Eye for an Eye	General Hospital	Judge Alex
2 PM	The Lions	Inside Edition	Paid Program	Paid Program		Dorcas Court
:30	Reading					
3 PM	Buster	Oprah Winfrey	Mauri	Just Shoot Me	Montal "Medical Horrors"	Ellen DeGeneres
:30	Cyberchase			Becker		
4 PM	Clifford	Dr. Phil	Judge Judy	That '70s Show	Geraldo	Fox 34 News
:30	Arthur		Judge Judy	Malcolm	Insider	First@Four
5 PM	Maya Miguel	News	KLBK 13 News	Access Hollywood	News	Malcolm
:30	Nightly Business	Nightly News	Evening News	Family Feud	World News	Simpsons
6 PM	NewsHour with Jim Lehrer	News	KLBK 13 News	Family Feud	News	Friends
:30	Newshour with Jim Lehrer	Wheel Fortune	Who Mill.	Extra	Entertainment	Raymond
7 PM	Antiques Roadshow	Las Vegas "For Sale by Owner"	King of Queens	One on One	Wife Swap "Pyke/Smith"	Arrested (HD)
:30			How I Met (HD)	All of Us (HD)		Kitchen (HD)
8 PM	Las Misiones: The Missions of Texas	Las Vegas "Down and Dirty" (HD)	Two & a Half Men (HD)	Out of Practice	Half & Half (HD)	Nanny 911 "Mauckone Family"
:30			CST: Miami "From the Grave"	Wife and Kids	Wife and Kids	
9 PM	TX Court	Medium (HD)		Wife and Kids		Fox 34 News@Nine
:30			KLBK 13 News	That '70s Show		
10 PM	Nightly Business	News	KLBK 13 News	That '70s Show	News	Seinfeld
:30	Charlie Rose	(35) Jay Leno (HD)	(35) David Letterman (HD)	King of Hill	Fear Factor	Seinfeld
11 PM	BBC World	(35) Conan O'Brien (HD)	(35) Late Late Show	Paid Program	(35) Nightline	Friends
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# No glitch: BCS comes through with pairings

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A perfect championship game, a classic coaching match up and Notre Dame.

The Bowl Championship Series couldn't have asked for more — a glitzy lineup with little for critics to gripe over. Only Oregon has a case to complain, as the Pac-10 has a 10-1 team left out of the marquee bowls for a second straight season.

"I certainly understand that there are teams that are not in these four games that have had a great seasons, as we have every year," BCS coordinator and Big 12 commissioner Kevin Weiberg said Sunday. "I must say that there's a lot of consensus that we have quality matchups among highly regarded teams in this year's BCS games."

Southern California and Texas, the only unbeaten left in Division I-A, will decide the national title in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 4.

Major college football's two winningest coaches, septuagenarians Penn State's Joe Paterno and Florida State's Bobby Bowden, will meet in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3.

The Fighting Irish are back in the BCS after a five-year absence. Charlie Weis' team faces Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 2.

The relocated Sugar Bowl will be played in Atlanta on Jan. 2 after being chased from New Orleans by Hurricane Katrina, making it a quick and familiar trip for Southeastern Conference champion Georgia and

its fans to the Georgia Dome. The Bulldogs (10-2), who won the SEC title by beating LSU in the Georgia Dome on Saturday, meet Big East champion West Virginia (10-1).

The BCS has been hammered in the past for putting the wrong teams in its championship games. Two years ago, USC got left out and college football ended up with a split title, just what the BCS was created to avoid. Last season, the problem was too many unbeaten teams, and many felt Auburn should have played USC for the championship instead of Oklahoma.

The other common complaint is the BCS doesn't create compelling matchups beyond the title game. Well, it all worked out for this season. Even before a bowl game is played, the BCS can declare victory.

Sure, anyone could tell you that Texas and USC should be playing for the championship. But remember, in the pre-BCS days of college football the two superpowers would be going separate ways for the postseason.

Before the BCS brought all the major conferences together in 1998 to make a 1 vs. 2 matchup to end each season, a Pac-10 champion, such as USC, had to play the Big Ten's best

in the Rose Bowl.

"Anytime we have a matchup that is widely lauded as being a great matchup in the championship game, you can really see the benefit of a system like this in which through the bowls we're able to bring together the No. 1 and 2 ranked teams that oth-

erwise wouldn't have come together through the (old) bowl system," Weiberg said.

Now the Trojans (12-0) and Big 12 champion Longhorns (12-0) can determine which team is best in the Granddaddy of Them All.

USC has won 34 straight games and will be looking to make history with an unprecedented third consecutive national title. The Trojans could make Heisman Trophy history as soon as they run an offensive play in the Rose Bowl.

Reggie Bush is the front-runner to win the Heisman when it's handed to play each other in the Orange Bowl last season.

USC and Texas, two of the sport's most storied programs, have played four times but not since 1967. The Trojans are 4-0 against UT.

Bowden (359 victories) and Paterno (353) have combined for 712 career victories, ranking first and second in Division I-A. They've coached against each other seven times, but only once since Bowden has been at Florida State. The Seminoles beat the Nittany Lions 24-17 in the 1990 Blockbuster Bowl.

When Big Ten champion Penn

State (10-1) and Atlantic Coast Conference champ Florida State (8-4) face off in the Orange Bowl, Paterno will be 79. Bowden will be 76.

"I hope it doesn't come down to where it's Bobby Bowden and Joe Paterno because he can't run and I run slower," Paterno said.

In his rookie season as Notre Dame coach, Charlie Weis has the Fighting Irish (9-2) in the BCS for the first time since they lost the 2001 Fiesta Bowl 41-9 to Oregon State. They automatically qualified for a spot by finishing sixth in the BCS standings.

While some complain that Notre Dame has bulked up this season on a weak schedule — only three wins over winning teams — and gets too much credit for a 34-31 loss to USC, the Fighting Irish are college football's No. 1 drawing card. They will receive a payout of more than \$14 million.

Ohio State (9-2) out of the Big Ten was assured of an at-large bid by finishing fourth in the final standings released Sunday.

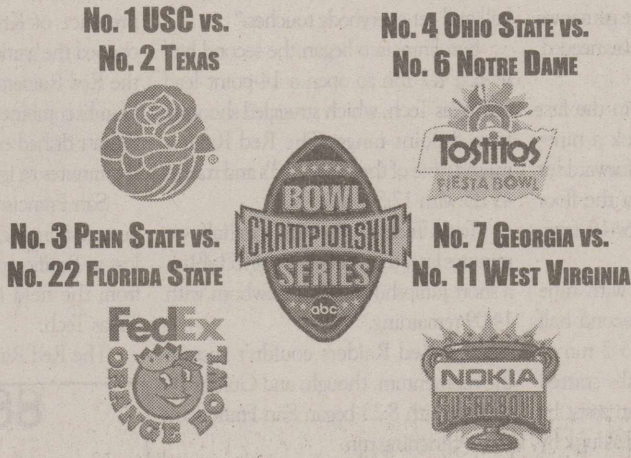
That left no room for Oregon, which had a better record than both the Buckeyes and Irish and lost only to USC.

Last season, California was 10-1 but got bumped out of the Rose Bowl by Texas, a slight that caused an outcry from the Pac-10 and elsewhere.

The Ducks won't get as much sympathy this season.

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  8. MIAMI (.704)
  9. AUBURN (.675)
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  11. WEST VIRGINIA (.640)
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  13. ALABAMA (.454)
  14. TCU (.446)
  15. TEXAS TECH (.429)
  16. UCLA (.369)
  17. FLORIDA (.306)
  18. WISCONSIN (.302)
  19. LOUISVILLE (.262)
  20. MICHIGAN (.258)
  21. BOSTON COLLEGE (.245)
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## BIG 12 BOWL MATCH-UPS

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DEC. 23  
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4 P.M., ESPN

**MASTERCARD ALAMO NEBRASKA (7-4) vs. MICHIGAN (7-4)**




DEC. 28  
SAN ANTONIO  
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**PACIFIC LIFE HOLIDAY OKLAHOMA (7-4) vs. OREGON (10-1)**




DEC. 29  
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.  
7 P.M., ESPN

**INDEPENDENCE MISSOURI (6-5) vs. SOUTH CAROLINA (7-4)**




DEC. 30  
SHREVEPORT, LA.  
2:30 P.M., ESPN

**EV1.NET HOUSTON IOWA STATE (7-4) vs. TCU (10-1)**




DEC. 31  
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**AT&T COTTON TEXAS TECH (9-2) vs. ALABAMA (9-2)**



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### STUDENT COTTON BOWL TICKET SALES INFORMATION

Texas Tech announced the sale of student tickets for the Cotton Bowl will go on sale this week.

Members of the Red Raider Club will be allowed to purchase tickets Thursday while all other students will have the opportunity Friday.

Tickets will be sold through the Tech Athletics Ticket Office which is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5p.m., Monday through Friday. No phone calls in efforts to purchase tickets will be accepted.

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EZEKEL YOUNG, 3, and Mariah Bugge, 4, talk to Santa Saturday morning at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of Covenant Lakeside.

## Breakfast to remember

By ANNE GEPPORD  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

As the bulbs flashed and pictures were printed one after another, Santa continued to smile Saturday morning, as Covenant Health System put on a breakfast with Santa.

While Santa may have been the main attraction for the children, the ability to raise money for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit was the main attraction for Covenant Health System.

Pam Brock, whose daughter is a nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, brought her three nieces to see Santa.

Breakfast with Santa was a good way to incorporate two activities into one, she said.

"It was a good way to help the units and have fun with the kids," Brock said. "For \$10, that's a good deal."

Makaly Coleman, Brock's 3-year-old niece, said the best part of the day was seeing Santa.

"I had fun," she said, after asking Santa for a Barbie monster truck. "I like Dora. Dora's my favorite."

Stacey Cole, a nurse in the unit, said the turnout for the event, in its first year, consisted mostly of hospital employees, current patients and former patients.

"We do a lot of fundraising throughout the year," she said.

The money raised will go to purchase equipment for the unit as well as supplies that will benefit newborns, she said.

More than 100 people attended the event, said Bethany Bingham, a junior nursing major from Amarillo and a volunteer at the patient information desk.

"I know it's raising a lot of money for the

NICU," she said. "It attracts so many kids. All the kids were excited, which drew the parents in, which drew the money in."

As the children ran around the room at Covenant Lakeside with their balloons and stuffed animals, Bingham said their excitement level was contagious.

"I'm just glad they're having a good time," she said. "This is probably their first experience with Santa this season. They're all really excited."

Bingham began volunteering at Covenant in September.

"I want to be a pediatric nurse, so I wanted to get some experience with the kids before I go to nursing school," she said. "I get to be around a very diverse group of people and very diverse situations. It's kept me more on track than anything else. I see what a difference people like that can make."

## Brad daddy: Pitt to adopt Jolie children

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Brad Pitt is seeking to become the adoptive father of Angelina Jolie's children, the actor's publicist announced Friday.

A legal petition seeking to change the names of the children to Zahara Jolie-Pitt and Maddox Jolie-Pitt was filed Friday in Los Angeles, publicist Cindy Guagenti said in a written statement.

"We are confirming that Brad Pitt is in the process of becoming the adoptive father of both children," the statement said.

"No further comment is being made."

The couple has been romantically linked since the filming of "Mr. & Mrs. Smith."

For months, rumors have been circulating about the extent of Jolie's off-screen relationship with Pitt. Photos published in the July 11 issue of People magazine show Jolie standing near her English estate, while Pitt rides a dirt bike with Maddox, four. Other photos show Pitt, Jolie and Maddox at Luton Airport outside London.

Both children were adopted by Jolie. Zahara is just under one year old.

Pitt and Jennifer Aniston announced their separation in January and Aniston filed for divorce in March, citing irreconcilable differences. The divorce became final in October. Pitt, 41, has denied Jolie, 30, was the reason for the split.

## P. Diddy 'makes a wish' come true

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Sean "Diddy" Combs made a surprise visit to Chris Evert's charity tennis tournament to meet a teenage cancer patient.

For Chalton Keen, 17, of Sunrise, Fla., who has been fighting for two years a cancer that creates tumors in her muscle cells, Saturday's visit was a dream come true.

Chalton, a patient at the Chris Evert Children's Hospital at Broward General Medical Center, met Combs through the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Ava Keen, Chalton's mother, said her daughter cried the whole time. The meeting lifted the teen's spirits as she and her family prepared to travel to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota to undergo tests for a possible bone marrow transplant.

"I was just so choked up, she was so excited," Ava Keen said.

Evert's annual event has raised more than \$13 million to fight drug abuse and help neglected and abused children in south Florida.

Comedian Jon Lovitz, supermodel Frederique Grosjean, NBC news anchor Stone Phillips, singer Michael W. Smith and actor Alan Thicke also attended the event.

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