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Lady Raiders knock down free throws late to knock out Nebraska at home.

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Tech student, Dallas Cowboy team up on 'Wheel of Fortune'

STATE

E-mails show Perry's handling of Katrina

HOUSTON (AP) — A collection of e-mails from Gov. Rick Perry's staff and administration during the state's initial response to the influx of Hurricane Katrina refugees reveals concerns about security and bickering among local officials, as well as discussion of protecting Perry's image.

The e-mails were released to the *Houston Chronicle* under the state's Public Information Act.

Kathy Walt, Perry's spokeswoman, told the newspaper the correspondence, issued between Aug. 28 and Sept. 4, doesn't capture the intensity of those moments after thousands of Louisiana and Gulf Coast residents streamed into Texas after Katrina hit in August.

The first wave of refugees landed in Houston and Perry's staff felt security was quickly deteriorating at the Astrodome, where many were housed initially.

"I have real concern developing about lawlessness breaking out in Texas as a result of our generosity," Walt wrote. "We need to make certain we do not exceed our ability to provide necessities for those we are agreeing to take."

NATION

1779 war portrait sells for \$21.3M

NEW YORK (AP) — Charles Willson Peale's full-length portrait of George Washington on the American Revolutionary War battlefield fetched \$21.3 million at auction Saturday, setting a world record for the sale of an American portrait, Christie's auction house said.

"George Washington at Princeton," signed and dated 1779 by the Revolutionary period's premier portrait artist, was one of eight full-length portraits of Washington painted by Peale between 1779 and 1781. It was the only one known to be in private hands.

Art dealer C.L. Prickett purchased the painting. Christie's had said earlier it was expected to fetch \$10 million to \$15 million.

It was offered as part of a collection of American furniture and arts from Natalie Knowlton Blair, who with banker husband J. Inslay Blair bought the painting in 1919. Knowlton Blair died in 1951.

The entire collection sold for \$32.3 million.

WORLD

Morales sworn in as Bolivia's president

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — Leftist coca grower Evo Morales, a fierce critic of U.S. policies who helped topple two of his predecessors in deadly street uprisings against Bolivia's ruling elite, was inaugurated Sunday as the nation's first Indian president.

The former llama herder and leader of Bolivia's coca growers union raised his fist in a leftist salute just before he swore to uphold the constitution during the ceremony in the ornate Legislative Palace.

Morales wept and bowed after he was presented with the yellow, red and green presidential sash — the colors of the Bolivian flag. Outside, tens of thousands of people, led by brightly dressed Indians, cheered and blew on cow horns as fireworks crackled overhead.

They then sang the national anthem amid shouts of "Evo! Evo!" in support of Morales, a farmer's son who has promised to lift one of Latin America's poorest countries out of misery.

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Rallies mark Roe v. Wade anniversary

By JUSTIN M. NORTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Thousands of abortion opponents shouldering signs with slogans such as "Peace Begins in the Womb" marched in protest of the 33-year-old Roe v. Wade decision, while abortion rights supporters along the march route waved clothes hangers and shouted "Bigots go home."

The dueling protests — marking Sunday's anniversary of the Supreme Court decision — reflected the growing tension at a time the makeup of the high court is about to change with Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's retirement.

"It's a crucial time," said abortion rights

supporter Carol Norris, 43, who joined the counter-protest in San Francisco Saturday. "We have (Judge Samuel) Alito poised to be on the Supreme Court, and he's clearly an anti-choice person."

On the other side, college student Laura Arnold, 20, of Pleasanton, Calif., marched with her mother opposing abortion, saying: "We're here to stand up for the babies that don't have a voice."

"I know so many girls who did it and they are hurting every day of their life," Arnold said.

The Supreme Court handed down its decision in Roe vs. Wade on Jan. 22, 1973, and

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A 33-YEAR-OLD CONTROVERSY

CASE NAME: *Jane Roe, et al. v. Henry Wade, District Attorney of Dallas County*
DECIDED: Jan. 22, 1973

BACKGROUND: Attorney in Austin sued to overturn the Texas abortion laws on behalf of Norma McCorvey, an unmarried pregnant woman in Texas. The name "Jane Roe" was used to protect McCorvey's identity. Texas laws at the time made it illegal to have an abortion unless it was to protect the health of the mother.

DECISION: The court ruled 7-2 to strike down Texas' abortion laws.

REACH OF DECISION: Established that most laws against abortion violate constitutional rights to privacy.

OPPOSITION TO ROE: The pro-life camp believes the decision strays too far from the Constitution and violates the life of a fetal human.

SUPPORT FOR ROE: The pro-choice camp believes the decision preserves a woman's personal freedoms and equality.

CURRENT SITUATION: A chance to overturn or uphold Roe may come available for new Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts and nominee Samuel Alito.

Source: Wikipedia (wikipedia.org)

Discovering the 'New' World



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FROM LEFT, VICTOR Grafe, a senior music major from Albuquerque, N.M., learns about the history, culture and traditions of Lebanon from Bassil El-Masri, a range management graduate student from Salima, Lebanon, and Bilal Bissat, a sophomore electrical engineering major from Beirut, Lebanon, during the New Year's around the World celebration at the International Cultural Center Saturday afternoon.

Cultural Center hosts event to showcase worldly resilience

By MASRUQUE ALI
STAFF WRITER

"The whole world, under one roof, on one platform." That was the first reaction that people experienced as they walked through the halls of the International Cultural Center on Saturday.

With more than a dozen countries representing their culture and heritage, the ICC was packed with people from different nationalities and races. With a showcase of colorful and exuberant performances from various parts of the world, the crowd experienced many different cultures at the same time.

While the international communities present at the event said the event brought them closer to home and rejuvenated their emotions for their native lands, other spectators they were amazed to see so many unique cultures — cultures they never experienced or even

thought existed.

Sharon and Jim Beauchamp, both of Lubbock, said that is exactly what they felt.

"It is truly a unique feeling to see and experience so many diversities at the same time," he said. "It is a really special moment for us, to meet people from different cultures and from backgrounds and heritages."

The event was organized by the Diversity Leadership Council from Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, the Office of Student Affairs and the Center for Campus Life.

Called the "New Year's Traditions: Taking Pride in the Resilience of Culture," the event showcased several countries from the Far East to the West.

The event began with a performance of the Chinese Lion Dance and a martial arts demonstration from the Chin Woo Association.

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Remains found aren't those of missing locals

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

The remains found in Kent County more than a week ago do not match any of the missing persons from Lubbock, officials said.

Chief Deputy of the Lubbock Sheriff Department said Texas Department of Public Safety informed them about the remains not belonging to anyone missing from Lubbock.

"The Texas Rangers told us we have no part," Scarborough said. "It is not anybody from our county."

Kent County does not have any missing persons cases. The remains were found on an abandoned farm at the bottom of a well Jan.

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Tech students don't fear al-Qaida attacks

By MATTHEW EARLE
STAFF WRITER

Last week, Osama bin Laden warned in an audiotape that his fighters are preparing new attacks on America. In his issued warning, bin Laden also issued a semi-truce toward the American people saying President Bush doesn't share the same sentiments about the war in Iraq as the American people.

A sampling of Texas Tech students seems to indicate that there is little concern for another attack.

Joey Gamez, a senior political science major from San Antonio, said there is no reason to worry.

"I'm not really scared living in Lubbock," Gamez said. "I'm pretty sure bin Laden

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Icon of religion in Lubbock becomes official Texas landmark

By MICHELLE CASADY
STAFF WRITER



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FATHER JIM O'CONNOR, left, accompanied by the Knights of Columbus, reads the plaque dedicating St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church as a Texas landmark during the unveiling ceremony Friday afternoon.

From the baptism of Peggy Sue to the spiritual guidance of thousands of Texas Tech students, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church has been a part of the Lubbock community for more than 70 years.

Friday afternoon St. Elizabeth's incurred the status of becoming a recorded Texas historic landmark. In order for a structure to earn this title, it must meet the following specifications: The properties must be historically and architecturally significant and the building must be at least 50 years old.

David and Kae Hentges, who have

been members of St. Elizabeth's for 25 years, said they are pleased with the naming if the church as a recorded Texas historic landmark.

"I think it is wonderful and appropriate to be recognized in such a manner," he said.

Kae Hentges said the process the parish went through to obtain Texas historic landmark status was not complicated.

"One of our members filled out the paperwork then went to the Bishop to get permission," she said. "He said yes and so then we got the ball rolling."

Naming a building as a recorded Texas historic landmark is the highest honor the state can bestow on a

historic structure.

Bishop Placido Rodriguez spoke on the church's history at the ceremony.

"Since the beginning of this church, with its roots in Blanco canyon, St. Elizabeth's has served its purpose. Solid doctrine has been taught. Lives have been changed," he said. "We are honored, we are humbled and we have been blessed."

Rodriguez said the church was started in 1935 as a result of the new Texas Technological College, which was nearby, and growing rapidly. He also said the first build-

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Phishing, Dumpster divers add to rising identity theft rates

By **HEATHER BLACK**
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Identity theft of all kinds has become a growing problem in the United States, but provisions are being made to avoid this problem from recurring.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, the number of identity thefts per year is rising. Close to 10 million Americans had their identity stolen last year. There was \$5 billion in losses for businesses and \$47.6 billion in total personal losses. To make up for these losses, businesses have to raise prices on consumer products.

Kyle Moody, a graduate student in pedology and a personal fitness and wellness instructor, was a victim of identity theft 1 1/2 years ago.

"My identity was stolen and I still haven't gotten things back to they way they were before it happened," he said. "They destroyed my credit and that has taken the longest to rectify."

Moody believes the person who stole his wallet to retrieve his personal information was part of an identity-stealing ring.

He said the person opened a utilities account with TXU Energy and racked up \$2,000, got into his existing SBC account and put \$500 on that bill, and opened Circuit City and Best Buy credit cards and charged up to \$5,000.

"Two bills got sent to a collection agency which is what

made my credit plummet," Moody said.

Identity theft can occur in many different ways. Phishing occurs when people use fake e-mails or telephone calls to obtain personal information and use it illegally.

Dumpster divers look through people's trash to find any information from addresses to account numbers to steal their identity.

Banks are beginning to use two-factor authentication to help prevent phishing, but some customers believe it is a hassle because it requires them to take an extra step, according to www.internetweek.com.

Banks have until the end of 2006 to implement a new system that will incorporate more than using a password to get into online banking. This seems to be vital because the Anti-Phishing Working Group found that 85 percent of the 14,000 unique phishing attacks in August were directed against customers of financial institutions.

Bank of America has unveiled SiteKey, in which an image familiar to the customer appears on the screen when one signs on to online banking to let the customer know the Web site they are going to is a legitimate Bank of America Web site.

"This system recognizes unknown computers if it is a different computer from which you initially signed up for SiteKey," said Mary Castillo, assistant banking center manager for the Bank of America on 19th Street and University Avenue. "It provides an extra measure for Bank

of America customers to help prevent fake Web sites or illegal account activity."

According to www.internetweek.com, other options for online security include card readers, which generate a password when a card is entered.

Tokens are key-sized devices that plug into a computer's USB port when trying to access online banking, while biometrics are an ID based fingerprints or retinal scans. Another option, mutual authentication, allows the customer and Web site to provide information a thief wouldn't know.

Donny Carpenter, a graduate student in personal financial planning, said he believes no one is safe from identity theft.

"Victims range from newborns to elderly," he said. "The biggest target range is ages 18 to 24 because their credit history isn't set up, and it is easier to set up new credit."

Carpenter also is a member of the Red to Black, a student organization that gives free financial counseling. All counselors are highly trained personal financial planning graduate students who can give students financial advice and aid them in which steps to take when identity theft occurs.

For people who believe their identity has been stolen, there are certain steps to take according to the Federal Trade Commission. First, contact the three fraud departments, Experian, TransUnion or Equifax and place a fraud

alert on credit reports. This tells creditors to contact the person before big changes are made on existing accounts or opening new ones.

Next, close the accounts that have been illegally accessed. File a police report with the local police and get a copy of the report to give to creditors. File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission. It keeps a database of all identity theft crimes which helps them to learn more about the issue to better assist victims in the future. People also can log onto the Red to Black Web site and click on the "identity theft" link at R2B@ttu.edu for more information.

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TOP 10 STATES FOR ID THEFT
Though people always should be aware of the presence of identity theft, some states appear to be more worrisome than others.

1. California	6. Pennsylvania
2. New York	7. Georgia
3. Texas	8. Michigan
4. Florida	9. New Jersey
5. Illinois	10. Ohio

Source: Federal Trade Commission

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14, according to media reports. Kent County is located southeast of Lubbock County. Joanna Rogers and Jennifer Wilkerson are two missing persons from Lubbock County. Both have been missing for almost two years and remain a high priority, officials said. The remains found in the well in Kent County do not belong to either of these two women, Scarborough said.

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Roe v. Wade
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abortion has been legal in the United States ever since. But efforts to restrict or outlaw the procedure have been just as enduring; 34 states have passed laws requiring parents either to be notified or to give consent when their underage daughters seek abortions. Roe is a pseudonym for Norma McCorvey of Dallas, who has since gone public and in 1995 switched to opposing abortion. Last year, the Supreme Court declined to hear her request to overturn her own case.

"Abortion rights have been slowly whittled away while we haven't even been looking," said Kitty Striker, 22,

who decorated her hair with small coat hanger replicas for the counter-protest. "That's what's so shocking and so scary to me." Many abortion opponents said they were heartened by President Bush's choice of Alito to replace O'Connor, a moderate who was often the court's swing vote. Alito's refusal during his confirmation hearings to agree with assertions by Democrats that Roe v. Wade was "settled law" upset abortion rights activists. The largest abortion demonstration was expected Monday in Washington, D.C., where anti-abortion activists planned to converge on the mall to hear speakers supporting their cause and march on the Congress and Supreme Court. At the San Francisco protest, Archbishop Michael Regan of St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Concord, Calif., spoke. "You do get the impression that there isn't anyone here for the right to life, but look around," he said.

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Researcher explains study that found 50 percent of students not proficiently literate; Tech students react

By DANIELLE NOVY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

A recent study found roughly one-half of the students attending a four-year college or university do not have a firm grasp on comprehending written language.

The study, which was financially back by the Pew Charitable Trusts, tested the literacy levels of nearly 2,000 students from a pool of 80 public and private colleges across the nation.

The bottom line of the research was that while 50 percent of those enrolled in a four-year college and about 75 percent

of those enrolled in a two-year college did not have proficient literacy skills, though the average college student still received higher scores than the average American adult.

Additionally, there was no sig-

nificant difference in the literacy of students educated in a public institution compared with students schooled in a private university.

Each individual's measured literacy level was categorized into one of four groups: below basic, basic, intermediate and proficient, according to the National Survey of America's College Students Web site, www.air.org.

Because the majority of students fell short of landing into the "proficient" category, researchers are beginning to speculate the cause of their recent discovery.

Justin Baer, a co-author of the study and senior researcher, said an interesting finding of the survey was the broad gap between the literacy levels of different races that extended into the domain of higher education.

"There is a general idea that the

gap can close when students reach college, but the gap didn't close," he said. "Whites are still doing better on the literacy tests."

Baer said such results raise pressing questions for educators, presenting them with a new horizon of challenges.

"The study raises issues for colleges," he said. "Perhaps the assumptions that colleges have about how prepared students are should be questioned. Perhaps entering students aren't as prepared as colleges think they are."

Baer said one constructive discovery the survey unearthed was that the variety of courses each student maps out for themselves has an impact on their literacy level.

"Students who take courses where they are challenged and forced to think analytically had higher literacy than the students who didn't have that coursework," he said.

In the aftermath of the study, a new series of questions have crystallized, he said.

"Why are students who are taking analytical courses doing better?" he said. "The next step is to try to answer the 'why' question."

Wanda Ramirez, a retired language

arts teacher from Albuquerque, N.M., said she believes a strong base in the English language starts in elementary school.

"To improve literacy in college students and adults, you have to start by fulfilling a child's needs at a young age," she said. "It comes down to learning to enjoy reading."

Gaby Guerin, a junior architecture major from Austin, said although she agrees with the study's statistic that about 75 percent of two-year college students have below-proficient literacy skills, the figure lumping half of four-year college students into the sub-par category sounds exaggerated.

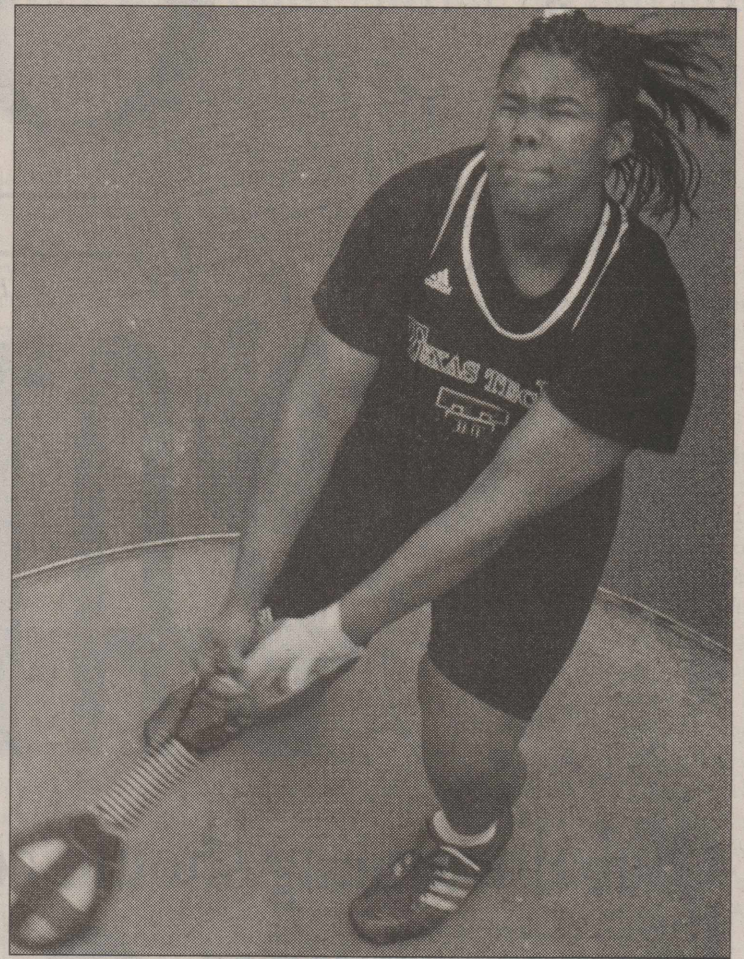
"I don't think four-year college(s) make 50 percent of the entering students take remedial English," she said.

Guerin said one possible key to improving literacy levels across the nation is to start by improving graduation percentages so schools could in turn receive larger grants.

For more information, visit the Web site, www.air.org.

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TURN AROUND



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PATIENCE KNIGHT, A freshman wildlife management major from San Antonio, competes in the weight throw Saturday morning at the Texas Tech athletic training center.

Senators tour campus and 'see what Texas Tech is all about'

By KATIE KINNEY
STAFF WRITER

Lubbock senators Robert Duncan and Steve Ogden visited Texas Tech Jan. 19, to take a tour of the campus' facilities.

"During the legislative off-session, senators have a tendency to brief themselves on what education institutions are doing in their district," Tech President Jon Whitmore said.

He said the senators were interested in the research facilities offered at Tech.

"The senators visited some of our new research facilities, including our new Experimental Sciences Center and also our southwest library collection," Whitmore said.

Whitmore said Duncan was hosting senator Ogden, who is from Bryan, located near Texas A&M University.

He said they toured the campus for about two or three hours to look at the different buildings Tech offers.

"The senators were here to see what Texas Tech is all about. They met some of our faculty that deal with our research facilities and talked to them for awhile," Whitmore said.

The senators' visit came after

Gov. Rick Perry's visit to the campus a few weeks ago. Perry came to the Frazier Alumni Pavilion to begin his gubernatorial re-election campaign, but Whitmore said it was not the first time he has paid a visit to Tech.

"When Rick Perry visited the campus last fall, he was finding out more about Texas Tech and what it has to offer," Whitmore said.

Whitmore said that part of legislation is education. Members of the Texas Legislature have to find out more about education facilities. He also said that almost all senators, in their off-session, visit their local education institutions. This explains why Duncan and Ogden came to Tech.

"They wanted to find out about the university, talk about building with state dollars and see how state money for building is being used to fund the new Experimental Sciences building," Whitmore said.

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ing was built after signing an \$18,700 contract to begin construction.

By June 23, 1939, St. Elizabeth's was named the parish church for Lubbock.

The church, just like the college, has experienced growth over the past 70 years.

"When we realized we were outgrowing the building we were in, and were trying to decide if we should build a new building, we had to promise the parish we wouldn't tear this one (the 1935 section with recorded Texas historic landmark status) down," Kae Hentges said. "If we would have wanted to tear the old building down, no one would have supported the building of a new building. We love that old church."

Several church members said the building still is used for daily mass and special occasions such as weddings and funerals.

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Member of the Texas House of Representatives, Delwin Jones was also present at the ceremony.

"Our youth are the future and with this structure as a basic symbol of those who have had faith we can see now what faith can produce," Jones said.

County Commissioner Ysidro Gutierrez made closing remarks.

"It is wonderful to know what has brought so many joy, happiness, and community in the past will now be

remembered so far into the future. This church was built by missionaries and visionaries of the past and is being preserved by the visionaries of today," he said.

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church is located at Main Street and Avenue W. The sign declaring the church's recorded Texas historic landmark status is stationed outside the original building facing Main Street.

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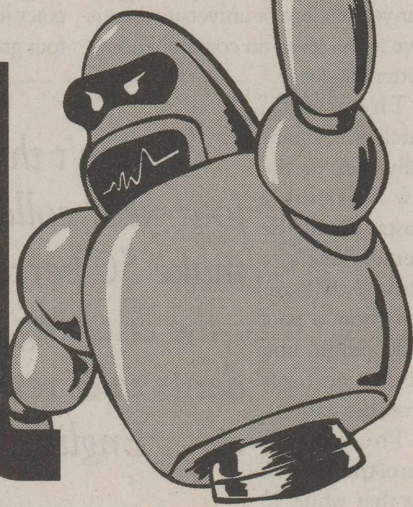
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Global warming should concern Bush Environmental problems overstated

Everyone has her or his favorite winter ritual. For many Red Raiders, it is the Carol of Lights, while others anticipate a ski weekend with friends. The reason I eagerly await the winter every year is that with the snowfall comes the opportunity to throw snowballs at the Traffic and Parking officials while they administer tickets on campus.

My buddies and I delight in pelting them with slushy projectiles to avenge the fines we've paid while they cover their heads swearing and yelling they are just doing their job.

However, as January rapidly draws to a close with no more than a hint of snow, it seems that I may have to forgo my annual season of vengeance. Though it might be jumping the gun to attribute this to global warming, it is difficult not to make the connection when reflecting on the warmer-than-normal winter that most cities in Texas experienced.

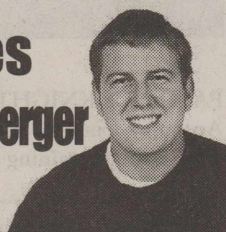
There is little question the temperature of planet Earth is rising. During the past century, the average temperature of Earth has increased by a degree and twice that in arctic areas. The sea level has risen seven inches. These changes might seem slight, but they can worsen the severity of hurricanes, floods, heat waves and the extinction of animals.

Additionally, it is predicted that the Earth's temperature could increase by another four degrees in the next century and eight to nine degrees in arctic areas.

According to the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 2001 assessment, "There is new and stronger evidence that most of the warming observed over the last 50 years is attributable to human activities."

However, other environmental science experts such as Dr. Fred Singer of the University of Virginia believe the rise in temperature is part of a natural cycle of the earth. He and other opponents of the IPCC's reports do not believe global warming will significantly harm the environment, the gross domestic product of the U.S. and

James Hershberger



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other nations will go down significantly if industry is limited.

Politicians seem to be more convinced by the IPCC than by Singer and his colleagues. Bipartisan efforts are being launched to convince President Bush of the direness of global warming.

Wednesday was the celebration of the Environmental Protection Agency's 35th Anniversary. At the reception in Washington, D.C., six former heads of the EPA, five Republicans and one Democrat, called on President Bush to take action against global warming. They agree that global warming is real and should be taken seriously.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., are attempting to put global warming on Congress' agenda despite the objections of the fiscal conservatives in Congress.

Bush has yet to take a hard stand in defense of the environment. Instead, he has continually prioritized the economic interests of the U.S.

In 2003, he proposed the Clear Skies Initiative whose deceptive name actually allowed more toxic emissions into the atmosphere.

The White House refused to sign the Kyoto Protocol, a plan to reduce the amount of major greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide that most other major countries agreed to. The Bush

administration defended the decision by stating that the protocol would severely damage the U.S. economy.

I do not believe we should dismantle the industrialism of the U.S., but it is nothing short of foolish to not take any action. I am dismayed Bush and the corporations that most strongly influence him turn a blind eye to what is happening in the environment. Maybe Dr. Singer is right, but if he's wrong and we do nothing, then we may cause irreparable harm to the atmosphere. If nothing is done, we may seal the fate humankind.

The Bush administration should limit the greenhouse gases we emit. According to the British Broadcasting corporation, the U.S. is responsible for 25 percent of the world's carbon dioxide emissions, compared to Britain's three percent.

It is irrational for Bush not to reduce this number at all. He should create an initiative to counter the Clear Air Act that actually does promote cleaner air (he could call it the "filthy air initiative").

We owe those who will inherit the Earth a reasonably clean planet. Bush should shake the corporate monkeys off of his back and do what is right. He has committed to protecting the nation from threats of terrorist groups, but what about the threat that we have caused ourselves? It is better to be safe than sorry and do what we can to reduce global warming.

For the moment, the White House has done little more than acknowledge that global warming might exist. Until that changes, the temperature of Earth will continue to increase while Tech's traffic and parking remain safe from my icy wrath.

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Trey Caliva



Shoddy computer models, reckless science and unfair international treaties should not be the basis of environmental policy in the U.S. To solve any problem, you must first have one.

the end of a dramatic cooling trend (known as the "Little Ice Age"), which ended in the early 1800s.

Starting in 1895, the United States has documented and charted climatological data. Again, despite having decent records from before the turn of the past century, those numbers are ignored or incorrectly read.

Since 1945 the annual mean temperature in Dallas has increased one degree. Roswell, N.M., has seen a rise of less than one degree during a period of more than 100 years, and the city of San Antonio has gone from a mean annual temperature of 68.4 degrees Fahrenheit in 1895 to 67 degrees Fahrenheit in 2005. How do you explain the discrepancies in those numbers?

Large cities such as Dallas, Los Angeles, New York and Miami all experienced dramatic growth throughout the times for which data exists. The most logical cause behind temperature increases in those larger cities is simple. They have more people, which in turn allows for less open space and vegetation in a city.

Solar radiation bearing down on a concrete and asphalt-filled city is certain to absorb more

heat than a small town in the country. That effect, sometimes referred to as the urban heat island, would more than explain the mean temperature increases that show up on climate data.

For their next set of data to prove global warming, scientists use long-range climate models in order to effectively determine future Earth climates in say, 50 to 100 years. Computer models have difficulty pinpointing how much precipitation you might receive four days from now. Are we going to base U.S. environmental policy on nothing more than an educated guess? I'd certainly hope not.

You may ask yourself, why can't we just lower our production of greenhouse gases anyway, to be a good sport and model country. The Kyoto Accords, an international treaty created in 1997, sought to do just that. But there was a problem with the treaty.

It was unfair to U.S. interests and not strict enough on two of the world's top polluters, China and India. Both countries received exceptions due to their status as developing nations. So the major backbone of Kyoto was expected to be the United States.

Fortunately, the treaty never has come before a vote in the Senate and received lackluster support from the Bush administration. President Bush's main opposition to the treaty is that it would stifle the U.S. economy. Estimates range from \$300 to \$500 billion in lost revenue due to industry in America having to conform to Kyoto standards.

Shoddy computer models, reckless science and unfair international treaties should not be the basis of environmental policy in the U.S. To solve any problem, you must first have one. Years of scientific research will one day unravel the intricate complexities of global climate. Until then, it should be business as usual.

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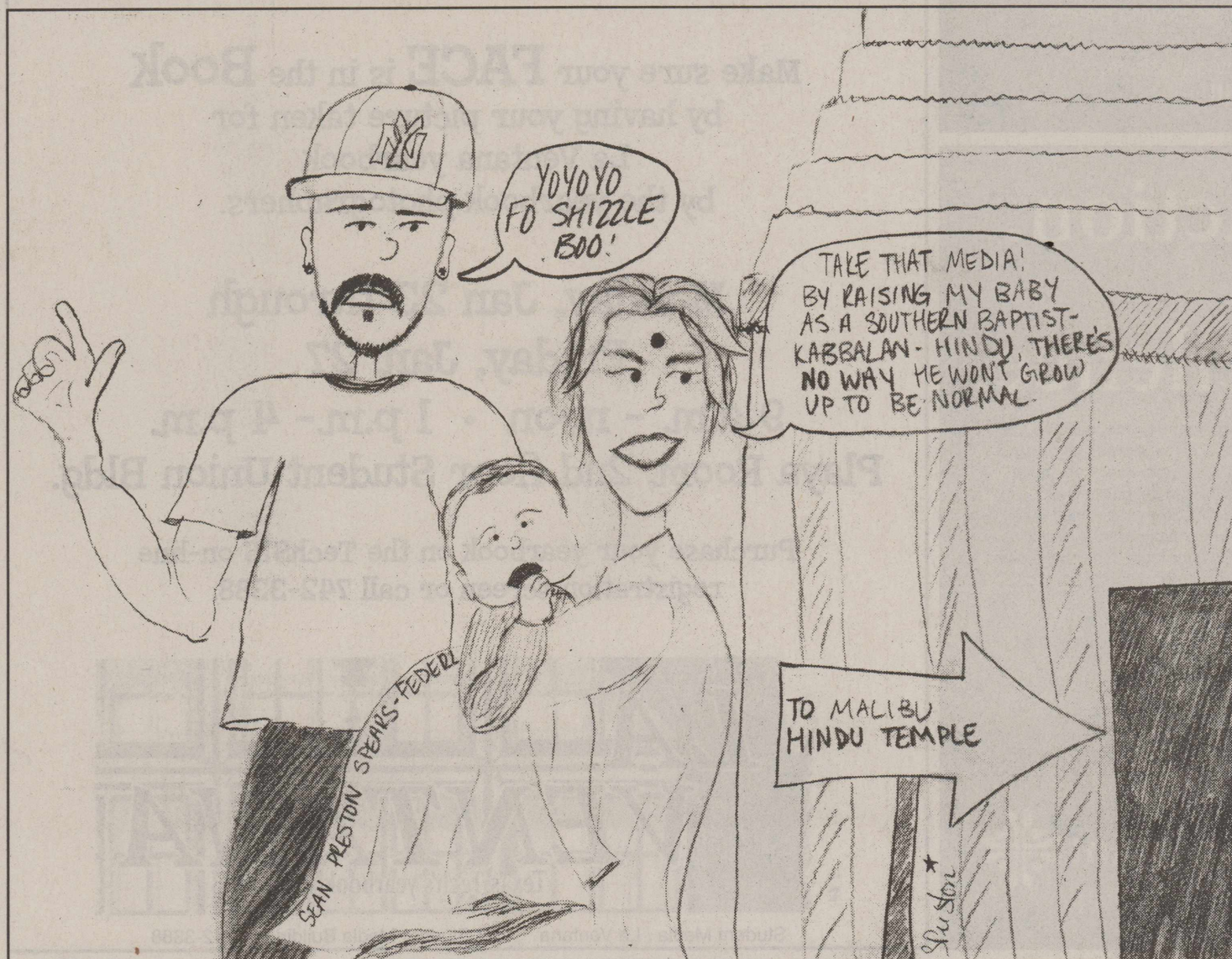
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Global warming is the after effect of greenhouse gases, notably carbon dioxide, that are released into the air. When these gases become trapped in our atmosphere, they inhibit solar radiation for leaving the Earth's surface, effectively creating a greenhouse of insulation around the planet.

The main unanswered question is what effect global warming is having on the planet currently and in the future.

Proponents of climate change caused by global warming frequently talk about a rise in the mean temperature in recent years. Their arguments are so flawed and skewed in favor of the environmental lobbies that it's nearly impossible to extract the pure science from it.

Most global warming supporters' claims casually ignore that Earth's mean annual temperature has steadily increased since



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Fears

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doesn't know of Lubbock." A truce was issued with no apparent conditions, and Gamez said it should be considered. "A truce could be good because it would save American lives," he said. Many of these threats and warnings have been issued before. Experts say that these threats are used mainly for propaganda techniques to disrupt the American way of life. The Bush administration fully agrees and has kept the national terror alert stable at Code Yellow, which means an elevated risk of attack is possible. The last time the alert was raised was in July 2005, in response to the terrorist attacks on the London subway. No such attack occurred after the raise of the national terror alert. This issue raised little alarm for Tech students. Amber Smith, a music graduate from California, sees little reason for concern. "No, I'm not worried, because bin Laden can try to attack us all he wants," Smith said. "If it happens it happens, and we can only learn from it." Most students feel genuinely safe living in Lubbock. Lubbock is not a major metropolitan city and that comforts most students' feeling of security. Jeff Justice, an academic program adviser for history and political science, said he believes there is little reason to worry. He said terrorism has been around for centuries, it

is a propaganda technique that is aimed at disrupting the way of life. "The messages have been basically repeating messages for the past couple of years," Justice said. "This isn't anything we haven't seen before." Though Justice stresses people to stay calm and vigilant, he said students shouldn't be in a false sense of security. Terrorism can happen anywhere and anytime, which doesn't exclude Lubbock, he said. People need to re-evaluate what safety really means, Justice said, and if a student sees anything out of the ordinary they should report it to the police. Justice was quick to point out that students shouldn't overlook something that has been a new cause for concern, domestic terrorism. "There have been acts of terrorism that have been perpetrated by Americans or Canadians," Justice said. "The Y2K scare, where suspected terrorists were planning an attack came through Canada. We also can't forget the Oklahoma City bombing." Justice said people should be more wary of homegrown terrorists, not just foreign terrorist groups. A recent CNN-Gallup Poll showed that most Americans have come to the same consensus as the Tech population. With 51 percent of people believing it is unlikely terrorists will strike in the United States in 2006. Forty-five percent believe an attack is likely. In a similar poll, 27 percent of Americans said they believe bin Laden will be captured or killed in 2006, while 68 percent of those surveyed said they believe it is unlikely.

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Calls for safety overhaul gather steam after deaths of 14 miners in W. Va. coal mines

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — In death, 14 West Virginia coal miners have achieved something that just a month ago seemed an unlikely goal: Labor, industry and lawmakers are united in demanding that a dangerous subterranean occupation be made safer. Hours after the bodies of two missing miners were found Saturday in Aracoma Coal's Alma No. 1 mine at Melville, Gov. Joe Manchin and West Virginia's congressional delegation called for a major overhaul of state and federal mine safety laws. Both the National Mining Association and the United Mine Workers of America said Sunday that they, too, will press for change. "This is a time for all of us who share responsibility for mining safety to come together and look for ways to make mining safer," said Carol Raulston, spokeswoman for the National Mining Association in Washington. "We have made dramatic improvements over the last 15 years, but there's more to be done." The bodies of Don I. Bragg, 33, and Ellery "Elvis" Hatfield, 47, were found Saturday, two days after a conveyor belt caught fire inside the Alma mine in southern West Virginia. Their deaths came just weeks after a Jan. 2 mine explosion that led to the deaths of 12 other miners exposed to carbon monoxide inside the Sago Mine in the northern part of the state. UMW president Cecil Roberts said Congress and state legislatures must take steps to ensure existing regulations are strictly enforced. "We must also develop new initiatives that will give every miner a vastly improved chance to walk out of a mine after an accident, alive and well and safe in the arms of their loved ones," he said. A Senate Appropriations subcommittee schedules hearings on mine safety Monday, and Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., who chairs the Senate Health Education Labor and Pensions Committee, which oversees mine safety, also planned a hearing. Nationally, there were 22 mine deaths in 2005, a record low. Three of those were in West Virginia, the nation's second-largest coal producer. Manchin said he would ask West Virginia lawmakers on Monday to pass three bills being written over the weekend to improve rapid response to mine emergencies and set up electronic tracking technology for lost miners and reserve oxygen stations underground. He also plans to meet with federal lawmakers in Washington. "We must put into place commonsense proposals like these that will provide improved safety and security for miners and their families," said Sen. Jeff Bingaman, a Democrat from New Mexico, which has the nation's fifth-largest underground coal mine by tons produced. If Manchin's effort results in federal action, it could be the third time that a West Virginia tragedy has had nationwide ramifications. The Mine Health and Safety Act was written a year after a 1968 explosion at Farmington that killed 78 miners, including Manchin's uncle. Federal laws governing the construction of mine drainage settling ponds were adopted after 125 people were killed when an impoundment gave way in 1972 and flooded communities along Buffalo Creek, less than 20 miles from the Alma mine. "When people get mad, they're more likely to do something," said Sen. John Rockefeller, D-W.Va., who was with Manchin when the families of the Alma miners were told the men were dead. "When I go back to Congress ... what's happened at Sago and what's happened here, there's got to be a lot of mad people."

Cultures

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Later visitors saw performances such as an energetic belly dancing performance from the representatives of the Tunisia. "This is an incredible for us to represent our nation and an even more valuable chance to be exposed to so many different cultures," said Ayman Hamouda, a doctoral student studying pharmacology, from Gaza, Palestine. "We want people to be aware of what is going on around the world and broaden their outlook towards the international community." On the other side of the wall was Ola-Olu-Wa Adepoju, a petroleum engineering major, representing his native land of Nigeria. He said the event is particularly significant to him as an international student. "The event is significant not only to let people know about the different cultures around the world but also promote tourism," he said. "I am trying to give people the right and accurate picture of my country, so that not only would they have a better image about it, but also think of making travel plans to my native land in the near future." Visiting displays and stalls of different countries from around the world, there was one common statement and

request from each one of them. While most of them wanted more opportunities as such to represent their country, others stressed other international communities to showcase their different cultures and traditions in future events. Dinesh Ekanayake, a mathematics major from Sri Lanka, said she believes students should represent their countries. "We as international students should take up these opportunities to represent our motherlands," she said. "Not only can we promote our culture but we can also learn a lot of new things from different cultures as well."

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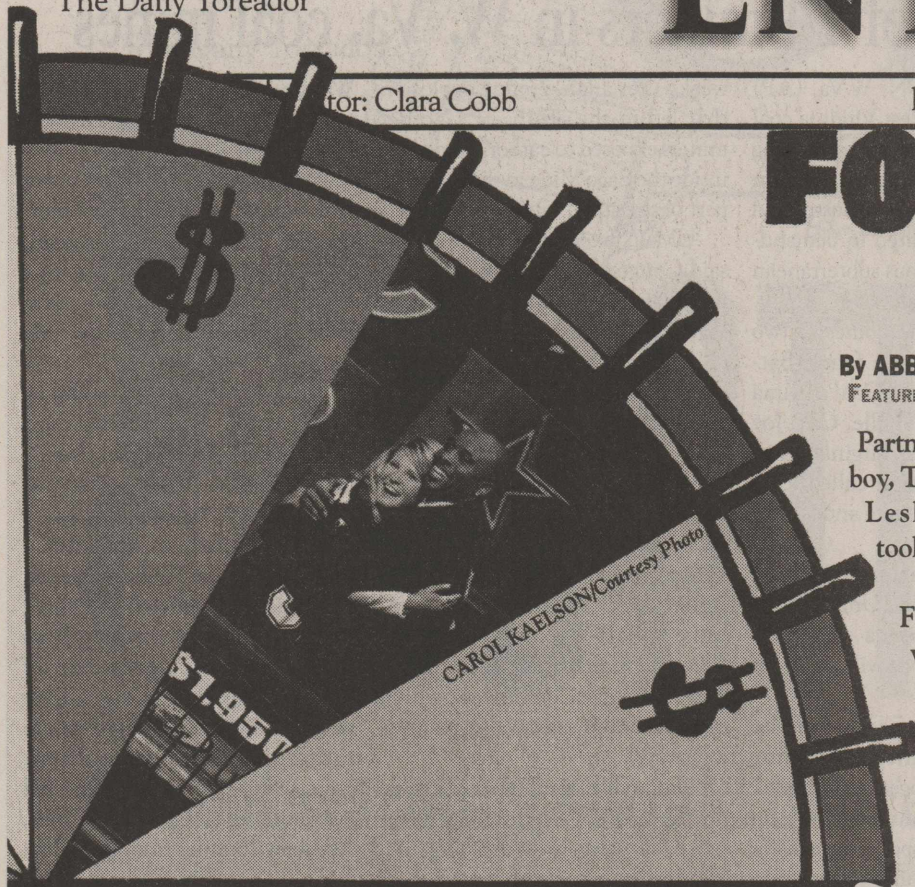
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FORTUNATE FAN

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Partnered with a Cowboy, Texas Tech senior Leslie Brockman took the wheel. Brockman, from Flower Mound, was chosen to play on the 10th Annual NFL Players Week edition of "Wheel of Fortune."

Rupa Mohan, publicity coordinator for the "Wheel of Fortune," said it pairs the players with a fan from their hometown. Brockman played with Dallas Cowboy safety Roy Williams.

"We look for people that have good enthusiasm and are energetic and are good puzzle solvers, and a lot of times college students fit that description," Mohan said.

This show is one of "Wheel of Fortune's" best shows because people love seeing their favorite players, she said, and money goes to the player's charity.

"It is definitely a viewer favorite," Mohan said.

According to the "Wheel of Fortune" Web site, the charity Williams played for is the Roy Williams Safety Net Foundation. This charity provides single mothers in the Dallas area with support, guidance and resources.

Williams not only was willing to give money to charity, but Brockman said he also was willing to give her money.

"Roy offered me a \$1000 if we didn't win any money on the show," Brockman said.

The football contestants, Williams, Deion Branch and Marshall Faulk, were all nice, she said, and treated the contestants like they were old friends.

Brockman said Williams and Branch were joking around with each other the whole time we were on set.

"They were just talking smack to each other before the game,"

she said.

The most intimidating thing about being on the show was not meeting the football players, Brockman said, but being in front of a 1,500-person studio audience.

"(NFL players) are use to being in front of thousands and thousands of people all the time, I'm not," she said.

Besides the audience size, there were many things about the set that appear different than they do on TV, Brockman said. The wheel itself is actually only five feet in diameter, and it is very heavy.

"I had to have (Roy) spin it 'cause it wouldn't go anywhere if I spun it," she said.

The infamous Vanna White however, looked as pretty as she does on the screen, Brockman said.

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Anything you can do: Female athletes play at National Girls and Women in Sports Day

By **ABBY STONE**
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Texas Tech had its own celebration of the National Girls and Women in Sports Day on Saturday when it hosted girls and their mothers to a day of sports and fun.

Robyn Bucy, a Tech volleyball player, said this day is important because they get to be role models for

girls and to promote activity.

"I think it just shows them the importance of getting out and exercising," Bucy said. "I think that is our main goal."

She said another one of their main goals was to stress how important it is to excel in school.

"We've reached a high level of both athletics and academics," Bucy said. "We are just able to teach these

girls what it takes to get there."

Vice Provost Elizabeth Hall said these days are important because there was a time when women were shunned for doing any sort of physical activity.

Hall said she believes the enforcement of the Title IX law is the reason woman's sports are becoming more and more equal and accepted.

According to the U.S. Depart-

ment of Labor Web site, Title IX states no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Hall said attitudes have changed through time, but the passing of the law is one of the main components

of the attitude change regarding women's athletics.

According to the National Girls and Women in Sports Day official Web site, the U.S. Congress chartered the day in 1986 to honor female and athletic achievement and to recognize the importance sports and fitness has in the lives of all women.

The official date of this day is Feb. 1, however, Betty Blanton, associate director of recreational sports at Tech, said Tech celebrates it on a day when the Lady Raiders have a home game.

Although the Lady Raiders are in season and were unable to participate in the earlier events of the day, Blanton said every girl who participates, as well as their mother, gets a ticket to the Lady Raider basketball game the

night of the event.

"So, in a way they are also involved," she said.

The whole day is a collaborative event between Rec Sports, the women's athletics teams and the exercise sports science department, Blanton said.

"The volleyball team and the soccer team and the tennis team will all be working with the girls at the event," Blanton said.

This was a time for girls and their moms to spend together, she said, and for them to realize that activity is important for all women of all ages and sizes.

"We want them to get active and stay active," Blanton said.

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After each segment of this 22-minute show, White would go back to her trailer and freshen up, Brockman said. "I swear that woman doesn't age, she said. "I swear she doesn't."

Brockman said that they put make-up on Williams as well, but mostly lip balm because he said he didn't want to ruin his manly image.

The make-up staff was not the only crew hard at work during the taping.

The show has a contestant staff that teaches the contestants how to play the game, she said, but everything they said went in one ear and out the other when the tapes started rolling.

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Tech Track

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"That is the first time that three of the four girls ran that race this season," Polk said. "So to finish so close to a good TCU team in our first race together is great."

Polk said it will take a couple of meets for the team to be in full race shape. But once the team reaches its full potential the relay team should be tough to beat, Polk said.

"Last year, we finished second at the indoor championships, but we got disqualified because someone stepped out of her lane," she said. "But that was the second fastest time ever in that building."

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Kittley said while the Big 12 will be a tough conference, his team is showing a lot of potential early in the season.

"The Big 12 Championships are still about five weeks away," Kittley said.

The Tech track and field team will travel to New Mexico Thursday for a three-day competition.

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Tech Track has record meet Lady Raiders harvest 'Huskers

By JAY LANGLEY
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Texas Tech track and field coach Wes Kittley said it's too early to tell how good his team will be by the time the Big 12 and NCAA Championships roll around. But one thing Kittley knows is at least four of his men will compete in the 2006 NCAA Indoor Championships.

"It is so early, it is unreal," Kittley said. "The team is about where I would like them to be. But the hurdles team has been spectacular."

As part of Friday's Wes Kittley Invitational and Saturday's Wes Kittley six-way, the Tech men qualified two athletes in the 55M

hurdles.

Saturday, Shawon Harris, a junior from Abilene, went on to run a 7.30, a school record.

"I don't run to break records," Harris said. "I am just trying to stay focused, and improve my technique and speed."

At Friday's Wes Kittley Invitational, Marlon Odom set a new personal best with a run of 7.33, also good enough to provisionally qualify for the NCAA Championships. Harris and Odom join Daryl Burgess as 55M hurdle qualifiers for the championships in March.

Harris said competition among teammates is a motivating factor.

"All five of our main hurdlers are real competitive," he said. "We have a friendly competition. We definitely like to talk to each other before races. But it is all to hype each other up."

Senior Bobby Most won the pole vault at the six-way with

a jump of 17-3/4 becoming the fourth men's athlete to qualify for the NCAA's in just three meets.

In the men's 4X400M, the Red Raider's team of Harris, Bryan Scott, Zach Glavash and Michael Mathieu ran to a first place time of 3:11.24, .05 ahead of second place Texas Christian University.

"That was a great race," Kittley said. "It's good for those kids to have to get in a war like that and compete."

Kittley said the 4X400M relay team will improve with the return of senior Andrae Williams on Thursday.

The women's 4X400M team of Patricia Mayers, Louise Cox, Althea Chambers and Tori Polk finished second to TCU with a time of 3:42.61. Polk, an All-American in the outdoor long jump, said she is proud of the women's relay team.

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By TRAVIS CRAM
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp said she was happy to be back on the sideline to lead her Lady Raiders against Nebraska Saturday after missing Wednesday's game against No. 16 Oklahoma.

She also was glad to see her team hit some free throws when they needed them.

Tech (8-8, 3-2 Big 12) hit only five field goals in the second half but sunk 11 of 12 free throws in the final six minutes to hold onto a 61-59 win over Nebraska.

Senior LaToya Davis led the Lady Raiders with 25 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for her 10th double-double of the season.

Junior Alesha Robertson had 16 points for Tech, connecting on four shots behind the three-point line in the game.

Sharp said the team now has won three home games by a total of five points, and that this is what she and her team will have to expect to see through the rest of the season when battling for a win in the Big 12.

"I think every time you play you have to expect this type of game," she said. "I guess this is how the Big 12 is going to be all year."

Davis hit two free throws with 54 seconds left in the game to give Tech a two-point lead.

Nebraska (10-7, 2-4 Big 12) called a timeout to put together a

play, but Kiera Hardy missed an open three to give Tech the ball back with a little more than 30 seconds left.

Tech ran down most of the clock, but Erin Grant missed a jump shot from the free throw line to give Nebraska another chance with 19 seconds left.

Hardy had a game-high 26 points for the 'Huskers, connecting on four three-pointers, but could not find enough to hit the last shot of the game giving the Lady Raiders the win.

"I'm a shooter," Hardy said. "I wanted to try and win it."

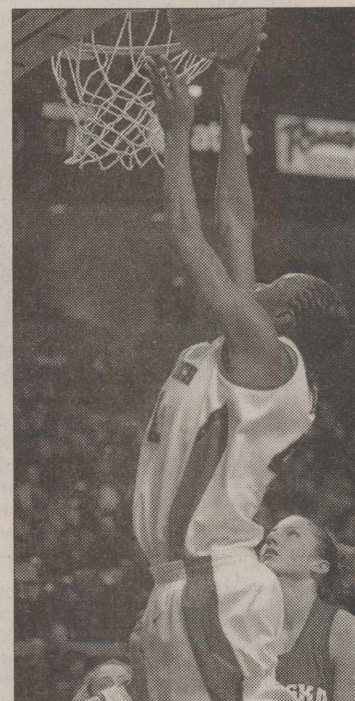
Nebraska quickly took a 9-2 lead in the first five minutes of the game but allowed Tech to open up their perimeter shooting after crowding Davis and center Erin Myrick inside the lane.

Robertson and junior Brooke Baughman combined to hit four three-pointers and help Tech take its first lead after a 16-4 run.

The Lady Raiders would go up by seven at the half, hitting 51.7 percent from the field and holding Nebraska to 38 percent. That would all change in the second half.

Sharp said the 'Huskers did a good job of recognizing what Tech was doing and that was the biggest difference in the lack of shooting in the second half.

"They changed their defense against us," she said. "Every time the basketball went in to the wing, there were three people crowding LaToya



COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH SENIOR forward LaToya Davis notches two of her 25 points in the Lady Raiders' 61-59 win over Nebraska Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

(Davis) in the paint, and that took away a lot of the baskets that we had in the first half."

Nebraska's defense held Tech to 20 percent shooting in the second half and a 15-8 run put the 'Huskers back in the game, taking a five-point lead with three minutes remaining in the contest.

But fouls allowed Tech to get to the charity stripe and get the last 11 points the Lady Raiders would need to take the game.

Nebraska coach Connie Yori said she did not want to take anything away from Tech, but knows her team could have won it.

"We let the game slip away," she said. "You've got to make one of those plays in the end and we let it slip away."

Tech moves into a four-way tie for fourth place in the Big 12 and has two games on the road against Oklahoma State (7 p.m. Wednesday) and Missouri (1 p.m. Saturday) before returning Feb. 1 to the United Spirit Arena to face Texas.

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