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Lady Raiders still hard to beat at home.

QUOTABLES

"I expected them to cut every piece of red tape, do everything they could ... that I didn't want to hear anybody say that we couldn't do everything they humanly could to respond to this. ... Because I knew in my gut this was the bad one."

Former federal disaster chief Michael Brown, testifying about the federal relief effort after Hurricane Katrina. (AP)

"I wish I was here in better circumstances. When I first put in my petition, I said I believed I'd be 100 percent by time the Olympics came around. But yesterday, after going on ice and feeling stiff ... I don't think that I can be 100 percent. I respect the Olympics too much to compete and I don't feel I can be at my best."

U.S. figure skater Michelle Kwan, speaking in a news conference after withdrawing from the Turin Olympics because of a grain injury. (AP)

STATE

Cheney accidentally shoots fellow hunter

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney accidentally shot and injured a man during a weekend quail hunting trip in Texas, his spokeswoman said Sunday.
Harry Whittington, 78, was "alert and doing fine" after Cheney sprayed Whittington with shotgun pellets on Saturday at the Armstrong Ranch in south Texas, said property owner Katharine Armstrong.
Armstrong said Cheney turned to shoot a bird and accidentally hit Whittington. She said Whittington was taken to Corpus Christi Memorial Hospital by ambulance.
Cheney's spokeswoman, Lea Anne McBride, said the vice president was with Whittington, a lawyer from Austin, and his wife at the hospital on Sunday afternoon.

NATION

Fossett breaks nonstop flight distance record

MANSTON, England (AP) — Adventurer Steve Fossett completed the longest nonstop flight in aviation history with an emergency landing Saturday, flying 26,389 miles in about 76 hours but stopping early because of mechanical problems.
Ground control said Fossett, 61, broke the airplane distance record of 24,987 miles while his lightweight experimental plane was flying over Shannon, Ireland.
Generator problems then forced him to land the Virgin Atlantic Global Flyer at Bournemouth International Airport in southern England instead of at a military air strip in nearby Kent.
The millionaire adventurer completed his nonstop journey around the globe — and then some — over 3 1/2 days.

WORLD

Conan wants reward for election help

HELSINKI, Finland (AP) — Conan O'Brien, who endorsed the re-election of Finnish President Tarja Halonen with mock ad campaigns, said Saturday he expects to be rewarded with a Cabinet position as inspector of saunas.
Hundreds of fans welcomed the American talk show host on Saturday to a freezing Helsinki, the capital of the land of the saunas — only two weeks after Halonen, 62, secured a second six-year term as Finland's first female president.
The quirky, self-deprecating O'Brien said he will ask "Tarja" for a Cabinet position when he meets her Feb. 14.
"I'd like to be the inspector of saunas, mostly women's saunas," he said.

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Alleged drunken driving crash kills Tech student

DRIVER CHARGED: Erin Nicole Reagan charged with intoxication manslaughter Saturday.

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

A drunken driving incident involving a Texas Tech student and an allegedly drunken driver led to one fatality early Saturday morning on West Loop 289.
Twenty-one-year-old Amber Menefee was killed when her vehicle allegedly was struck by Erin Nicole Reagan's vehicle. Reagan allegedly was driving her vehicle on the wrong

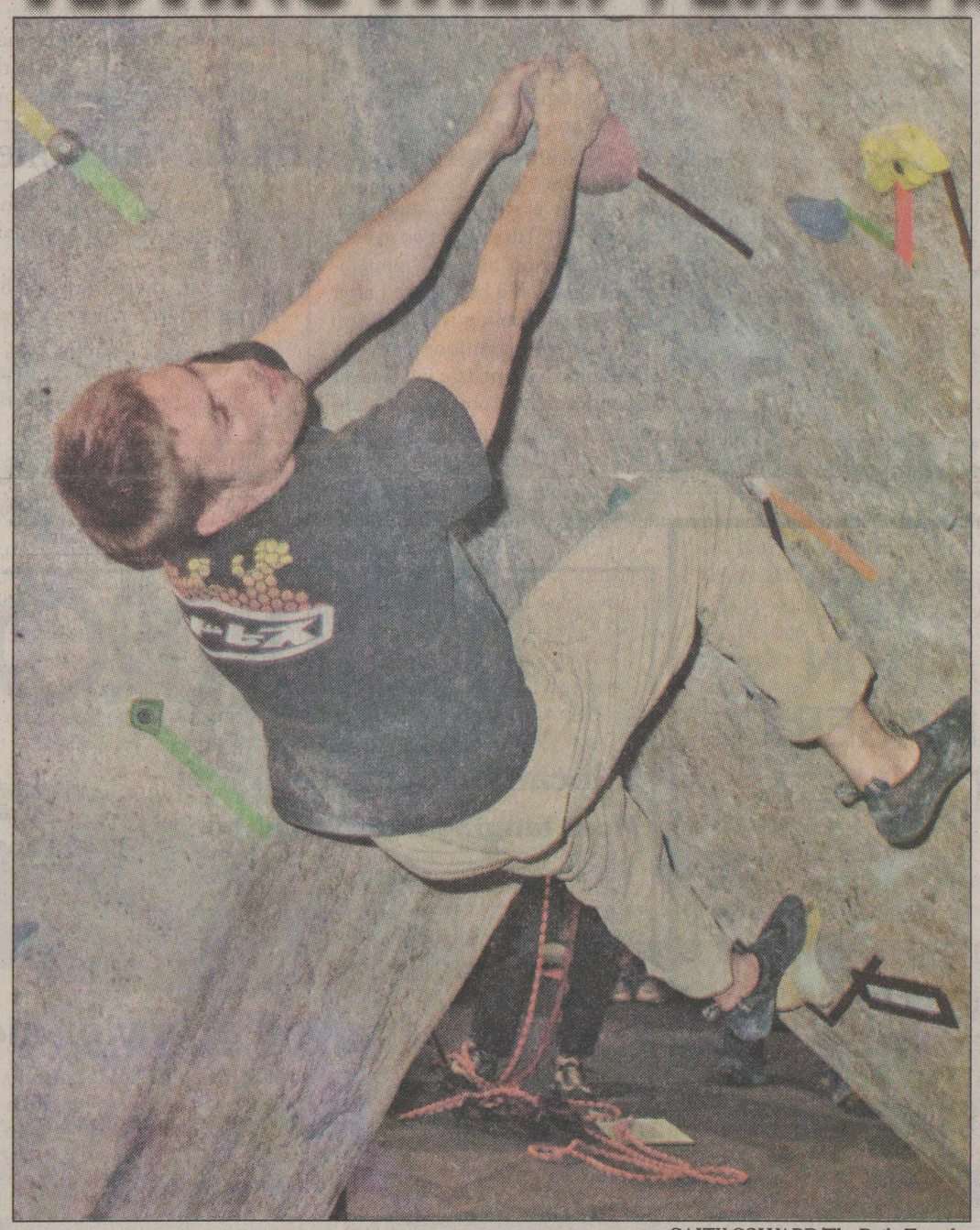
side of the road.
Reagan was arrested on the scene and was arraigned Saturday evening. She is charged with intoxication manslaughter, a spokesperson from the Lubbock County jail said, and was released on \$10,000 bond at 11:47 p.m. Saturday.
A search in the Tech student directory did not produce an Erin Nicole Reagan, indicating she likely is not a Tech student.
Friends of Menefee have shared their reac-

tions to the incident.
Joangela Jimenez, a sophomore psychology major from Hale Center, said she became good friends with Amber while living in the same apartment complex.
"It is hard to believe she is gone. I loved her," Jimenez said. "We hung out a lot together. We would eat and study together all the time."
Julie Tilton, a Tech alumna from Lubbock shared some of the same feelings as Jimenez. "She was incredibly optimistic and outgoing," Tilton said. "She had an outgoing personality and loved to have fun."
Tilton said Menefee had an outgoing per-

sonality, and will be greatly missed.
"A week after I met her, we went out together one night," Tilton said. "She tried to teach me how to dance, and it was not going too well, but we were both having so much fun."
Jimenez said Menefee's joyful personality is what attracted many people to want to be around her.
"She always wanted to be a host and have all her friends come to her apartment," Jimenez said.
Another friend of Menefee, Kathryn

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TESTING THEIR VERTICAL LIMITS



CAITY COLVARD/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH CLIMBING Club President Jason Fields, a senior mechanical engineering major from Amarillo, practices bouldering during the Vertical Plains Climbing Festival at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center Saturday afternoon.

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
FEATURES WRITER

Amy Furlow, a 13-year-old from Lamesa, first fell in love with rock climbing a year ago. Since then, she has been climbing whenever possible. On Saturday, she made the hour-long drive from her hometown to the Robert H. Ewalt Recreation Center at Texas Tech for the Vertical Plains Tour.
At the event she waited with a red ribbon holding her hair back for her turn to compete in the rock climbing competition.
"I love rock climbing," she said. "But, I just do it for fun."
One of her favorite parts of climbing is just hanging from the wall as she plans her next move. In the competition, she may not have made it fully to the top, but like everyone else waiting around with a bag of chalk attached to their belt, she knew it wasn't about winning.
The Vertical Plains Tour included the rock climbing competition, a Mountain Film Festival and the Tech Amazing Race.
Last year, the rock climbing competition had roughly 60 climbers, said Melissa Richey, coordinator of recreational sports. This year, there was

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Student charged with file piracy

By CARLOS BERGFELD
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

A Texas Tech student could face eight years in prison and charges of up to \$500,000 for copyright infringement involving online piracy.
A federal grand jury in San Jose has charged Matthew Roy Thompson, 22, and nine others across the U.S. with conspiracy to commit criminal copyright infringement and violation of the No Electronic Theft (NET) Act, according to a U.S. Department of Justice release.
The 10 people must travel to San Jose for their arraignment on Feb. 22.
The charges resulted from an

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Officials emphasize motorcycle caution

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

A Lubbock man died Wednesday afternoon in a motorcycle crash on West Loop 289, which was the third death during the past two weeks because of a motorcycle accident.
Lubbock police Capt. Neal Brumley said 38-year-old Scott Beason lost control of his motorcycle when trying to pass two 18-wheelers on the highway.
"We do not know why he lost control," Brumley said. "That part is still under investigation."
He said Beason slid underneath one of the 18-wheelers after losing control of his motorcycle and was pronounced dead at the scene.

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Study shows heart of romance Three in four Americans don't act on attraction

By DANIELLE NOVY
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The background might be a smoky bar, a friend's house or even a grocery store, while the foreground always remains the same. It features two individuals who have never spoken, yet repeatedly make eye contact from across the room. As the wordless encounter draws to a close, the pair part ways never having mustered up the nerve to say a single word to one another.
This scenario may ring a bell seeing as how it has happened to roughly three-fourths of single North Americans, according to the 2006 Romance Report released by Harlequin enterprises.
The report polled more than 2,000 adults from both the United States and Canada, asking them questions about love, dating and fateful first encounters.
Monica Belsito, a public relations representative from Harlequin's publicity firm, said out of the entire

report, the finding that intrigued her the most was that 75 percent of singles have seen someone they were interested in but did not act upon it.
She said that many people began to fidget with their cell phones and avoid eye contact after they have encountered someone they find attractive.
"They are doing all of these things and not letting their personality shine through," Belsito said.
Instead of taking the plunge and simply introducing one's self, 70 percent of North Americans would rather have their friends set them up with a potential partner, according to the report.
"Some wonder why they are not meeting the right people," Belsito said. "People in the U.S. just aren't getting out there."
While more than 40 percent of those polled believe that "fate" plays the best cupid, only 20 percent actually met their significant other from a chance encounter, according to the survey.
Michelle Renaud, a public relations representa-

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BISONS BETTER

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TEXAS TECH GUARD Alan Voskuil drives in for a layup against Colorado guard Marcus Hall during the first half of the 66-64 loss against the Buffaloes Saturday at Coors Events Center in Boulder, Colo.
J. TOMAS AGUILAR/For The Daily Toreador

What her friends said ...

Since Amber Menefee's death Saturday morning, her friends have had time to say their last words to her.

"Well done thy good & faithful servant. Amber, you will be truly missed. I remember it like it was yesterday when we were both at South Plains & introduced ourselves in the recreational center. You were a GREAT person & a SWEET girl & I will miss you. I will keep your family in my prayers! God bless!"

"I know that you are in a better place but it hurts so bad to know

that you are not here anymore. I miss you so much, and I will see you on the other side. I know that you are watching over us and your family and that you will now be my guardian angel. I love you and miss you."

"I know you are in a better place, but I hate to see you go. I love you a I'll see you when I get there. RIP."

"RIP beautiful angel. I will miss you so much. You were an inspiration to us all! I love you!"

"R.I.P Amber Lynn. You were always an inspiration to me because you always kept your chin up. You didn't let anything get you down. I'll miss that laugh of yours! Love you forever."

"I love you and will miss you girl! I'll definitely see ya when I get there! I hope it is all you ever wished for. I love you always!"

"I won't ever forget all the chats we've had about boys and how stupid they are. I love you always and I pray that you'll watch over all of us until we meet again in heaven where you are. Rest in peace, beautiful. All my heart."

"I will always love you and I miss you so much. I will see you when I get there. I know you are looking down on us all. May you RIP!"

"R.I.P. princess and I'll see you when I get there."

"You will always be remembered as a WONDERFUL person WE love you and miss you! R.I.P."

"We will always love you, and we want you to know how much you will be missed."

"R.I.P. You were always an angel."

"Hey girl, I love you! Even though you're gone, you'll always be in my heart! Rest in peace and God bless you!"

"I love you and I'll always remember you. I miss you already."

"You'll always be missed!"

"We miss you beautiful girl!"

"I love you girl! And I always will!"

"I love you so much girl and will miss you. You were taken far too soon for anyone to know how wonderful you are."

Source: facebook.com

Valentine's Check List

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- Candles
- Chocolate
- Dinner Reservations
- A Ring She'll Wear Forever!



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Crash

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Barnett, a freshman from Hamlin, said Menefee introduced herself to her one day.

"She always had a smile on. She wanted to be friends with everybody," Barnett said. "It is going to be hard not being around her all the time. With her, there was never a dull moment, and she always greeted you with a hug."

Menefee also was known for her commitment to school.

"With Amber, school was always her number one commitment. School was her first priority," Jimenez said.

Tilton said she agrees.

"She was goal-oriented," Tilton said. "Amber was always thinking about her future."

Menefee will be missed by all her friends.

"It is hard to believe she is gone," Tilton said. "I hope she knows that she will be missed."

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No plans for Valentine's Day? Library hosting movie night

By MICHELLE CASADY
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When planning activities for Valentine's Day, not many people would turn to the public library. This year both the Godeke and Patterson branch libraries are holding movie nights in honor of the holiday.

Today, the Patterson Branch Library will be showing "Wedding Crashers" starting at 6:30 p.m. The Godeke Branch Library will be showing "War of the Worlds" starting at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

"Lots of people think the library just has books to look at, but that's not the case. We also have activities like the movie nights at least once a month, in addition to free movie rentals and books available on tape," said Theresa Williams, library assistant for the Patterson branch.

Patterson Movie Night: Williams said the movie night will also include the giving away of door prizes and refreshments in addition to participants have the opportunity to play a version of the dating game.

"We will also talk to the people who come about other programs offered by the library," she said.

In addition to having an activity for adults in the community every third Monday, the Patterson branch also offers free computer classes, Williams said.

"Sometimes we might have a game of dominoes going, sometimes we might have a health seminar and sometimes we show

movies but there's always something going on," she said.

Maximum capacity for the Patterson branch movie night is 60 and Williams said they normally average around 20 participants. This is the first time the Patterson branch has had a movie night for Valentine's Day.

Godeke Movie Night: "We are hoping this event will be as close to full as possible. We really want everyone to come out and enjoy the films," said Tammy Brawn, branch manager for the Godeke Library.

Brawn said the branch shows films at least once a month to the general public.

Betty Brandiger, library assistant in charge of circulation and adult programming, has been at the Godeke branch for 20 years and said this year they have had more movie nights than any other.

"Generally speaking we don't have a large turnout, maximum occupancy is 74 and we average somewhere in the teens," she said. "Most months we average two speakers and two movie nights."

Brandiger said the general public, Texas Tech students, and any suggestions are welcome at any time.

The Patterson Branch Library is located at 1836 Parkway Drive. For more information about their movie night, call (806) 767-3300. The Godeke branch library is located at 6601 Quaker. For more information concerning its movie night, call (806) 792-6566.

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Texas penalties for intoxication manslaughter

Intoxication manslaughter is a second-degree felony. An individual can be convicted of intoxicated manslaughter if:

- They drive while intoxicated
- The intoxication is the primary cause of death to another, even if the death was caused by accident or mistake.

Penalties for intoxication manslaughter include:

- A fine of up to \$10,000
- Two to 20 years in the state penitentiary
- A driver's license suspension between 180 days and two years
- Probation also is a punishment that could be incurred after conviction. It often is in addition to the felony conditions for felony DWI, and can include jail time as a condition of probation, or community service ranging between 240 and 800 hours.

Source: <http://dwiattorneyhouston.com/>

DRUNKEN DRIVING FACTS & STATISTICS

According to studies done by the National Highway Safety Administration and statistics found at www.alcoholalert.com here are some statistics and important information:

- Of the 16,694 people who died in alcohol-related crashes in 2004, 8,256, or 57 percent, were killed in crashes where the driver had a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher.
- National Highway Safety Administration estimates that alcohol was involved in 39 percent of fatal crashes and in seven percent of all crashes in 2004.
- The rate of alcohol involvement in fatal crashes is more than three times higher at night than during the day.
- The highest percentage of drivers in fatal crashes who had BAC levels of .08 or higher was males and drivers ages 21 to 24.
- In 2004, 85 percent of the

13,952 drivers with BAC of .01 or higher who were involved in fatal crashes had BAC levels at or above .08, and 51 percent had BAC levels at or above .16. The most frequently recorded BAC level among drinking drivers involved in fatal crashes was .18.

- Texas has the second highest drunken driving deaths of any state in 2004, with 1,642. California has the highest drunk driving deaths with 1,643.
- A total of 16,694 alcohol-related fatalities were recorded in 2004. That's one death nearly every one-half hour in the country at the hands of someone who was drinking and driving.
- Approximately 275,000 persons are injured or disfigured yearly by alcohol-impaired drivers; one-third of these are children.

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Braille Valentine cards on sale now

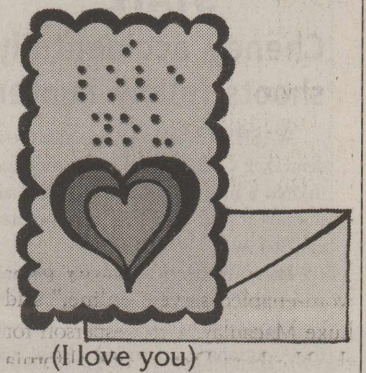
The Texas Association of Blind Students is selling Valentine cards in Braille.

However, there may not be too many left, according to a news release.

"Cards are limited, so get them while they're hot," the news release states.

Tuesday is the last day to purchase the Braille cards.

Contact Faith Penn at (806) 724-2836 for more information.



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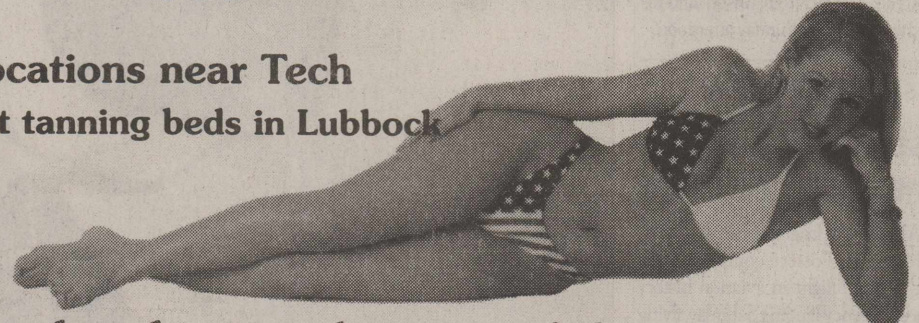
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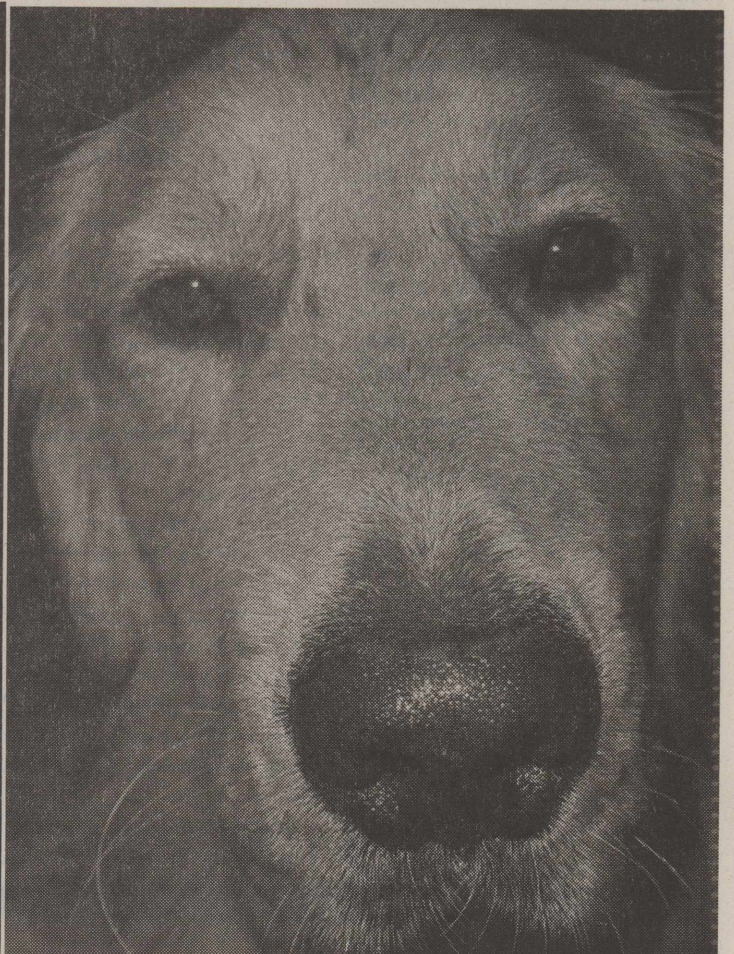


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Rising college cost affecting students

Report pinpoints pros and cons of working through college

By MATT EARLE
STAFF WRITER

As 16.5 million college students attended university this year, many went back not just for class, but also for work.

Today, more college students than ever are holding part and full-time jobs.

According to Jonathan and Peter Orszag's report, "Learning and Earning: Working in College," the number of students working while attending college has risen dramatically to deal with rising school costs.

Since 1984 the student work force has risen from 49 to 57 percent. Not only are students working more, but the trend has seen a dramatic increase in the number of students who work full-time rather than part-time.

Since 1985, the full-time student work force has nearly doubled in size.

Currently, on average, nearly 800,000 students across the nation work full time, compared to that of 300,000 in 1985.

Scott Klein, owner and store manager of Roly Poly sandwiches, said he has seen an increase in college workers.

"Of the nine employees I employ, eight of them are college students," Klein said. "Applicants also tend to be roughly 80 percent college students."

Students tend to work more now than ever to help alleviate the financial burden placed on the parents of college students.

According to Peter Orszag's report, a study has shown that nearly 60 percent of college students said their parents expect them to work during college to help with mounting tuition and fees.

The U.S. House of Representatives Web site, www.house.gov, reports that colleges are annually raising tuition by 10 percent. This could leave many students and parents in a bind for paying for college.

Students also have to factor in supplies and textbooks, equipment not necessarily mandatory, but preferred. The Washington Post reports that textbook prices have nearly tripled in cost from 1986 to 2004.

The average student will spend roughly \$900 a year on books, sometimes accounting for more than a quarter of the cost for tuition and fees.

This leaves college students with little choice but to enter the work force.

Getting a job isn't all bad, and in some instances can help students academically achieve better test scores.

Students who work 10 hours or less in college tend to have slightly higher GPAs than non-working students, according to *The Associated Press*.

Orszag's recent studies have shown that working part-time may also have possible long term benefits.

College work experience can pay dividends in the future as it can enhance working experience for future career employment and can help make a job resume that much better.

Mandy Doud, a senior sports science major from Midlothian, said having a part-time job helps.

"I work 14 hours, and I'm pretty dedicated," she said. "I work so I can pay for my car and go out at night."

Students who work full-time jobs do report more drawbacks compared to students who work part-time or not at all.

Students working more than 30 hours typically complain that working does have negative effects on their studying.

Such complaints are justified because students with full-time work have a limited school schedule, reduction in class choices and limited number of classes they can take, according to Orszag's results.

These barriers tend to restrict students studying time and often result in a lower grade point average.

The AP reports that students who work 30 hours or more, can expect their GPA to fall by 0.05 points.

South Plains student Kelly Francis, a senior automotive engineer from San Antonio, said working does affect his school work.

"Working does leave little time for anything but school work," Francis said. "But at least I go to South Plains so I do try to manage my time."

Evidence also points out that working may be a huge deciding factor in a student's decision to drop out of school.

A survey conducted found that nearly 32.5 percent of college drop outs reported that having a job was the deciding factor in quitting school.

Matthew Earle at ttu.edu and Brittany A. Barrientos at ttu.edu

Covenant makes plans for new complex official; discusses goals, uses of project

By KATIE KINNEY
STAFF WRITER

Covenant Health System officials announced Friday that they will be developing a new medical complex in southwest Lubbock.

The complex will provide much of the same services that the Covenant medical center on 19th Street provides, including an ambulatory surgery center, physician offices, urgent care center, dialysis and wellness services.

The purpose of the project is to bring medical services to citizens of Wolforth and areas surrounding Lubbock. In addition, the complex will be patient friendly, said Bill Bopp, vice president of business development at Covenant Health System.

"The facility will be designed with customers in mind," he said, "and it will be easy for them to get around it."

Barry Orr, CEO of First Bank in Trust and who is helping with the funding of the development of the complex, said he is very excited about the project.

"We are in the planning stages with Hammes Company to build a facility that equals the medical complex and that will begin delivering services close to home for more convenience," he said.

he said.

There have been more than 15,000 new residential areas in Lubbock in the last 10 years and with this new project, it will bring more than 400 job opportunities.

The atmosphere of this complex will in itself make a patient feel right at home.

"This medical complex is very overwhelming," Orr said. "Here is a single facility that has a hotel and restaurants, so that patients can come in and have their treatments but feel relaxed."

The location of the project will be on the southwest corner of 98th Street and Slide Road, toward the outskirts of town.

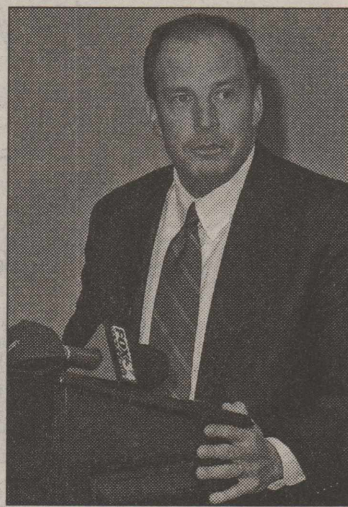
Orr said as time went by, interest over this corner grew, thus leading to this development.

To some, the building of this center will be important for the community.

"I think this is a great idea," said Sean Drain, a freshman international business major from Midlothian. "Everything south of the loop is expanding so much, and this will bring new job opportunities and health care closer to the community."

Yet the center seems to be most important to those involved.

"The southwest Lubbock development will allow Covenant Health System and partnering physicians to better serve our patients



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CEO OF FIRST Bank and Trust Barry Orr talks about the new branch of Covenant Hospital during a news conference Friday afternoon.

in Wolforth, southwest Lubbock and surrounding communities," Bopp said. "We are pleased to work together to improve health and wellness in our community."

When asked how he sees the project going in a few years, Orr said he believes it will become a vibrant, thriving commercial development area.

Construction for this new complex will begin in September and will be a 12- to 18-month process from there.

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Piracy

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ongoing federal investigation called "Operation Copycat," which targeted "first-providers" of copyrighted material.

To date, 25 have been charged and 10 convicted as a result of the operation.

The individuals were caught by illegally distributing these files through "warez groups," not through peer-to-peer file-sharing software.

"They're a level above that. They're encrypted, security password-enabled servers online," said Luke Macaulay, a spokesperson for the Northern District of California U.S. Attorney's Office.

Warez groups store illegally copied files on a private server to share with others in the group, and they may use "cracks" to remove copyright protection on shared software.

These copyrighted movies, CDs and "cracked" software can eventually make their way to public distribution through peer-to-peer file-sharing or by other methods.

Macaulay said the FBI created a fake warez group by setting up a 700 megabyte server to host illegal files.

To join, potential group members had to contribute files to the group, allowing them to be identified.

The server has grown since the operation's inception, and the FBI has obtained information on

a number of individuals, although Macaulay could not disclose the exact figure.

"The thing grew to like 27 terabytes in a matter of a couple years," he said.

Sentences for those involved in Operation Copycat have not yet been handed out, although Macaulay said he doubts the defendants will receive the maximum penalty.

The FBI seized the defendants' computer equipment on June 29 after a federal search warrant was issued.

A native of Lubbock, Thompson attended Frenship High School and graduated in 2002.

Ryan Peck, a junior computer science major and an acquaintance of Thompson at Frenship, said Thompson told others about his piracy activities in high school.

He said Thompson told them of downloading copyrighted material that went above the more common music swapping with Kazaa.

"He was the only one that was into some of the bigger sites and pirating major software," he said. "I didn't know he was still doing it, but if he was, he was bound to get caught eventually."

The ages of the defendants range from 19 to 34, with an average age of approximately 26.

This relatively young group of defendants may shed some light on the younger generations' views of copyright.

"Either they don't think copyright's important, or they just don't know they're not supposed to be doing this kind of stuff," said Wesley Cochran, a professor of copyright law. "They don't understand that having the technological capability to do something does not give them the permission to do it."

In cases like these, courts often pursue maximum penalties to make examples of the defendants and discourage others from breaking the law, Cochran said.

However, he said the likelihood of file-sharers receiving jail time would be slim to none.

"It's really the economic bootleggers, the ones that are trying to make money off of it, that get the jail time," said Cochran.

Regardless of the outcome, Cochran said college students and others should realize copyright infringement is a serious offense.

"I hope that the late teens, 20s, early 30s generations take notice of this, because the reality is, there could be more and more of this in the future," he said.

Thompson declined to comment on the case.

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Motorcycles

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"There are many questions to be answered, but we do know Beason was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident," Brumley said.

Another death of a motorcyclist occurred Feb. 2 when two motorcycles believed to have been racing down 34th Street crashed into a vehicle and Christopher Straub, 22, died at UMC shortly after the accident.

The two motorcycles were heading west and the vehicle was going east. The person who was driving the vehicle wanted to make a left turn when their car collided with both motorcycles.

Spurgeon McCarley also died when he was struck by a vehicle on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Feb. 2.

"My advice to the motorcyclists out there is to slow down," Brumley said. "All three accidents that resulted in deaths were related to excessive speed."

According to crash statistics found a Motorcycle Safety Foun-

dation Web site, 140 deaths resulted from 3,930 motorcycle crashes in the year 2000 in Texas.

On average, 4.5 fatalities occur in every 100 crashes that take place in Texas.

Nationwide, in 2001 there were 76,337 motorcycle crashes and 2,909 fatalities from those accidents. Every 100 motorcycle crashes resulted in almost four fatalities.

Brumley shared some more advice to motorcycle drivers.

"Generally, it is difficult for other drivers to see a motorcycle on the road," he said. "Drive defensively."

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation also stresses the importance of being a defensive driver when driving a motorcycle. Its Web site states in two-thirds of all motorcycle accidents involving another vehicle, the other driver is at fault.

Former motorcycle rider James Brice, a sophomore history major from Greenwood, agrees people need to be cautious of other drivers.

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"Nobody knows you are around," Brice said. "When driving a motorcycle, it is hard for car drivers to see you."

Andrea Rogers, a senior public relations major from Loveland, Colo., said some motorcycle crashes have to do with the limited protection between the driver and the road.

"Motorcycles are not safe because of lack of protection," Rogers said. "There is nothing between you and the road."

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation also strongly promotes motorcyclists to enroll in a motorcycle safety course. The Web site states there are more than 1,500 Rider Course sites throughout the U.S.

According to the Web site, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation is the developer of the research-based Rider Education and Training System, which promotes life-long learning for motorcyclists.

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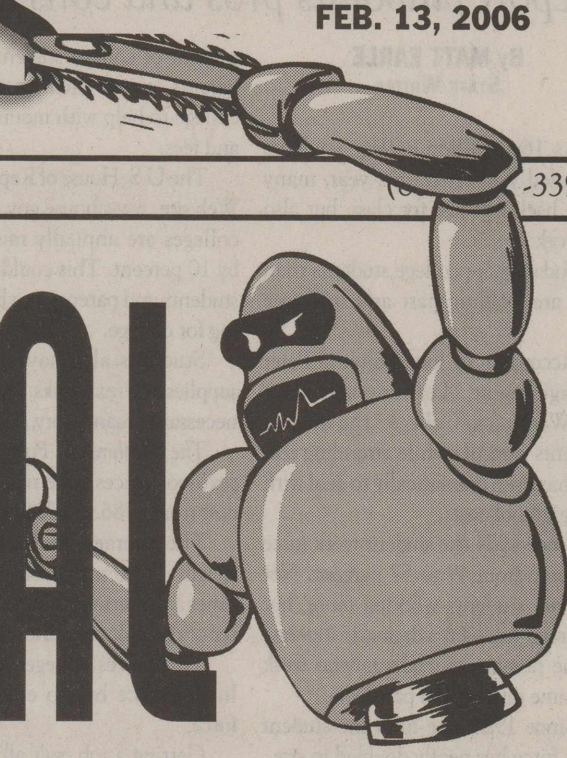
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I'd like to begin with a little game. The game is called "Who deserves to live?" Here's how to play. Pretend that you are in a bus that crashes. There are two people beside you unconscious, and you are responsible for saving one, though only one. We'll start off easy: A 90-year-old man or a 5-year-old boy? Of course the child! The old man has already had his life to live.

What about a terrorist or a child-molester? A victim of ALS or a completely healthy person? A pregnant woman or a criminal? What if the pregnant woman gives birth to the next Hitler? The problem with this game is that life is not as easy as "this person dies every time" or "this person lives every time." In life, the answer may be a bit more complicated.

According to David Brooks, *New York Times* columnist, "conservatives believe that life has intrinsic value." To a conservative, life is not complicated or delicate. It is a blunt fact. To conservatives, the act of being kept alive, regardless of circumstance, is the top priority. They don't realize that life without meaning is no life at all.

When Terry Schiavo could not walk, talk, pray, sing, hug, play games or have a meaningful relationship, Jeb Bush continued to appeal her case. In transcripts from the White House Web site, President Bush stated, "I urge all those who honor Terri Schiavo to continue to work to build a culture of life, where all Americans are welcomed and valued and protected, especially those who live at the mercy of others."

Interestingly enough, Bush is a strident opponent of stem-cell research, which has the potential to end diseases like Alzheimer's and ALS. Wouldn't the highest value of protection and value occur if we prevented people from ever having to live at the mercy of others? However, those who disagree with things like stem-cell research, abortion or euthanasia cry out in moral indignation.

According to the evangelical Web site, www.tftw.org (Truth For The World), "When we take the decision for life or death out

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of the hands of God and place it in the hands of imperfect people, many mistakes will be made!" Coincidentally, the exact same argument could be used to refute capital punishment.

As more cases emerge of DNA evidence exonerating death row inmates, it is easy to see that humans are fallible on both sides of death row. How is it that conservatives can reconcile their "culture of life" ideals with the killing of so many people, some of whom are innocent? They claim that they are protecting life by killing those who have violated the sanctity of it. But the whole idea of killing a killer seems to debase the culture of life. Oh, but the conservatives forgot to tell you that the culture of life is only reserved for those who have never made mistakes. After you have screwed up, even if you are rehabilitated, it's still an eye for an eye. Yet, I seem to recall something about the "eye-for-an-eye" mentality being the old law and turning the other cheek the new.

However, conservatives might ask the same question about liberals. If we value life so much, how can we support the right to have an abortion? For starters, not everyone believes that life begins when the man unzips his pants. Not everyone believes that a creator knew you in the womb or that a zygote has an eternal soul. What you call a "life" perhaps someone else calls a microscopic organism that can't be classified as a human.

The value of life also applies to non-humans. For instance, the government refuses to acknowledge and act on the very real problem of global warming. Because of this, we will see vegetation, animals and many other forms of life that will decline or even go extinct because they can't adapt.

The Web site www.peacemennolink.org says, "Human disregard and lack of care for nature does not reflect God's view of creation." Conservatives claim that plants and animals don't have souls, but soul or no soul, the Bible repeatedly demonstrates God's love for all of his creations.

Conservatives have butchered the beauty of the earth and life in general. They have gotten us into a war where life is taken from men, women, children, plants and animals. War is the greatest perversion of life; war is the very essence of death. Conservatives have neglected the very pulse of human life. They dictate when it begins (at the moment of conception), when it should end (capital punishment), when we should not allow it to end (banning euthanasia) and when we should take it from others (war). But just as life is not a game, it is not a set of rules. And even if it were a set of rules, they are certainly not rules that humans should make or impose on one another.

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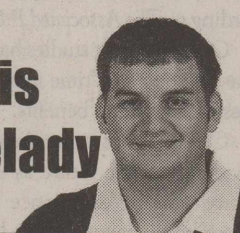
On Sunday, the United States celebrated the birthday of one of its greatest leaders, Abraham Lincoln. He was the first president to be elected from the Republican Party. He taught us that all Americans regardless of race were created equal. As Ken Mehlman, chairman of the Republican National Committee, said in his letter remembering Lincoln's birthday, "Since Abraham Lincoln, Republicans have been the party of freedom and reform. From breaking the oppressive tyranny of slavery, to Teddy Roosevelt's Trust busting, to Ronald Reagan's leadership that ended the Cold War, to the liberation of 50 million in Iraq and Afghanistan, Republicans have consistently stood for freedom."

It is and has been since a group of anti-slavery activists got together to change America, blatantly obvious that Republicans value life more than Democrats. While Republicans worked to free black Americans from slavery, Democrats worked to keep them under subjugation.

To see a perfect example of the value conservatives put on life, you need not look further than the hot-button issue of abortion. Conservatives believe there is something inherently wrong with taking the easy way out; that people should be held responsible for their mistakes and not be allowed to throw a life away merely because they made a bad choice. They believe that the "right to choose" is really a cover-up for legalized murder. Conservatives believe that there is a right to choose. Every person has a right to choose whether to engage in sexual activity and those that choose to do so should cowboy up and take responsibility for that choice.

Conservatives believe you should be held responsible for all choices you make—good or bad. If you choose to take the life of an American, you should not be allowed to continue living in the land of the free enjoying the freedoms that you have illegitimately taken from another responsible American. Liberals be-

Travis Lovelady



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lieve there should be no capital punishment or that it should be as humane as possible.

Tell that to the parents whose child was molested and killed. Tell that to the husband or wife whose spouse has been taken from them for the petty change in their pocket or even worse, just for the thrill of taking a human life. Conservatives value life to the highest degree, and if you make the choice to take the life of another American, you should lose yours.

Conservatives value American lives so much that they believe some of us have to make the ultimate sacrifice to ensure the freedom of the nation. They do not come to these decisions lightly, but they do not hide behind a peace sign either. They just saddle up and get the job done. While liberals flash peace signs and believe in appeasement, conservatives know evil when they see it. They under-

stand that sacrifices must be made for freedom and their resolve is not swayed by death counters or liberal news media brainwashing.

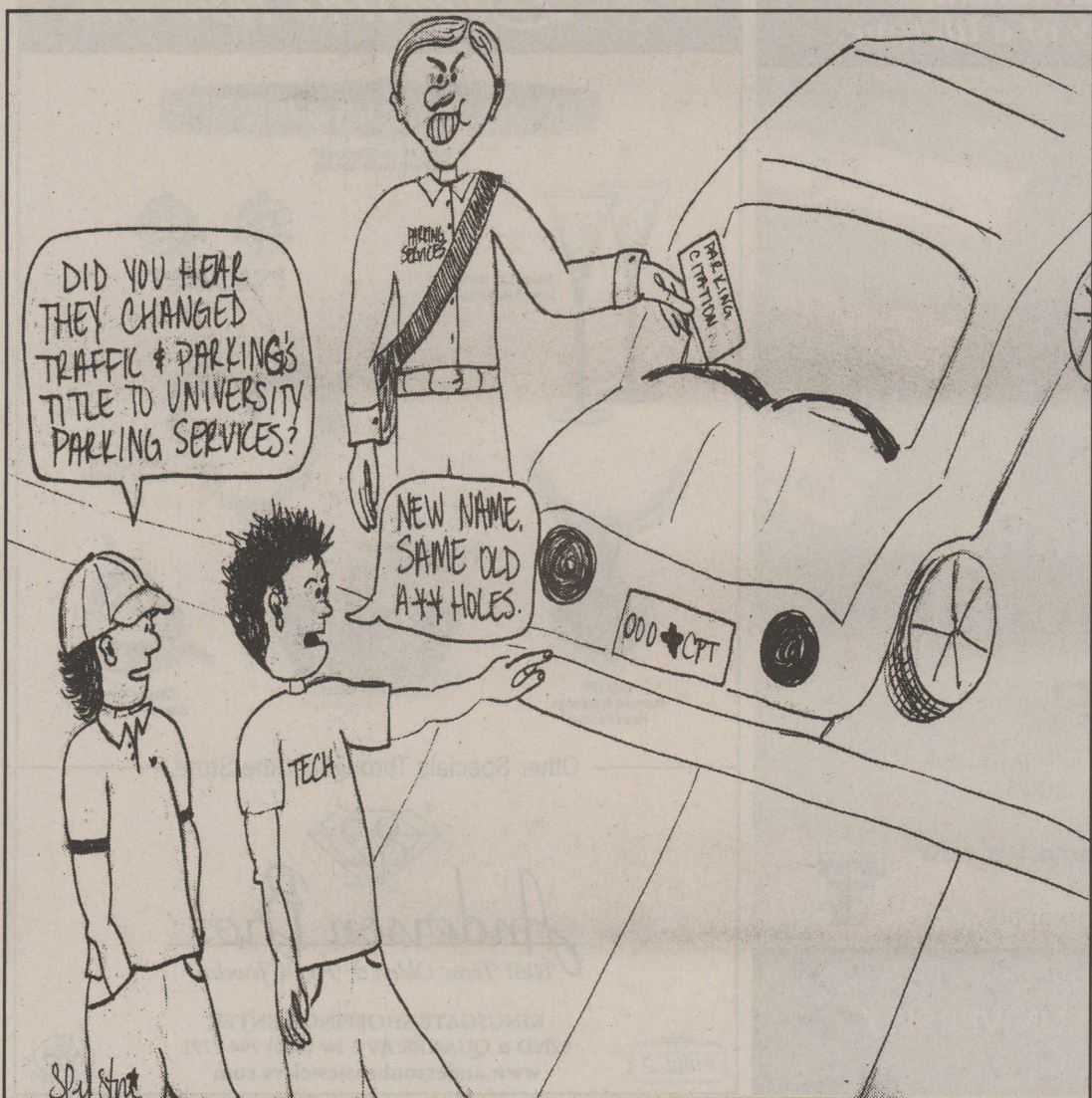
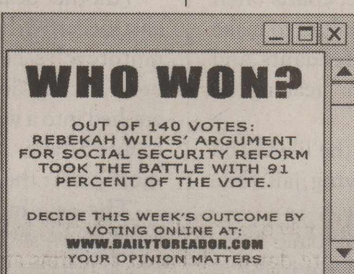
President Bush said it best in his recent State of the Union speech. He eloquently stated "there is a difference between responsible criticism that aims for success, and defeatism that refuses to acknowledge anything but failure. Hindsight alone is not wisdom. And second guessing is not a strategy." On Iraq, he said he is "confident in our plan for victory and we are winning." Conservatives know some people are inherently evil, and the more the liberals appease evil, the stronger it becomes.

While conservatives know that some people are evil, unlike the liberals they believe that people overall are basically good. They believe that people should be trusted to make their own decisions about their lives and not have government telling them what to do. They believe in the American Dream. They trust Americans with their money and believe in private charity. Republicans believe hard work, motivation, determination and compassion are things all Americans should value, but you would not know it by talking to a liberal.

Liberals believe in taking hard earned money from hard working Americans and giving it away to those who choose to take the easy way out by taking advantage of the system. People should be allowed to succeed, but they should also be allowed to fail. We never should settle for mediocrity. For if we do so, we are doomed to the fate of old Europe.

America has been and always will be a beacon of freedom and innovation for the world so long as we stay true to our conservative values and not fall victim to the liberal socialist agenda. What is great about this country is that radicals such as Cindy Sheehan and Michael Moore can speak their mind about what they think is wrong with the country and this government, but an even better advantage of living in America is that we do not have to listen. God bless you and God bless the U.S.A.

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Tech students offer mixed opinions on midterm elections reasoning poll

Recent findings show Americans don't believe votes are based on current president

By **SETH BURT**
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As politicians hasten and hurry for the rapidly approaching 2006 midterm elections, Texas Tech students have their own ideas and beliefs of what to think and what the end result will look like.

A midterm election is a general election that does not coincide with a presidential election year, but occurs two years into the term of a president in which many members of the U.S. Senate and all of the members of the House of Representatives are voted on, according to Google.

Though many students failed to know and understand what midterm elections are, some students had numerous opinions to voice regarding what might happen.

Pollingreport.com reported a poll by the PEW Research Center, which polled U.S. citizens this month on midterm elections asking the question: "Do you think of your vote for Congress this fall as a vote for George W. Bush, as a vote against George W. Bush, or isn't George W. Bush much of a factor in your vote?"

The poll results showed 50 percent

chose "not a factor" in the polls, 31 percent voted "against Bush" and 18 percent voted "for Bush."

In February 2002, pollingreport.com reported a poll that asked U.S. citizens the same question. Though 50 percent voted "not a factor," the shift of people in support of Bush was higher by 16 percent.

Emily Burt, a junior biology major from Fort Worth, agreed with most Americans.

"Bush doesn't play a factor," she said.

Shannon McLane, a freshman communication studies major from Midland, concurred.

"It is not really a factor," she said. "I am a registered Republican, but the way I vote is on a case-by-case basis. If there is a candidate or senator who doesn't hold the same values, I will not vote for them."

Yet, some still felt the need to

voice their "pro-Bush" and "anti-Bush" opinions in their vote during this next midterm election.

Students' speculations run deep of whether Democrats or Republicans will arise victorious from this election, just like many other U.S. citizens conjecture.

"I think the Democrats will," said freshman Andy Larson, a history major from The Woodlands. "I think they will push more people to go to the polls. They are so desperate for change."

Yet, Larson, along with freshman Micah Christian a human development and family studies major from Farwell, and Heath Posey, a freshman from Midland majoring in petroleum engineering, approved Congress as doing a good job, and things are falling into line.

Adam Reed, a freshman mass communication major from Midland, agrees

that Congress is doing well, but differs from Larson's comments on midterm elections.

"From the patterns right now, I would say more Republicans (would be elected)," he stated.

Currently, Congress' approval ratings have been on the downfall, according to *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, and the Gallup Poll. According to the Gallup Poll, Congress' approval rating is separated by a 40 percent chasm.

To overturn the Republican majority, Democrats need to fill many seats in both The House and the Senate. Democrats need 15 seats in the house dethroning the Republican's 231 seats.

In the Senate, however, Democrats only need six more seats to win the majority over the Republicans. These slight differences give Democrats a great opportunity to take both chambers until the next elections in 2008.

The Democrats are poised to take seats in both the House and the Senate, which would be a first since 2000, according to *The Washington Post*.

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Climbing

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estimated 110 people who signed up. Among the climbers are students from 11 of the Big 12 schools. Richey said members of the Tech climbing club offered floor space at their apartments for any of the climbers traveling to Lubbock.

"Next year, we're looking at adding a third group of climbers that will climb on Friday night," Richey said.

Mary Porter, a senior natural histories and humanities major from Houston, said she believes the idea of Tech putting on something like the climbing competition was a great idea.

"It's so cool because it brings climbers from all around the Midwest," she said. "It's an opportunity for climbers to meet with other climbers. It's like a big climbing festival than a competition."

This year, the climbers started 9 a.m. Saturday and went until late afternoon. The competition, which was segmented into three groups — beginner, intermediate and advanced — started with the beginners in the morning. The climbers consisted of people who started climbing within the last year, plus a lot of younger children that wanted to try their luck on the easier surfaces.

Richey said the climbing wall was closed down as of last weekend, and throughout the course of this past week, the routes were redone.

For the Mountain Film Fest, which was made up of select films from the Colorado Film Festival, Porter said the theater, which can hold 200, was filled to the brim with a lot of people bringing folding chairs in from outside.

The Tech Amazing Race kicked the Vertical Plains Tour off Friday afternoon with 18 teams running around the campus on a scavenger hunt. Jordan Messerer, assistant director of recreational sports, said the event went off without a hitch. Each team

was given clues to something around the Tech campus and then given a camera phone to snap a picture of their findings.

"They got to see a lot of the campus," Messerer said.

Messerer, who spent Saturday morning watching the climbers hang from the new routes on the climbing wall, said the whole event this year has been bigger than the ones in years past.

"The new routes are more of a gift to the local climbers," Messerer said. "This is the one time of the year we change the routes. It takes about 240 man hours to change everything."

Liz Ullman, a junior ecology major from Fort Worth, said the Tech Amazing Race was a lot of fun because it required running around Tech and knowing a lot about Tech traditions.

"We had to do a lot of activities like build a windmill and shoot a bow-and-arrow," she said. "It was awesome, it opened a lot of people up to adventurous stuff."

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10th Ala. church goes up in flames

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A weekend fire at a Baptist church was ruled arson Sunday, the 10th in a recent string of blazes set at churches in rural Alabama, authorities said.

The Saturday afternoon blaze severely damaged the Beaverton Freewill Baptist Church in northwest Alabama, near the Mississippi line.

"It's definitely arson," said Ragan Ingram, a spokesman for the state fire marshal's office, which was investigating whether the fire was connected to the other blazes that have destroyed or damaged nine churches since Feb. 2.

Saturday's fire was the only one that wasn't set in the pre-dawn hours.

Investigators have said they don't know a motive, but there is no racial pattern. Five of the churches had white congregations and five black. All were Baptist, the dominant faith in the region,

and mostly in isolated country settings.

Last week, Gov. Bob Riley said the nine earlier church fires appear linked, as investigators checked out witness reports of two men in a sport utility vehicle near a number of the fires.

On Sunday, a federal investigator said authorities believe — based on witness reports and behavioral profilers — two white men were responsible for the fires.

"They're not youths or teens. It's probably someone in their 20s or 30s. We believe they're pretty much inseparable. They're something like bosom buddies," said Eric Kehn, a spokesman for the federal Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agency.

Evidence from one of the earlier fires indicates the perpetrators may have been briefly trapped inside the building and may have been hurt, said Jim Cavanaugh, ATF regional director.

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'Jaws' author Benchley dies at 65

NEW YORK (AP) — Peter Benchley, whose novel "Jaws" terrorized millions of swimmers even as the author himself became an advocate for the conservation of sharks, has died at age 65, his widow said Sunday.

Wendy Benchley, married to the author for 41 years, said he died Saturday night at their home in Princeton, N.J. The cause of death, she said, was idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, a progressive and a fatal scarring of the lungs.

Thanks to Benchley's 1974 novel, and Steven Spielberg's blockbuster movie of the same name, the simple act of ocean swimming became synonymous

with fatal horror, of still water followed by ominous, pumping music, then teeth and blood and panic.

"Spielberg certainly made the most superb movie; Peter was very pleased," Wendy Benchley told *The Associated Press*.

"But Peter kept telling people the book was fiction, it was a novel, and that he no more took responsibility for the fear of sharks than Mario Puzo took responsibility for the Mafia."

Besides his wife, Peter Benchley is survived by three children and five grandchildren. A small family service will take place next week in Princeton, Wendy Benchley said.

Romance

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tive from *Harlequin*, said too many people are not following their instincts when it comes to the dating game.

"People should not be afraid to go up and talk to somebody," she said.

According to the report, about 15 percent of those polled met their better half at a party or club, while 19 percent found love in the workplace.

To stand out from the pack, 20 percent of respondents admitted to having too much to drink to catch the eye of a potential partner, according to the survey.

The dating realm had its own portion of imbalance, as well. The report indicated that while 22 percent of men claimed to have spent the night after a first date, only 8 percent of women said they had done the same thing.

Meanwhile, the hidden romantic was illuminated with one of

the report's more surprising results; more than 11 percent of respondents believe that they only need to date one person to find "the one," Belsito said.

Renaud said the process of finding "the one" varied from person to person with few recognizable patterns.

"It really just depends on the individual," she said. "Some people look for intelligence and some people look for beauty."

Still, smarts were deemed important by both genders; 43 percent of men and 46 percent of women said intelligence was among the most attractive features in the opposite sex during an initial encounter.

Chrissy Kratch, a senior biology major from Collinsville, said she ranks humor higher than either intelligence or looks.

"You never want to be with someone boring," she said. "The thing that first attracts me is being able to have a real conversation with someone."

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Making the switch from friends to foes

Red Raiders finally face Green Wave after sharing field, memories in Lubbock

By TREY SHIPMAN Sports Editor

HOUSTON — In America, sports are king. They take over the televisions, rule the weekends and evenings and provide conversation for all the time in between.

When Hurricane Katrina barreled through New Orleans in September, the Tulane University baseball team knew all too well that there are far more important things in life than what goes on in between the lines.

When Katrina reamed New Orleans, the team, along with the rest of the city, was forced to evacuate not knowing exactly what their futures would hold.

It was the first meeting between the Red Raiders and the Green Wave on the field, though just two months ago they were sharing classrooms.

"It was kind of weird finally getting to play them," Texas Tech third baseman Joey Callender said. "Even though we've

seen them around campus this fall, but we didn't really watch them too much so we really got the first chance to see them (Saturday)."

To show their appreciation for Tech's hospitality last fall, the Green Wave made a special presentation to the Raiders just before the two squads took the field. It came in the form of a banner, which along the bottom read, "We will forever be indebted."

"That was real cool," junior designated hitter Tyler Reeves said. "They're a great bunch of guys, and we respect them and they respect us."

Callender shared the same feelings as his teammate. "It's a part of history people are going to be talking about it for years to come," he said. "I'm just glad to be a part of it."

Tulane coach Rick Jones said the time his team spent in the Hub City was memorable, not necessarily because of the situation, but because of the warmth with which they were received.

"You know it's close to every one of our guys' hearts, there's no question about that," he said. "The banner we gave our before hand is exactly the way we all feel; we're indebted, it kept us together."

Though the Green Wave has left Lub-

bock, and is back on campus in New Orleans, the Tech community has teamed with the Red Cross to create a program in which every Raider home run this season will result in a donation for Tulane students.

Freshman Miles Morgan, the Raiders' starting pitcher in the match-up, is an avid fan of the idea.

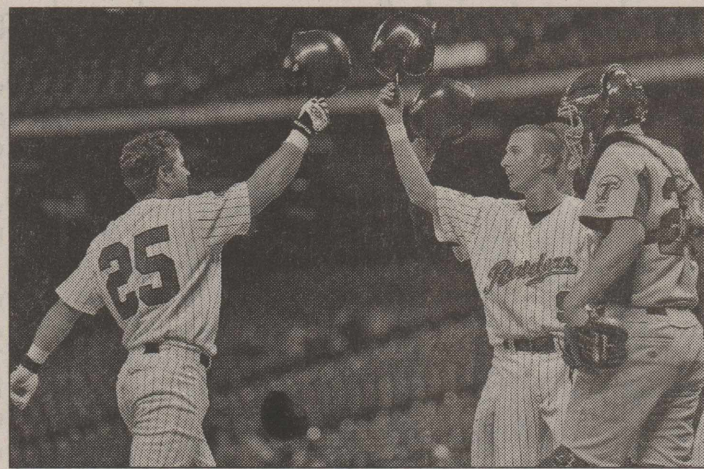
"I think it's a great idea," he said. "They need some help right now and I think that's what we're here trying to do."

Tech coach Larry Hays, earlier in the week, said he didn't expect to see Tulane pitchers serving up fastballs for his Raiders when the two squads met Saturday. It created an awkward situation for Jones when Reeves hit a three-run shot over the right field wall to give Tech a 4-1 lead in the fifth inning of the contest.

"I told (coach Hays) let's put a one-game moratorium on this fundraiser," Jones said. "So you know when that ball jumped out in right field, I'm thinking, 'Well at least some good came out of that, but I'd much rather give up the money right now.'"

The Green Wave would mount a comeback and seal the victory over Tech, 6-4. But win or lose the game had a slightly different feel to it in both dugouts, and both were ready to put it in their rearview mirror.

"When the game started, we knew it



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TEXAS TECH JUNIOR designated hitter Tyler Reeves (25) celebrates a three-run home run during Saturday's match-up with Tulane at Minute Maid Park in Houston. Although the Red Raiders lost, 6-4, the Tech community developed a program in conjunction with the Red Cross in which every Tech home run this season will result in a donation for Tulane students.

was going to be this way," Jones said. "As coach Hays said to me before, we're glad this thing is going to be over with, the game is behind us. All the memories we have from Lubbock will be tremendous, and we'll just move on from here."

Both teams will move on, but in Jones' opinion, both will be better for it.

"When the kids on both these clubs look back on this 20 to 30 years from now, they're going to reflect on this as a positive thing that happened," he said. "They saw how you treat people and how you want to be treated when you're in a time of need."

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Tech evens season record after three-loss weekend in Houston

By TREY SHIPMAN Sports Editor

HOUSTON — As the Red Raiders traveled to Houston this weekend for the Houston College Classic at Minute Maid Park, they hoped moving further south would aid in keeping their offense sizzling.

Tech entered the tournament boasting a combined .420 batting average with nine home runs through three games. But the temperature in Houston hovered in the low 50's this weekend, and as the weather cooled, so did the Raider bats as they dropped games to Rice, Tulane and Houston.

Friday, the Raiders kicked off the tournament against No. 5 Rice, two years removed from a national championship.

Opening-day starter Josh Tomlin held the Owls scoreless through three innings before trouble ensued.

In the bottom of the fourth, Tomlin allowed a leadoff single to Rice second baseman Greg Buchanan and then shortstop Brian Capps was victim of a wicked hop off the bat of Josh Rodriguez, causing an error and putting runners at first and third with no outs.

Capps, normally the Raiders' centerfielder, was fill-

ing in for Kyle Martin who was unable to go because of a strained ligament in his throwing hand.

Owl first baseman Joe Savery would take advantage of the Raider misfortune by lacing a double in the right-center gap, scoring Buchanan from third. Tomlin would settle and work out of the inning, but not before allowing Rodriguez to score on a sacrifice fly. The inning proved to be the last for Tomlin who was removed from the game after complaining of a sore forearm.

The Owls would tack on a run in the seventh, but it wouldn't matter as pitchers Eddie Degerman and Cole St. Clair combined for 14 strikeouts and zero earned runs to silence the Raider offense, taking the game 5-1.

Saturday's matchup, as strange as it might have seemed, paired the Raiders against the same squad they were sharing a practice field with in the fall. No. 12 Tulane entered the tournament eager to get on the playing field after returning to its home campus in New Orleans this spring. The Green Wave suffered a frustrating 10-inning loss to No. 21 TCU Friday and entered Saturday with something to prove.

In the bottom of the fifth with the score tied 1-1, designated hitter Tyler Reeves looked to a put a hold on

the Green Wave's plans as he came to the plate with Callender on third and left fielder Roger Kieschnick on first. On a 1-0 count, Reeves laced a line drive into right field that just hooked inside the foul pole for a three-run home run, putting the Raiders in front 4-1.

"It was a tight game and they had been pitching me outside all day," Reeves said. "I got a pitch up in the zone I could handle and I did a good job of hitting it."

Preseason All-American Drew Southard started the rally in the seventh by doubling, and followed by a walk and two singles the Green Wave had once again evened the score.

Tulane would take the lead for good in the top of the eighth when second baseman Brad Emaus blasted a home run that hit the façade in left field off Tech reliever A.J. Ramos.

Tulane notched an insurance run in the top of the ninth to seal their first win of the season 6-4.

Tech coach Larry Hays said the loss was frustrating, but he was proud of his teams effort and could see progress.

"We had a lot of chances, we just didn't play nine innings, and had a lot of chances to score runs with the

right guys up," he said. "We're doing all right, we've just got to get our pieces together, we just haven't got it all lined up. We've just got to work through it. It'll make us better."

Sunday, the Raiders hoped experience from Friday and Saturday would help them close out the weekend on a good note. They faced another challenge in a talented Houston squad, and their third big league draft pick in as many days.

Junior Brad Lincoln got the nod against Tech, and didn't intend on letting the ice on the Raider bats thaw. Lincoln retired 15 of the first 17 batters he faced allowing only one hit and a walk.

Tech starter Adam Odom threw six innings allowing three runs, two earned, on six hits with five strikeouts. A solid performance from the Raider hurler but it was trumped by Lincoln's seven shutout innings with nine strikeouts as the Cougars took the game 5-1.

Hays said the Raiders aren't quite where they want to be, but after this weekend they have better idea of where they're going.

"This weekend is good for us because we see what we need to become, I think we can be that," he said.

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