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Dr. Sei Lee on a test he co-authored that measures the risk people over 50 years old face that they might die within four years. (AP)

"Cheney's was clearly an accident. Burr's was a matter of Hamilton drawing him into the duel and Hamilton bringing hair-trigger pistols for a slight advantage."

Peter Tavino in comparing Vice President Dick Cheney's shooting of a hunter with former Vice President Aaron Burr's shooting of Alexander Hamilton in a duel. (AP)

"You can't blame anybody else. I'm the guy who pulled the trigger and shot my friend."

Vice President Dick Cheney, taking the blame Wednesday for shooting a hunting companion. (AP)

STATE

Convicted killer of taxi driver executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Convicted killer Clyde Smith was executed Wednesday for the 1992 fatal shooting of a Houston cab driver during a robbery.

"I want to thank you all for being here and for your love and support," Smith said to friends who watched from a nearby window.

Smith, who was executed for the 1992 death of cab driver David Jacobs, did not acknowledge the relatives of another slain cab driver who were present for the execution.

Seven minutes after the lethal drugs began to flow, he was pronounced dead at 6:17 p.m. CST.

His execution was the fourth this year in Texas.

NATION

RNC invites 31 cities for '08 convention bids

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than two dozen cities have been invited to submit bids to explain why they would be the best choice for the 2008 Republican National Convention.

The 31 cities were announced Wednesday by the Republican National Committee, which also has asked to hear from cities not on the list but interested in playing host to the convention.

The main convention facility must be capable of seating at least 20,500.

Among the cities that received requests for convention proposals are: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York, Philadelphia, Phoenix, San Antonio and Tampa.

WORLD

New photos of Abu Ghraib abuse surface

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — New images showing Iraqis abused by U.S. guards at Abu Ghraib prison three years ago threatened Wednesday to enflame public anger already running high over footage of British soldiers beating youths in southern Iraq.

Images of naked prisoners, some bloodied and lying on the floor, were taken about the same time as earlier photos that triggered a worldwide scandal and led to military trials and prison sentences for several lower-ranking American soldiers.

Many of the images broadcast by Australia's Special Broadcasting Service, including some that appear to show corpses, were more graphic than those previously published.

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## Cheney: 'You can't blame anybody else'

VP calls shooting 'one of the worst days of my life'

By NEDRA PICKLER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney took full blame Wednesday for shooting a hunting companion, calling it "one of the worst days of my life," but he was defiantly unapologetic about not publicly disclosing the accident until the next day.

"You can't blame anybody else," Cheney told Fox News Channel in his first public comments since the accident on a private Texas ranch Saturday. "I'm the guy who pulled the trigger and shot my friend."

Cheney said he had had a beer at lunch that day but nobody was drinking when they went back out to hunt a couple hours later. Law enforcement officials have ruled out alcohol as a factor.

The vice president has been under intense political pressure to speak out about the accident, which has become a public relations embarrassment and potential political liability for the White House. Senior advisers to President Bush worried that Cheney's silence had suggested a possible cover-up, and Cheney acknowledged that he delayed an announcement over the

advice of Bush's press advisers.

"We really didn't know until Sunday morning that Harry was probably going to be OK, that it looked like there hadn't been any serious damage to any vital organ," he said. "And that's when we began the process of notifying the press."

Cheney was soft-spoken and appeared shaken as he described seeing 78-year-old Harry Whittington drop to the ground after he pulled the trigger on his 28-gauge shotgun while aiming at a covey of quail.

"The image of him falling is

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If lawyer dies, Cheney could be charged

By MATT CURRY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

DALLAS (AP) — If the man wounded by Dick Cheney dies, the vice president could — in theory at least — face criminal charges, even though the shooting was an accident.

Dallas defense attorney David Finn, who has been a state and a federal prosecutor, said Wednesday that a Texas grand jury could bring a charge of criminally negligent homicide if there is evidence

the vice president knew or should have known "there was a substantial or unjustifiable risk that his actions would result in him shooting a fellow hunter."

To indict Cheney, the grand jury would have to conclude that a reasonable person in the vice president's place would say to himself, "I am not pulling the trigger because this other guy might be in front of me," Finn said.

The charge carries up to two

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## Why can't we be friends?

"What I'm saying is — and this is not a come-on in any way, shape or form — is that men and women can't be friends because the sex part always gets in the way."

Harry Burns in "When Harry Met Sally."

By ABBY STONE  
FEATURES WRITER

Both the men and women on the Texas Tech campus agree — the main idea in the 1989 movie "When Harry Met Sally" holds true in 2006. Women tend to be able to have a completely platonic friendship with guys that they find attractive, but men seem to have a harder time not going all the way, experts say.

Melanie Neal, an interpersonal communications professor, said she asks all of her classes whether they believe that men and women can just be friends. Almost without fail the men say no and the women say yes.

"The guys say the sex issue is always there," she said.

All relationships start with an attraction, Neal said, whether that relationship is between two people of the opposite sex or of the same sex. If no attraction between two people exists, then the relationship is not going to happen.

"It is called similarity," she said. "We are attracted to people that are similar to ourselves."

Karli Bock, a sophomore from Lubbock, said women could be friends with men they are at-

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## Study shows glass ceiling still keeping women out of power

By DANIELLE NOVY  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

More than 80 years after the 19th Amendment incorporated women into politics by giving them the right to vote, fewer than a quarter of the leadership positions within state government systems are held by women, according to a recent report.

Furthermore, from 1998 to 2005, the percentage of women holding top state government jobs increased from 23.1 percent to 24.7 percent — a growth of little more than one percentage point, according to Center for Women in Government and Civil Society at the University of Albany.

The study's results were derived from an examination of elected state officials, state legislators, high court judges, leading advisers in governors' offices and department heads.

Charlotte Dunham, director of the department of women's studies, said the highest branches of government had the fewest women, while local branches tended to be more evenly composed.

"The higher up you go, the fewer women you are going to find," she said of the U.S. government. "Women have this glass ceiling that makes it hard to advance; part of this is based on hidden assumptions of who men and women are."

Dunham said some individuals carry certain stereotypes about gender roles, which often include the belief that women are not necessarily aggressive enough to fill the shoes of a high-ranking politician.

She said the best way to erase such stereotypes is to become aware that they exist and to realize that capable women can fill any role.

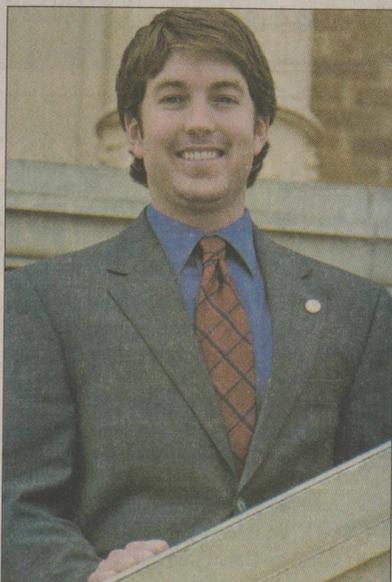
"People need to be educated about stereotypes and hidden assumptions," Dunham said.

Judith Saidel, executive director of CWIG, said the under representation of women in the upper echelons of government is a problem that will not be resolved easily or quickly.

"These trends are so long in duration that we are facing a persistent social phenomenon in our culture," she said. "The slow and uneven progress of women demon-

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GREG MCEVILLY, CANDIDATE for Student Government Association president, promises to represent every student and their needs. Elections are Feb. 21-22.



KELLY MATHERLY/The Daily Toreador

## Presidential candidate wants to represent students, halt move of Tech-A&M game

By MICHAEL CARDELL  
STAFF WRITER

Greg McEvilly has always found ways to serve the students of Texas Tech.

In his spare time, when he's not going to class for a triple major in management, marketing and general business, he works with Greek Wide Student Ministry, which he founded almost two years ago.

It is there where he did a lot of community service, which helped cultivate his desire to serve the people as a leader.

"I believe a good leader should serve first and lead second," McEvilly said. "Leading is a good quality, but

the prime focus should be on serving the people you are supposed to be leading."

McEvilly said if he were to become Student Government Association president, his top priority would be to be a strong leader for the student body and have a bold stand with the administration concerning the best interests of the students.

"It won't just be me in the president's office," he said. "It will be every student on campus in there. That's what the president should represent, and that's what I intend on doing."

For instance, one of the biggest concerns he has is stopping the Tech and Texas A&M game from moving to Dallas.

"The move only benefits the school and the businesses in Dallas, not the students," he said. "If the game is to be moved, we need to make sure the cost to students will stay low, instead of having students pay extra for tickets and gas."

McEvilly said aside from serving the student body, his other initiatives are to continue the scholarship campaign, and to have a clear legislative agenda to present to the Texas Legislature in January 2007.

"I also believe that the SGA needs to work on its communication with Tech students," he said.

Current SGA President Nathan

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MONEY WELL SPENT



STEVE LEWIS/The Daily Toreador

LEFT TO RIGHT: Robert Ricketts of the Frank M. Burke Chair in Taxation at TTU, Linda Nichols, Director of Accounting Programs at TTU, Allan McInnes, Dean of Rawls College of Business, and William P. Hanley, a partner at KPMG, LLP of Dallas, pose for a picture Wednesday afternoon in the Canyon Room of the Student Union Building. The Dallas-based firm donated \$136,000 to the Rawls College of Business and made a pledge to donate at least \$250,000 over the next five years.

Women

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strates the extent to which democracy is not fully operational."

Additionally, Saidel said women in the upper levels of state politics tended to be older on average than their male counterparts.

"We notice from research that women in state legislatures are older when they are elected to these positions than men," she said. "Still, more and more young women are challenging this."

Saidel said women are working increasingly to pair motherhood and a career side-by-side, rather than simply

one or the other.

"The way some of these institutions work makes it very difficult to combine family responsibilities and political ambitions," she said. "Of course, this is true for both men and women."

Saidel said one of the most important findings of the study is that women have been making great strides as justices on the highest state courts.

With a rising number of female judges either being elected or appointed to their positions, Saidel said gains are being made. In previous decades, women's roles in the court system aligned with that of the "token female judge."

"This is a really good piece of

news," she said. "The pattern of tokenism is ending."

Christina Ashby-Martin, a faculty member at the Tech Honors College, said in her opinion, women in the upper echelons of government are welcomed — after their childbearing years are over.

Still, she said the 1.6 percent increase in the percentage of women holding top positions in state governments represented constructive movement.

"Any rise is positive," she said. "Look at the changes in social perception; even small changes make a powerful impact."

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Police arrest bank robbery suspects, accused of numerous others

Lubbock Police arrested two men on Feb. 9 in connection with an October 2005 robbery of a Plains Bell Federal Credit Union Bank, police officials said.

James Edward Peacock, 62, and 22 year-old David Aaron Johnson were arrested in Amarillo on Feb. 9. A third person allegedly involved with the bank robbery already was in jail in Albuquerque, N.M., for a stolen car charge, police officials said.

Jeff Baker of the Lubbock Police

Department said these three men are connected with five different robberies dating back to 2004. This includes the robbery of the same bank on Jan. 26.

Baker said the police were tipped by a confidential informant, which led to the arrest.

He said the Lubbock Police plan to file charges against the three men this week.

Baker said the FBI is also filing charges against the suspects.

Lubbock Police wrongfully arrested

two men in January for the Plains Bell Bank robbery, but were released after alibis for both men proved they were innocent of the crime, according to a statement made by Lubbock Police Lt. Roy Bassett.

The statement said the two men were released immediately after police presented the information to the criminal district's attorney's office.

According to an FBI special report published in 2002, bank robberies occur every 52 minutes and account for 2.4 percent of all robberies in the U.S.

Criminal Justice statistics reported 7,688 bank robberies in the U.S. in 2002. That number was down from the 8,496 in 2001. Plains Bell Federal Credit Union is located at 2545 74th St.

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In Brief

Technical communication meeting Monday

The Society for Technical Communication TTU chapter will meet noon Monday in Room 201, English/Philosophy building.

At the meeting, there will be a free presentation on "working with subject matter experts," such as computer programmers and engineers, according to a news release.

Technical writing expert Lonie McMichael will speak about her real world experience.

"BecauseHeCan" opens Monday

Arthur Kopit's "BecauseHeCan," a play based on identity theft, will hit the stage next week.

The production, directed by Andy Reed, is expected to be a "techno-thriller," and will provide an insight to the world of identity theft, according to a recent news release.

The play will run Monday through Sunday in the Charles E. Maedgen, Jr. Theatre. Tickets are set for \$10.

For additional information about "BecauseHeCan," call (806) 742-3603.

Literature Festival coming soon

The College of Education will host the Second Annual Literature Festival 9 at a.m. March 3 at the Education building.

The festival will be a celebration of multicultural children's literature, according to a news release.

Distinguished authors Denis Fleming, Caldecott Honor Winner and Rene Saldana will be two guest speakers at the event.

Registration is \$10.

For more information, visit the Web site, www8.ttc.ttu.edu/hgodina/default.php.

Expert to discuss political differences

A political science expert from the University of St. Thomas will present "Crossing the Partisan Divide: Lessons for U.S. Political Culture from the Latino Experience," at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Escondido Theatre, Student Union Building.

John Francis Burke, political science professor at St. Thomas, will talk about how changing demographics in the U.S. will affect political differences.

E-mail Clarke Cochran in the department of political science at clarkc.cochran@ttu.edu for more information.

Quit-kits available to help students quit smoking

Students wanting to kick their dipping or smoking habit can pick up free "quit-kits" from Tech's Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control.

The kits contain information on quitting and a self-quit guide for those who want to quit at their own pace.

For a free packet, call 743-4481, ext. 236.

Feed your body and soul week coming up

Texas Tech organizations are coming together for "Feed Your Body & Soul Week."

The departments plan to "raise awareness about eating disorders, body image and soulful living," according to a recent news release.

The events range from a "Power Hour" lunch and nutritional fair to a theatrical performance based on characters with various eating disorders.

The events will run from Feb. 27 through

March 3.

More health information is available at www.depts.ttu.edu/sc/food\_your\_body\_soul\_week.asp or on Channel 14.

TAB looking for singers, songwriters for contest

The Tech Activities Board is calling for local college students to participate in the "TAB After Hours Singer/Songwriter Contest."

At least eight students will be selected to perform at a TAB showcase on April 4, where one winner will be selected to perform at the Kerrville Folk Festival's University Songwriters' Concert at 3:30 p.m. May 26.

Students can grab an application at the Center for Campus Life.

Agricultural students given scholarships

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources honored agricultural students at a scholarship reception Friday.

The Gold Award, a \$12,000 scholarship, was awarded to Matthew Hardin of Weatherford, Jenna Jones from Slaton, Gina Marie Munch from San Antonio, and William Waller from Albany.

The Silver Award, an \$8,000 scholarship, was awarded to at least 16 other Tech students.

To keep their scholarship, Gold recipients must maintain a 3.5 grade point average while Silver students are required to have at least a 3.3, according to a recent news release.

Academic excellence, character, citizenship and leadership are four factors in the selection process.

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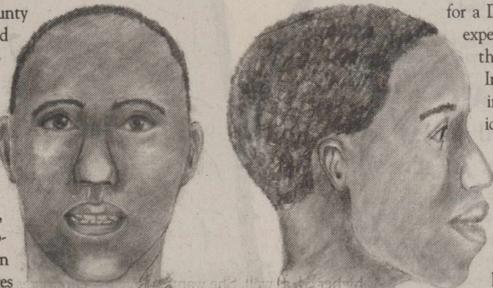
Sheriff's Dept. releases sketch to identify remains

The Lubbock County Sheriff's Office could be one step closer to figuring out who the remains they discovered Dec. 29 belong to.

The remains, found at Buffalo Springs Lake Dec. 29, were analyzed by a forensic team, who then pinpointed facial features for a sketch artist, according to a news release.

The forensic evidence shows the remains are that of a black or Hispanic male between the ages of 12 and 19, who is between 5 feet, 6 inches and 5 feet 9 inches tall and has short, black hair, according to the release.

It has been determined the body had been deceased between six and 18 months, according to the



for a DNA profile, and are expected to be entered in the Combined DNA Index System database in another attempt to identify them.

The Department also is asking for the public's help.

"There are people out there that are missing a friend or a loved one. Please take

a moment to carefully look at this sketch and see if you have any idea on who this teenager could be," said Sheriff David Gutierrez in the release.

To report information about this or any other crime, contact the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office at (806) 775-1601 or Crime Line at (806) 741-1000.

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# Steinmetz announces Republican County Chairman candidacy

By MICHELLE CASADY  
STAFF WRITER

John Steinmetz, current assistant vice president of business development at PlainsCapital bank and former Student Government Association president (2001-2002), announced his candidacy for the office of Republican County Chairman.

The announcement was made Wednesday at Caprock Home Health Services at 5:30 p.m. In attendance, among others were Mayor Marc McDougal and Tech head football coach Mike Leach.

The duties of Republican County Chair include being the chief election officer for the Republican Party and serving as a liaison between the party at the state and local level. It is an unpaid, publicly elected position.

"I really want to listen to the needs of the everyday normal voters," Steinmetz said.

Steinmetz first became involved with politics during his freshman year at Texas

Tech when he served on the Freshman Council.

"While I was at Tech I developed an interest in creating a student tailgating group," Steinmetz said.

Steinmetz was responsible for instituting RaiderGate at Tech.

According to a news release Robert Pratt previously held the position of Republican county chair. He is not seeking re-election.

Nicki Valenti, campaign coordinator for Steinmetz, said he believes he is an excellent choice for the position.

"I've worked with John for eight years and I know he would serve as a leader for the party in Lubbock," Valenti said. "He is very loyal not just to issues that interest him but also to the issues of his constituents."

Steinmetz, also a former White House intern has the "full endorsement" of McDougal.

"I'm excited for John. Some people say he's a rookie," McDougal said. "He's no rookie ... we need new, young, energetic leadership to bring the younger

crowd into the GOP."

When asked about political aspirations for the future, Steinmetz simply said he wishes to focus only on this election right now.

"If given the opportunity to serve as Republican County Chair I pledge to focus on involving as many supporters of the party as possible to promote the growth of the party," he said.

Michael Shonrock, vice president for student affairs, also said he believes Steinmetz is a good candidate for the position.

"I worked with John daily when he was president of the SGA. There is no one with more enthusiasm, energy and a true commitment to what he says, than John," Shonrock said. "I am most confident in his ability."

At the formal announcement Steinmetz also urged attendees to continue to "boldly rally behind the current elected officials."

If elected, Steinmetz also hopes to engage more disenfranchised voters, and encourage members of the Repub-

lican Party at the county level to stay involved.

"Many voters feel left behind after the election is over, and I hope to keep people involved," Steinmetz said. "Those are obviously some areas we could improve upon."

He also said Tech students should vote no matter what; in a Democratic primary or in a Republican primary, as long as they are voting.

According to the news release, Steinmetz graduated from Tech in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in real estate.

Steinmetz also serves as board president of the Boys and Girls Club, a board member of the Ronald McDonald House, steering committee member of Leadership Lubbock and volunteers with the United Way, Young Life and the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, according to the news release.

Early voting will take place Feb. 21. The actual Election Day is March 7.

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JOHN STEINMETZ FORMALLY announced his candidacy for the seat of Republican County Chairman at a press conference at Caprock Home Health Services Wednesday afternoon.

## Legal

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years behind bars, but with no previous felonies Cheney would be eligible for probation, the former prosecutor said.

Manslaughter, a more serious charge, would require a prosecutor to prove Cheney was reckless, which would be "virtually impossible under the facts we know today," said Michael Sharlot, professor of criminal law at the University of Texas at Austin.

"With recklessness, the defendant has to be aware of the risk, but choose to ignore it. With negligence, he doesn't have to be conscious of the risk, but a reasonable person would have been," Sharlot said.

As vice president, Cheney has no immunity from prosecution.

Mark Skurka, first assistant district attorney of the three-county area where the shooting took place, said prosecutors did not have an investigation under way.

"If something unfortunate happens, then we'll decide what to do, then we'll decide whether we're going to have an investigation or not," Skurka said.

If District Attorney Carlos Valdez decided to pursue charges, he would forward the matter to a grand jury, which would determine whether to indict Cheney. Valdez, a Democrat, is best known for his prosecution of Yolanda Saldívar, who was sentenced to life in prison for the 1995 slaying of Tejano singer Selena.

Harry Whittington, a 78-year-old lawyer, was struck in the face, neck and chest with shotgun pellets over the weekend while Cheney was shooting at quail. Whittington suffered a mild heart attack Tuesday after a pellet traveled to his heart.

On Wednesday, hospital officials said he had a normal heart rhythm again and was sitting up in a chair, eating regular food and planned to do some legal work in his hospital room. Doctors said they are highly optimistic he will recover.

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# Gubernatorial candidates aim issues at college students

By SETH BURT  
STAFF WRITER

Texas currently has numerous options to choose from for governor in the midterm primaries on March 7. Three candidates will contend for the Democrat nomination; four compete for the Republican nomination and six contest the Independent positions, according to thegreenpapers.com.

"American Government" by James Wilson and John Dilulio Jr., said a primary election is used to select a party's candidates for an elective office.

Texas uses a special primary system, which does not require voters to register for a party prior to voting in the primary. Once a person has voted in the primary, however, they become a member of the party in which they voted according to "Introduction to Texas Politics" by Ernest Crain and James Perkins.

With primaries less than a month away, Texas Tech student Evan Gray, a freshman business major from Carrollton, has inquiries about what each candidate stands for, specifically on education.

Democratic candidate Chris Bell has made higher education a priority, said Bell's spokesman Jason Stanford.

"We have lost count of all of the college classes he has lectured to,"

Stanford said. "College students are the audience he likes best. They ask the toughest questions and they demand real answers."

Bell has organized college students and campuses to help reach more college students on his campaign, according to his website, www.chrisbell.com.

Independent Carole Keeton Strayhorn is taking similar measures to reach college students said Matt Rose, who spoke on behalf of the Strayhorn campaign.

"We are gearing up for our petition drive, starting after the primaries, and student are going to play a vital role in that process," he said. "Strayhorn's camp is starting a group called Students for Strayhorn, and get students to pass petitions and collect signatures."

Rose, a Texas Tech graduate, said he knows the motivation of Tech students.

"The Tech students are very politically active, and we want to solicit their help and advice," he said. "Education is her main priority, and higher ed, as well. She wants to make K through 16 the norm in this state and have the most educated workforce in the nation."

Democratic candidate Rashad Jafer said he values college students and is

trying to be technologically creative to reach college students.

"In the days of technology, I am trying to be as creative as I can," he said. "I hope people will look at my site. I am trying to go to the all of the colleges here. And I am trying to get a hold of a bunch of student unions. Historically anything profound that happens will happen with young people."

Independent candidate Kinky Friedman listed on his Web site www.kinkyfriedman.com, education, healthcare and renewable energy as major issues he will push this campaign season.

Gov. Rick Perry is running for the Republican nomination March 7. According to Perry's Web site, www.rickperry.org, education is a priority for him, as well.

Republican candidates Star Locke and Larry Kilgore have other things on their agenda this election.

Locke says the major issues are private property and property tax.

"I am the only candidate that has a tax bill," he said. "That tax bill eliminates all property taxes. We are replacing the property tax with other taxes that are actually more constitutional."

Locke is trying to reach college students through college newspapers,

like *The Daily Toreador*, he said.

Kilgore sees abortion as a major issue in Texas and possibly wants Texas to leave the United States.

"Ending the murder of free-born children. Secession from the United States," he said, in response to what his major issues are.

Kilgore said he plans on using his Web site to reach college students.

"I have a Web site which is a primary form of my campaigning," he said. "College students are Web media ... I reach out to college students more than anybody."

Many candidates were unable to be reached including: Democrat Robert Gammage; Green Party Jerry Larson; Independents: Larry Camp, Marcus Cherry, William Jean, Michael Redlich; Libertarian James Werner; and Republican Rhett R. Smith.

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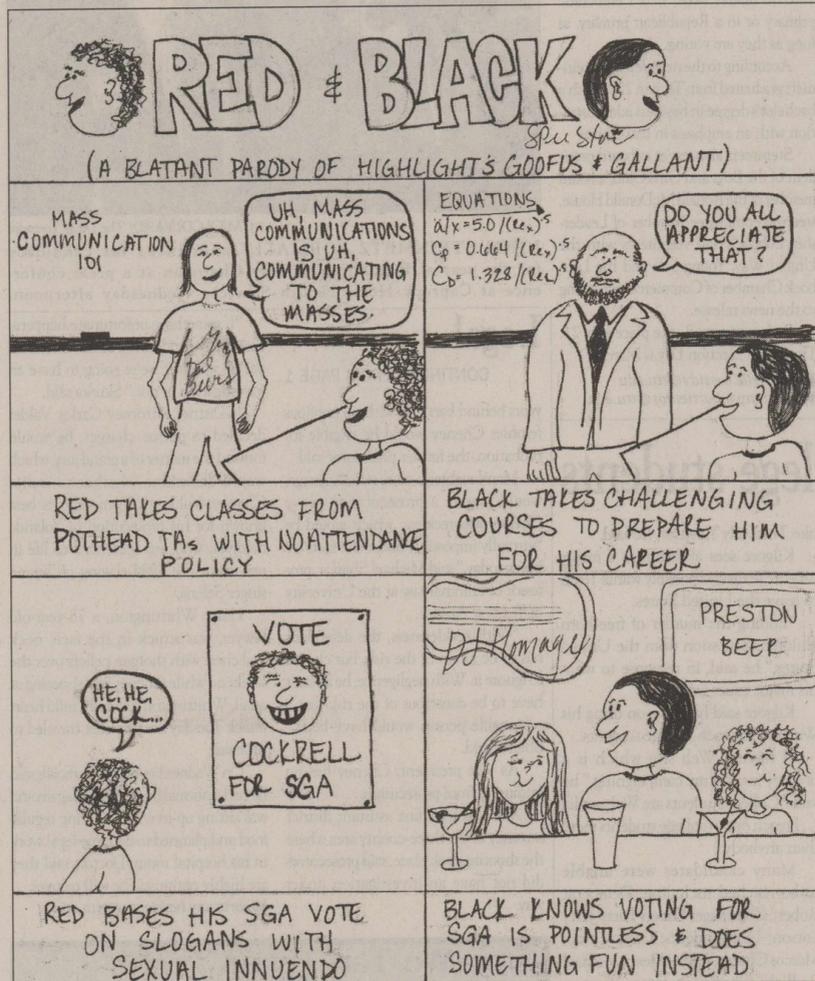
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## Creativity key for fun in Lubbock Campus pranks liven up town with curious smell

So I'm afraid we live in Lubbock. We have a mall, a big campus, herds of jackrabbits, funky weather and our own strain of chlamydia. It actually craps outside more than it rains around here.

Our propaganda video's tag line is "Lubbock, The Giant Side of Texas." How is explaining what side of Texas we're on possibly a promotion? Who do they think they're fooling? The only ones that view those commercials are people who already live here anyway. They should quit the bull, and say how Lubbock stands as a gathering point for all things ugly, dirty, boring and tornado-like. Tech, Whistling Dixie and Bob Knight are this town's only strong points. Other than getting ripped, let's face it — there's nothing to do here. We've got to start thinking of some stuff.

First off, most of us are sick tired of giving the same dull descriptions of this town. When you're back home, everyone always asks, "So what's Lubbock like?" You obviously can't tell Aunt Sandy about floating kegs and peeing off balconies. This forces one to engage in pointless and trivial explanations of this town. So instead doing that, we like to tell our friends and relatives this short and historical legend to answer all questions.

The story takes place in the 1800s, when Davy Crockett raced Paul Bunyan across the country in search of a cure for polio. Paul, as the story goes, stopped to let Babe the Blue Ox take a load off after they got on to the South Plains. Then he said to Davy Crockett, "Forget this race, I bet you can't build a town on that massive dookie that my Ox just laid." Davy, being young and a bit arrogant, took Paul up on this bet and said, "Not only will I build a town on this pile of feces, but I'll build a University too" (this brand of cockiness later got the best of him when Sam Houston dared him to defend the Alamo against 5,000 Mexican troops). "You're out of your mind Crockett!" proclaimed Paul. "There's no way you're going to get 250,000 people, 30,000 of them being college students, to actually live in a place that looks, smells and was built on a pile of poo." Davy tilted his head up and looked the giant in the face and said, "Watch me." That was all he said as turned away walked off into the sunset. And on that day, as most believe, the city of Lubbock was born.

Now you must understand that our portrayal of Lubbock has absolutely nothing to do with how we feel about the nation of Texas as a whole. Our state is diverse and downright fantastic. But this great diversity also

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& Eric Straw

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comes with an unfortunate array of dilapidation. This is not true of just Texas, as you may know. Every region has its area of malformation and general hideousness. The Northeast has New Jersey, the Midwest has Des Moines, Iowa, The U.K. has Scotland, Canada has Canada and Texas has Lubbock.

While alcohol and crappy clubs and bars are vital parts of our society, these institutions can only do so much. I think we all can admit that partying gets old from time to time. Sometimes you just get weary of waking up half naked with penises drawn on your forehead. What else is there to do?

Go camping every other month. We don't mean that Buffalo Springs place (unless you want to get busted). Although we live in a town surrounded by nothing but dirt fields, we actually are near a couple neat places. The mountains of New Mexico are four hours away, and Palo Duro and

Caprock Canyon are less than two. You'll remember a weekend camping much more than just another drunken fiasco.

Most of us are pretty smart and we have a lot of free time on our hands. Let's unite and build something spectacular. When we say spectacular, we mean something we can actually use — unlike the question mark bench outside Stangel/Murdough residence halls, which stands as a beacon that says, "We're Texas Tech, and we have no clue what to do with tuition money."

If you live in the residence halls, make the most of it. I'm not saying destroy tiles and flood the place. Just release some jackrabbits or other small animals in the hallways, maybe something that could crawl around up in the ceilings. That would be cool especially when it upsets the guys on the third floor playing Halo at 4 a.m.

If we added more danger, it might make things more exciting around here. Let's have a running of bulls through downtown. There's never anyone there anyway. To spice up our long walks to class we could release some lions on campus. A couple students would get eaten every once in a while, but that would just weed out dropouts, anyway. And if you have a bad day, you can just think to yourself, "Well, at least I didn't fall victim to the pack of lions that mostly prowl at night mostly."

Join a tour group one day. You might learn something, and you can hit on high school girls or better — their mothers. Build yourself a newspaper bed and beg for change from parents on University Day. We are in favor of having a massive game of cowboys and Indians on campus. The 20-second dead rule would be in effect, and war paint is mandatory. If everything goes well, the National Guard could be called and Hub City would be put back on the map.

We're not trying to change lives or create cultural upheaval. We recognize alcohol's irreplaceable value here at Tech. But our point is, if you're tired of the normal way of living then take our tips, explore some ideas and for God sake's get the hell out of this town every once in a while.

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## Voting for SGA important obligation for all students

You need to vote," has become nothing but an empty threat from our elders. "After all, nothing has or looks like it will change in my life, so why take the trouble to look at the issues?" This is the general opinion in every election. "Not everyone in the world can do what you take for granted," becomes an annoying drone in the minds of many.

By now, you have turned off your brain and gone into lecture-mode. Why do you need to keep reading? What will I say that is different from the other countless voices saying the same old thing?

Change is inevitable in any form of government and it is up to you to do this for the better. It begins gradual and slowly constricts itself on a society reinforcing many of the decisions made prior. Some of these decisions could be virtually irreversible.

Although the Texas elections are just around the corner, the Texas Tech Student Government ones are much closer.

Tuesday and Wednesday, given the history of the student government in any campus institution, an extremely small percentage of students will vote and these students will be from an "interest group," called a fraternity or sorority. The "un-frat/soror-olated" population will not have a voice.

The statistics vary, nevertheless, the amount of Greek-affiliated students range from 5 percent to 40 percent. Isn't a democracy supposed to be the majority opinion? It is awesome how many of these people run and are elected, however, if the general public would vote, then, they too would have a "block," vote. Over and over, students say they would run but have no chance of winning. It is their fault because no one votes unless it is a special interest to them. The general public, in turn, does not vote for this reason.

What does the Tech Student Government Association do?

Representation. This organization is one of the few voices that are heard outside Tech's campus. This directly reflects how Tech is viewed by the community, the state and the nation. The number

### VIEW FROM THE BIG 12 National health care would benefit U.S.

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There are a staggering 42 million completely uninsured people in America, and this is the minimum estimate. Our country is one of the few remaining post-industrial powers that does not have a form of nationalized healthcare.

One might claim that by "socializing" healthcare, we are sacrificing the greatest healthcare in the world. But we do not have the greatest healthcare in the world.

We may have the best healthcare establishments in the world, like the Mayo Clinic, but if no average person can afford it, then how is that useful?

Another claim might be that we would lose innovation by a nationalized healthcare system. This claim makes no sense as medical professionals would not be federal employees; they would just be paid by a single payer, the government. On average, doctors in Canada make more than \$300,000 annually.

The Congressional Budget Office estimated that a nationalized healthcare system could save the government up to \$14 billion annually. True, our taxes might go up a very small amount (Canadians only pay slightly more taxes than we do and not by much), but wouldn't it be worth it if we could lower taxes in other areas that are a direct result of the government having to pay unpaid medical expenses?

We're paying taxes for healthcare anyway. Let's just go a step further and take out the greed and show some true human love and common sense.

Rebekah Wilks



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of students on the brink of a college decision who possibly could come to this great university hinge on that final decisive moment for something that is better than all the others. Lubbock is not one of those places where people magically decide they want to go. How the university is viewed is one of the deciding factors in many prospective students.

Awareness. Student government decides what issues we need to be aware of and how we view them. They identify problems and educate the Tech population in attempt to solve them.

Money. To fix these new problems, money needs to be directed toward them. This organization is where much of the university's money allocation begins. Here, academic, leisure and safety concerns are confronted directly. Recently, funds have been directed toward Citibus, bike lanes and campus recycling initiatives. Remember the leisure pool? This controversial proposal was introduced in the senate. The program for Tech to become a Tier-1 research institution has also been an issue. New scholarship proposals are currently on the schedule.

One candidate for external

vice president said, "In the SGA, we need to intelligently determine any problems that may exist and skillfully execute solutions to them ... the safety of the student is an essential cornerstone in the collegiate experience. Some of the policies on Tech's campus are in need of change to improve this." One of the safety measures he spoke of was the 5:30 parking rule. He expressed the need for an earlier time so students who have to stay on campus after dark can park on campus before then.

Every candidate has a platform of some kind, and it is up to us to evaluate him or her and make the right decision.

The combination of SGA representation, awareness and monetary allocation brings respect, not only to Tech, but also Lubbock and the greater surrounding areas.

SGA is a student-led democracy and reflects our own government. Habits established at this institution could be building blocks for current and future behaviors with you as a Texan and an American citizen. Isn't voting what America is based on?

The candidate elected is crucial. Remember the controversy last year with the candidate who was a registered sex offender? If people do not pay attention, people will be elected who do not want to represent us.

Student Government should not be a "popularity contest," or something for the candidate to "build their resume." We need to elect hard workers who have a drive and passion for improving Tech. Special interest groups, like the ones in our government, need a definite place, but the general population must also be heard.

So please vote. It only happens once a year and is not agonizing, demanding, or time-consuming. Tuesday and Wednesday, go to [www.sga.ttu.edu](http://www.sga.ttu.edu) and select the candidate of your choice.

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**McEvilly**

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Nash said McEvilly has a lot of passion and enthusiasm about serving. "It's how Greg approaches life," Nash said, "which will allow him to be successful as an advocate for the students."

McEvilly's greatest accomplishment is his work with Greek Wide, Nash said, which allowed him to develop many good relationships that he can use in the future.

He said McEvilly's greatest weakness is his lack of experience in an executive role and as an elected officer.

"We talk about Greg's lack of experience all the time in the office," Nash said, "but that's not by choice. He's always volunteering, and he is not unfamiliar with how things work, besides, it's always nice to have a fresh face and new ideas."

Bill Dean associate professor for the College of Mass Communications, said McEvilly is a well-organized, responsible person.

"He is very good at relating to people and delegating responsibility," he said.

He is willing to listen to what others want to say, Dean said.

"He won't just order people around," he said, "and he will make

a collective effort to do everything the best he can."

Dean said he could see McEvilly as an up and coming star in a major company and public service in about five years.

"I've enjoyed my relationship with Greg," Dean said. "He is a fine young man."

McEvilly said although his passion is his greatest strength, it can also be his greatest weakness, and another is his lack of experience. "Everybody has weaknesses though," he said, "but you can turn every weakness into a strength."

That's what McEvilly said he plans to do. "Being a Red Raider has taught me a lot over the years," McEvilly said, "and one of them is to strive for honor in everything I do."

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**Debate brings consensus among candidates**

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Student Government Association executive candidates faced off in a debate Wednesday to discuss some of the important issues they may face in the upcoming year.

The primary focus for the presidential candidates is the responsibility and roles the SGA president has to face to represent the student body.

All three presidential candidates, Ryan Worley, Marc Orgass and Greg McEvilly had consistent viewpoints on what a president must do. For instance, all three candidates agreed it is a prime concern to build good relationships with all the administration and act as the student body liaison.

With regard to the Tech and Texas A&M football game being moved to Dallas, they are all opposed to the idea because it would not serve the students' best interest.

Internal vice president candidates Suzette Matthews and Matthew Fowler said their main focuses

will be keeping the student senate in constant communication with their constituents, as well as keeping the senators motivated. However, when asked about the graduate students they had a different viewpoint.

Fowler said his main focus would be on research opportunities for and funding for the graduate programs, which involves a strong legislative front while at the Texas Legislature session.

Matthews, on the other hand, said she wants to focus on informing the international graduate students why they must have health insurance and to help the graduate students find alternate methods from Tech charging them for their insurance.

The three external vice president candidates, Kyle Gilliam, Mason A. Moses and Chris Huff, said their main concern about parking was Tech needs more of it.

Moses said Tech's focus should be on the bus system because it is one of the best in the state.

Gilliam said a parking garage is needed to relieve the parking situation.



LINC ARMES/The Daily Toreador  
SGA PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE Ryan Worley addresses a panel during a debate Wednesday night in Room 202 of the Business Administration building.

Huff said he agreed with the idea of a parking garage, and the SGA currently is working on a program to dismiss first time ticket offenses.

For the final round of questions, the microphone was passed to the only remaining graduate vice president candidate, Zeb Alexander.

He said his main focus as graduate

vice president candidate is to build more of a relationship between the undergraduate and graduate class.

Fowler said Tyla Holsomback withdrew from the running do to time constraints with classes and her research.

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## Let them entertain you . . .

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The New York police officer shot by an on-duty patrolman last month will be memorialized in a film starring Colin Farrell. Eric Hernandez was surrounded and attacked at a White Castle on Jan. 28. Following the beating, the dazed officer pulled a gun on a man in the parking lot. He was critically shot by a patrolman arriving on the scene, who had no way of knowing Hernandez was a fellow officer.

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — Willie Nelson sang "Mammas Don't Let Your Babies Grow up to Be Cowboys" and "My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys" more than 25 years ago. The 72-year-old singer released a different sort of cowboy anthem this Valentine's Day.

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — John Mellencamp will take the stage in downtown's Monument Circle on April 2 to perform a free concert during the NCAA's Final Four. The concert will take place in between the NCAA men's basketball semifinals on April 1 and the championship game on April 3, Mellencamp's publicist, Bob Meris, told the Indianapolis Star.

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates and talk show host Oprah Winfrey visited a high school on Wednesday, surprising some of its students. Gates and his wife, Melinda, spent about three hours at San Diego High School and met with nine students for an upcoming segment of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" about the billionaire's school reform efforts.

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## Lunch brings female faculty together

By CHRIS ATWOOD  
FEATURES WRITER

This isn't your mother's workplace, and this isn't your mother's retirement.

At least, that is the purpose of a luncheon today for female faculty. The luncheon is the second in a series of four. The event, sponsored by the women's studies department, will feature speaker Vickie Hampton, a professor in the personal financial planning department.

Hampton will give a lecture on how women can prepare themselves about the costs of retirement and ways to save money, choose priorities and to plan adequately for the future.

Hampton said there are three main things people should keep in mind when thinking about retirement.

The first is to figure out what is important to do after retiring, whether that is working fewer hours at the same job, a new part-time job or doing volunteer work.

Second, people need to figure out in today's dollars how much the things they want to do would cost and then make financial decisions to help supplement or support the new lifestyle.

Another problem many encounter, especially when a spouse who spent only part of the day at home retires, is being around their spouse often. Hampton said it is

important to make sure hobbies, jobs or volunteer opportunities are planned, otherwise it could lead to stress within the family or relationship.

Esther Lichti, coordinator of the women's studies program, said it is very important for women to start planning for their financial futures, and to break out of the traditional thoughts about not needing to worry about retirement, especially in a day when many women outlive men.

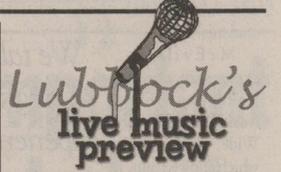
Lichti also said couples should share financial information when they begin to share finances, property or when children enter the family. This way, neither spouse will be in the dark about family finances in the event of the death of a partner.

"Money is, apparently, one of the hardest things to talk about with a partner," Lichti said.

On campus, resources for faculty wanting help with financial planning can be contacted through the Employee Assistance Program, which uses planners from the student Red to Black program.

The next luncheon will be March 6. Contact Lichti for more information by phone at 742-4335 or by e-mail at esther.lichti@ttu.edu.

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**TODAY**  
No Use For a Name w/Fenix, Tx — 6 p.m. Jake's, \$18.50.  
Full Throttle — 9 p.m. Bash Riprock's, no cover.  
Icarus Fixed — 10 p.m. Whiskey Dix, no cover.  
Austin Energy Band — 10 p.m. Bleacher's Sports Café, \$5 adults, \$8 minors.  
Spivey — 10 p.m. JFK's.  
Jack Daniel's Presents: Thursday Night Groove — 10:30 p.m. Hub City Brewery, \$5.  
Brad Ethridge — 10:30 p.m. Rocky LaRue's, no cover.

**FRIDAY**  
Waiting to Derail — 7:30 p.m. Stein's Coffee, no cover.  
Metal Fast-o-rama — 7:30 p.m. Winchester Pavilion, \$7.  
Gandy's Presents: Incredible 70s Nostalgia Nite — 8 p.m. Cactus Theater, \$25.  
Falling for Friday — 8:30 p.m. Sugar Brown's Coffee, no cover.  
John Evan's Band — 9 p.m. Bash Riprock's.  
Max Stalling — 9 p.m. Blue Light.  
Burn the Wagon — 9 p.m. Whiskey Dix, no cover.  
Shane Rodgers — 10 p.m. Fire and Ice, no cover.  
Scott McCurry — 10 p.m. Bleacher's, \$5 adults, \$8 minors.  
D.G. Flewellyn — 10 p.m. Buffalo Wild Wings, no cover.  
Anthony Garcia — 10:30 p.m. Hub City, \$5.  
Acoustic Jam — 10:30 p.m. Whiskey Dix, no cover.

**SATURDAY**  
Anthony Garcia — 8 p.m. Stella's.  
Jeremiah Houston — 9 p.m. Bash Riprock's, no cover.  
Valentino CD release party — 9 p.m. Winchester Pavilion.  
Wes Nixon — 9:30 p.m. Blue Light.  
Lotus — 10 p.m. Buffalo Wild Wings, no cover.  
Spivey — 10 p.m. Rocky LaRue's, no cover.  
Peace of Ash w/Broken Dayz — 10:30 p.m. Bleachers, \$5 adults, \$8 minors.

**SUNDAY**  
Spring Creek Bluegrass Band — 8 p.m. Hub City, \$5.  
Open Jam — 10 p.m. Texas Café (The Spoon), no cover.  
Thrill Store Cowboys w/Milton Maps — 10 p.m. Bash Riprock's, no cover.

**MONDAY**  
Anthony Garcia — 8 p.m. Stella's.  
Wes Nixon Presents an all-acoustic, original open mic — 10 p.m. Blue Light, no cover.  
John Sprott — 10:30 p.m. Hub City, \$5.

**TUESDAY**  
John Sprott — 9 p.m. at Cricket's, no cover.  
Wes Nixon Open Mic — 10 p.m. Bash Riprock's, no cover.  
The Sean Frankhauser Trio (Open jazz jam) — 10 p.m. Rocky LaRue's, no cover.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Peej & Poda — 8:30 p.m. La Diosa, no cover.  
Broken Dayz Acoustic show — 10 p.m. Buffalo Wild Wings, no cover.  
Plain Brown Wrapper — 10 p.m. Crickets, no cover.  
Dr. Scoob & The Acoustic Groove — 10 p.m. Rocky LaRue's, no cover.  
KLAN Live Stream — 10:30 p.m. Whiskey Dix, no cover.

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## Friends

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tracted to and not act on it. Men on the other hand, are always going to want to act on it, she said.

"I have never heard a guy say, 'I just want to be friends,' to a girl that he is attracted to," she said.

Grant Creasman, a junior from San Antonio, said a man cannot have a platonic relationship with a girl that he is attracted to.

"If you are attracted to a girl, you will always be attracted to her," he said.

Creasman said a friendly relationship can turn physical for a number of reasons, but one reason in particular is the addition of alcohol.

Adding a physical element to a relationship, Creasman said, is not

something that he believes hinders relationships.

"(Hooking up) strengthens bonds," he said.

Brad Amy, a junior from Red Oak, said it is hard for a close friendship between a woman and a man to remain platonic.

"Especially in college when just a friendship can turn into friends with benefits," he said.

Adding a physical element to a platonic relationship is a way that the friendship as a whole can be destroyed, Amy said. Certain things are meant for a romantic relationship and help that relationship evolve and work.

"Certain things aren't meant for just a friendship," he said.

Amy said, however, a lot of relationships start out being platonic and it is worth it to give one's deeper feel-

ings towards a friend a chance.

"You have to give it a shot at some point," he said. "Otherwise, you sit there as a friend and watch her date other people."

Neal said it is easy for men and women to communicate the wrong feelings toward one another through non-verbal communication.

"Non-verbal behavior is highly communicative," she said. "But it is not exact and it varies so significantly from person to person."

Women are more comfortable with nonverbal communications such as touch and eye contact, Neal said, because they are always trying to create connections with others.

"I think it would be very reasonable for a woman to touch a man," Neal said. "I think because men do not touch as often, that they might misinterpret that as an overture."

It is possible for a man and a woman to be friends and only friends, she said, but it is especially difficult in college when men are on the prowl with sex on their minds.

"Even guys that have girls that are best friends, deep down inside would love to have more," Neal said.

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# Cheney

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something I'll never ever be able to get out of my mind," Cheney told Fox's Brit Hume. "I fired, and there's Harry falling. It was, I'd have to say, one of the worst days of my life at that moment."

Cheney defended his decision not to publicly disclose what happened until the next day, when he agreed to the suggestion of ranch owner Katharine Armstrong to have her announce it to a local newspaper. "I thought that was the right call. I still do," the vice president said.

Armstrong has suggested that Whittington was at fault in the shooting because, she said, he failed to announce himself as he returned to the hunting line after breaking off to retrieve a downed bird. But Cheney, who has been hunting for at least 12 years, said in no uncertain terms that Whittington was not at fault.

"You can talk about all of the other conditions that exist at the time, but that's the bottom line and — it was not Harry's fault," he said.

Texas officials said the shooting was an accident, and no charges have been brought.

Cheney said the accident happened after Whittington stepped out of the hunting party to retrieve a downed bird in deep cover. Cheney said he and a third hunter walked about 100 yards away to where another covey had been spotted. He said immediately after he shot at a bird flying to his right, he saw Whittington in his line of fire.

He said Whittington was dressed properly in orange and the upper part of his body was visible, but he was standing in a gully with the sun behind him, which affected his view. "I saw him fall, basically. It had happened so fast," Cheney said. "He was struck in the right side of his face, his neck and his upper torso on the right side of his body."

He said Whittington was conscious and breathing but stunned silent.

"I ran over to him," Cheney said. "He was laying there on his back, obviously, bleeding. You could see where the shot struck him."

Cheney said he had no idea if he hit a bird because he was focused on Whittington.

"I said, 'Harry, I had no idea you were there.' He didn't respond," Cheney said.

Whittington was in stable condition Wednesday at a Texas hospital, a day after doctors said one of the pellets traveled to his heart and he had what they called "a mild heart attack."

Cheney said he had agreed that Armstrong should be the one to make the story public because she was an eyewitness, because she grew up on the ranch and because she is "an acknowledged expert in all of this" as a past head of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. He also agreed with her decision to choose the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* as the way to get the news out.

"I thought that made good sense because you can get as accurate a story as possible from somebody who knew and understood hunting and then it would immediately go up to the wires and be posted on the Web site, which is the way it went out and I thought that was the right call," Cheney said.

"What do you think now?" Hume asked. "I still do," Cheney responded. "The accuracy was enormously important. I had no press person with me."

Cheney said he was concerned that if the story broke Saturday night when information was still coming in, some reports may have been inaccurate since it was a complicated story that most journalists had never dealt with before.

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# Homeland Security head draws criticism from both parties, acknowledges 'many lapses' in Hurricane Katrina response

WASHINGTON (AP) — A chastised Homeland Security Director Michael Chertoff sparred with senators of both parties on Wednesday as he acknowledged "many lapses" in his agency's response to Hurricane Katrina.

Chertoff told the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs that he would do things differently if he had the chance. One thing he would not do: give overall responsibility for the relief effort to Michael Brown, who was director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency at the time.

Brown, who resigned under pressure shortly after the Aug. 29 storm devastated New Orleans and much of the Gulf Coast, has accused Chertoff and White House officials of ignoring his warnings on the day of the storm.

"It is completely correct to say that our logistics capability in Katrina was woefully inadequate. I was astonished to see we didn't have the capability most 21st century corporations have to track the flow of goods and services," Chertoff said, promising remedies by the start of the 2006 hurricane season in June.

Chertoff testified as a separate House investigation concluded that

thousands of Katrina's victims could have been spared through better planning and faster action.

The House inquiry titled "A Failure of Initiative" concluded that much death and suffering could have been avoided if the government had heeded lessons from the 2001 terror attacks and taken a more hands-on stance toward disaster preparedness.

Chertoff, one year on the job, acknowledged mistakes. He called the storm "one of the most difficult and traumatic experiences of my life."

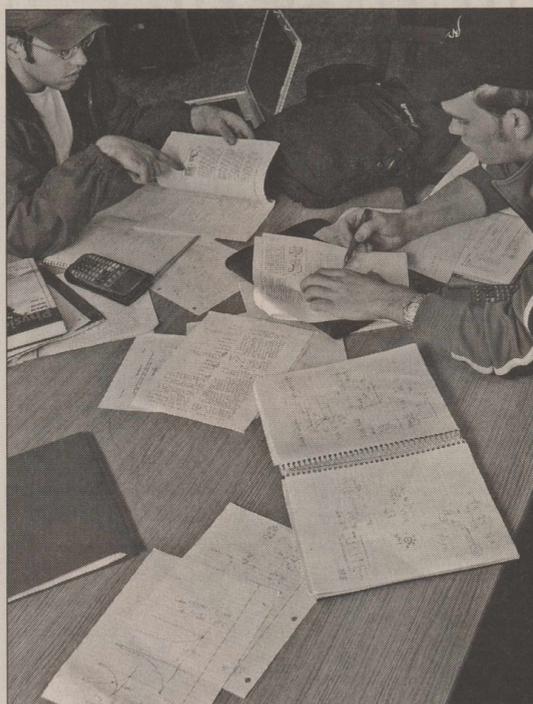
He drew criticism from both Republicans and Democrats.

Committee Chairwoman Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said his agency's performance "must be judged a failure." She called it "late, uncertain and ineffective."

Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, the panel's top Democrat, criticized Chertoff for going to Atlanta for a bird flu conference on Aug. 30, the day after the storm roared ashore, instead of rushing to the disaster scene.

"How could you go to bed that night (Aug. 29) not knowing what was going on in New Orleans?" Lieberman asked.

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JONATHAN PARSON, LEFT, a junior computer engineering major from Amarillo, and John Kirkpatrick, a sophomore petroleum engineering major from Amarillo, study for their principles of physics II class, on the first floor of the library Tuesday afternoon.

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# Raiders skin Wildcats, 70-56

By MATT MUENCH  
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Kansas State coach Jim Wooldridge's pain in his neck got worse Wednesday night at the United Spirit Arena. He can thank his basketball team.

A week after having neck surgery and missing two games, Wooldridge paced the sidelines with a neck brace against Texas Tech. His return resulted in a 70-56 loss, which snapped a two-game losing streak for the Red Raiders.

"I'm in a lot more pain about how we are as a team than I am worried about my neck," he said. "We are not very good right now. We are not a very good basketball team. We have run out of steam."

Tech (13-12, 5-6 Big 12) was in control most of the game as it built an 11-point lead 10 minutes in after a 14-0 run.

"The thing we tried to do tonight was play 40 minutes of good basketball," Tech coach Bob Knight said. "I think we did that tonight. The thing I liked best was our defense was pretty good and it gave our offense a chance to rectify."

Tech forward Martin Zeno had six points during the run and Tech guards Jarius Jackson and Alan Voskuil both sank 3-pointers.

During the drought for K-State, the Wildcats heard more iron than nylon on their side of the court. They missed 12 consecutive shots during a seven-minute stretch and did not score for 10 consecutive possessions. The stats proved K-State's sloppiness in the first half.

Check the first-half numbers. The Wildcats shot 30 percent from the field, 28 percent from beyond the arc, never got to the free throw line and had 11 turnovers.

"(We) weren't kind of flat," Wooldridge said. "(We) were off-the-chart flat."

Jackson and Zeno were the offensive show for the Raiders in the first half by scoring more points as a pair (22) than the Wildcats did as a team (20).

"I sure like Jarius Jackson," Wooldridge said. "He is one of my favorite players. That kid is tough. Zeno is too."

It did not get any better for the Wildcats offense in the second half. They only hit two field goals during the first 10 minutes of the second frame. They finished with a 35 percent field goal percentage.

"I guess everybody has a bad night," Tech center Jon Plefka said.

Voskuil credited Tech's scouting report for the defensive win. "We defended them just like we did in practice," he said. "We knew exactly what they were going to do."

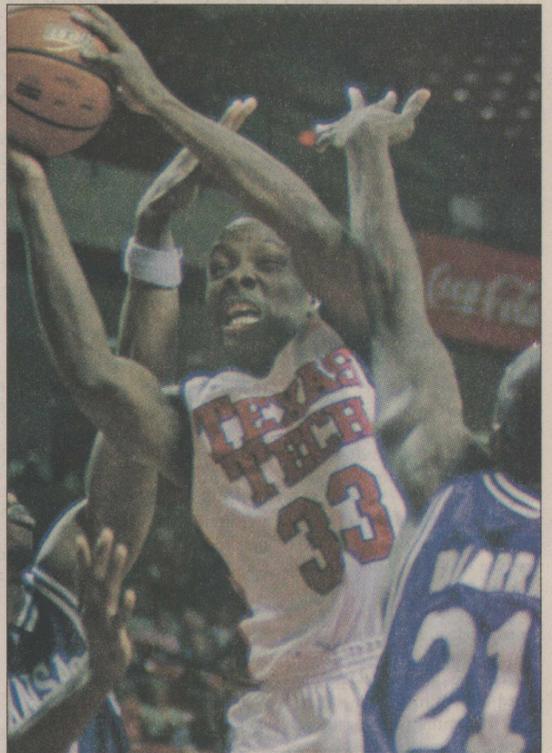
While the Wildcats were missing shots, Tech continued to build its lead in the second half with Voskuil and Plefka making the nets dance.

The pair combined to score 21 of Tech's first 25 points in the second half. Voskuil was doing it beyond the arc as he hit 5 of 8 3-point range. Plefka was doing it in the paint by missing only two of his seven attempts.

"Since day one I owed something to this team," Voskuil said. "Today I just let it go. I don't know why today. But it happened."

Tech finished with four players in double figures led by Plefka (16) followed by Voskuil (15), Jackson (13) and Zeno (11). Zeno chalked up a double-double with 11 rebounds to go with his points.

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TEXAS TECH GUARD LucQuente White fights through Wildcat defenders in the Raiders' 70-56 win over Kansas State Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena.

## Agent says Sosa's career likely over

(AP) — Sammy Sosa probably will retire after rejecting an offer from the Washington Nationals.

"It's more than likely we have seen him in a uniform for the last time," Sosa's agent, Adam Katz, said Wednesday.

The 37-year-old outfielder ranks fifth on the career home run list with 588 but batted .221 with 14 homers and 45 RBIs last year in his only season with the Baltimore Orioles.

Washington offered Sosa a non-guaranteed contract that would have included performance bonus opportunities.

"It wasn't about the money and it wasn't about No. 600," Katz said. "It was a function of Sammy's expectation of his own performance. He didn't want to go out there and underperform like he did last year because it was just too painful for him, and it's just something he doesn't want to go through again."

Sosa became a free agent after last season and will not go on a formal retirement list.

He is not likely to play for the Dominican Republic in next month's inaugural World Baseball Classic.

"The inclination is not to, but it's unresolved," Katz said.

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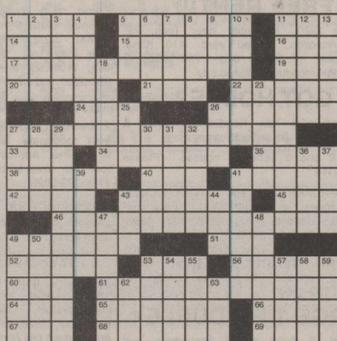
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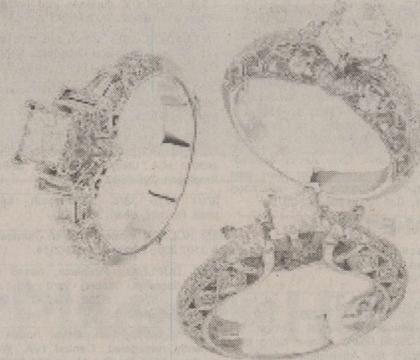
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