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Lady Raiders can't hang with Baylor.
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Powell vs. Turner
DA Candidates Debate.

QUOTABLES

Our village is gone, everything was buried in mud. ... All the people are gone."

Eugene Pilo, who lost his family in a mudslide in the Philippines that killed about 1,800 people. (AP)

He's just flat wrong. ... We shouldn't close Guantanamo. We have several hundred terrorists - bad people, people that if let back out on the field would try to kill Americans. That's just a fact."

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld responding to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's call to shut down the prison. (AP)

I was having fun. ... Snowboarding is fun. I was ahead. I wanted to share my enthusiasm with the crowd. I messed up. Oh well, it happens."

American Lindsey Jacobellis, who fell after a flamboyant grab of her board the end of the snowboardcross race, giving up the gold medal to Swiss Tanja Frieden. (AP)

STATE

Austin man charged in shooting death

AUSTIN (AP) — A 19-year-old Austin man has been charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of a high school senior found in a wooded area near her home, police said.

Justin Allen Crabbe was arrested Saturday and was being held without bail, officials said. He was charged with murdering Jennifer Crecente, 18, whose body was found Thursday behind an Austin subdivision.

Authorities believe the Bowie High School senior was shot Wednesday. No information was released about whether Crabbe knew the victim or what led to his arrest.

Relatives of the victim said her murder shocked them.

NATION

\$365 million lottery ticket sold in Neb.

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Someone, somewhere in Nebraska held the only winning ticket for the record \$365 million Powerball jackpot, but likely wasn't in a rush to come forward, lottery officials said Sunday.

The only ticket matching the winning numbers drawn Saturday night for the multistate lottery was sold at a U-Stop convenience store in Lincoln, Nebraska Lottery spokesman Brian Rockey said.

It was the biggest jackpot on record for any lottery in the United States.

No one had come forward to claim the jackpot Sunday, Rockey said.

Even when the lucky individual or group realizes it, they might not leap into the public eye.

The store was swarmed with reporters.

WORLD

10 U.S. troops die in helicopter crash

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The U.S. military confirmed Sunday that 10 U.S. troops died when two transport helicopters crashed into the sea last week off the coast of the African nation of Djibouti.

The CH-53E choppers, carrying a dozen crew and troops, went down Friday in the Gulf of Aden, near the northern coastal town of Ras Siyyan. Two crew members were rescued.

The search for the others was called off Saturday when the military said it had accounted for the 10 troops but it declined to reveal their fate until family members were notified.

"Next-of-kin notifications have been made," the U.S.-led Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa said Sunday.

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Filipino victims buried in mass grave

A NATION'S NIGHTMARE: Few left to mourn the nearly 1,800 presumed dead after massive mudslide.

By HRVOJE HRANJSKI
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GUINSAUGON, Philippines (AP) — Standing in a light drizzle, the handful of mourners didn't know any of the 30 people laid side by side in a mass grave Sunday as workers began burying the few victims recovered since a mammoth mudslide wiped out this farming village.

Anyone who could have identified the bodies was likely under a carpet of muck up to 30 feet deep, and hopes all but evaporated

that more survivors would be found.

Only about two dozen battered, dazed people have been rescued from the debris left by Friday's disaster, which left some 1,800 people missing and presumed dead.

Weary search teams found more than a dozen bodies Sunday, raising the number of confirmed deaths to 72. With no one left to claim the dead and bodies quickly starting to decompose in the tropical heat, officials ordered them buried in mass graves.

At a cemetery five miles from Guinsaugon, a Roman Catholic priest sprinkled holy water

on 30 bodies, some wrapped in bags, others in cheap wooden coffins, then said a prayer through a mask worn to filter out the stench.

Volunteers lowered the bodies to men who placed them side by side at the bottom of the grave.

The only witnesses were local health officials, the provincial governor, some of her staff and a few nearby residents. Some evacuees from the landslide watched from the window of a nearby Catholic school.

Twenty more bodies were to be buried there Monday.

In the capital, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo said Sunday that "all the efforts of our government continue and will not stop while there is hope to find survivors." But those

hopes faded each hour as no more survivors were found for a second straight day.

A woman who escaped the destruction said the first inking of the disaster was a mild shaking of the ground, followed by a loud boom and a roar that sounded like many airplanes.

"I looked up to the mountain and I saw the ground and boulders rushing down," said Alicia Miravalles.

She said she ran across her family's rice field ahead of the wall of mud and boulders. "I thought I was dead. If the landslide did not stop, I would really be dead now."

Her husband, Mario, said their nearly 4-acre rice farm was left a mound of rocks

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Wanted: Giant Mittens



KAT HILSABECK/The Daily Toreador

THE HANDS OF learning fountain between the English and Education buildings has some added beauty as recent below-freezing temperatures have turned the pooling water into ice.

Sandwich shop robbery is 4th in last 2 weeks

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

A Quizno's sandwich shop was robbed Thursday, making it the fourth sandwich shop robbed over the last two weeks.

According to the police report, a Hispanic male armed with a gun entered the business and demanded money. Several employees ran out of the shop to a neighboring business to call the police. However, once the police arrived, the suspect got away.

No arrests have been made yet, and the investigation is ongoing, according to the report.

In two separate occasions on Feb. 10 and 12, two Subway restaurants were robbed in similar ways as the Quizno's robbery. According to the reports, in all three robberies the suspect allegedly was armed and demanded money.

A Schlotzsky's Deli was robbed last week as well, according to media reports.

One of the Subway store managers said employees are now much more cautious.

She said their store added employees to the closing shift to be safe. The manager

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Internal VP candidates face task of leading almost 80 senators

By MICHAEL CARDELL
STAFF WRITER

There are many tasks the Student Government Association Internal Vice President candidates Matthew Fowler and Suzette Matthews would have to conquer if elected for next year.

Current SGA Internal VP Casey Harmon said one of the biggest jobs for the position is being the head of the student senate.

"The Internal VP presides over 76 senators," Harmon said. "You

must be a dynamic and organized leader to do well at this position."

As the head of the student senate, she said, the internal vice president would be in charge of appointing committee chairs, freshmen advising and Freshman Council.

She said it is the internal VP's duty to make sure all enacted legislation is sent to the proper people.

"It is very important to keep the senators motivated, and it is the internal's job to make sure all the senators stay on task and keep their constituents happy," Harmon said.

Fowler said he believes he will bring energy and experience to the senate in order to keep them motivated.

"I have had a lot of experience in the executive office this past year," he said. "I know most of the contacts, and I know how to get things done."

One of his biggest initiatives is to implement a fall break for the Fall 2006 semester, Fowler said.

"We have had an overwhelming response from the students," Fowler said. "And we, as officers, have the

responsibility to meet the students' desires."

The SGA has been talking to the administration for two years about a fall break, Fowler said. Only approval from the president of Texas Tech is needed to incorporate the fall break, but a few people have been dragging their feet around campus.

"The students are the largest group at Tech," he said. "All we have to do is to find a way to eliminate the academic setback and we should be able to have a fall break."

Fowler said if he were to be elected, his other goals would be focused on increasing recruitment at Tech, having a strong legislative agenda for the 80th State Legislature in January 2007, and to work with the state legislature to have tax-free textbooks.

Harmon said Fowler would be good as the internal vice president because he already has a background in the executive office, and he knows a lot about rules and proceedings.

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CHIP program strives to help families insure their children

By KATIE KINNEY
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, representatives from Texas Tech Health Sciences Center were at several McDonald's locations around Lubbock promoting a program called CHIP, or the Children's Health Insurance Program.

This program, which started in 2000, enables families who make too much money to qualify for Medicaid, but can't afford private insurance for the family, to be able to provide health insurance for their children.

Deborah Suarez, the West Texas CHIP coalition coordinator, said this program is important to people not only for what it does, but how it makes them feel.

"It makes these families feel like they are

paying for their own insurance and not just getting something for free or getting a handout," Suarez said.

The help CHIP provides is based upon the families' monthly income and how many are in the family. Suarez said the sad thing is that many families do not apply because they feel they will not qualify.

"Many feel they aren't going to qualify, but you would be surprised how many actually do," she said. "Most families I talk to are around (\$13,000 a month so they do qualify."

What is even worse, Suarez said, is there are many that do not even know that CHIP exists.

"There are those families that watch the

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STEVE LEWIS/The Daily Toreador

JEANETTE GIKAS (CENTER), a nurse case manager at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, assists Angie O'Loughlin (left) of Lubbock, and Dora Singleterry, also of Lubbock, with the admission process for the Children's Health Insurance Program Saturday morning at the McDonald's at 102 N. University Ave.

DA candidates square off in public debate

By BRITTANY BARRIENTOS
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It's surprising how many issues two candidates of the same political party can differ about, and how they choose to work through those differences during the political season.

This was the task for Lubbock district attorney candidates Matt Powell and Tommy Turner. The two men, both running on the Republican ticket, were the main attractions at a candidate debate Sunday afternoon at the Mac Simmons Community Center.

Immediately, the candidates' differences shone through, as they were asked questions on topics such as training for assistant district attorneys, time lengths for filing cases, equality in pre-trial procedures such as deferred adjudication and plea bargaining, and hot-check raids.

Another of the major issues discussed was racial sentencing. A question was asked regarding how to determine if races are getting the same punishments in similar trials, and if this is an issue in Lubbock.

"Race, status, whatever has



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Matt Powell

played zero role in it," Powell said of his track record of prosecuting all cases the same. "What I'm concerned about is the victim ... I've represented people of every race, creed, color, race and social status. I don't care."

Turner had a similar platform, in that this shouldn't occur, but offered a different solution to the problem he said he believes is present in Lubbock.

"I didn't want to believe that

happened here in Lubbock. I was dismayed. That's not me, and I'll change it," he said. "It all starts with the guy at the top. You have to recognize as DA that your values are represented in your office."

Powell said that is the way the topic currently is approached in the Lubbock criminal district attorney's office.

"I can promise you that's not the feeling in our office," he told the crowd of mostly minority spectators. "It's whether a crime was committed."

Also discussed was the lack of diversity in the district attorney's office and whether either candidate would actively try to recruit more racial minorities.

"Any public office of any size ought to be a representation of society," Turner said. "We have a problem here. Young minority bright people are like our young minority Anglo people — they don't want to live in Lubbock."

"It's going to take some active recruitment ... so the offices can accurately represent the community."

Powell agreed, but said the lack of diversity is not as severe as de-

scribed, with four assistant district attorneys of Hispanic ethnicity, and said the lack of diversity is not because the office hasn't tried.

"I cannot think of an African American who's applied for a job in our office," he said. "I could care less about what color you are; it's are you going to do the job. If you're African American, great, can you do the job well?"

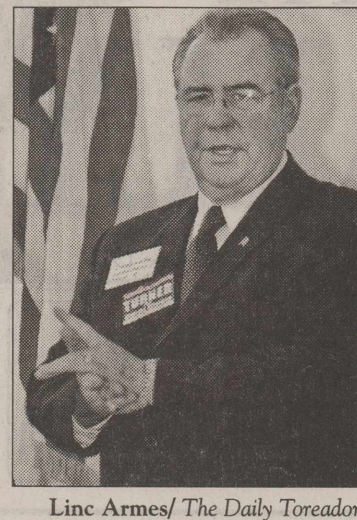
Though there were plenty of phrases like, "unlike my opponent," "I personally would do this," and "I will agree with my opponent on this one thing," there were issues the candidates agreed on — for instance, racial profiling.

Turner mainly drew off personal experiences and conversations he has had with community members, and said though he disagrees with the act, he believes it exists in Lubbock.

He also said he believes employees in the district attorney's office could be watchdogs of the system.

"The DA's Office could play a role in that by watching cases that are filed. If you notice a trend, say something about it," he said. "It's wrong."

One solution Turner suggested



Linc Armes/ The Daily Toreador
Tommy Turner

is people from the district attorney's office should go out and being active listeners in the community.

Powell said he would be willing to prosecute anyone he believes takes part in the act.

"Not only is it wrong, it's illegal," he said. "I don't care what color your skin is and I don't care what you do for a living. It's illegal, it's improper and it makes me sick to my stomach. If I see it, someone's going to jail."

The pair also discussed and

primarily concurred on the use of the death penalty.

Turner said despite the cost, he said he believes in some cases, "you just can't put a price tag on it."

Powell agreed, saying early in his career he believed trying a death penalty case would be "the pinnacle of my career," but with experience has learned "there's not a case I would least rather try."

Powell, the current district attorney was appointed interim DA when former DA Bill Sowder was appointed to judge of the 99th District Court in August. Gov. Rick Perry appointed Powell district attorney in December.

Powell was the assistant district attorney in Lubbock before his and Sowder's promotions.

Turner currently is in a private practice in Lubbock. He also has served as the assistant criminal district attorney for Lubbock County from 1974 to 1976, and also has served as chief prosecutor for the 140th District Court.

Early voting in these and other elections begin Tuesday and go through March 4. Election Day is March 7.

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Study fails to find link between calcium and healthy bones outside of older women

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Reminders like "Eat your vegetables" and "Be sure to take your vitamins" may sound like familiar commands considering they are priorities instilled in many childhoods, but a new wave of research is questioning the value of some vitamins and supplements.

A recent study conducted as part of a Women's Health Initiative found no solid benefits from calcium and Vitamin D supplements in preventing broken bones.

More than 36,000 women took part in the research. A portion of the participants were randomly assigned to take 1,000 milligrams of calcium and 400 IU of vitamins

per day. According to the study's results, taking calcium supplements is not a significant measure to prevent osteoporosis or colorectal cancer. The only subgroup who did see noticeable benefits in bone density after taking the calcium carbonate were women over the age of 60.

Meanwhile, too much calcium may actually create rather than alleviate certain problems; those who ingest an excessive amount of calcium may have increased risk of kidney stones, according to the study.

Becky Wittenburg, a nurse

practitioner at Southwest Endocrinology, said despite the new studies that are questioning the importance of calcium supplements, she would suggest that individuals, especially women, continue taking calcium - at least until more conclusive research is done on the subject.

"I think women should stay on calcium for now," she said. "Just because especially as they get older, they tend to lose quite a bit of bone density."

Wittenburg said there is more data that needs to be collected on the matter before people toss out their supplements.

"Your blood is going to try to maintain its calcium levels at all costs," she said. "If your blood gets low in calcium, it will pull calcium out of the bone to maintain balance."

According to the Vitamins and Nutrition Center Web site, www.vitamins-nutrition.org, calcium is the mineral most likely to be deficient in the diet of an average American, an important fact to bear in mind considering calcium is the primary supportive element in both teeth and in bones.

Anna Garcia, a registered nurse in Albuquerque, N.M., said she believes calcium supplements

are benefiting many women, despite the recent research leaning in the opposite direction.

"There will always be conflicting research in fields like nutrition," she said. "People need to remember that there will always be studies saying one thing, while other studies out there are saying something else. You have

to take everything you hear with a grain of salt."

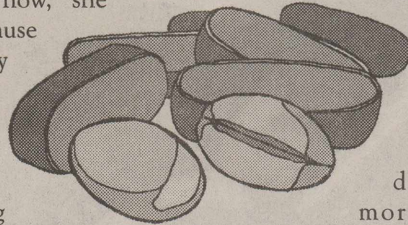
Jill Chandler, a sophomore nutrition major from Midland, said although she tries to take a calcium supplement once a day, she does not necessarily believe that such supplements are key for every individual.

"Usually it's necessary if they are not getting any milk in their diet," she said. "It just depends on the person."

Chandler said in her opinion, it is important to contact a doctor and evaluate one's diet before launching into any dietary supplements.

"They need to look at their diet first," Chandler said. "They also need to talk to a doctor before they just put themselves on calcium."

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Registration deadline for hike day approaching

On March 4, students can join the Outdoor Pursuits Center at Caprock Canyons State Park for Caprock Day Hike. The hike will be four miles, according to a news release, and the participants will be provided with equipment, instruction, transportation and food.

March 2 is the registration deadline, and participation is \$20.

To register, go to the OPC or call 742-2949.

For a Caprock Day Hike itinerary, visit www.recsports.ttu.edu.

KTXT looking for telethon volunteers

KTXT-TV needs volunteers to operate cameras at next month's pledge drive.

Different shifts are available and previous experience is not required, according to a news release.

The telethon will be "a great opportunity for individuals to gain community service hours," the news release states.

For more information, call Armando Rodriguez at 742-1991, ext. 237.

The pledge drive is scheduled to begin March 4.

Tech's Amazing Race: Don't be the last team to arrive

Spring Break is weeks away, which means The Amazing Spring Break Race is around the corner and iPods are at stake.

Teams will have two members who will complete six challenges before crossing the finish line, a

In Brief

recent news release states.

Although different events will be at different locations on campus, teams will check in at an "all-purpose" room at the Student Union Building.

iPods will be given to both members of the winning team, according to the news release.

Other prizes will be up for grabs, including \$100 in airplane certificates, \$100 Discount Sports Nutrition Gift Certificate and pedometers.

The race begins 3 p.m. March 7, and the teams must be finished by 8 p.m.

Go to www.depts.ttu.edu/studenthealth for more information.

Professor to analyze PowerPoint corruption

PowerPoint has become a popular trend for today's classroom, but a Tech professor says it also can "corrupt" the teaching.

Psychology professor Erin Hardin will present an interactive presentation which shows ways PowerPoint can enhance the teaching, instead of corrupting it.

While she plans to show the system's flaws, she will also demonstrate ways it can be used creatively.

Hardin's lecture will be 12 p.m. Wednesday in Room 151, TLTC, and there will be refreshments.

Technology Valentines: Nintendo + Opera = Love

Love is in the air, even for corporations.

In a collaboration announced Wednesday, Opera Software will

develop an exclusive Web browser for Nintendo's portable DS gaming system, according to an Opera release.

Texas Tech students wanting to get onto the Tech network quickly without having to bring their laptop to school will be able to use the small system instead.

Opera Software, based out of Norway, will use the same core design for the DS browser as their existing multiplatform Opera Web Browser.

However, the browser will be tailored to the unique capabilities of the DS, including the touch screen, microphone and multiple displays.

Although Opera made no announcements on specific features, a picture of a DS browsing the Internet on Opera's Web site showed the Nintendo Web site on the bottom screen, with a zoomed-in view on the top screen.

The browser will come on a DS game card, although a release date has not yet been announced.

Sayonara, Maruyama

Microsoft has decided to mix up their management team in response to the Xbox 360's lackluster sales in Japan.

Microsoft replaced Yoshihiro Maruyama, general manager of the Xbox division for Microsoft Japan, with Takashi Sensui Thursday, according to a Microsoft release.

The former general manager has been "appointed to a strategic position within Microsoft's Entertainment and Devices Division," the release states.

The Xbox 360 has undersold its predecessor in Japan, moving 115,000 units since its Nov. 22 launch, less than the 123,000 units sold by the original Xbox in the three days following its Japanese launch, according to an Enterbrain study commissioned by Reuters.

Sensui has worked at Microsoft Japan since 2002 as director of marketing.

UMDs, please

After a quick initial adoption, sales of movies on Sony's PlayStation Portable system may be hitting a plateau, and Tech students will have fewer choices for these portable players in the future.

Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, Paramount Home Entertainment and Warner Home Video are decreasing production of Universal Media Disc Movies for the portable system, according to a Variety article Thursday.

The PlayStation Portable uses Universal Media Discs, or UMDs, to store both games and movies.

Comedies were ruled as the best sellers, and movies like Warner Home Video's "Goodfellas" have now been halted in the move to the portable system.

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Current SGA officers built momentum for lofty projects

Officers reflect on achievements as elections grow near

By **ANDREW WOOD**
STAFF WRITER

Student Government Association elections are this week, and candidates are spending their last days in the campaign rallying with flashy signs and promises of a better Texas Tech.

Last year's candidates looked back at last year's campaign and feel satisfied for what they have accomplished.

"I really feel we've done our best to achieve the goals we set out to achieve," said SGA President Nathan Nash.

At last year's SGA debate, Nash focused on the need for scholarship money. Since then, he helped initiate a \$5 million scholarship campaign.

The campaign "Paving the Way to Student Success" began last spring, and more than \$700,000 has been raised. In November, the scholarship drive got a boost when Barnes & Noble donated \$150,000 toward the campaign.

Nash said the SGA has raised almost \$1 million during its first year. Although the scholarship campaign is not complete, he said the SGA is on the right track and has started construction planning for Memorial Circle's south sidewalk, where

bricks will be placed in honor of the contributors.

"We've done a good job getting momentum started," he said.

Last February, External Vice President Ryan Worley promised better on- and off-campus transportation.

During the campaign, he guaranteed bicycle lanes, additional funding from Lubbock apartments to keep the bus system active, and a decreased transportation fee.

Since last winter, students have bike lanes, and the apartments have provided more than \$60,000.

Transportation fees have gone down, at least for students with 15 or more academic hours. Worley said those students pay 13.9 percent less on their transportation fees.

Internal Vice President Casey Harmon began her tenure as student senate president at April's senate meeting, where she said there should be more communication with senators and students.

"Last year, I was just really wanting to campaign because I really wanted to serve the students," Harmon said. "I felt like I had enough experience to prepare me for the job of internal vice president."

Harmon said she is pleased with how the senators have served the

student body, and has reached out to student organizations.

After the 2005-06 school year began, the pursuit for having the George W. Bush Presidential Library in Lubbock was one of the senate's main topics.

At a senate meeting in September, it unanimously passed a resolution in favor of bringing the library to Tech.

In October, the SGA passed a resolution for a \$7.3 million leisure pool at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. Some officers and senators said the facility would give students an escape.

At Wednesday night's SGA debate, some candidates even gave their input on the officers' accomplishments.

"Nathan's done a great job. If he ran again, I probably wouldn't run," said Greg McEvelly, an SGA presidential candidate.

That seemed to be the consensus.

"As far as being better than Nash, those are some pretty big shoes to fill," said McEvelly's opponent, Marc Orgass.

Worley, who also is running for SGA president agrees.

"I think a lot of it is maintaining what we started in taking it to the next level," Worley said.

SGA elections begin 9 a.m. Tuesday, and will end 7 p.m. Wednesday. Voting is conducted online at www.sga.ttu.edu.

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"I really feel we've done our best to achieve the goals we set out to achieve."

— **NATHAN NASH**
President

Student Government Assoc.

THE WAITING IS THE HARDEST PART



LINC ARMES/The Daily Toreador

STUDENTS TALK TO each other and talk on the phone as they line the hall of the third floor of the English building while they wait in between classes Thursday afternoon.

CHIP

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news and only see that the legislature has cut funding for programs and they automatically think CHIP no longer exists," she said. "This is not true. We are here, and we want people to know that we are here."

CHIP covers children up to the age of 18 years old and ends on their 19th birthday. The program covers a child's doctor visits, inpatient and outpatient care, prescriptions, surgery, X-rays, transplants, and home healthcare.

"This is a great program and people need to take advantage," Suarez said. "So many (people) are struggling and they need help. This is a source of help."

Jeanette Gikas, the HSC case manager and a registered nurse, also said she believes the word needs to get out about this program.

"It is not a difficult process to get in the program and it will enable parents to sleep at night knowing that there are options to help their children," Gikas said. "It is a god send that the state has given us this option so let's take advantage of it."

In addition to families in the com-

munity, this program also is geared towards students at Tech.

"This program helps children up to 19 so this would be great for students with little children," Gikas said.

Christine Sendley, a freshman electrical engineering major from Katy, said she believes it's really sad to think some families do not know about this program.

"This is a really great program and people really need to know about it so they can get the help that they need," she said. "I think that we as students need to raise awareness, get involved and help out those around us that need the most help."

Suarez agrees. "I would encourage not only parents but everyone in the community to be aware of this program," she said. "We all know someone who could really use the help."

CHIP was at several McDonald's on Friday, including the restaurant on North University Avenue. But if someone is interested in CHIP, Suarez said there is always help.

"If you call 211 and say that you want to apply for CHIP, they will get you in contact with the right people," she said. "211 is very helpful for the state and helps families get in touch

with the help they need."

The most important aspect to take from this program is how it helps the child grow and develop, Gikas said, and not be hindered by the fact that they have no coverage if something happens to them.

"The best part of this program is that it enables every child to succeed," Gikas said.

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AVERAGE INCOME

Family Size	Monthly Income
1.....	\$1595
2.....	\$2139
3.....	\$2682
4.....	\$3225
5.....	\$3769
6.....	\$4312

Source: Texcare

COSTS

• Families pay maximum of \$50 every six months for all children, depending on size and income
• Also have to pay co-payments for doctor visits prescriptions and emergency care. Co-pays vary depending on size and income.

Source: Texcare

Bird flu possibly the latest disease able to jump to humans

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Humans risk being overrun by diseases from the animal world, according to researchers who have documented 38 illnesses that have made that jump over the past 25 years.

That's not good news for the spread of bird flu, which experts fear could mutate and be transmitted easily among people.

There are 1,407 pathogens — viruses, bacteria, parasites, protozoa

and fungi — that can infect humans, said Mark Woolhouse of the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. Of those, 58 percent come from animals. Scientists consider 177 of the pathogens to be "emerging" or "re-emerging." Most will never cause pandemics.

Experts fear bird flu could prove a exception. Recent advances in the worldwide march of the H5N1 strain have rekindled fears of a pandemic. The virus has spread across Asia into

Europe and Africa.

Woolhouse and other experts were presenting their research Sunday at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Each year, at least one new pathogen and multiple variations of existing threats infect humans for the first time. That pace appears to be unsustainable in the long run because it implies people run the risk of being overrun.

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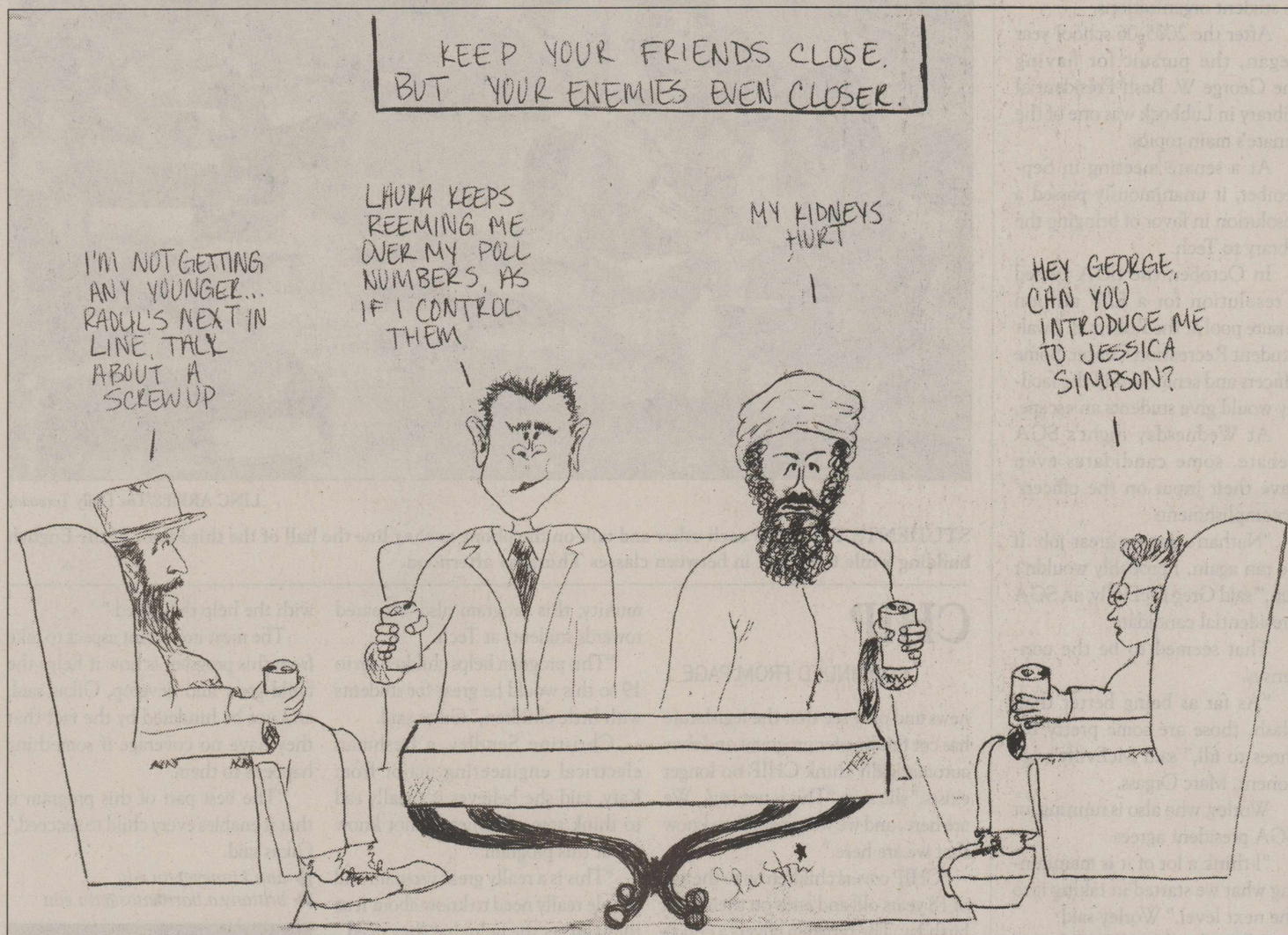
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Men don't understand women — period

I walk in to the Dollar General and try to play it cool. Of course, there's some 30-year-old man with a mullet and Wranglers behind the counter. It couldn't be the sweet grandmotherly woman who is usually here, could it? So I make my way, ever so coolly, over to the pads and tampons section. Yet again, there's another man, looking at the shampoo/office supplies/air fresheners on the other side of the aisle. Because I want to avoid perusing, I quickly grab what I need and press on to face Wrangler mullet. I give him my money and walk out to my car, feeling embarrassed and wanting to cry because my cramps hurt so badly.

Every month, women have to go through this terrible ritual of awkwardness and embarrassment. Why? Why are we so uncomfortable with the fact that we have periods? Since antiquity, the menstrual cycle has been a source of shame for women. Religious leaders, historians and physicians (mostly men) described the process as unclean. In fact, according to the Student Environmental Action Coalition Web site, "In some cultures women go to a special place during their period, where they are alone, or with other menstruating women. It is considered dangerous to have menstruating women around people who are not menstruating. Men are especially careful to stay away from menstruating women."

Well, at least we can be thankful that we aren't shipped off to some hut. However, we are isolated during our periods. Lord help us if we are caught without a tampon

Abbie Kopf



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during that time of the month. We must quietly and surreptitiously ask around like it is a terrible secret. We especially can't let men know that we're on it because they will react with a "Gross!"

But our menstruation cycle is far from gross. It is a life force. It is when we receive our periods that we mature sexually, and it helps in the creation of all life. Even men. In an article by Gloria

Steinem entitled "If Men Could Menstruate" she conjectures what the world would be like if men were on a 28-day cycle. She explains, "The answer is clear - menstruation would become an enviable, boast-worthy, masculine event: Men would brag about how long and how much. Boys would mark the onset of menses, that longed-for proof of manhood, with religious ritual and stag parties. Congress would fund a National Institute of Dysmenorrhea to help stamp out monthly discomforts. Sanitary supplies would be federally funded and free."

Women are constantly subjected to hearing about functions of the penis: ejaculation, erections, etc. But if women even refer to their periods, or the vagina in general, then men are completely repulsed. In fact, men accept complete ignorance on the subject of the female anatomy, just so long as they can identify the clitoris. They tell us that we are bitchy, moody and whiney. Perhaps we are these things, but if you have ever had a period then you would understand that they can be a whirlwind of physiological symptoms.

According to the Feminist Women's Health Center Web site, if we have too much estrogen in our systems, we feel anxious. If we have too much progesterone, we may feel depressed. These hormones and others also cause our "moodiness." (By the way, moodiness is way more prevalent in men from my experience. At least we have a valid reason for our mood swings.) Don't even get me started on the cramps that feel like someone is

stabbing you repeatedly. Many, many women experience vomiting, diarrhea, headaches, nausea, and fatigue during PMS and usually the first days of the cycle. I've seen my fiancée sick and these symptoms will cause him to lie in bed for days looking pitiful. But women face these symptoms monthly. We go to work and school with almost debilitating ailments and rarely complain. I find it fascinating that men want us to have sex with them and bear their children, but they find our periods disgusting. I also find it fascinating that women let their disgust rule over us.

I'm not suggesting that women go around flailing a used tampon, but I am suggesting that we learn to disassociate periods and revulsion. Why should we have to hide our feminine products in some deep corner of our bathroom? Why should we have to lie when a man asks us what's wrong with our stomach? We should be able to be honest about the fact that we are having terrible cramps. More than the right to be honest, we deserve the right to be understood. From my experience, men can barely handle the pain that we experience on a regular basis. We need to talk openly about these things so that perhaps one day, men can begin to imagine the beautiful, terrible, natural cycle of our womanhood. If you don't do it for yourself, do it for your daughters so that they never have to be ashamed of buying tampons at the Dollar General.

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VIEW FROM THE BIG 12

Native Americans in Katrina ignored by media, public

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(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — My friend Cristina spent a weekend in New Orleans as an architecture student with a class called the Katrina Workshop. Although I expected her to tell me about the new wood model she would have to make, she came back talking more about the New Orleans' racial injustice rather than its architecture.

Cristina and I grew up in a hurricane attack zone — the Caribbean. Every year between June and September our parents would fill the pantries with canned goods and water since, unlike tornadoes, hurricanes announce their coming and meteorologists do a great job of forecasting their paths. During this time my dad would watch the weather report like a hawk, tracking every storm from its formation off the western coast of Africa.

Differences between below-sea-level Louisiana and our home island, Puerto Rico, are more than just geographical. The history of racial oppression is more vivid in Louisiana and other states where there are whole communities of one specific racial group or ethnicity. Although the media has

focused on the African-American population, my friend shifted my attention to the indigenous groups.

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South Louisiana's tribes have remained ignored by the media. After searching Google News, I came across a New Orleans Indymedia article explaining the issues these tribes are facing. The communities "are reeling from years of socio-economic neglect, coastal land loss and an absence of storm relief assistance," the article said.

Even with all the news about recovery efforts, tribal leaders say these have focused only on New Orleans, and that their communities have been forgotten. The four affected tribes reported in the article are the Bayou Lafourche, Grand Caillou/Dulac, Isle de Jean Charles Bands of the Biloxi-Chitimacha and the Pointe-au-Chien Indian Tribe. According to the Census Bureau, up to 80 percent of the indigenous population lives below the poverty line. More than 10,000 of their homes were flooded. After reading this article, I could not hold myself and decided to make a couple of phone calls.

When Marlene Foret chairwoman of the Grand Caillou/Dulac Band of the Biloxi-Chitimacha tribe, answered the phone, I heard the voice of a determined woman. She said that only recently the Federal Emergency Management Agency trailers had begun to arrive at the communities, and explained how some people have been affected.

"The problems are still there," she said. "Some are excited, for others things are still the same."

Foret narrated the story of a family of 12 who were told by FEMA they would receive a big trailer, but because of the area, they could not and brought him two

small ones.

Although members of the tribe have food and people are sending clothes, "what everybody needs are building supplies to rebuild their homes," Foret said.

In a hopeful voice, she explained that houses need to be elevated and the material needed costs a little more than \$100. It should cost around \$2,500 to elevate an entire home to avoid future flooding.

Helping a community in need in our country should be something we do without thinking about it twice. Many might be tired of hearing about Katrina on the news half a year after the hurricane, but none of us should be tired of giving a helping hand.

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Jokes on Cheney's accident show Liberal's lack of class

"The image of him falling is something I'll never be able to get out of my mind. I fired, and there's Harry falling. And it was, I'd have to say, one of the worst days of my life at that moment," Vice President Dick Cheney said about the unfortunate hunting accident in an exclusive interview with Fox News' Brit Hume.

Cheney made those comments after several days of silence while he was trying to recover from the shock of having accidentally shot his friend. During the days of silence the vice president was on the receiving end of countless jokes and criticisms from Liberals who were doing everything they could to try and turn this unfortunate accident into political gain. Bush-haters called it a secret government conspiracy and gun-haters tried to use it to fuel the gun control movement. But there is nothing funny about a hunting accident.

I know from first-hand experience, for I was on the wrong end of a bird hunting accident when I was in grade school. I have been hunting for as long as I can remember and the first thing I was taught was gun safety. You will not find a more safe, responsible hunter than my grandpa, or a better shot for that matter. He subscribes to the knowledge-is-power line of thinking.

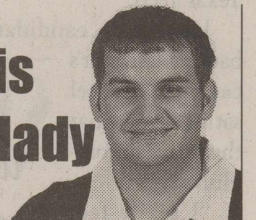
He preached to my sister and me from the start about safe ways to handle guns. Always have it pointed in a safe direction. Never point your gun at something you don't intend to shoot. Make sure your barrel is clear from obstructions. Know where the other hunters are and make sure they know where you are at all times. We were sent to take hunter's safety courses and practiced safe shooting techniques. He knew that, the more we knew about guns, the less likely it would be that we would fall victim to ignorance.

When we were hunting in groups we always do our best to surround ourselves with people who we trust as safe hunters. But accidents do happen and unfortunately I was the victim of an accident that left me blind in my left eye.

My situation is very similar to what happened in the case of the vice president. No one can be singled out to blame for what happened to me. The family friend who shot me was partially to blame for not communicating with us so he would know what was in the path of the trajectory of his gun. My grandpa and I were partially to blame for lack of communication to the other hunter as to my position in the field.

Whittington did not communicate that he was coming back into line and Cheney did not make sure that his line of site was clear of danger before pulling the trigger. Neither of them are completely to blame for what happened and I am glad neither of them came out pointing fingers like those in the national media did. They both realized that while hunting accidents are rare, for more people are hurt driving

Travis Lovelady



to work than are killed by guns every year, they still do happen.

Humans are not perfect, and when you engage in any activity where other people are involved, no matter how safe you are, an accident is always possible. I didn't hold it against my grandpa or the family friend for the regrettable accident that changed my life. I didn't hold it against guns or hunting. I didn't rush out and join a gun control group or start the Lovelady Campaign to get the Lovelady Bill passed in Congress to ban shotguns.

The ignorance of the Liberal news-media was never clearer than in the aftermath of this accident. They were so irked that the vice president didn't hold a news conference immediately after the accident that they turned it into an opportunity to attack the Bush administration.

This was not about the news or the tragedy. It was about ego of the media. I am sure that notifying the White House press corps was not the first thing on the mind of Cheney. He was told that the ranch owner would notify the media as to what happened. The ranch owner chose to tell a local newspaper instead of the White House press corps and they threw a fit. How dare they deprive the almighty national news media the chance to play on a tragedy for ratings?! Their response was sickening. It just shows how desperate they are to make the Bush administration look bad to benefit the Democrats.

The mainstream media didn't make this big a deal out of the situation when on several occasions the Clinton's failed to run straight to the media to explain when some things went wrong or when Senator Ted Kennedy went home to sober up before telling the authorities that he had left a girl to drown in a lake.

I am just glad that the majority of the American public saw this incident for what it was, a tragic accident and another example of Liberal whining. While it is easy to make jokes about what happened, when those jokes are told due to an inner hatred for Cheney it really scares me. I wonder what has happened to this country that Liberals actually find satisfaction in the tragedies of others.

No one will hear me making any jokes about Cheney and this tragedy. I hope that before you make light of this event you will take a second to stop and think about how it has affected those involved. I bet Harry Whittington and Cheney will not be telling any jokes about it. God bless you and God Bless the U.S.A.

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Area officials discuss likelihood of bird flu outbreak

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Influenza and Avian flu have become a growing problem in the United States and elsewhere in the past year. The Avian Flu, otherwise known as the bird flu, has become a growing crisis overseas in areas of Africa and, more recently, Europe.

According to CNN, the World Health Organization has confirmed 165 cases of the disease in humans in China, Cambodia, Indonesia, Iraq, Thailand, Turkey and Vietnam.

According to BBC news, the virus recently has been found in wild swans in Sicily and other cases are suspected in Italy.

The Avian Flu has killed at least 80 people since 2003, mostly in Southeast Asia.

According to the Centers for Disease Control Web site, www.cdc.gov, symptoms of the bird flu are similar to influenza but also include eye infections, pneumonia, severe respiratory diseases and other life-threatening complications.

According to CNN, the big worry with this flu is the danger of it mutating. It could pick up the ability to spread rapidly from person to person, and if that happened a global pandemic would occur, killing millions of people.

Dr. Ron Warner, an associate professor for family and community medicine, said although the bird flu is lethal in people, it hasn't yet acquired the ability to be transferred person to person.

"It's had several years to acquire this ability, yet it hasn't, and we don't know why," Warner said. "If it does, it may be a real worldwide problem."

According to www.npr.org, in the event of a bird flu pandemic there could be a severe shortage of ventilators

and intensive care unit beds.

Warner said the virus only is transmittable from bird to human, not human to human. The difference between the United States and other countries, is most of the poultry production in the U.S. is done in a large bio-poultry facility. Other countries have more of backyard flocks existing in farmyard houses. People will then handle these ill or dying birds without realizing it and contract the virus, Warner said.

"Humans that have the bird flu suffer a very high case fatality — over 50 percent," Warner said. "We don't nearly see that high a case fatality rate with the ordinary human influenza."

According to www.cdc.gov, influenza also has proved to be somewhat of a problem. Every year, 5 to 20 percent of the population contracts the flu, more than 200,000 people are hospitalized, and 36,000 people die. Symptoms of influenza include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny nose, muscle aches and stomach problems.

The flu spreads through respiratory droplets caused by coughing and sneezing or by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching the mouth or nose. It also can be passed to someone else before the person knows they are sick, as well as while they are sick, according to www.cdc.gov.

There are two ways to prevent the flu, according to the Web site. One way is to get the flu shot, an inactive vaccine that is given with a needle.

"Everybody is encouraged to receive a vaccination each year, especially if you are at high risk," Warner said.

People who have a severe allergy to chicken eggs should not be vaccinated. According to www.niaid.

nih.gov, viruses for producing the vaccine are grown in chicken eggs and then killed in a chemical so an allergic reaction may occur. The second way is to use a nasal spray with the vaccine and is approved for healthy people 5 to 49 years old who are not pregnant.

Michelle Lobaugh, a junior Spanish major from Cleburne, said she believes students may not recognize a flu pandemic in time.

"I think most students wouldn't go the doctor until it was already too late," Lobaugh said. "I have a head cold and allergies and haven't gone to the doctor because I don't want to take the time out to go to the doctor so I'm waiting to get better."

Systems have been developed in order to aid a bird flu or influenza pandemic should it occur. The Lubbock Health Department uses clinician reporting or a SYRIS system to report potentially hazardous medical symptoms.

Tommy Camden, public health director for the Lubbock Health Department, said the system is used to identify conditions that might be seen in a bioterrorism type of event, such as fever or severe diarrhea. It will give a really quick report to us before any lab testing is completed.

"The information is reported quicker — a data-mining system could take weeks or months," Camden said. "It only takes a clinician 20 seconds and it is distributed to all parties in the system who might be experiencing similar situations."

Camden said this is beneficial in the cases of influenza or bird flu because a red light is sent up and the situation is investigated. If someone comes back from overseas contracting the virus then an investigation over the virus will occur quicker, Camden said.

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Body parts snatching case reverberates with patients

CHICAGO (AP) — Every year more than 1 million Americans have medical procedures that use bone or other tissue from a cadaver — like disk replacements or dental implants.

But what if the donated tissue came from someone who died of cancer? Or AIDS? Or hepatitis?

That worry caused by a ghoulish scandal in the body parts business has led to distress for hundreds of people, and some prospective patients are now reconsidering how they want their surgeries done.

Experts familiar with the situation say patients' chances of getting a disease from the suspect tissue are small, but doctors are urging them to be tested.

"This is diabolical ... if what has been alleged has

been done," said Dr. Stephen Pineda, an orthopedic surgeon in Springfield, Ill. "What it does to the whole public perception of bone and all other grafts can be catastrophic."

Investigators are trying to determine if a New Jersey company, Biomedical Tissue Services of Fort Lee, sold bone and tissue illegally obtained from corpses that were too old, sick or otherwise ineligible to be donors. BTS closed last month.

The Food and Drug Administration and federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say the risk of infection is low but unknown. So dozens of hospitals have contacted hundreds of patients around the country who got body parts traced to the company

between early 2004 and September 2005. They are being offered testing for AIDS, hepatitis and syphilis.

Those are the three illnesses that the FDA requires donor tissue to be tested for — singled out because they cause long-lasting infections that pose a greater risk of transmission through transplanted tissue than short-lived infections.

But some patients worry about tissue or bone from bodies weakened by cancer, age or other ailments. Doctors concede that's theoretically possible but unlikely to cause problems with the grafts.

Unused body parts linked to the case have been recalled.

Mudslide

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and mud.

"Our farm is gone. We have no more home," he said. "We can only rely now on the government's help."

Florencio Libaton, an injured villager, told of being caught by the soupy mush while trying to flee with his wife. He said he was rolled and tossed among boulders and tree trunks that were swept down the adjacent mountainside.

"I said, 'God, is this how we are going to die?'" Libaton recalled at Anahawan District Hospital, where he and other injured were taken.

Rescuers found him pinned under a tree trunk and mud. "I yelled out, 'Help! Help! Then they pulled me out after digging with their hands,'" he said.

There was no sign of Libaton's

wife, Porfiria. He feared he also lost his children — a son and two daughters — when the mud buried the village's elementary school, along with 250 to 300 children and teachers.

Two shiploads of U.S. Marines arrived off Leyte island Sunday to help, diverted from military exercises elsewhere in the Philippines. A unit of 32 started digging at the school, and a total of 200 Marines had come ashore by sunset. Hundreds more were expected Monday.

Communist rebels active elsewhere on Leyte warned the U.S. troops not to stray into insurgent zones, but said they would not attack unless provoked. The New People's Army rebels have been waging a rebellion since the late 1960s.

The hunt for survivors focused on the school after unconfirmed reports circulated that some of those inside had sent text messages to loved ones after the mountainside

collapsed following two weeks of heavy rains.

Officials had said 57 survivors were pulled from the mud Friday, but on Sunday lowered the number to 20 without explanation.

Spirits rose briefly at the school site Sunday when Malaysian soldiers with sound-detecting gear reported movement below the mud. But with nothing else to indicate life, they had to admit the noise could have been settling mud.

A Taiwanese team of 32 rescue workers with heat-sensing equipment arrived to aid the desperate search for survivors.

Philippine Lt. Col. Raul Farnacio said teams using search dogs also were digging around the village hall, where about 300 people were at a women's conference when the mudslide hit.

In Geneva, the International Red

Cross appealed for \$1.5 million to buy materials for temporary shelters and health and cooking items.

Meanwhile, a landslide killed five people on another Philippines island hundreds of miles away, but it was not immediately clear what caused it.

Maj. Gamal Hayudini of the military's Southern Command said the slide engulfed two houses in Zamboanga del Sur province's Bayog town, 470 miles south of Manila. He said a woman was pulled out alive with a broken leg.

In November 1991, about 6,000 people were killed on Leyte in floods and landslides triggered by a tropical storm. In December 2003, 133 people died in floods and mudslides.

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Robberies

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also said they cash out their registers on a more frequent basis than before, to prevent large amounts of cash to collect in the cash register.

According to a Web site by the Colorado Association of Robbery Investigators, there are a number of tips to remember in case of an attempted robbery at work. The Web site gives advice on keeping the store well-lit, so people outside of the store, especially police driving by, can see inside the store. Video camera surveillance is recommended by the Web site's tips.

The Subway store manager, who asked to remain unidentified, said the particular store she works in contains four surveillance cameras.

Varying the banking routine also is recommended. The Web site states to carry cash in a variety of ways, and do not use money bags, because they are too obvious. When it is time to close, two people should always act together on the job, according to the tips found at the Web site.

Another Web site, nononsense-defense.com, says law enforcement tends to be strict with penalties in regards to people who are caught in an armed robbery. According to the Web site, all robberies are considered violent crimes, but most states will upgrade the charge on a robber if a weapon is used. The Web site states guns make up 40 percent of all robberies, while knives and other

weapons are used in 20 percent of all robberies.

The Subway manager said the person who robbed the store remained calm throughout the entire process, and he did not show a weapon. The manager said he calmly asked for money and walked away once he received the money.

At the Colorado Association of Robbery Investigators Web site, a number of tips are included for a person who is in a situation where his or her workplace is in the process of being robbed. The tips state to remain calm and do whatever the robber asks. In addition, the Web site states to make no sudden movement and to explain to the robber any movements made. A worker should allow the robber to leave, but try to get a good look at the robber's face for a description to the police. An employee should take note which direction a thief leaves. If the thief leaves in a vehicle, an employee should attempt to locate and write down a license plate number.

The Subway manager said their store provides training to their employees for situations like this.

The manager said they teach to obey the attempting robber, to remain calm and once the thief leaves, to lock the store and immediately call the police.

To report any information pertaining to any of these four sandwich-shop robberies, call Crime Line at 741-1000.

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President's Select members often offer first impression of Tech

By KATIE KINNEY
STAFF WRITER

President's Select, the student ambassador program at Texas Tech, is a group of students who help represent the university and the different organizations found on campus.

The group consists of 85 members who are very enthusiastic about Tech.

"Most of these students are enthusiastic about Texas Tech," said Julian Olivas, adviser to the student ambassadors, "and the students are very involved in their majors and other organizations."

The students serve as ambassadors to the Office of the President, Office of Admissions and the athletic department.

One of the main duties of the ambassadors is to give guided tours to prospective students.

"I think ambassadors are important because they are the first people that prospective students come in contact with," said Leslie Brockman, president of President's Select, "That comes into play when a student is deciding where to go to college."

Doug McDonald, vice president of President's Select, said he also believes this is important.

"In this job, you will run into freshman on campus who will say that you made a difference in their decision to come to Tech, that you made them want to come," he said. "I like that I am the first impression of the university."

Being a student ambassador,

though, is more than just giving tours.

"Ambassadors develop relationships with each other and they also develop leadership," Olivas said. "They also deal with a diverse audience, ranging from important donors, high school students and little children."

Brockman, who has been an ambassador since she was a freshman in 2003, said she has learned a lot from being in this organization.

"I would encourage more people to be apart of the ambassadors," Brockman said. "I have made amazing contacts and I know the president and his family, which is a huge honor."

Knowing the president seems to be a benefit for more than just Brockman.

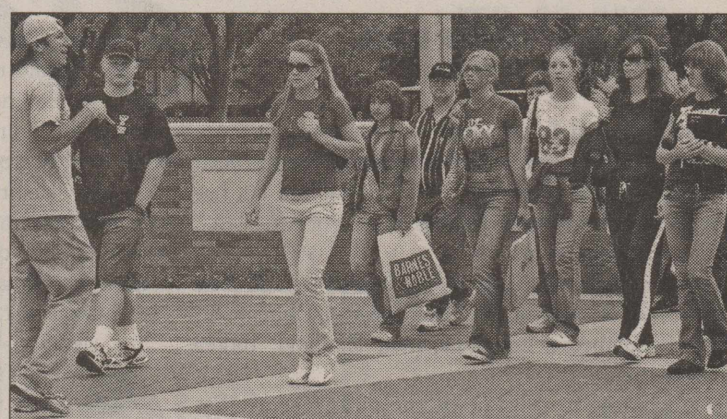
"I was able to sit with the president's box during games with his wife," McDonald said. "It's nice that people know your name and remember you."

To be on President's Select, there are a few requirements that are key to being successful ambassadors.

"We are looking for outgoing people who are enthusiastic about Tech," Olivas said. "This is a great opportunity for students who want to continue to develop their experiences at Tech."

Olivas also said the organization wants all students to apply because they want diverse students.

"We want the students who have come from far away to tell why they chose to come all the way to Tech and also we want the students



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STUDENTS GO ON a guided walking tour of the campus during University Day this year. These tours usually are led by President's Select.

from Lubbock to explain why they decided to stay," Olivas said.

Applications are now available at the front desk of West Hall

and they will be due by 5 p.m. Feb. 27.

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Seminar will try to educate women on how to sing their own praises positively

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On Thursday, the Office of the Provost and the Office of Women's Studies will be sponsoring a seminar for faculty and graduate students only. This seminar is being called "Get What you Want, Women's strategy for Success: Using the Power of Positive Influence, Persuasion and Negotiation," and its focus is teaching negotiation skills.

Esther Lichti, professor of women's studies, said this workshop was made to help people, especially women, develop skills in negotiation for increasing salary, promotions and tenure.

"My own experience is women were taught that it wasn't OK to toot your own horn, brag about yourself, and get what you want," she said. "We're not always skillful as our male colleagues for asking what we want to make our workplace more pleasant. This seminar is a way for this generation to make this happen."

Instructor Melanie Castleberg, who teaches political science and women's studies, said she believes in this statement as well.

"These kinds of skills are not socialized skills," she said. "You don't get negotiation skills in business classes today."

Linda Swindling, a Texas Tech alumni and graduate of Tech law school, will be teaching the seminar. Swindling was an attorney before she decided to become a consultant for companies to help train, coach and facilitate negotiation and conflict resolution skills to make their company better.

Elisabeth Hall, who works in the Provost's office and is helping sponsor this seminar, said she believes this a great opportunity for all faculty and graduates students to see how they will have to act in the professional environment.

"It will increase your negotiation skills, which is a very good skill to have today for anyone," Hall said. "The thing is, it's a skill, so you can learn it if you have the

opportunity."

Another important reason to attend this seminar is for women to learn to be treated equally in everything.

"The only way to be seen as an equal in the workplace is to have these types of skills," Castleberg said. "Most women are told to just go along with what goes on, but that doesn't help the woman."

Castleberg also brought up another point, which is often what some women result to.

"You can't do anything if you are quiet," she said. "You can't get what you want unless you speak. You have to work at it to get what you want."

Hall also said that the office of the provost is very interested in these skills.

The seminar will be held Thursday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Escondido Theatre. For more information, contact Lichti at (806) 742-4335 or esther.lichti@ttu.edu by Tuesday at 5 p.m.

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Internal

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"He's had a year to work in the office and it would make for a smooth transition," Harmon said.

Matthews said throughout the past year she has noticed how much she would enjoy the internal VP's job.

"I'd be good at it," she said. "I'm a very motivated and organized leader, with all the knowledge needed to do the job."

Matthews said she would motivate the senators to go out and talk directly to higher officials on campus and push the students' agenda.

"Unlike my running mate, I plan on staying here and working closer with the students," she said. "I'd like to motivate students to go to more sporting events and have more sportsmanship."

Matthews said she intends to keep the senators and students motivated by staying motivated herself.

"I'm a very motivated person in general," she said. "If I'm motivated, it in turn makes the senators motivated."

Matthews said her main focus will be to institute a fall break as soon as possible.

"We all need and want a fall break," Matthews said. "To achieve this we need to work close with the different faculty and

staff senators so they can see the students' views."

Harmon said Matthews is good at making others want to be a leader.

"She is very active in Freshman Council," she said. "She is a very dynamic leader, and she has turned Freshman Council into the most productive council it has ever been."

Although Fowler has more experience than Matthews, Harmon said,

Both candidates would work very hard to finish what they need to do.

— CASEY HARMON
Internal Vice President
Student Government Assoc.

it is always nice to have a fresh perspective.

"Both candidates would work very hard to finish what they need to do," Harmon said. "I think both candidates would do very well at this job."

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Candy makers try to cater to health-conscious chocoholics

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — It's every chocolate lover's wish that their favorite indulgence could somehow be healthy for them. Now, chocolate makers claim they have granted that wish.

Mars Inc., maker of Milky Way, Snickers and M&M's candies, next month plans to launch nationwide a new line of products made with a dark chocolate the company claims has health benefits.

Called CocoaVia, the products are made with a kind of dark chocolate high in flavanols, an antioxidant found in cocoa beans that is thought to have a blood-thinning effect similar to aspirin and may even lower blood pressure. The snacks also are enriched with vitamins and injected with cholesterol-lowering plant sterols from soy.

But researchers are skeptical about using chocolate for its medicinal purposes and experts warn it's no substitute for a healthy diet.

"To suggest that chocolate is a health food is risky," said Bonnie Liebman, nutrition director for the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

Recent research has not established a link between flavanols and a reduced risk of cancer or heart

disease, she said. And with obesity already a serious health problem, "the last thing we need is for Americans to think they can eat more chocolate."

A paper published by the American Heart Association concluded that chocolate contains chemicals, including flavanols, that have the potential to reduce heart disease. But it added researchers still don't know enough about flavanols to make dietary recommendations.

Other major chocolate companies also have started promoting the flavanol content of their dark chocolates, such as Hershey's Extra Dark, introduced last fall with highlights on its label touting its 60 percent cocoa content and high level of flavanol.

Dark chocolate, which contains more flavanols than regular chocolate, is the fastest growing segment of the \$10 billion-a-year chocolate market. Hershey reports that its dark-chocolate sales have grown 11.2 percent over the past four years.

Last year, Hershey Co. acquired San Francisco-based Scharffen Berger Chocolate Maker Inc., known for its dark chocolate.

Oscar host Jon Stewart gets ready for the big game; comedian must follow in footsteps of Martin, Crystal

NEW YORK (AP) — Jon Stewart just won the Heisman — the comedians' version.

As host of the Academy Awards, Stewart joins an elite group that includes Steve Martin, Billy Crystal, Bob Hope and Johnny Carson.

"It doesn't mean you're going to have a good pro career, or even do well in the bowl game," Stewart says, sitting in his Manhattan office behind a desk cluttered with papers. "But to get to that point means something. Now you're in the club."

Membership requires entertaining a television audience of more than 40 million, plus getting laughs from some of the most powerful people in Hollywood.

Stewart's up for the challenge. It's why he took the gig. The huge audience. The intense glare.

"For a comedian," he says, "it feels like the ultimate stage."

But between preparing for the Oscars, hosting Comedy Central's award-winning fake news program "The Daily Show" and caring for his newborn daughter and 19-month-old son with wife Tracey, Stewart is going for a record-breaking season.

Punctuated with a smirk. "Some people will burn themselves to the nub," says the 43-year-old. "I've decided to exist in a sea of mediocrity. That's allowed me to do all my tasks, but to in fact do them poorly."

He's even allowed his familial obligations "to suffer and absolutely corrode."

"What we're hoping is, in my daughter's first two weeks, she's not going to remember a whole lot of this," he says. "So instead of me being there, I just take my deodorant and jam it in her crib. She'll have the faint smell of me but won't really know I haven't been an influence."

In reality, Stewart and his "Daily Show" writing team are putting on the nightly program while preparing material for the big night on March 5. They'll do that until the week before the Oscars, when Stewart will land in Los An-

geles with just a handful of writers in tow. He hasn't even had time to see all the nominated films yet.

But if he's nervous, he's not showing it.

"If I had to go out there and surf, that would be a problem," Stewart says. "But you know, it's just comedy."

The New Jersey native started doing stand-up in New York in 1986. He moved to television in 1990 as host of Comedy Central's "Short Attention Span Theater." Stewart also hosted his own show on MTV and appeared in such films such as "Half Baked" and "Big Daddy" before taking on hosting duties at "The Daily Show" in 1999. Since then, the program has become a cultural touchstone, even the main source of news for many young people.

"Hopefully I've done enough things that prepare (me) to walk out in front of an (Oscar) audience and do the jokes," he says.

Besides, what he's really excited about is "getting to use the same bathroom Steve Martin did" and enjoying "refreshments" in the green room.

"My sincere hope is that there are some fun-size chocolate bars backstage, in say, a wicker basket," Stewart says. "Whether they be Musketeers or Milky Way, not really the issue."

Though he's known for his irreverent approach to comedy and current events — Dick Cheney's recent shooting incident was like "a gift" — Stewart says he won't get too topical, even in this year of highly political Oscar contenders.

It's not "The Daily Show," he says. Accepting the big means abiding by Oscar convention.

"He's 78, I'm 43, I will defer," he says. "I'm not an anarchist. I'm a comedian."

Stewart and his staff have free comedic rein and plan to focus their jokes on the Oscar pomp, he says. But the serious subject matter of the year's best picture candidates — revenge, racism, injustice, murder and doomed romance — could present some challenges.

"You're gonna see a ton of 'Munich' stuff. Lots of hilarity to be mined there," Stewart deadpans. "This would not be the easiest song parody in the world to pull off. Not a whole lot rhymes with 'Syriana' or 'Capote.'"

The comedian's reputation for cracking wise on political affairs adds interest to the Oscars, says Robert Thompson, professor of television and pop culture at Syracuse University, who called Stewart a "public intellectual."

Time magazine named Stewart one of its most influential people of 2005. Outside the United States, "The Daily Show" is broadcast on the news channel CNN International.

"To have a public intellectual host the Oscars, that doesn't happen too much," Thompson says. "My biggest worry would be that he'd upstage the entire night."

Stewart says he's just hoping to deliver a competent performance. He hopes to avoid "doing something so screwy," a la David Letterman's infamous Oprah/Uma, that it's repeated every year as Oscar lore.

Besides that, even bombing would be OK, he says.

"I've bombed in front of many fine audiences filled with many talented people," he says. "And if this is that night, well, that's the way it goes."

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Jackson too much for 'Huskers

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Texas Tech coach Bob Knight had high praise for Jarius Jackson after the junior guard poured in 41 points to lead the Red Raiders past Nebraska 70-64 Saturday.

"It was as good an individual performance, particularly under pressure, I've had as a coach," Knight said. "This was a game that went right down to the wire with Jackson scoring 41."

A few minutes later, Knight, who coached his 1,213th game Saturday, had to revise his statement, remembering that Steve Downing, who now works at Tech, once scored 47 in a double-overtime win for Indiana over Kentucky.

Nonetheless, Jackson's performance was impressive. He scored 19 consecutive points in one stretch — the final nine of the first half and the first 10 after halftime.

The 41 points are the most in the Big 12 this season. He was 15-of-23 from the field, 5-of-7 from 3-point range and 6-of-7 on free throws. Jackson's 41 points were two shy of the Bob Devaney Sports Center record set by Southern California's Harold Miner in 1991.

"We didn't have too many answers for him," said Nebraska guard Charles Richardson. "He just played hard, and he's good. He's a really quick guard, and he was just running around and getting open."

After Jackson put Tech (14-12, 6-6) ahead 43-37 on a basket with 16:29 left, Nebraska scored eight unanswered for a 45-43 lead, capped by Charles Richardson's 3-pointer

with 14:22 remaining.

Neither team led by more than four the rest of the way.

Tech took the lead for good at 60-57 on Jackson's 3-pointer with 4:05 left. Nebraska (16-9, 6-6) stayed close, but White hit a 13-foot jumper with 39 seconds left to put the Red Raiders up 68-64, essentially sealing the win.

"We had some really big plays at the end," Knight said. "We had a chance at Colorado (a 66-64 loss on Feb. 11), but we didn't make the plays. Today we made the plays. Maybe Nebraska makes the plays the next time."

Nebraska coach Barry Collier didn't want to talk about the impact the loss had on the Huskers' chances to move up in the Big 12.

"It's disappointing enough by itself," Collier said. "I thought we got off to a pretty good start and then we tipped around, turned the ball over and were outbounded. This game alone, in my mind, is enough to deal with. We needed this one, and now we need the next one."

Knight said any win or loss is now crucial for all Big 12 teams except Texas and Kansas, who appear headed for the NCAA tournament.

"Teams in the middle of the pack are going to have to win six, seven games in a row to even be considered, and, in some cases, to get to the NIT," Knight said. "If everybody keeps beating everybody, nobody's going to have a good record. The league is very tough for these nine teams."

Coaching carousel getting out of control

Do you hear it? It's the sound of letters being scraped off another door. It's the sound of despair and failure. It's the sound of a desk being cleaned out. It's the sound of another coach quitting.

Travis Cram



The recent trend of coaches leaving their positions early has been connected to a recent on-demand attitude with owners and schools, searching for instant results.

Coaches cannot try to build anything up at Division I schools, unless results are seen by their second or third years, meaning coaches rarely have the chance to recruit the talent they want around them.

On the other hand, coaches with instant results face the scrutiny of whether it was their philosophy and guidance that led the team to a championship, or the extreme talent leftover from another coach (i.e. Roy Williams).

But now, coaches are not even sticking around long enough to get canned. They just want to quit, get out and move on to the next project.

Mike Davis became the most recent example Thursday, stepping down from his position as the coach at Indiana, a team that might not make the NCAA tournament for a third-consecutive season.

Davis was often pressured by many critics as how he would replace the Bob Knight and the Hoosier legacy the General left behind in Bloomington, Ind. He never replaced Knight.

He couldn't even come close. The first mistake the school made was hiring an interim coach to fulfill a vacancy left behind by a legend.

You should never replace a coach like Knight with an interim coach. It's lazy and unpromising to fans.

You go out and find the best possible coach who could fill a position like the one at Indiana.

According to ESPN.com, Davis mainly stuck around so that a lot of the kids left over from the Knight era would not leave IU.

Davis succeeded in leading the Hoosiers to the 2002 Final Four, only to lose to Maryland in the NCAA Championship.

But there is a difference in coaches who show they can win and coaches who simply get lucky their first season.

Davis has yet to get close to another Final Four appearance and is not bringing the talent in needed for a championship team.

Last week he made it clear to Indiana and its fans.

He said he wants to be able to move out of the way and let Indiana have more time to find a coach to replace him before next season.

Part of this is caused by what I like to call the "I need attention" public relations stunt some colleges try to pull off in hopes of drawing more attention to the school.

Everyone knows about Indiana and the tradition of basketball in the state and school, but what have you heard about them up until Davis went on Dan Patrick's radio show last week?

The sudden murmurs of, "I don't know about next year," and "I have to think about a lot," filled the newspaper headlines and Sportscenter time slots, drawing everyone's attention back to Bloomington.

It always works. Remember, no publicity is bad publicity — just ask Knight.

The biggest problem I have with his decision to step down is not the decision itself, but the timing of it.

Why couldn't he finish the season with these kids he has taken under his wing? I mean, there's only about six games left plus a conference tournament, then they will more than likely be done and he could move on.

Most importantly, these student-athletes at IU and their recruits are asking one other question — "Who will be next?"

Quinn Snyder was one of the most highly-recruited assistant coaches before he signed on with Missouri.

Now, he's just another coach trying to figure out his next move.

It was a bizarre week for the world of sports that was surrounded by coaches and controversy. From the Great One in a gambling scandal to the Old Sutton, who recently went back to his old ways and a bottle.

Do you hear it? Another coach just quit.

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Mavs' Nowitzki nets 3-point shootout title

HOUSTON (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki barely escaped the first round. A few minutes later, he was finally the 3-point champion.

Nowitzki won the title Saturday night after coming close twice before, beating Gilbert Arenas and Ray Allen at All-Star weekend.

With Dallas teammate Jason Terry and Mavericks owner Mark Cuban looking on from the sideline, the 7-foot German finished with 18 points. Arenas had 16 points and Allen, the 2001 champion, had 15.

Nowitzki finished second in the 3-point contest in 2000 and third the next year. He got off to a quick start in the finals Saturday night, making eight of his first 10 shots and going 15-of-25 in the final round.

"That's kind of my game," Nowitzki said. "I'm going to shoot it first and everything else is second."

Terry failed to advance with his first-round total of 13. Defending champion Quentin Richardson of New York and Detroit's Chauncey Billups each finished with 12.

Nowitzki almost missed the cut himself. His final make of the first round barely counted, tying him with Arenas for second with 14 points. Replays showed the ball was still in his hands when time expired, but there is no review in the contest.

"I looked at the clock, I tried to hoist them up there as quick as I can," Nowitzki said. "I don't know if it should have counted."

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Curling deserves more credit — it's sexy

Not often in sports do you hear beautiful women shouting, "hard" or "more."

No, those phrases typically are relegated to the contact sports Paris Hilton enjoys.

Bryan Wendell



But there's one sport being contested in Turin, Italy, where you'll hear those phrases sprinkled among strategy, intuition and 42-pound stones.

It's curling, the Olympic sport that's tickling the curiosity of Americans and becoming the cult contest of the Games.

In spite of that, there are some people out there who say curling is not a sport. These naysayers have the audacity to say one of the most technically difficult Winter Olympic sports isn't actually a sport.

Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines sport as "a game or contest involving individual skill or physical prowess." Curling fits that.

For those curling haters, I have to tell you one thing: Just try it. The argument I hear most often from the sport's cynics is that it can't be a legit sport if anyone can do it.

After flying to Minnesota to find the closest curling rink, you'd realize you're awful at curling.

Once there, try this: Send a heavy stone down 146 feet of slick ice and

make it rest perfectly anywhere in the house, which is a 12-foot circle.

It's not like darts or shuffleboard or the carnival ring toss; not anybody can do it.

The best sport to compare it to is golf. Like golf, curling requires a perfect touch, concentrated practice and the ability to read the playing surface accurately.

Curlers must read the ice like golfers interpret the green.

Throw in some teamwork and shrewd foresight and you've got curling.

The sport is cool, but sometimes it's hot, too. Like the Austrian, Italian, British and German female curlers who are raising money by posing half nude for a curling calendar, according to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. It's so hot that Playboy magazine even is touting the calendar in its March issue, according to the Arizona Republic.

The attractive athletes didn't just

raise money; they also apparently raised <ahem> interest for fans as most curling events in Turin have been near sellouts, according to the CBC.

Team USA hotties Cassie and Jamie Johnson (yes, they're sisters) aren't in the calendar, but they're still a lot of fun to watch.

But curling is not just about the ladies on ice. In fact, men's and women's curling features some extreme competition that combines the strategy of chess, the precision of golf and the sweeping skills of that guy from "Mary Poppins."

My theory is that most curling haters simply

don't understand the sport. They're too afraid to learn about it and get hooked.

If bewilderment about the rules has stopped you from watching, here's a 10-step crash course on the icy, stone-throwing sensation:

1) There are two teams each with four players.

2) Ten ends (or innings) make up a curling match.

3) Each team alternately throws eight stones per end — that's two per

team member.

4) When all 16 stones have been thrown, you want your team's rocks to be closest to the tee, which is the center of the bull's-eye target.

5) If your team has the closest stone at the conclusion of the end, you have "shot rock" and score a point. If the next-closest rock is your opponent's, you just score one.

6) But if you have the two, three or even four closest rocks to the button, you get that many points. You could potentially score eight in an end, but it would be close to impossible to have the eight closest stones.

You rarely see an end score of more than three. Only one team can score in

each end.

7) Only stones in the house — the 12-foot outermost ring — can score. If no rocks are in that blue circle, it's an empty end and neither team gets points.

8) If your team scores in an end, you go first the next end, giving the other team a better chance to score. Having the last shot in an end — called the hammer — is an

obvious advantage. Whoever has the most points after 10 ends wins.

9) The stone curls, hence the name. Because of this, the shooters must plan for the stone to have an arc-shaped path to the house. When you watch curling, notice the stone change its position in relation to the centerline.

10) The faster the stone goes, the straighter it goes. Because of this, the sweepers will go to work. After the shot, the shooter will tell his or her sweepers "hard" or "no" as to whether they should clean the ice in front of the stone with their synthetic curling brooms. This adds another dimension to curling. Adept sweeping can mend an imperfect shot.

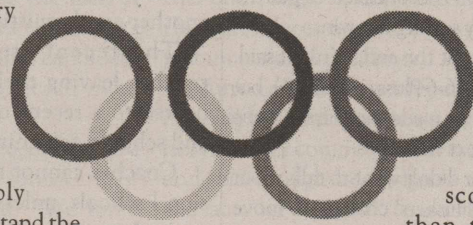
Those are just 10 morsels of the delicious sport of curling.

I don't have time to dissect all the strategy of curling, but you can figure that out on your own. After all, the NBC networks have planned almost 90 hours of curling coverage.

So check your local listings and fall in love with curling.

And in no time, you'll be talking like a seasoned skip — all the way in ice-free Lubbock.

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No. 23 Tech tennis falls to TCU, San Diego State, but shows promise

By **BRITTANY BARRIENTOS**
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

The Texas Tech men's tennis team got all it expected this weekend playing two Top 50 teams.

Coach Tim Siegel went into the match knowing the competition of San Diego State and TCU would be a little different from the competition they faced before, and he came out of the matches knowing more than that.

Not only was Siegel right about the upped level of competition, he found out his team can hang with that higher level of play.

"We played two Top 25-caliber teams. It was very good competition," he said.

Though the team was defeated in both matches - Friday against TCU, 6-1, and Saturday against San Diego State, 4-2 - Siegel said he wasn't looking for victory as much as he was looking for something else.

"What I was looking for was to see how good we could compete," he said. "I have no concern at all about results, I just want to see improvement. Especially with this team, I can see improvement from where we were a month ago."

This brings high hopes for the team's future, as four of the men on the court this weekend were freshmen.

Absent from the lineup was Dimitrio Martinez, a junior who has played in the No. 2 position so far this season, whose wife gave birth to their first child, a son

Tuesday in Mexico.

Despite the absence, Siegel said he believes his team had a good weekend.

"I thought it was a very good match (against TCU)," he said. "(Saturday) was a match we should have won, and to be honest, I didn't think that before."

It all goes back to the improvement Siegel said he's looking to see.

"This was a signature weekend for a couple of guys. We have confidence right now, that we hung in there in a match when we didn't have a full team," he said. "Every player really showed a lot."

Among those, doubles teammates Adrian Prpic and Christian Rojmar defeated the top-ranked TCU pair, while Michael Brehler also beat his TCU counterpart.

In the San Diego State matches, Brehler and double's partner Mario Janic defeated both their singles and doubles competition, while Rojmar defeated Mirza Kristovic in singles.

Siegel said the team shows great promise with still more than a month to go before Big 12 play.

"The thing about college tennis is that every player has to show up to every match," he said. "That's a signature of this team - they're going to play hard every match."

The men's team will be back on the court Friday to take on Lamar. The match is scheduled for 1 p.m. at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

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Big 12 filled with teams on the bubble

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — If the Big 12 bubble gets any more crowded, it may burst wide open and leave the league with a historic-low three NCAA tournament bids.

Only twice since its inception in 1996-97 has the Big 12 had only four tournament teams. In 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2005, six teams, half the league, enriched conference coffers with NCAA cash.

Every team with a winning conference record in the Big 12's first nine years has earned a bid except Nebraska, shut out with a 10-6 mark in 1999, and Texas Tech and Missouri who were 9-7 in 2004.

But with two weeks left in its 10th regular season, No. 6 Texas, No. 19 Oklahoma and No. 22 Kansas are the only slam-dunks. Texas' stunning 21-point upset loss to 11th-place Oklahoma State on Sunday probably doomed any realistic chance for a No. 1 seed.

But Oklahoma's rub-your-eyes-in-disbelief victory Saturday over Iowa State may have given the Sooners the inside track to the first-round assignment in Dallas they've been hoping for.

In the meanwhile, everybody else in contention keeps rising up and falling back, rising up and falling back.

Colorado put itself in great shape by surviving a close shave with Texas Tech 66-64, and then last Wednesday upsetting Oklahoma in what the selection committee will view as a quality win.

But with a chance to grab the inside track to a fourth Big 12 bid,

the Buffaloes failed to hold a big lead at struggling Kansas State on Saturday and lost 72-60, making them an iffy 7-5 with four games to go instead of a solid 8-6.

The Buffs' home stretch has road trips to Nebraska and Kansas and home dates against Missouri and Iowa State.

Texas Tech, Texas A&M and Nebraska are knotted at 6-6 with four games to go and could all make a move.

The Huskers, like Colorado, were on the ascent with victories over Missouri, Oklahoma State and Baylor. But now they've lost three out of four. Saturday's 70-64 loss at home to the Red Raiders hurt big time.

Their home game this Wednesday night against Colorado could be key for both teams. After that, they're at Texas A&M, home against Kansas State and at Missouri.

After consecutive losses to Texas and Colorado, Bob Knight's Texas Tech team has kept NCAA hopes afloat by beating Kansas State and Nebraska.

The Red Raiders face a tough assignment Monday night at Oklahoma. But the final three all seem winnable — at Oklahoma State and Baylor and then home for the regular-season finale against Texas A&M.

The Aggies, however, are proving themselves a resourceful bunch

under coach Billy Gillispie. They lost, as expected, back-to-back games at Texas and Oklahoma.

But now they've reeled off three wins in a row, the longest current streak in the league behind the remarkable nine-game spurt which has propelled Kansas into a first-place tie with Texas at 10-2. They've scrappily beaten Colorado

by three points, Oklahoma State by two and Baylor by four.

In these next two weeks, they'll sandwich home games against Nebraska and Texas around trips to Missouri and Texas Tech.

The only other team with a mathematical chance of a winning league record is Kansas State. If the Wildcats close out Jim Wooldridge's sixth season on a five-game winning streak they'll be 9-7 heading into the Big 12 tournament.

But the Wildcats' loss to last-place Baylor stands out like a stab wound. The Bears' RPI is so skewed by not playing a non-conference schedule, they can drag down teams even by losing to them.

The Wildcats are also staring at the toughest final weeks of anybody — at Nebraska, at Oklahoma and at home against Kansas and Texas.

"We're not even thinking about (the postseason) right now," said Kansas State's Cartier Martin. "We've been in a slump, so we're

OLYMPIC UPDATE MONDAY'S RESULTS

MEN'S HOCKEY RESULTS

GERMANY VS. SWITZERLAND	2-2
RUSSIA VS. LATVIA	2-9
SLOVAKIA VS. KAZAKHSTAN	2-1
UNITED STATES VS. SWEDEN	1-2
CZECH REPUBLIC VS. ITALY	4-1
FINLAND VS. CANADA	2-0

BOBSLED: TWO-MAN

MEDAL	COUNTRY	ATHLETE
GOLD	GERMANY	LANGE/KUSKE
SILVER	CANADA	LUEDERS/BROWN
BRONZE	SWITZERLAND	ANEN/HEFTI

OVERALL MEDAL COUNT: TOP 5

GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOT.
GERMANY	7	7	14
NORWAY	2	7	16
USA	7	4	13
RUSSIA	6	2	13
CANADA	2	6	13

LADY RAIDERS DOWNED BY NO. 12 BAYLOR

WACO, Texas (AP) — Sophia Young scored 22 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead No. 12 Baylor to a 73-60 win over Texas Tech on Sunday.

Rachel Allison added 16 points and Jessica Morrow 15, both career highs, for the Lady Bears (19-5, 9-4 Big 12).

The Lady Raiders (12-12, 7-6) tied the game at 52 on a layup by LaToya Davis with just more than 11 minutes remaining. But Baylor put together a 12-4 run and took a 64-56 lead on Allison's layup with 4:55 to play.

Texas Tech managed to cut Baylor's lead to six points twice, the last time at 66-60 with just more than 2 minutes showing on the clock.

Baylor was perfect at the free throw line, hitting all 20 foul shots, 14 of them in the first half. Young and Angela Tisdale both hit all eight of their foul shots. The 20-for-20 performance came one short of tying Missouri's Big 12 record set in a game against Oklahoma on Jan. 28, 2004.

Davis led all scorers with 23 points, while Erin Grant added 19 for the Lady Raiders.

Young's layup gave Baylor a 10-8 lead that the Lady Bears never relinquished with just more than 15 minutes remaining in the first half. Baylor stretched the margin to 40-34 at halftime, with Young scoring 14 points in the first half.

Box Score

TEXAS TECH (12-12)

Davis 8-14 7-10 23, Robertson 5-10-0-12, Myrick 1-2 0-0 2, Baughman 1-3 0-0 2, Grant 8-14 2-2 19, T.Griffin 0-0 0-0 0, Flowers 1-1 0-0 2, Henderson 0-0 0-0 0, D.Griffin 0-2 0-0 0, Morris 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-46 9-13 60.

BAYLOR (19-5)

Morrow 6-9 0-0 15, Wabara 1-6 2-2 4, Young 7-16 8-8 22, Tisdale 1-3 8-8 10, Scott 1-7 2-2 4, Allison 8-9 0-0 16, Player 1-1 0-0 2, Davis 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-61 20-20 73.

3-Point Goals-Texas Tech 3-6 (Robertson 2-4, Grant 1-1, Baughman 0-1), Baylor 3-11 (Morrow 3-4, Scott 0-3, Tisdale 0-4). Fouled Out-None. Rebounds-Texas Tech 26 (Davis 10), Baylor 35 (Young 11).

Assists-Texas Tech 14 (Grant 10), Baylor 14 (Tisdale 6).

TECH BASEBALL HOSTS ST. JOHN'S — FINALLY

Because of sub-freezing temperatures in the Hub City this weekend, the Tech-St. John's series was postponed on Friday and Saturday. Sunday mother nature finally cooperated and the two squads were able to take the field at 2 p.m. For complete results log on to www.texastech.com. The team has also added a game against Eastern New Mexico at 3:30 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

RAIDERS TAKE ON NO. 19 OKLAHOMA TONIGHT ON ESPN

Coach Bob Knight and his Raiders will try to keep their NCAA tournament hopes alive when they take on the No. 19 Oklahoma Sooners at 7 p.m. at the United Spirit Arena. Tech must win its remaining four conference games or win the Big 12 tournament, to have a shot at the Big Dance.

Oklahoma is coming off a narrow 83-82 victory over Iowa State, while the Raiders are riding the momentum of Jarrius Jackson's 41-point performance in a 70-64 win over Nebraska Saturday.

The game will be featured on ESPN as part of the network's Big Monday.

BIG 12 BASKETBALL STANDINGS

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TEXAS	10-2 22-4
KANSAS	10-2 19-6
OKLAHOMA	8-4 17-6
COLORADO	7-5 17-6
TEXAS A&M	6-6 16-7
NEBRASKA	6-6 16-9
TEXAS TECH	6-6 14-12
KANSAS ST.	5-7 14-9
IOWA ST.	4-8 14-11
OKLAHOMA ST.	4-8 14-12
MISSOURI	4-8 11-12
BAYLOR	2-10 2-10

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5 Sumptuous repast

10 Fellow

14 Unit of force

15 Female vampire

16 Turner of films

17 Robert Frost poem

20 Chests

21 High points

22 Lump of dirt

23 Ex-mayor of NYC

25 Leakage stopper

28 Section titles

32 "Rule Britannia" composer

33 WWII hero

34 Gun lobby letters

35 Robert Frost poem

39 -kwon do

40 Highland groups

41 Assassin's map

42 Plan of attack

44 Slick

46 Mislapse

47 Crass

48 Temporary money

51 Firm

55 Robert Frost poem

58 Meat cut

59 Not tied down

60 Lona of "Chocolat"

61 Chooses

62 Beneath

63 Actress Foch

DOWN

1 Mine entrance

2 Legendary story

3 Not taken in by

4 Looker

5 Bending muscle

6 Facilitated

7 Latin 101 verb

8 Part of RSVP

9 Russian chess master

10 Bell-like bonnet

11 Cause damage

12 Feed the kitty

13 Football or craps option

18 Crinkly veggie

19 Fragrant sack

23 Acclaim

24 Final bio?

25 Units of power

26 Enlightened Buddhist

27 Look down one's nose

28 Bright

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37 Pub beers

38 Orbit's most distant point from the sun

43 Accurately orients

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45 Fragrance

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7:30 AM	Today This venerable morning show is TV's longest-running daytime series.	Early Show Health advice.	Believes Voice Life Today	(5:00) Daily Buzz	Good Morning America (HD)	Animal Adv Sabrina
8:30 AM			Aweesome Adv.	Recipe TV		Roseanne Roseanne
9:30 AM		Paid Program	Judge Mathis	Infomercial	Tony Danza Serena Williams.	Martha
10:30 AM	Regis & Kelly Cube Gooding Jr.	Price is Right	Judge Joe	Texas Justice	The View	Tyra Banks
11:30 AM	Oranah Winfrey	Young and the Restless (HD)	Judge Hatchett	Cops	Paid Program	Starting Over
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2:30 PM	Winter Olympics Women's hockey, bobsledding (HD)	As the World Turns	The Nanny	Mad About You	One Life to Live	People's Court
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4:30 PM	Maury	Just Shoot Me	8 Simple Rules	Montel Williams	Ellen DeGeneres	
5:30 PM	Judge Judy	That '70s Show	Bernie Mac	Geraldo	Fox 34 News First@Four	
6:30 PM	KLBK 13 News	Access Hollywood	Yes, Dear	News	That '70s Show	
7:30 PM	Evening News	Family Feud	King of Queens	Entertainment	Raymond	
8:30 PM	Wheel Fortune	Millionaire	Extra	King of Queens	Entertainment	Raymond
9:30 PM	Winter Olympics Figure skating, skiing, ski jumping (HD)	King of Queens	One on One	★ "Agent Cody Banks"	Wife Swap "Wife Swap Saved My Marriage"	House "Skin Deep" (HD)
10:30 PM	Courting Alex	Half & Half (HD)	Wife and Kids	Will & Grace	The Bachelor P.	Fox 34 News@Nine
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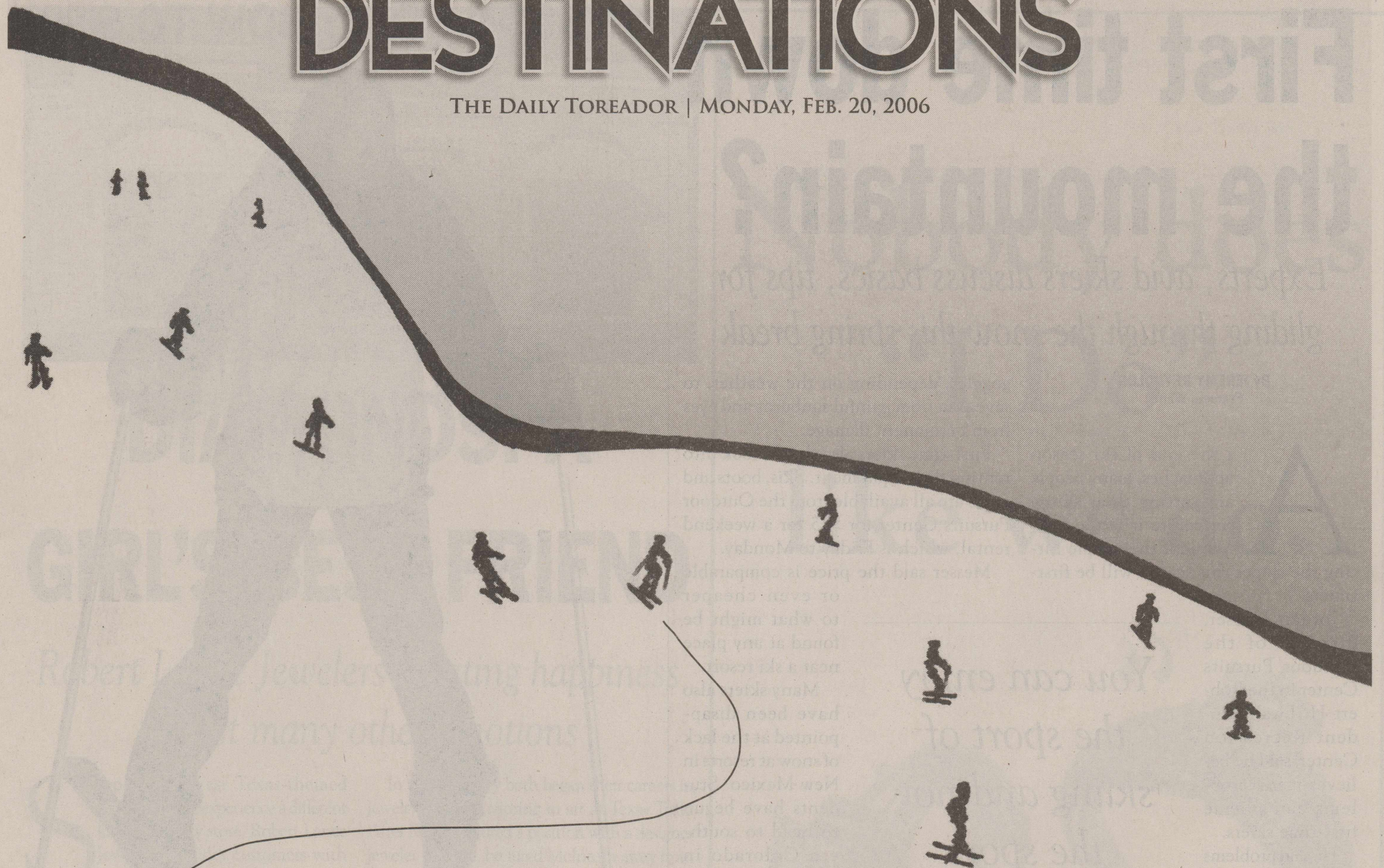
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By **ABBY STONE**
FEATURES WRITER

Downhill from here

Colorado might be getting all of the snow this year, but the short drive from Lubbock to New Mexico has skiers ready to hit the machine-made slopes.

There are many resorts to choose from when going to New Mexico for the weekend and each one has a different appeal.

Although snowboarders are not allowed, Taos Ski Valley welcomes all ski bunnies to hit their machine-groomed slopes.

Kathy Pitre, administrative assistant for Ski New Mexico Inc., said Taos has the most runs open and the greatest vertical seat. Taos lodging also adds to the resort's appeal, but the prices are higher than most of the other New Mexico resorts.

"Taos Ski Valley probably has some of the best on-slope lodging," she said.

If both snowboarders and skiers are going on a New Mexico ski trip, then there are three options that rank equal in appeal.

"It is a toss-up between Angel Fire, Sipapu and Red River," Pitre said.

According to the Web site www.skinewmexico.com/snow_reports/, Sipapu has more runs open than Red River, and Angel Fire has more limited terrain open, but it has a terrain park open for snowboarders.

The only cross-country skiing in New Mexico can be found at the Enchanted Forest. The base of this mountain is only six to 10 inches, but the terrain is flat, meaning there's enough snow for cross-country skiing.

The amount of snow that a person can ski on is based on the terrain of a mountain, Pitre said. If there are a lot of rocks then more snow is needed. This makes it hard to judge a mountain solely on the thickness of the base.

"You don't ski on anything but the top part," she said.

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First time down the mountain?

Experts, avid skiers discuss basics, tips for gliding through the snow this spring break

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
FEATURES WRITER

As the end of ski season approaches, many people are getting their skiing fix before it is too late. Many of the people hitting the slopes this season will be first-timers.

Jordan Messer, director of the Outdoor Pursuits Center in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center, said he believes many problems can plague first-time skiers.

He said problems include altitude sickness, problems with a large elevation change and dehydration.

Messer said many people have problems skiing too hard on their first day and then having little energy left to continue skiing the rest of the weekend.

Another problem encountered by novice skiers is whether to take a ski class. Messer recommends first-timers take a course to avoid being too sore at the end of the weekend.

"You can enjoy the sport of skiing and not the sport of falling," Messer said.

New skiers should also be wary of the sun. Any ski expert will say to wear sunscreen and a pair of sunglasses or

goggles, depending on the weather, to save skin from painful sunburns and eyes from permanent damage.

First-time skiers also should look into renting their equipment. Skis, boots and poles are all available from the Outdoor Pursuits Center for \$25 for a weekend rental, which is Friday to Monday.

Messer said the price is comparable or even cheaper to what might be found at any place near a ski resort.

Many skiers also have been disappointed at the lack of snow at resorts in New Mexico. Students have begun to head to southern Colorado in order to find fresh snow.

According to the Yahoo.com travel Web site, Red River resort has 35 inches of machine-made snow, Sipapu Ski has 22 to 36

inches of powder, and Taos has 22 to 38 inches of packed powder.

Most ski resorts have only some of their runs open due to the lack of snow on the runs.

In short, experienced and novice skiers alike should remember to bring water, sunscreen and sunglasses to the slope. Also remember to layer clothes in case the temperature changes as the day goes on.

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Director of the Outdoor Pursuits Center

LESSON NO. 1: HOW TO STOP



To stop in a beginner's pinch, make the classic "pizza wedge." Pushing the tips of your skis together while pushing the back of your skis apart is the classic move to slow down. Anyone who uses this quick fix will fit right in with the five-year olds in goose-down onesies.

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Robert Lance Jewelers has been a staple in Lubbock for more than 13 years, but Robert Rogers and Lance McIntosh, co-owners, have been in the jewelry business for much longer.

In the '70s, they both began their careers in jewelry design, majoring in art at Texas Tech. After Rogers secured a position with a designer jeweler in town, he lured McIntosh away from the art department and into the world of the "Jeweler's Bench."

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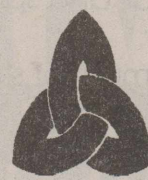
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HERE'S YOUR SIGN

By **LAUREN SCOTT**
FEATURES WRITER

With Spring Break looming on the horizon, everybody is searching for a fun trip. Skiing is a popular choice, but what do all the trail ratings mean?

All of the trail names on ski trail maps are written in different colors, indicating whether they are green-, blue- or black-rated trails.

President and CEO of Wolf Creek Ski Area in Colorado Davey Pitcher said the trail ratings are suggestions for the skier.

"Green is the easiest and is recommended for people just learning to ski," he said. "Blue is more difficult and is for intermediate skiers or beginners trying to improve their skills and who are ready for a challenge."

Black diamonds are more difficult, and are for advanced, intermediate or expert skiers, Pitcher said. Double-black-diamond runs are the most difficult, and he stressed those

runs are not for skiers who are trying to be challenged.

"People shouldn't try to be an expert," he said. "You should be an expert if you're skiing the double blacks."

The trail ratings are based on several criteria, including length of slope, steepness of slope and how many hazards, such as trees and moguls, are on the slope, the CEO said.

"Generally, a trail that is flatter and shorter would be a green," Pitcher said. "But if the trail was longer, it would be considered a blue because you would need a certain amount of ability to be able to make it down the whole thing."

He also said some black diamonds get rated because of a small section of terrain that would have to be skied through to get to the end of the run.

Betty Blanton, associate director of Rec Sports, said the best way to decipher what trail ratings mean is by looking on the ski

trail map.

"If you read the map it will describe what they mean," she said. "Ski lessons are also a marvelous way to learn something."

Safety also is a key issue when skiing. Peer pressure has great deal to do with what slopes the skiers might go on, Pitcher said.

"Be your own judge of how you're feeling," he said. "If you don't think you can make it down a slope, you probably can't. Take an easier trail down, and where it meets up with the harder trail is a good time to look up it and see if you'll be able to go down it on the next run."

Blanton said being a good judge of character is a smart way to know one's skiing limit.

"If you're skiing with other people, which you should be, gauge their levels," she said.

"If someone has a low skill level, but is a high risk-taker, stay away."

Another way to gauge one's skill level is to notice the type

of chair lift to get on; lifts are a good way to gauge the slope ratings, Pitcher said. Lifts usually have the slopes they service, and some even have warnings to novice skiers.

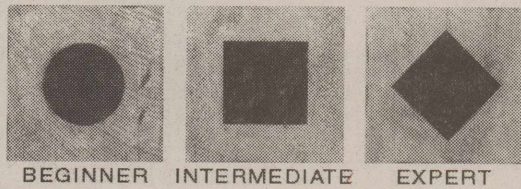
If anyone at a ski resort gets into a bind, the ski patrol is on duty to help all customers, Pitcher said.

"They're our mountain hosts," he said. "They provide medical assistance if needed; they are more than willing to answer any questions regarding terrain. If you're not quite sure what the right way to go down is, they give you advice."

Whether it's a quick weekend getaway or a weeklong spring break trip, Pitcher said skiing is a great activity.

"If you can ski at any ski area in the country with family or friends," he said, "it's money well spent."

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LESSON NO. 2: HOW NOT TO STOP



Crossing your skis is bad. Crossing your skis equals falling, which will make you sad. Remember it's not how you feel, it's how you look. So don't look like a moron, keep your skis uncrossed, and stay on your feet. Crossing your skis is the easiest way to fall.

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Skiing

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Machines are making all the bases this season, because the snow has not fallen. A person who is a new skier will be unable to tell the difference, but advanced skiers may want to go to Colorado for better skiing.

Though New Mexico is very close to Colorado, Colorado is not having any of the snow issues that New Mexico is facing, Pitre said.

"The fronts have been crossing just right over Colorado," she said, "and not dipping down here."

Travis Christy, KRQE-TV meteorologist in Albuquer-

que, said the lack of snow has a connection with the drought seen in Lubbock. Some parts of New Mexico have restrictions on water use because of the dry conditions.

"You can't just have cold temperatures," he said. "You have to have the moisture to work with in order for there to be snow."

Christy said temperatures get up to the 50s and 60s at most of the ski resorts in New Mexico, and this causes snow

to melt. When the snow freezes overnight, icy conditions are in place for skiers.

Pitre said there are ups and downs in the snow cycle. There are years that New Mexico has a lot of snow and years that it has minimal snow.

"(New Mexico resorts) will be great again," she said. "It is just not as

much as we would like this year."

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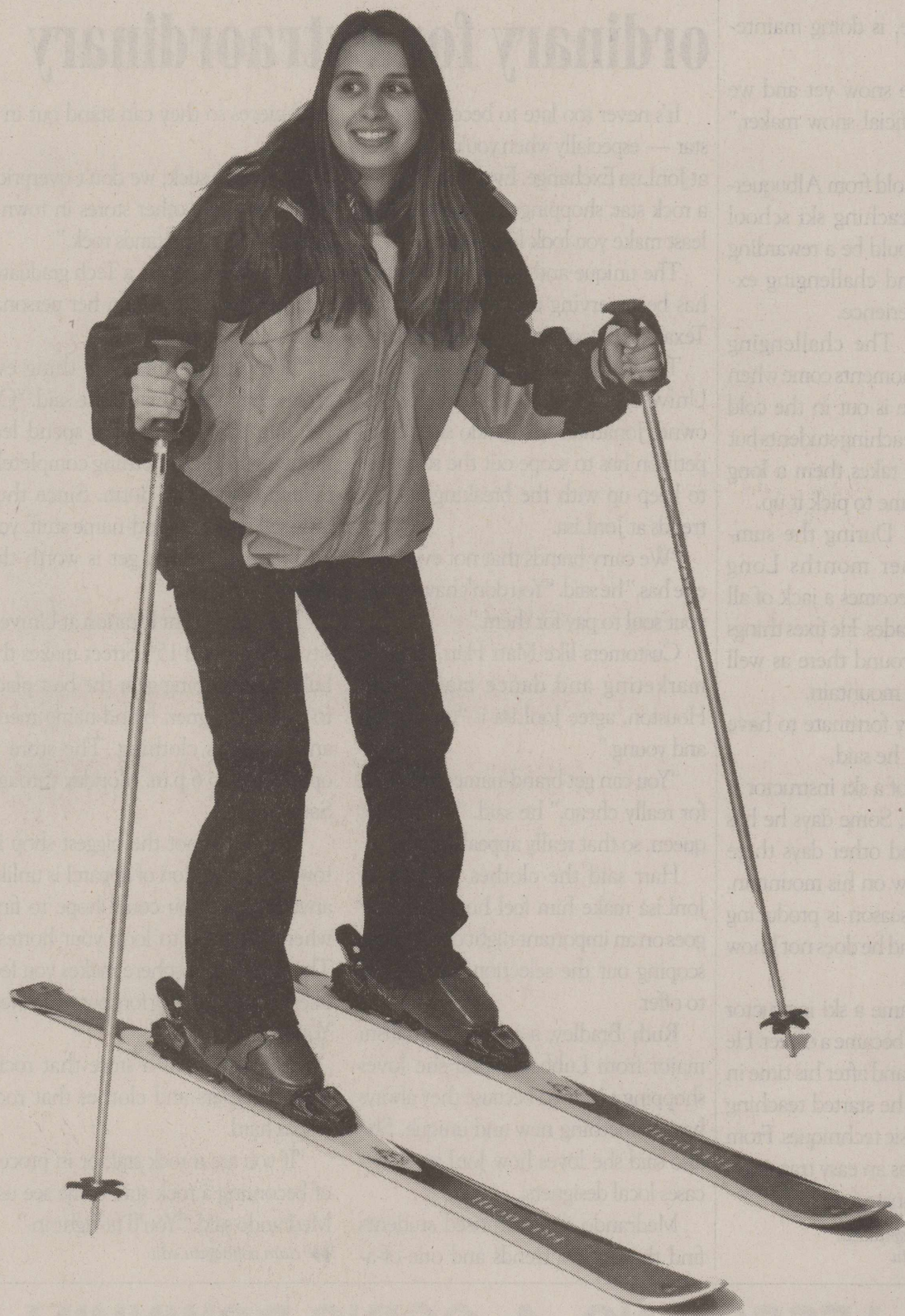
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Campus living: There's no other way

Amenities, luxuries of residence halls give students off-campus feel with benefits of living near classes

If a student's going to a university, they may as well live on campus.

No matter how close or convenient other living options may seem, there is nothing as easy as being on campus.

David Whisnant, a senior biology major from Irving, said he enjoys living in the residence halls.

"I like the dorms because they're convenient," he said. "The town grew up around the college and everything is here."

It's true. Anything a student could need — banking, recreational activities, health care, dining and entertainment — all can be found on campus.

Anne Gepford, a junior advertising and political science major from Leawood, Kan., moved back into the residence halls after leaving and living off campus for a year. Gepford, a Murray Hall resident, could not be hap-



STUDENTS SHOP IN Sam's Place at Murray Hall.

pier with her decision.

"When I moved back on campus, it made sense," she said. "It makes my life easier to be here."

She said she loves the convenience of living on campus and having all of Texas Tech's resources right outside her front door.

Also, Gepford, admittedly a poor cook, loves that her dinner is on the table every night without having to lift a finger.

"It's really nice to have everything at my disposal," she said. "Living on campus

saves me a lot of time. Being a college student I don't have much time as it is."

Living on campus, students don't have to worry about bills, driving to school or buying groceries so they can focus on what really matters — learning and having fun.

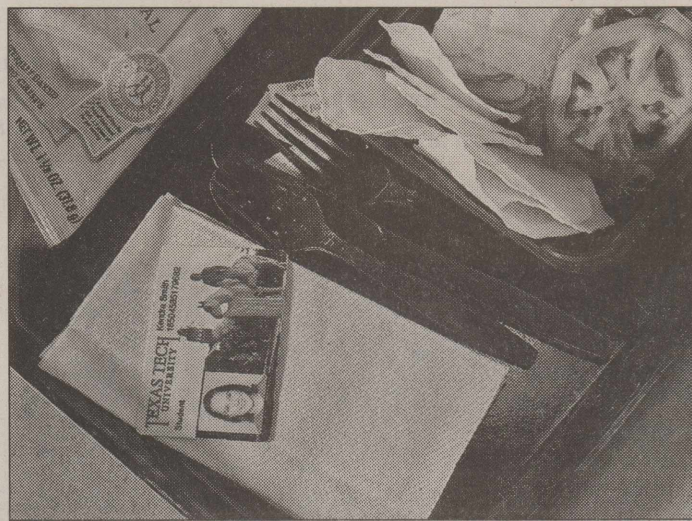
Gepford said she only drives her car maybe twice a week, if that.

"It's really convenient, that's the thing that helps me out," she said.

Whisnant, on the other hand, never wanted to leave the residence halls because of his experience while living on campus, which he said was a positive one.

"If it's not broken, don't fix it," he said.

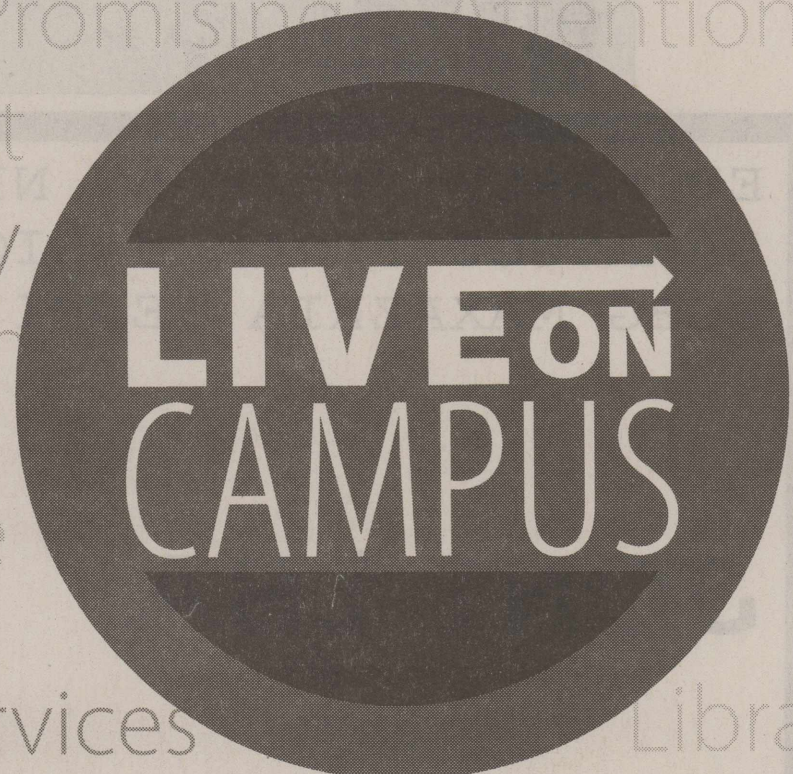
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Teach me: Ski instructors have the life

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
SENIOR FEATURES WRITER

Jeff Mugleston, the ski school manager at Taos Ski Valley in New Mexico, said there is the right way and the wrong way to learn how to ski. The worst thing someone can do is be dragged to the top of the mountain and then be forced down.

"We call that the future ex-boyfriend move," Mugleston said.

Mugleston has been a ski instructor at Taos Ski Valley for the past 25 years. He started cutting the slopes around the age of 8 and has stayed with it because of good old fashioned love.

"The thing I love about it is you're outdoors and there's enough variety in it to keep your interest," Mugleston said.

Since becoming a teacher of his love, he said he has seen the landscape of ski instructing change. The main focus used to be on the ski technique and now it is all about the guest. Not to mention the idea of the instructor has changed.

The image of a young man teaching older women how to hit an inside edge and glide to a stop is not the typical image people see nowadays of ski instructors.

"Our oldest instructor is 82 and the average age is somewhere above 50," he said.

Wally Dobbs, the ski school director at Red River in New Mexico, said the average age around the country has become 45.

"It use to be a lot of younger guys

looking for a job for a few years," he said. "But now, there are more people who retired from another profession."

Whether the instructor standing in front of the 12-person group is 25 or 45, Dobbs said there is one universal thing that remains the same.

"No one has to take a ski lesson, so you never have the same lesson over and over again," he said.

Dobbs' winter wonderland might never change when it comes to skiing lessons, but the mountain's face is considerably different this year.

"We're having record low snow fall and record high snow making," he said with a laugh.

Red River is top to bottom artificial snow, which he said takes about three weeks to make. There is no difference between the artificial snow and the stuff Mother Nature provides, but Dobbs said there is one glaring difference for someone who knows their skiing.

"The big powder days are different," he said.

The days when the mountain gets three feet of snow are the best skiing of the week and Dobbs said someone does not get that with the artificial stuff.

While Dobbs and Mugleston are making up for the lack of snow with artificial powder, Tom Long, ski manager, vice president and general manager of

Pajarito Ski Lodge, is doing maintenance work.

"We don't have snow yet and we don't have an artificial snow maker," he said.

Long, a 59-year-old from Albuquerque, N.M., said teaching ski school could be a rewarding and challenging experience.

The challenging moments come when he is out in the cold teaching students but it takes them a long time to pick it up.

During the summer months Long becomes a jack of all trades. He fixes things around there as well as the pipes on the mountain.

"I've been pretty fortunate to have a job year around," he said.

The actual job of a ski instructor is never easy, he said. Some days he has unruly students and other days there suddenly is no snow on his mountain. He said this new season is producing record-low snow and he does not know when it will let up.

He said he became a ski instructor from a passion that became a career. He use to race on skis, and after his time in the sun had faded he started teaching young racers the basic techniques. From there, he said, it was an easy transition to becoming a ski instructor.

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JonLisa clothing 'Exchanges' ordinary for extraordinary

It's never too late to become a rock star — especially when you're shopping at JonLisa Exchange. Even if you're not a rock star, shopping at JonLisa can at least make you look like one.

The unique and hip urban outfitter has been serving and amping up the Texas Tech community for six years.

The store, which is located 1403 University Ave., is so cutting edge, owner Jonathan Medrando said, competition has to scope out the store just to keep up with the breaking fashion trends at JonLisa.

"We carry brands that not everyone else has," he said. "You don't have to sell your soul to pay for them."

Customers like Matt Harr, a junior marketing and dance major from Houston, agree JonLisa is "trendy, hip and young."

"You can get brand-name stuff there for really cheap," he said. "I'm a label queen, so that really appeals to me."

Harr said the clothes he buys at JonLisa make him feel hot. He never goes on an important night out without scoping out the selection JonLisa has to offer.

Ruth Bradley, a junior journalism major from Lubbock, said she loves shopping a JonLisa because they always have something new and unique. She also said she loves how JonLisa showcases local designers.

Medrando isn't surprised students find the hottest trends and one-of-a-

kind pieces so they can stand out in a crowd.

"We don't suck, we don't overprice our clothes like other stores in town," he said. "Plus our brands rock."

Brittany Richeson, a Tech graduate, uses JonLisa to maintain her personal style and individuality.

"You can get the same thing everyone has at the mall," she said. "Or, you can shop at JonLisa, spend less money, and get something completely different from the norm. Since they only sell quality brand-name stuff, you know whatever you get is worth the money."

The convenient location at University Avenue and 15th Street makes the Lubbock shopping gem the best place to go for designer, brand-name men's and women's clothing. The store is open noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

While it is not the biggest shop in town, the selection of apparel is unlike anything else you could hope to find when you need to look your hottest. The store's atmosphere makes you feel like you are shopping for couture in New York or L.A.

JonLisa truly is a store that rocks with designers and clothes that rock just as hard.

"If you are a rock star, or in process of becoming a rock star, come see us," Medrando said. "You'll fit right in."

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AIR TIME

CHRIS KAVANAUGH, A junior communication studies major from Houston, snowboards in Lubbock Wednesday night, as Ben Willows, left, a freshman business major from Southlake, and Blake Thedford, a senior mechanical engineer from Carrollton, watch from on top of the lift they built for snowboarding.



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LESSON NO. 4: GOING DOWNHILL

To go fast, put your skis straight, together, and get down. Squat your bottom toward the ground to gain more momentum, allowing you to go faster than you would ever want to go. Be sure to pick up your poles or you will find yourself with a mouthful of snow or tree, which is much worse.



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University Courtyard is beyond the normal student-living apartment complex experience. Friendly staff and neighbors and the super spacious land make University Courtyard not just home away from home, but also give it a luxury, private community feel.

Manager Kim Kleinman said the exclusive apartment homes have only been open for a year. University Courtyard is conveniently located just a little more than one mile from campus.

The complex has a private bus route as well, so getting to and from school is never an issue and residents rarely have to deal with University Parking Services.

When home from school, residents can relax and study in the spacious apartments, which come with full amenities — furnished kitchen, washer and dryer, and of course, a 30-inch flat-screen TV in every apartment.

Spacious apartments and individual leases keep all roommates happy.

University Courtyard resident Tyler Nielsen, said he enjoys the convenience and amenities University Courtyard has to offer.

Nielsen, a senior mass communications major from Hereford, especially enjoys the friendly and cheerful staff University Courtyard has working.

“The staff is really helpful,” he said. “They always help you out if you need anything.”

He chose to live in the complex because of its unique environment, and because the residents at University Courtyard are known for being laid-back and cool.

“All my friends live here,” he said. “Everybody’s cool here, it’s fun.”

Nielsen said University Courtyard is much nicer than other student living options.

“They have a pool, a weight room and we got a flat-screen TV,” he said. “And it’s very close to campus.”

Nielsen takes the private bus when he needs to go to class, or if he needs to get back on campus to study.

Additionally, when residents need a study break back at home on the huge University Courtyard property, they can take a walk around the 33-acre property, or a run around the apartment’s jogging track.

University Courtyard, located at 3710 Erskine St., is now leasing. The offices are open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 12 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Kleinman and the staff could not be any more willing to find Texas Tech students the perfect apartment or the perfect roommates.

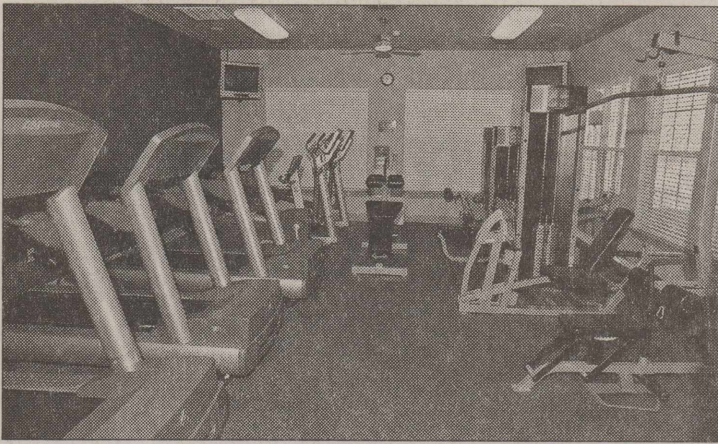
“University Courtyard is a luxury student housing complex with a friendly staff and unique amenities,” Kleinman said.

University Courtyard offers competitive, low rental rates for its fully furnished apartments in a happy, mini-city environment.

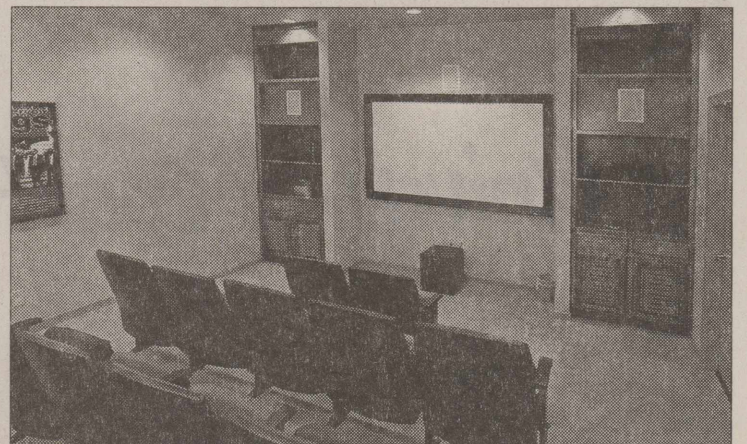
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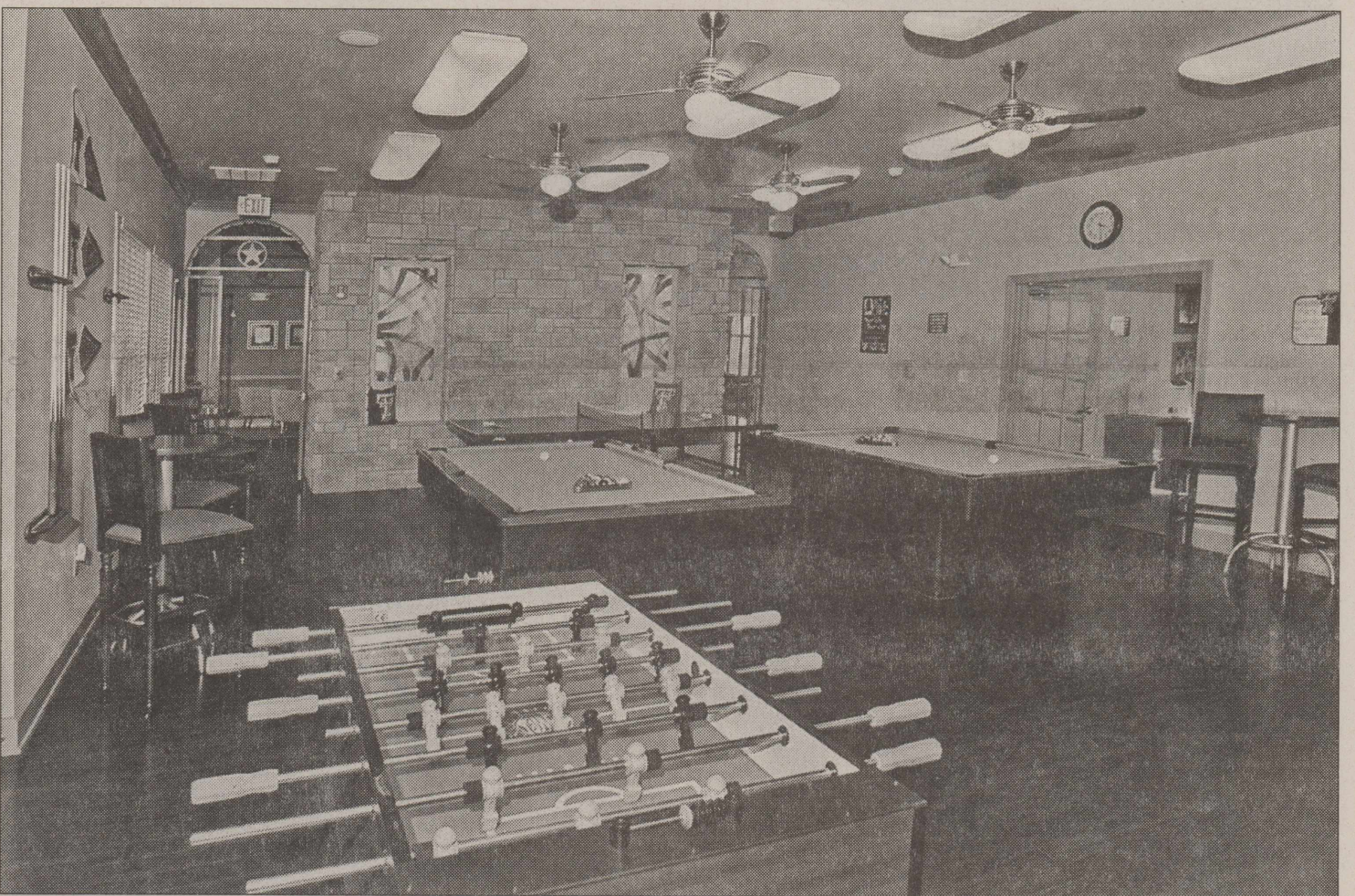
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UNIVERSITY COURTYARD OFFERS an exercise room.

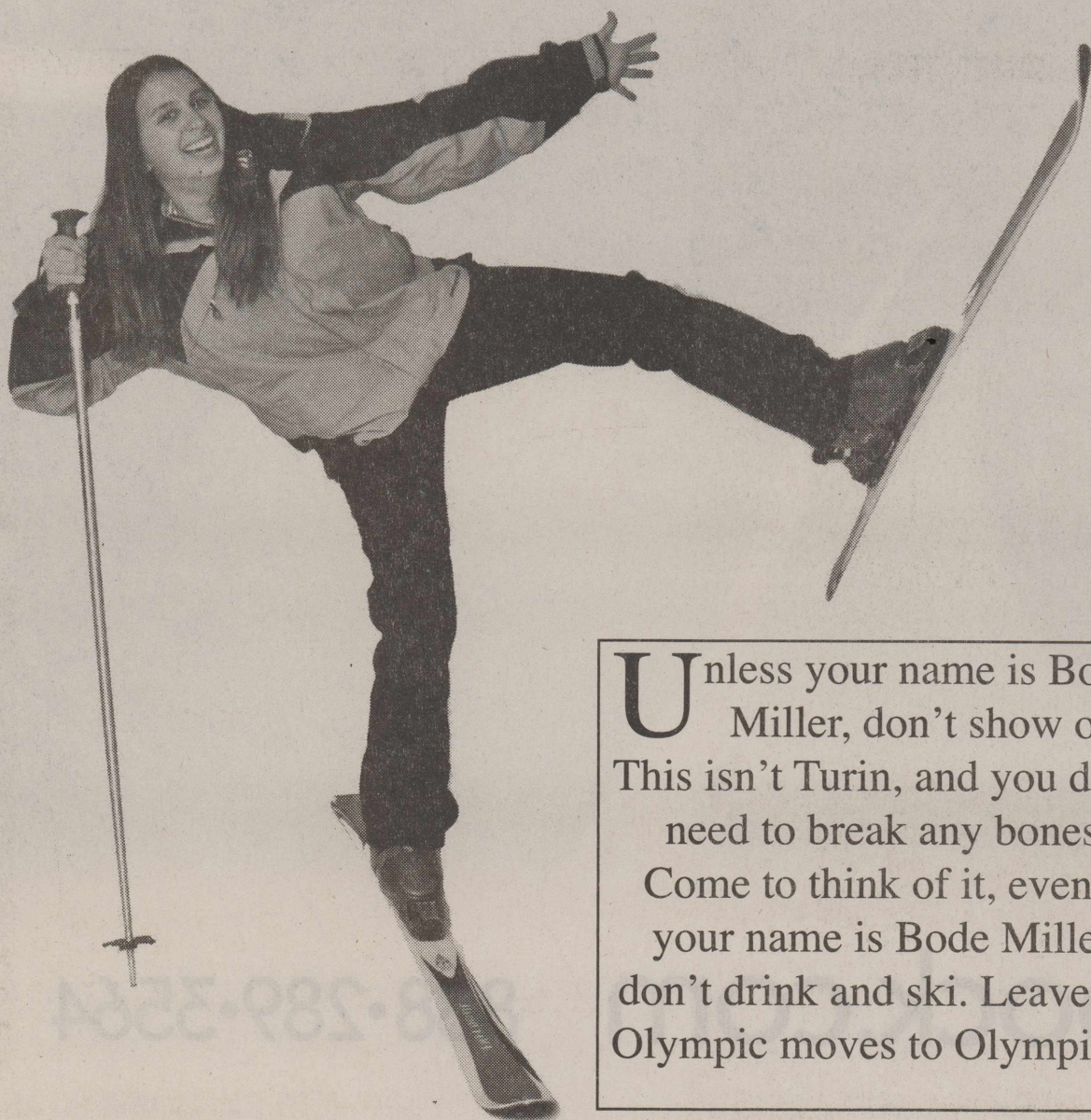


UNIVERSITY COURTYARD HAS a theater room for its residents.



UNIVERSITY COURTYARD FEATURES a full entertainment area for its residents and their visitors. The entertainment and game room contains pool tables, foosball tables along with several other amenities and luxuries one would not find at other apartment complexes.

LESSON NO. 5: THIS ISN'T TURIN



Unless your name is Bode Miller, don't show off. This isn't Turin, and you don't need to break any bones. Come to think of it, even if your name is Bode Miller, don't drink and ski. Leave the Olympic moves to Olympians.

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COMMUNITY

- 2, 3 & 4 bedroom floor plans
- Bus service to campus
- Only 1.2 miles from campus
- 1/3 mile, lighted jogging trail
- Sand volleyball & basketball
- Two pools with water activities and lap lanes
- Convenient to loop 289

APARTMENT

- 30" Flat screen TVs in every apartment
- Ethernet service in bedrooms
- All bedrooms have private bathrooms
- Fully furnished apartments
- Full-size washer & dryer
- Cable with HBO included
- All black kitchen appliances
- Private patio or balcony

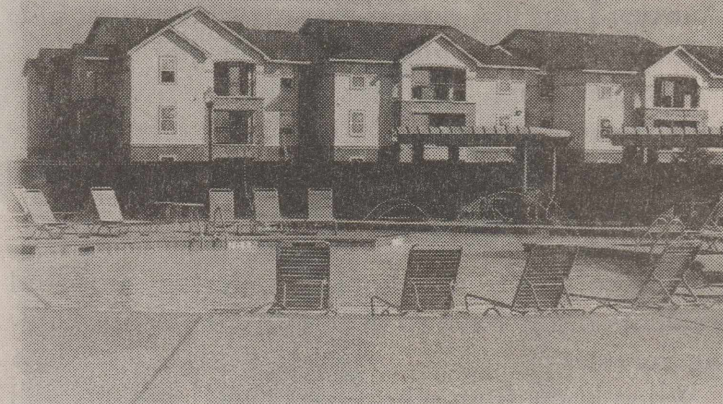
CLUBHOUSE

- Wireless internet
- Two sparkling pools
- Two tanning beds
- Theatre w/ tiered seating
- Extensive fitness center
- Resident conference room
- Espresso bar & game room
- Business center & study rooms

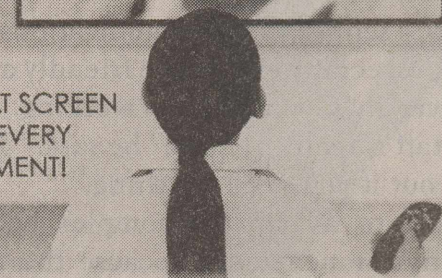
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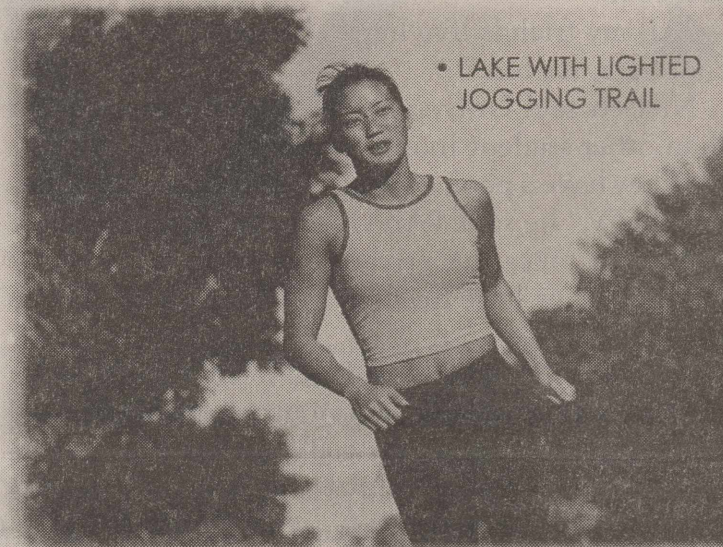
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