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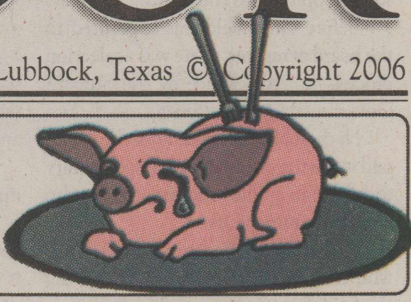
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After a month, student regret Greenfield gives an update.

QUOTABLES

"I had just closed my eyes to try to get some sleep, when all of a sudden it felt like we were rolling."

Katrina Brink, 19, sustained a leg injury after two church vans were involved in an accident near Oklahoma City Saturday morning upon returning from a Spring Break trip. (AP)

"The truth is after Rita, FEMA was stretched awfully thin. Information they were giving out to people was extremely inconsistent. Someone could have easily received it in error."

Kevin Brady, R-The Woodlands, speaking about FEMA sending out letters requesting people for repayment of hurricane relief money. (AP)

"I haven't ruled anything out or anything in at this point."

Former Democratic Senate leader Tom Daschle speaking after announcing his consideration for a 2008 presidential bid. (AP)

STATE

Houston man drowns in South Padre Island

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP)—A 21-year-old Houston man on Spring Break drowned after strong currents swept him from a beach.

Authorities didn't immediately release the man's identity.

He was swimming near a resort with a group around 6:30 p.m. Saturday when he disappeared. The group was having trouble making it out of the water because of strong currents, said U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Charles Hawkins.

A helicopter and two boats searched for the man. His body washed ashore near some condominiums Saturday night, Hawkins said.

NATION

Gunman opens fire at fraternity party

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—A gunman opened fire at a fraternity party in a banquet hall across the street from the South Carolina Capitol early Saturday, wounding five people.

None of the injuries was believed to be life-threatening, but at least one victim was hospitalized in intensive care, authorities said.

No arrests had been made. A man who had been kicked out of the party after an argument went to his car and returned with a gun just after 1 a.m., said police Sgt. Florence McCants.

Witnesses said the gunman shot into the crowd and at the mirrored ceiling of the rented banquet hall on the ground floor of an office building, according to a police report. The man then left but returned with three other people, who shot at the building from the outside, damaging windows, witnesses told police.

WORLD

Tests show Egyptian woman died of bird flu

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)—Initial tests at a U.S. Navy lab show that a 35-year-old woman who died this week in Egypt had bird flu, officials said Saturday. If the results are confirmed, she would be the country's first known human death from the disease.

In Israel, vets on Saturday slaughtered thousands of turkeys suspected of having the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu, trying to prevent the disease from spreading throughout the Holy Land.

Late Saturday, Israel Channel Two TV reported the deadly strain had been officially confirmed at one of four suspected locations. Final test results for the other farming communities are expected early next week.

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War opponents demonstrate in U.S.

"STOP THE WAR": Thousands protest around the world on third anniversary of Iraq invasion.

By **MICHELLE ROBERTS**
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CHALMETTE, La. (AP)—The third anniversary of the U.S.-led war in Iraq drew tens of thousands of protesters around the globe, from hurricane-ravaged Louisiana to Australia, with chants of "Stop the War" and calls for the withdrawal of troops.

About 200 war veterans, hurricane survivors and demonstrators gathered Sunday at the Chalmette National Cemetery to protest how the military conflict overseas had hurt the country's ability to help the Gulf Coast recover

from last year's hurricanes.

"We attacked a country who never did anything to us," said Philadelphia resident Al Zappala, whose 30-year-old son was killed in Iraq in April 2004.

He said his son joined the National Guard to help his community. "He was sent to Iraq based on lies," Zappala said.

Many of the weekend demonstrations across Australia, Asia and Europe drew smaller-than-anticipated crowds.

In London, police said 15,000 people joined a march Saturday from Parliament and Big Ben to a rally in

Trafalgar Square; last year's anniversary drew attracted 45,000 demonstrators to the city.

Anti-war rallies in Japan stretched into a second day Sunday, with about 800 protesters chanting "No war! Stop the war!" and banging drums as they marched peacefully through downtown Tokyo toward the U.S. Embassy. A day earlier, about 2,000 rallied in the city.

"The Iraq war was President Bush's big mistake and the whole world is against him," said organizer Ayako Nishimura. "Iraq must decide its own affairs."

Protesters also gathered outside the U.S. Embassy in Malaysia, and at least 1,000 people turned out in Seoul, South Korea, which has the third-larg-

est contingent of foreign troops in Iraq after the U.S. and Britain.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld answered critics of the war in a guest column in Sunday's editions of *The Washington Post*.

Turning away from Iraq would be "the modern equivalent of handing postwar Germany back to the Nazis," Rumsfeld he wrote.

"It would be as great a disgrace as if we had asked the liberated nations of Eastern Europe to return to Soviet domination because it was too hard or too tough or we didn't have the patience to work with them as they built free countries," he said.

Joining the marchers in Chalmette was former Florida National Guard Staff Sgt. Camilo Mejia, a conscientious objector from Miami Beach, Fla., who was court-martialed and jailed for desertion.

"I joined the military because it seemed to offer stability and camaraderie," he said. "No soldier signs up for a war for oil."

His fellow demonstrators had set out Tuesday on a 140-mile march from Mobile, Ala., to New Orleans to draw attention both to the war and to the federal response to Hurricane Katrina.

David Cline, president of Veterans For Peace, said the nation can't have both "guns and butter," a reference to President Lyndon Johnson's statement that the country could fight the war in Vietnam and enjoy the good life at home.

SPRING INTO ACTION



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador

TODAY BRINGS THE vernal equinox, which marks the first official day of Spring.

By **RUTH BRADLEY**
 FEATURES WRITER

Trees and flowers across campus are blooming, gray skies are giving way to blue and flip-flops are making a fashion comeback. With today bringing the vernal equinox, it's official: Spring is here.

On this first day of spring, students are pondering the remainder of the semester and celebrating the good weather they hope will come with the changing of the season.

"Spring is my favorite time of year," said Rebecca Davis, a senior history major. "In the spring, the trees are blooming, the flowers are blooming, you're motivated to get outside. In the winter you just stay inside in all of your gloom."

For Davis, the first day of spring means she can look forward to better

weather and better moral.

"I'm happier in the spring," she said. "Our campus is beautiful in the springtime, it's so gorgeous."

Davis said the beauties of spring make her walk to class more pleasant. "It's so much easier during the springtime," she said, "cause it's pretty and not brown."

Other students are also looking forward to better weather.

"Whenever I want to go anywhere it's not cold and it's not depressing, so it doesn't really drag your mood down," said Tariq Ozair, a sophomore management information systems and finance major.

Ozair also is looking forward to the chance to get outdoors more,

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Tech student remembered by friends, peers

By **MICHELLE CASADY**
 STAFF WRITER

A father, an artist, a son, a friend and a Red Raider—Texas Tech senior Thomas "Curry" Roberts left all of these roles on March 2.

According to a memo sent out by Interim Dean of Students Gregory Elkins, Roberts was enrolled in the College of Visual and Performing Arts and was majoring in studio art with a concentration in painting.

Roberts grew up in Plainview. "He was a really outgoing person—very fun-loving and enjoyable. He stands out in my mind as someone who had a lot to contribute," said Lisa Kersh, a former teacher and current

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LSO explores tip in missing woman case, awaiting lab results

By **PAUL ROBERTS**
 STAFF WRITER

The Lubbock County Sheriff's Department conducted a search last week after a tip concerning a missing Lubbock woman—Jennifer Wilkerson. Wilkerson has been missing since July 2004, and police said new evidence is a large step taken to finally closing the case.

"This is a significant lead, and we are optimistic the evidence found during the search will assist in the eventual closing of this case," said Capt. Kevin Overstreet of the Sheriff's Office.

The nine-hour-long search was conducted on a vacant property of about 160

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CLAIM IN THE NAME OF TECH



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MEMBERS OF ALPHA Gamma Rho, Cody Robbins, a senior exercise and sport sciences major from Ballinger, Kyle Simmons, a senior exercise and sport sciences major from Wichita Falls, Jay Harper, a senior business major from Austin, Chad Jones, a senior agricultural economics major from Sweetwater, and Brennen Weir, a senior agricultural economics major from Levelland, hoist up a Texas Tech flag at South Padre Island Wednesday afternoon.

Gas prices soar as Tech students return home from Spring Break destinations

By **DANIELLE NOVY**
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Now that Spring break officially is over for Texas Tech, many students are finding themselves with little more than memories to hold on to; rising gasoline prices have left a trail of empty pockets and drained wallets across the Lone Star State.

Texas' gas prices have been on the rise for more than two weeks now; according to the weekend's AAA gas price survey, regular unleaded gasoline averages \$2.34 per gallon across the state.

Edinburg claimed to have the lowest prices in Texas, dipping as low as \$2.28 per gallon of regular unleaded, while Midland, Waco and Big Bend National Park were recorded as having

the highest prices, according to www.texasgasprices.com.

Meanwhile, Lubbock was not listed at either end of the price spectrum.

The Lone Star State's gasoline prices have increased by more than 30 cents per gallon of regular unleaded in the past month, according to www.texasgasprices.com.

The combination of price speculation and the annual switch from winter to summer grades at refineries may be to blame for mounting gasoline costs, according to *The Associated Press*.

Climbing prices are doing more than just breaking records; they also are breaking the wallets of some hard-pressed college students who use their weeklong Spring Break as an opportunity to travel.

Casey Vicks, a junior sociology major at the University of Texas, said she was surprised with how much filling up her gas tank set her back during her journey to West Texas.

"I always go home during Spring Break," she said. "I have never spent as much as I did this year; it makes carpooling seem more appealing."

Rising prices are affecting a growing number of college students; according to a survey conducted by the Student Monitor, a student researched organization based in New Jersey.

The survey found an increasing percentage of students are traveling outside of the United States for their break while more than a million are loading up their

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Student regent Greenfield pleased after first month with the new job

By KATIE KINNEY
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Rick Perry recently appointed Texas Tech student Chad Greenfield to the Tech board of regents to help bring a student opinion to the board.

Before Greenfield was appointed to the board of regents, there was a selection process that took place by the Student Government Association.

Nathan Nash, president of the SGA, said it was the organization's responsibility to solicit an application for anyone who met the requirements.

He said they had nine candidates, who they interviewed before narrowing the field down to five candidates.

"We then sent those five candidates to the Chancellor's Office to be interviewed," Nash said. "The Chancellor's Office then sent it to the governor's office where the decision was made."

Greenfield recently attended his first board meeting, which he said he believes went very well.

"I was really nervous especially since there is no precedent so I was not quite sure what to do or say," he said. "I wasn't sure if they wanted to hear what I had to say, but they were very interested."

Greenfield said the meeting was successful, and at the next meeting the regents will be discussing the details of the appeal board of the flat-rate tuition.

The reaction by the students of having a student has been quite positive.

"I think it is important to have a student regent because they get a say on what is going on and they can speak for the student and what they want," said Kristin Curtis, junior food nutrition major from Kingwood. "They have a better feel for students than someone who is older."

Nash agrees, saying it definitely is a positive.

"We have a great situation where we have a good relationship with the board," he said. "They solicit our thoughts in the board meetings and want student opinion."

But Sherley Bedore, a sophomore pre-med major from El Paso, said she feels Greenfield may not have as much say as some of the older regents.

"I think if I were in his shoes, I would feel like I wouldn't have a voice against the older men," Bedore said. "It would take a strong voice to stand up to them, and if you have that, then that's

great. Only students can really know what other students are thinking."

Greenfield, though, has already felt the effects of his voice.

"Texas Tech was in a unique position because our board has a good relationship with our students," he said. "Nathan Nash went to the meeting and spoke, but he can only speak when spoken to. I can ask questions and make suggestions whenever I want. That voice is very powerful because the regents listen to what I have to say."

Greenfield also said some of the things he has brought up in the meeting prompted the other regents to ask questions.

"Seeing how I have a direct effect, and

seeing how they are interested in what I have to offer has given validity to my position," Greenfield said.

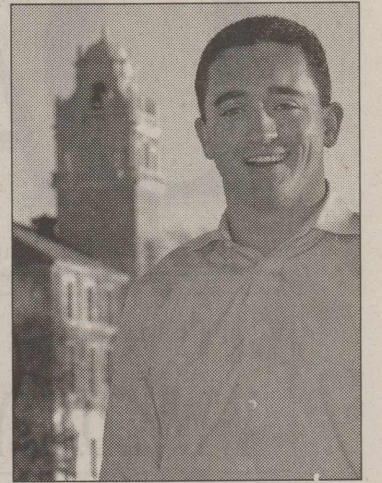
Other universities also have instituted the student regent position and also have given them gifts including a better parking spot, luxury boxes and a BlackBerry, but Greenfield said these gifts were not part of the deal.

"I was offered Big 12 tournament tickets along with the other regents for the men and women, and I also get to sit in the president's box at games," he said of some perks of his position. "Also, all the regents were given a Cotton Bowl commemorative watch. Other than that, I have no parking spot or a BlackBerry."

Greenfield said although those things are nice, it's not what is important.

"I didn't apply to receive cool gifts. Obviously they are nice but they are something secondary," he said. "I wanted to be the voice of the students and service the university that has given me so much. I'm probably receiving something much more valuable in the long run."

Though it seems Greenfield is off to



Greenfield

a good start, he said there is much more ahead of him.

"I'm just trying to lay the foundation for the next student regents that come after me," he said. "I can see nothing but positives coming from this position."

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Gas

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cars for road trips each spring.

Joanne Le, a pre-pharmacy major from Albuquerque, N.M., said high gas prices discourage her from simply hopping in a car and taking a road trip for Spring Break.

She said the pattern of continually rising fuel prices makes her wary of what the future holds.

"When gas prices increase, it hits college students hard," she said. "A lot of students are broke anyway."

Yet, even with gas prices well above the \$2 mark, some students still are opting to break away from their respective

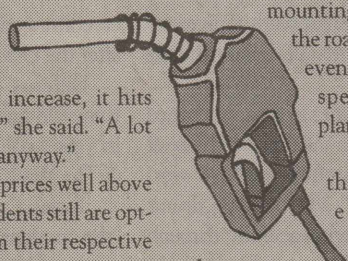
college campuses. Thanks to the mounting costs of hitting the road, some collegians even are opting for the speedier option of plane travel.

Jamie MacArthur, a sophomore education and Spanish major at the University of Dallas with her boyfriend via airplane during the break.

She said their decision to fly was founded on safety concerns rather than spiked gas prices and taking a plane assured they would not be on the road at night.

"The best part was just getting away from all the stress," she said of their trip. "It was fun getting to go to Six Flags too."

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While you were out

Nation
Neverland Ranch goes to Neverland, as Michael Jackson released many of the remaining employees in order to pay back wages and avoid a lawsuit. The home is 2,600 acres and reportedly was purchased for \$14.6 million.
Democratic Senator Russ Feingold called for a censure of President Bush. The proposal, which has been used one other time against Andrew Jackson, would criticize or scold Bush for the domestic wiretapping actions Feingold found to be illegal.

City
Though the .03 inches of rain Lubbock got last month put an end to the 98-day dry spell, Lubbock received a larger amount of rain this weekend.

Campus
The Tech board of regents named the members for a chancellor selection committee Thursday, which will have the duty of finding a pool of potential chancellors. Members of the 18-person committee range from former Lady Raider coach Marsha Sharp, to Tech Horn professors to alumni. The committee is expected to meet the first week of May. Honors College professor Donald Haragan currently is serving as interim chancellor, but has publicly noted he has no interest in keeping the position.

State
Wildfires loomed across Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico burning nearly one million acres and leaving an estimated 10,000 cattle dead. Texas Gov. Rick Perry toured the Texas area Thursday and declared parts of the panhandle a disaster area.

State
The Dallas Cowboys — America's team — signed Terrell Owens to a three-year deal as a wide receiver. This received mixed reviews, as T.O. is notoriously known for taunting the Cowboy star on the 50-yard line at Texas Stadium in 2000.

Wilson, whose contract expires later this year, was expected to continue interviewing at the university.

State
The U.S. armed forces teamed up with Iraqi forces to launch the largest air strike initiative since the war began — Operation Swarmer. The military assault aimed at an area north of Baghdad and included more than 1,500 troops.

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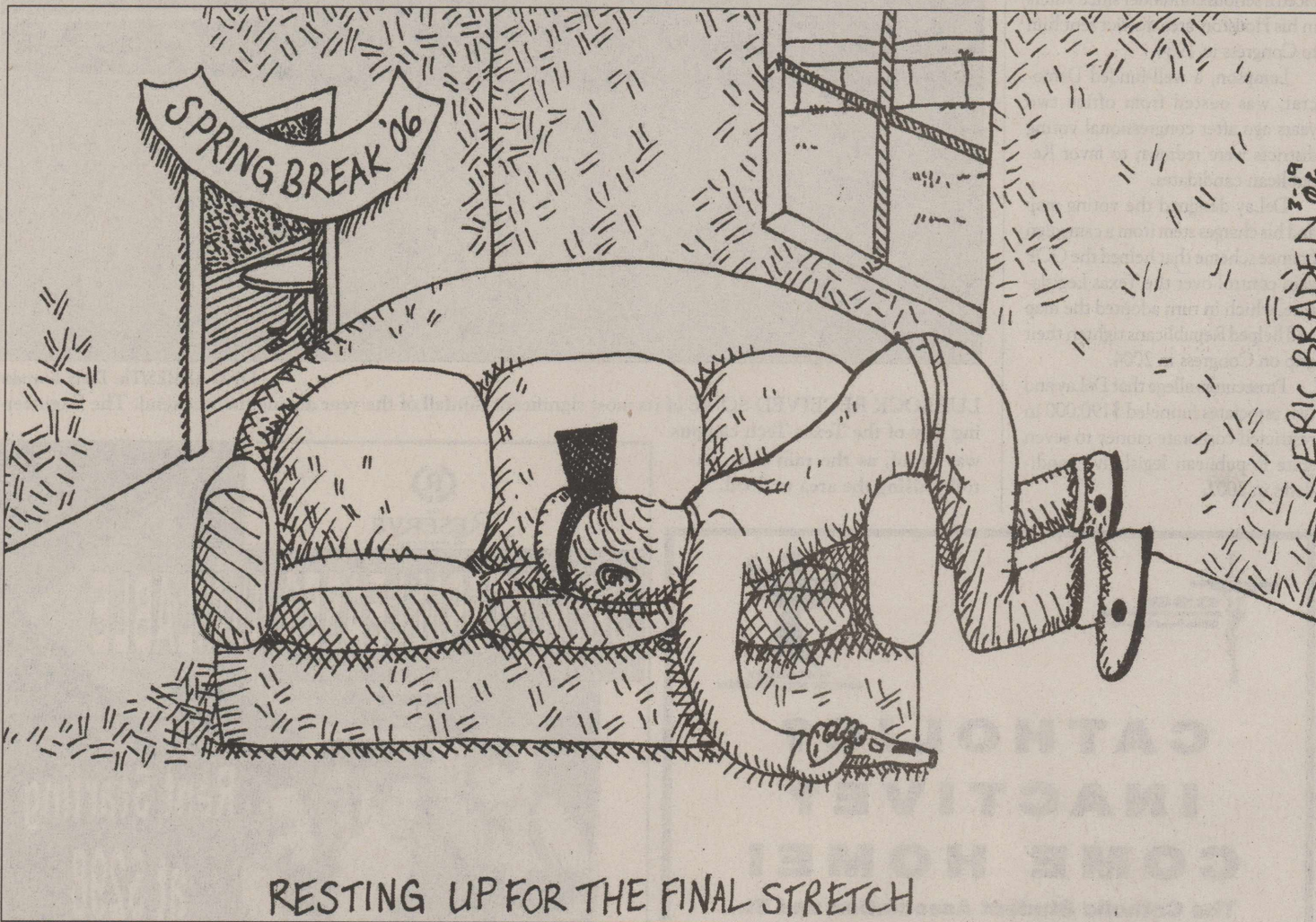
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RESTING UP FOR THE FINAL STRETCH

Improving America's world image

America is one of the most beautiful and prosperous countries in the world. We are a leader in industry, technology and entertainment. It seems that our prowess astounds all. Unfortunately we also are probably the most hated country in the world, and we lack the ability to see ourselves through the eyes of other nations.

The notion that we are hated may come as a shock to some. There are mass demonstrations against the United States around the world. We see that every night on the news. However, if we learn the real reasons why we are hated, it might put our own views into perspective.

We have this tendency to view our nation as the greatest the earth has ever seen. We forget that greater, more powerful nations have come before us. The Roman Empire, Pharonic Egypt, the dynasties of China, Imperial Japan and the British Empire were all on the scene before us, and ruled longer. We must remember that we've been a world power for less than 100 years. That amount of time pales in comparison to the centuries those nations were in the height of their power. Some of the nations listed still are world powers, but their world domination has faded. That is a point that we must respect and realize that at some point our wealth and power will diminish as well.

Our view of history is jaded, as well. We claim our founding fathers came here in pursuit of religious freedom and to better themselves. We think they found a land that was ripe for economic and political development. We believe they worked hard to lay the foundations of the country we live in today.

But we turn a blind eye to the atrocities they committed to get there. They spread disease and infection, and all but wiped out an indigenous people. They enslaved, raped and destroyed the families of millions of people, who to this day have little to no history and ties to their native land. We force our culture to billions of people around the world and take little notice of the affect their world domination has had on our own.

Raven Morgan



If you truly love your country, then it's time for us as Americans to make some changes. We need to stop being a selfish nation and start looking towards the greater world good. It doesn't help the survival of the human species that we are only interested in temporary gain.

In fact, one of the great things about living in Texas is we celebrate the different cultural influences that have shaped our state's unique heritage. It's a staple that makes me prouder to be a Texan than an American. Now, if only the rest of the country could catch on to that idea.

We have overemphasized our role in WWII, as well. We hold this contention that we saved Europe from the Axis powers. The truth is, we helped. Most of the American aid was through goods and weapons. The real credit is due to the soldiers of France, Great Britain and Russia. They fought longer and harder in the European

front than we did and overwhelmingly had more casualties. Russian alone lost more than 20 million people. We lost around 300,000.

We spent most of the war in the Pacific fighting Japan, and rightly so because of Pearl Harbor, but we need to keep our involvement in a healthy perspective. Granted, anyone who lived and served during WWII deserves outmost respect, but let's not be so bold as to make sweeping statements like, "We won WWII," and then wonder why other nations are angry with us.

Americans are seen as having low morals by other countries. We consider ourselves to be a Christian nation, with a Christian foundation and an 80 percent Christian population. But none of that means anything because we don't back up our words with our actions. Yes, the U.S. seems to be overwhelming in favor of defining marriage as between a man and a woman. Yes, we seem to be moving toward a possible abolition of abortion. Both are principals of Christianity. However, our track record with fighting poverty, racism, bigotry and violence is disheartening. We have more guns than any other nation. We have more violence than any other nation. We have more rape than any other nation. One in three American women will be raped in their lifetime, yet we are more concerned with the protection of a possible pregnancy than the protection of women and the trauma of rape.

We are a country that supposedly supports religious freedom and tolerance, but if your god is Allah or Buddha, or any other deity, you're fresh out of luck. Religious freedom should be for all Americans, not just if your savior is a blond, blue-eyed Jesus.

Finally, our foreign policy is laughable. We police the world as if we are Orwell's Big Brother and resist signing treaties that are not for our financial benefit. Never mind, if they are better in the long-term; we are like a teenager seeking instant gratification. We turned down treaties that would reduce greenhouse emissions in favor of making more money in oil. We forget

we are responsible for the largest oil consumption and are responsible for 25 percent of greenhouse emissions in the atmosphere.

We invade where we are not wanted, and refuse to go where our help is needed. We have effectively severed relationships with other world powers in order to increase our greedy gains. We pass off our culture and belief systems as the best in the world and market them to countries that don't want them. Yet we still wonder why people hate us.

Some would argue this American ethnocentrism is President Bush's fault, but the sad thing is this has been going on long before G.W. took office.

In regards to the 9-11 attacks, it's time to stop saying, "We were attacked because of our democracy and freedom," because that's not why they hate us. Their hatred for our country runs the gamut from our arrogance of the superiority of our culture, to simple jealousy of a world power. Democracy and freedom have little to do with it, because clearly they don't want it. You can't force a revolution in a country if the people don't want it for themselves.

If you truly love your country, then it's time for us, as Americans, to make some changes. We need to stop being a selfish nation and start looking toward the greater world good. It doesn't help the survival of the human species that we are only interested in temporary gain.

Our focus should be the future. We need to take action now, ease world tensions, better our environment and push for acceptance. With power comes jealousy and envy, and we may be hated as long as we are a world power. However, it is our responsibility to listen to the grievances other nations and people have against us and, if possible, make efforts to eradicate those problems we have created.

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Iraq War anniversary sees little progress

I'm a little shaky on my American History. However, I seem to recall that after 1776 there was a long, arduous battle for the United States to become a stable, democratic society.

Even after we defeated the British, there were years and years before we could really claim to be a "stable" nation. There were debates about the structure of democracy, there were opposing sides and there were numerous upheavals. (Sound familiar?) In fact, the Constitution didn't even go into effect until 1789. So, from the time that we signed the Declaration of Independence until the time that we gained our Constitution, there were 13 years of debate, disruption and disagreement.

Such is the nature of switching governments. In fact, if you look at many revolutions and uprising throughout history such as the Haitian Revolution, the Ireland uprisings, the French Revolution and myriad others, there is one vital ingredient necessary for developing successful solid governments: time. After only three years in Iraq we haven't made much progress. Ever the centrist, I believe Iraq can become a peaceful, efficient democratic nation.

However, if we take a look at history we could learn a thing or two (That's why we are supposed to study it, right?). Even if you are a Bush fanatic, you can't possibly believe his policies will transform a terror-based, brainwashing, dictatorial government into a diplomatic, democratic society in three years. Well, even if you did believe that you would be wrong. There is no denying that we have made little progress in Iraq. If you don't believe me, listen to the pulse of the nation, of the world.

According to cnn.com, polls suggest pessimism about the Iraq war is growing. The polls show that "moreover, forty-one percent of the respondents in the recent survey said the prospect of a U.S. victory is unlikely or certain not to happen. Only 1 percent were sure of a U.S. defeat in the 2003 poll, with just 3 percent saying a U.S. victory was unlikely." If the words of our country aren't enough, look at the mass demonstrations against the war going on in London, Australia and many other parts of the world.

Bush said the Iraqi War was the "right decision." After all, Iraq elected a parliament on Dec. 15. Unfortunately, according to Bloomberg.com, this election was disrupted by political infighting and also reprisals against Sunni Muslims because of damage to a sacred Golden Mosque. In fact, many believe that a civil war is just around the corner in Bush's sovereign Iraq.

In a White House news release, President Bush pointed to all the progress we have made in Iraq. Though the release was

Abbie Kopf



incredibly repetitive (you can't make minor progress sound major), the overall message was summed up in this quote: "life in Iraq under Saddam Hussein was marked by brutality, fear and terror. Iraqis had no voice in their country or their lives."

Hmm, it seems to me that things aren't very different. Brutality? Check. (Abu Gharib.) Fear? Check. (Thousands of Iraqis injured and killed.) Terror? Check. (Bombs, gunfire and killing.) Iraqis tried to have a voice. They tried to tell us to get the hell out of their country. They didn't want us there. They still have no voice in their country. They went from one dictator to another in the form of U.S. occupation.

Now, on the third anniversary of military action in Iraq, President Bush still chooses to treat the Iraqis like children by practically saying, "I know you don't like this right now but it's for your own good. Believe us. We're smarter than you. We're happier than you. Democracy will take all of your pain away."

Well, certainly we've been doing some noteworthy things in Iraq, right? We have lost more than 2,300 Americans. We have injured more than 10,000 Americans. We have taken away mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters, and sent them to a country wrought with violence and hatred (mostly for us). We have set up a fledgling but still volatile government.

The question we have to consider is, what is our goal in Iraq, exactly? Would the government have to be as stable as the United States' government? Would the country have to be free of war? Would it be a peaceful nation? Would there have to be absolutely no terrorist threats to the United States (although, we would still have many other nations to fear on that front)? What is George W. Bush seeking? Stability and peace? Well, Bush, I am quite sure you probably cheated or sneered your way through most of your history classes where you received mediocre grades. But perhaps you should realize these ideas of "progress" are practically utopian if you want to achieve them in less than 10 years.

The people of Iraq have a government. They have the potential. Now let them make progress on their own without further endangering the lives of our countrymen.

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VIEW FROM THE BIG 12 Cartoon contest mocking Holocaust inappropriate

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(U-WIRE) LAWRENCE, Kan. — In September 2005, one of the most controversial events in journalism occurred in Denmark. By now, everyone should know about the cartoons that the Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten published depicting the Islamic prophet Muhammad. This created an uproar both in the Islamic world and the Western world.

Now, an Iranian newspaper, Hamshahri, is running a contest in which entrants send in their own editorial cartoons depicting the Holocaust as retaliation for the Muhammad cartoons.

According to the Web site that lists the rules of the contest (<http://www.hamshahri.org/images/InternationalCartoonE.jpg>), its premise is to find out "What is the Limit of Western Freedom of Expression." Basically,

the Iranian newspaper wants to see how far people will go in creating these cartoons. It is also testing the Western world's readiness to see cartoons about the Holocaust.

The Lawrence (Kan.) Journal-World published a brief about the contest earlier in the week. It reported that one entry showed Jewish people entering a pipeline. No guessing is needed to understand that this picture is depicting the mass execution of Jewish people in gas chambers.

An immediate reaction to this contest is disgust and horror. World War II ended more than 60 years ago, but that is no excuse to make a mockery out of an event that killed six million Jews.

Some of the people that endured concentration camps lived there for many years. They lived on little or no food, were surrounded by death and disease and were forced to work long hours in any kind of weather.

If these people were sent into the camp

in the mid-1930s and lived to see liberation they were in there almost 10 years. I'm 20 years old; that's half my life. The same goes for many of the students on campus. That is incomprehensible to me. These people should be respected, not mocked. There are Holocaust survivors still alive today. Have they not gone through enough already? Is it really necessary to re-open wounds with these cartoons?

This contest is not being run at a very appropriate time. There will probably never be an appropriate time for a contest like this one.

"I would hope the world is never ready for cartoons like that, the genocide and murder of any people, be it Jews in the Holocaust or anything else," Jay Lewis, Executive Director of KU Hillel said. "It's disappointing that some people have chosen to equate the other cartoon depictions of Muhammad with cartoons depicting the mass murder of Jews. It's disappointing and offensive."

The next question is, how is this contest and the winning cartoons going to affect the future? Free speech is the root of the issue with these cartoons. Even though it may be one person's opinion that it's funny to see a cartoon mocking the Holocaust, it's not everyone's. Like the protests and outbursts of the Denmark cartoons, I believe equal, if not larger-scale, retaliations will occur.

Like the opinion page of a newspaper, editorial cartoons are also open to anyone's opinion. The topic of the Holocaust is different. It is one thing to mock a President's foreign or domestic policy, but it is quite another to mock an event that nearly destroyed a population.

It is apparent that the Iranian newspaper learned nothing from the Denmark cartoon incident. After the contest ends in May and the winning cartoons run, don't be surprised if the world angrily backlashes just like it has done once before over something as simple as a cartoon.

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Where's the beef? Hopefully nowhere today as group holds annual Meatout

By **ABBY STONE**
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"Charlotte's Web" is a children's story featuring a pig named Wilbur, who with the help of his fellow farm animals, is able to escape from taking his place as breakfast on the kitchen table.

In the story Wilbur talks about all his sad and nervous feelings about becoming breakfast meat to a wise spider, Charlotte, who always has a plan.

The ending turns out to be a happy one, but what would the story have said to readers if slaughter season came early and Wilbur had no way out?

Real animals may not be able to come up with strategic plans and witty comments, but this story gives animals

everywhere feelings and souls.

Jen Riley, program coordinator for the Meatout Campaign, said her decision to live the vegetarian lifestyle came after watching many videos and reading many articles on how cruel animals are treated while in slaughterhouses and on factory farms.

"The animals are treated with so much disrespect, and it's just not something I want to be apart of," she said.

Both historically and currently in societies that need meat to sustain life,

animals are not treated the way they are in the U.S. society, Riley said. In factory-style farms, animals are packed in small spaces and pumped with hormones.

"Why cause an animal to suffer when you don't have to," she said.

There are many reasons to take up a vegetarian life style, Riley said. Being a vegetarian has health benefits, contributes to stopping animal cruelty and helps the environ-

ment. Andy Eppler, store manager for Well Body Natural Foods, said he is not a vegetarian but his girlfriend tried out the vegetarian lifestyle and found it to be a

difficult one while living in beef country, West Texas.

"Everybody has a Bible, and everybody's got a brisket," he said.

What is really hard to do in Lubbock is to go out to eat with vegetarian goals in mind, Eppler said. There only are so many things on a menu that don't have meat involved.

"There is not really more than a handful of restaurants that will cater to a vegetarian in Lubbock," he said.

Being a vegetarian is only a healthy lifestyle if your body is getting the protein that it needs, Eppler said. Without meat, vegetarians are at risk for becoming protein deficient if they do not find an alternative protein source.

"Ironically if you mix beans and corn in the same meal, then you can get the same protein that you need," he said.

Taking the vegetarian lifestyle a step

further, a person can become a vegan. To live a healthy vegan lifestyle, a person will need to find alternatives for many other things besides meat.

According to the Web site, www.vegan.org, a vegan avoids using or consuming any animal products. Vegans avoid dairy and eggs, as well as fur, leather, wool, down, and cosmetics or chemical products tested on animals.

Today marks the beginning of the 2006 Meatout Campaign. The campaign takes place all around the world and is an educational day in which people are encouraged to put down the burgers and try a new lifestyle as a vegetarian or a vegan.

Riley said Meatout is a program that starts the first day of spring. This is a time when new vegetables and fruits are in great abundance and is an appropriate time to challenge people to not eat meat.

Meatout was designed after the national Smokeout Campaign, she said, which challenges people to quit smoking for good or at least for the day.

The principle of the Meatout Campaign is the same, but the challenge is to not eat meat rather than to not light up.

"The Meatout is really just designed for however far people want to take it," Riley said.

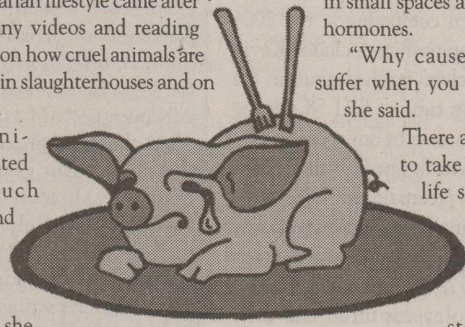
The message people in the meat industry need to hear, she said, is animals that will one day become food, need to be treated with the same respect that is given to a family pet.

"(Animals going to slaughter) can still feel pain," Riley said.

For vegetarian recipes and more information on the Meatout campaign, visit the Web site, www.meatout.org.

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The last day to drop a class is **Wednesday, March 22 at 5:00 PM.** No student may drop a class after that day and time. All dropped courses receive a grade of W. After March 22, students must complete all courses for which they are enrolled and will receive a grade of A-F.

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cularly for intramurals.

"I'm going to try soccer again," he said. Wes Lane, a senior cell and molecular biology major, said he doesn't believe he'll have time to enjoy the springtime weather.

"I'll be indoors studying," Lane said, adding that to him, spring means lots of projects and little free time. "Things accelerate until after the semester."

Spring is not all sunshine and flowers for Davis either.

"I have really bad allergies," she said. "The first two weeks of spring are bad for my head."

While she may not be looking forward to that, she said she is happy to see graduation drawing near.

Another graduating student, Linda Lelo, a restaurant hotel and institutional management major, said she plans to use her last spring

semester to learn more about the university.

"I'm going to try to enjoy Texas Tech as much as I can," she said. "I'm going to learn more about Tech, like the traditions. I'm going to attend more games."

Spring also means the coming of holidays like April Fools, Passover, Easter and Mother's Day.

This year, Passover begins April 12, Palm Sunday falls on April 9, Easter on April 16, and Mother's day on May 14, according to the Holidays on the Net Web site, www.holidays.net.

Lane said he plans to celebrate Easter, but has no big plans. Davis said she and her boyfriend plan to observe their annual tradition of hunting for Easter eggs in their backyard with the help of their dog.

In the meantime, she said she is glad to see the coming of spring and all that it means.

"I'm just happy it's not winter anymore," she said.

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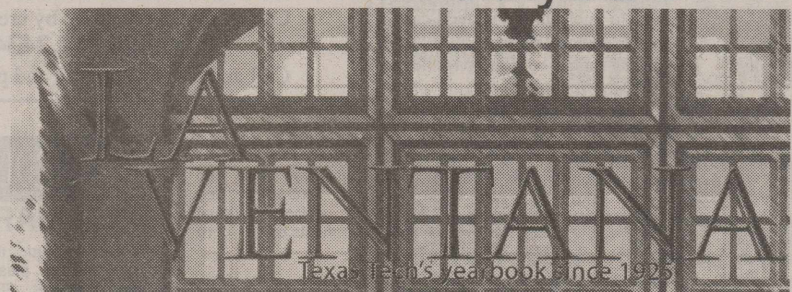
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