

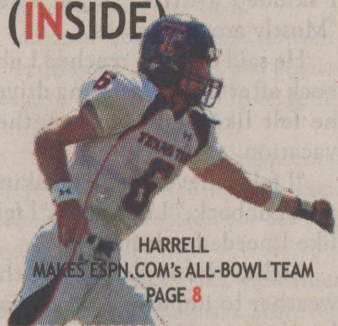
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STATE

Man arrested at border for marijuana possession

MARFA (AP) — U.S. Border Patrol agents arrested a Midland man who was driving a pickup truck with more than 1,800 pounds of marijuana in the bed, authorities said.

The man, who was not identified, was turned over to investigators from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration after his arrest Monday.

Border Patrol agents from Marfa stopped the 1995 Ford after it was spotted speeding on a rural road from the Rio Grande to Marfa. Agents found 1,834 pounds of drugs, worth about \$1.46 million, wrapped in tape in the back of the truck.

NATION

Storm's death toll hits 46 in 7 states

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Power lines were down, highways were treacherous and spring-like temperatures were only a memory Tuesday in parts of the Northeast in the wake of the storm that earlier had plastered the Midwest and Plains with a heavy shell of ice. The death toll from the storm was at least 46 in seven states.

WORLD

Bombing at Baghdad University kills 65

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — An explosion outside a Baghdad university as students were heading home for the day killed at least 65 people on Tuesday in the deadliest of several attacks on predominantly Shiite areas. The attacks — and the announcement of four U.S. military deaths — came on a day the United Nations said more than 34,000 Iraqi civilians died last year in sectarian violence. Attacks in Baghdad — including the university explosion, blasts at a marketplace for used motorcycles and a drive-by shooting — killed more than 100 people in a spasm of violence ahead of a promised drive by the Iraqi government and U.S. forces to secure the capital.

DEATH TOLL

3026

U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Ailing Castro takes steps to smooth transition of power

By KATHERINE SHRADER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cuban President Fidel Castro, ailing and out of sight, has been meeting with a trickle of international guests in recent months, a U.S. government official said Tuesday.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive situation with Cuba, declined to say with whom Castro

was meeting. But the meetings, generally with visitors from Latin America, suggest he may be setting the stage for a transition of power that he hopes will protect the government he has built over four decades.

In a review of global threats last week, National Intelligence Director John Negroponte said that Castro and his brother Raul, who has taken over as Cuba's temporary leader, are trying to create a "soft landing" during the transfer of control.

"From the point of the United States policy, we don't want to see that happen," Negroponte said. "We want to see the prospects for freedom in that country enhanced as a result of the transition" from Fidel Castro.

Negroponte also said Castro's days "seem to be numbered," a view supported Tuesday by the U.S. government official. That official said U.S. intelligence believes that Castro is likely to die within a month or two, although analysts don't yet know the

precise nature of his illness.

That assessment narrowed the life-expectancy estimate of U.S. intelligence agencies, which previously had said Castro was not expected to make it through the end of this year.

The Spanish newspaper El Pais reported on Tuesday that Castro has had at least three failed operations and is suffering complications from an intestinal infection, leaving him with a "grave prognosis."

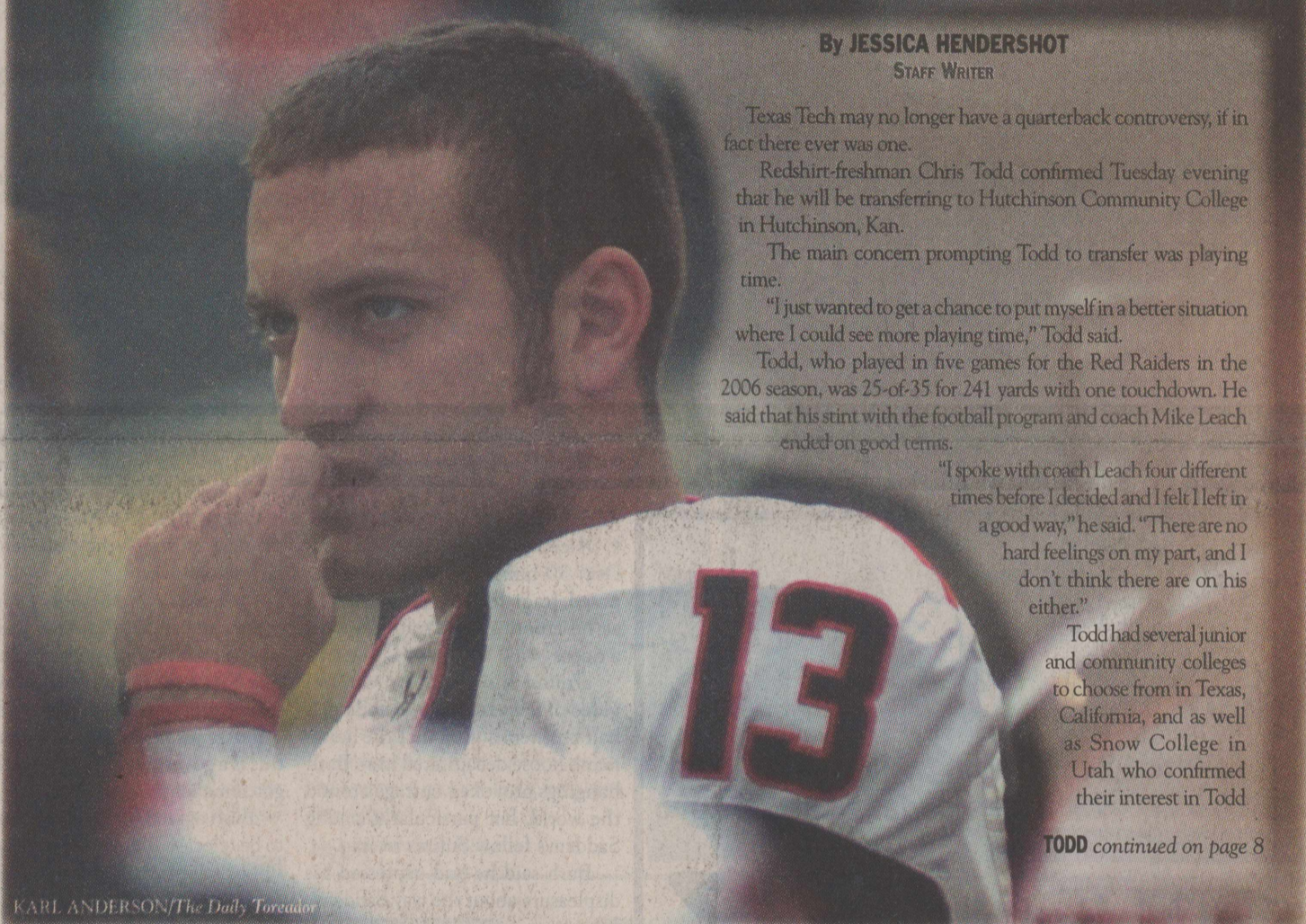
The reported rare details about his medical treatment, citing two unidentified sources from Madrid's Gregorio Maranon hospital, which employs surgeon Jose Luis Garcia Sabrido. An expert in the digestive system, Sabrido flew to Cuba in December to treat Castro and returned insisting that the 80-year-old was recovering slowly from a serious operation.

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TODD TOSSES TECH

FORMER BACKUP QUARTERBACK CHRIS TODD TO TRANSFER

By JESSICA HENDERSHOT
STAFF WRITER



KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

Texas Tech may no longer have a quarterback controversy, if in fact there ever was one.

Redshirt-freshman Chris Todd confirmed Tuesday evening that he will be transferring to Hutchinson Community College in Hutchinson, Kan.

The main concern prompting Todd to transfer was playing time.

"I just wanted to get a chance to put myself in a better situation where I could see more playing time," Todd said.

Todd, who played in five games for the Red Raiders in the 2006 season, was 25-of-35 for 241 yards with one touchdown. He said that his stint with the football program and coach Mike Leach ended on good terms.

"I spoke with coach Leach four different times before I decided and I felt I left in a good way," he said. "There are no hard feelings on my part, and I don't think there are on his either."

Todd had several junior and community colleges to choose from in Texas, California, and as well as Snow College in Utah who confirmed their interest in Todd

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Students, faculty react to stem cell research bill

By ANNA SCHUMANN
STAFF WRITER

In its first few days as part of the 110th Congress, the House of Representatives passed legislation Thursday to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

The bill, which amends the Public Health Service Act, passed by a vote of 253-174. According to house.gov, the bill, HR3, would "require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct and support research that utilizes human embryonic stem cells, regardless of the date on which the stem cells were derived from a human embryo."

According to the House Web site, research would be limited to stem cells no longer needed by individuals who sought help through an in vitro fertility clinic, embryos never implanted in a woman that would otherwise be discarded and embryos donated by individuals with written consent who do not receive financial or other forms of payment.

The bill passed in the House Thursday then moved to the Senate legislative calendar following the vote. President George W. Bush is expected to veto the legislation if it passes in the Senate, meaning it must then be approved by two-thirds of Congress to pass.

Tom McGovern, a professor of neuropsychiatry and director of the health care ethics and humanities program at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, said there are many ethical issues involved in embryonic stem cell research.

"One issue is some believe destruction of an embryo is destruction of human life. Another is given all our needs in our society, can we justify spending money on this from a justice and fairness perspective?" he said. "How do you balance this research in view of other needs of the health care society, like in terms of health care disparities?"

Clarke Cochran, a professor of political science and adjunct professor of health organization management at Tech, said he was not surprised by the House's vote, based on the vote taken last year.

Cochran, who teaches courses in health policy and religion and politics, said the bill is controversial because it asks a fundamental moral question. Though Cochran said he believes embryonic stem cell research is not the most important health care issue to Americans and members of Congress, he said it is of symbolic importance for the new Congress.

"Basically, it's the Democrats making a political statement to the people who elected them saying,

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Icy roads cause traffic trouble in Hub City

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

With a three-day weekend, many college students wanted to travel west to the mountains and hit the ski slopes.

However, after icy weather, below-freezing temperatures and hazardous driving conditions that resulted in almost 90 reported traffic accidents during the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, Lubbock police are recommending holding

off on ski trips and taking extra precautions when driving on dangerous roads.

The Lubbock Police Department was busy as numerous accidents were reported over the weekend. Still police said there were not too many accidents resulting in serious injuries.

Lubbock Police Sgt. Mike Steen said 88 traffic accidents were reported from Saturday through Monday. He said of those 88 accidents, nine

people reported injuries, and 26 were hit-and-run accidents.

Saturday yielded the least accidents with 13 reported. Of the 13, two people were injured and six accidents were hit-and-run incidents.

While some people decided to stay home and not attempt to take on the icy roads, others, like Jason Light, believed delaying their holiday plans was out of the question.

Light, a Tech alumnus who graduated in Dec. 2006, traveled to Lub-

bock from Keystone Sunday; he said the drive from Amarillo to Lubbock was not pleasant.

"I was going about 20-25 mph the entire way," Light said. "The strip from Amarillo to Lubbock was long, nerve-racking and stressful."

Light said he left Keystone, Colo., at about noon on Sunday and arrived in Amarillo just after 7:30 p.m. From there it took him four hours to reach

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Game on: Tech hockey receives donation from alumni to continue with season

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
STAFF WRITER

Jim Weatherbe had never seen a Texas Tech ice hockey game before. He's never met the players or coaches, and up until a few weeks ago, he didn't even know Tech had a hockey team.

Still, that didn't stop him from donating \$5,000 to the team when he heard the city was threatening to evict the squad if it did not pay a \$14,000 lease for ice time and facility fees.

"I thought it was exciting hockey was taking off here," Weatherbe, a Tech faculty member at the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business, said.

Tech hockey coach Paul Fioroni said the \$14,000 his team owed to the city was nothing more than a matter of miscommunication. He said he was under

the impression his team had until the end of the year to pay off the debt.

The hockey team holds multiple fundraisers at the end of the season, which Fioroni said would have covered the amount of money owed.

"We got a letter on Monday, and we had five days to come up with \$14,000," he said. "I thought it was a little unfair. From a business standpoint, we didn't know we had to pay yet."

Fioroni said the city was threatening to evict the team from the stadium, meaning the squad would have had to finish out its season in Odessa.

After a local news station did a story about the team, Weatherbe said he felt compelled to help out. He called Bob Stevenson, a Tech alumni who has do-

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STEVE LEWIS/The Daily Toreador

RED RAIDER GOALIE Michael Pruneau defends against an attack by Aggie forward Jeff Diltz late in the first period of the game Thursday.

New SGA plans for graduate students

By **MAGGIE KIELY**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech graduate students can expect big changes coming their way from the Student Government Association.

Zeb Alexander, SGA graduate vice president, said the SGA has been working on several different student services for grad students.

Alexander said one item the SGA is trying to enact is getting parking passes for teaching, research and graduate assistants. The service would allow assistants to be given parking passes at their respective department building, he said.

"We call it the 'after 4:30 pass' and it allows an extra hour for parking," Alexander said.

The pass would give the assistants an extra hour to park on campus before all of the other parking lots open at 5:30 p.m., Alexander said.

The new pass would not apply to all assistants, Alexander said. Each department would determine which assistants would benefit from the parking pass the most.

Michael Trook, a communications studies teaching assistant, said parking as a whole is a problem.

"If we are expected to teach," Trook said, "we should be given the same privileges as teachers."

If taken into effect, assistants chosen to receive the parking pass will be given the pass for the spring semester.

In addition to parking passes, Alexander said the SGA has been trying to form two different student organization meeting sessions: one for graduate student organizations and another for international student organizations.

Representatives from the appropriate organizations would meet and discuss issues or concerns that are affecting the organizations as a whole, he said.

"The colloquiums would meet as a sort of advisory group for each organization," Alexander said, "to give them a voice for SGA."

Alexander said he plans on having the two groups meet once a month, if they are formed.

Katie Tellkamp, SGA chief of

staff, said all registered student organizations, especially those who receive funding from the SGA, are required to attend monthly Student Organization Advisory Council meetings. She said the meetings give a voice to student organizations around campus.

Alexander said he plans on contacting the Center for Campus Life in order to approve having the graduate student organization and international student organization colloquium meetings replace the required Student Organization Advisory Council meetings.

"I think that it would be a good thing because the SOAC meetings are geared more towards under grad students," Tellkamp said.

Alexander said the SGA has been collaborating with Texas State University to hold a dissertation camp for any Tech students working on their doctorate.

"There have been a rising number of ABDs — all but dissertation," Alexander said.

Many students complete all of their requirements for a doctorate except the dissertation, he said. He said he thinks leaving Lubbock will help students with their dissertations.

"We will be traveling to the Junction campus to help kick off dissertations by providing resources and advisers," Alexander said.

Resources at the Tech campus in Junction will include both Mac and PC computer labs, laptops and faculty members from both Tech and Texas State on board to assist, he said.

Harsha Gangadharbatla, said he believes having support groups for a dissertation is helpful.

"It is easy to lose track of time and it helps if someone else reminds you," Gangadharbatla said.

The retreat would be either two or three full days and would take place in the beginning of Spring Break, Alexander said. The cost would be less than \$100 per person, which would include a room in a cabin located on the campus, food from the cafeteria and all other resources.

Students who want to attend the dissertation camp can go to the SGA office to sign up.

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U.N.: More than 34,000 civilians killed in Iraq in 2006, increase from earlier reports

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The United Nations said Tuesday that more than 34,000 Iraqi civilians were killed in sectarian violence last year, nearly three times the number reported dead by the Iraqi government.

Underscoring the peril faced by Iraqis, Baghdad was struck by two bombings apparently targeting Shiite neighborhoods — one near a university as students were leaving classes for the day that killed at least 31, and another at a used motorcycle marketplace that killed at least 15 people.

Raad Abbas, a 26-year-old who received shrapnel wounds in the attack at the motorcycle market, said he went to the market because the city had been quieter over the past two weeks.

"Shortly after midday, I heard an

explosion. Motorcycles were flying in the air, people were falling dead and wounded," he said from his hospital bed.

The first bomb was attached to a motorcycle in the market. As the curious gathered to look at the aftermath, a suicide car bomber drove into the crowd and blew up his vehicle. The attack appeared to target the mainly Shiite neighborhood near the market but also was near the Sheik al-Gailani shrine, one of the holiest Sunni locations in the capital.

In the second attack, two minivans exploded near Al-Mustansriya university as the students were boarding the vehicles to go home.

The Iraqi government on Monday hanged two of Saddam Hussein's henchmen in an execution that left many of the ousted leader's fellow Sunni Muslims seething after one of the accused, the ousted leader's half brother, was decapi-

tated on the gallows.

Baghdad is bracing for a security operation by the Iraqi government and U.S. forces aimed at quelling the rampant sectarian violence that has been on the rise since the Feb. 22 bombing of a Shiite mosque in Samarra.

Cabinet ministers and legislators loyal to the radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr were instructed to end their six-week boycott of the political process, a parliamentarian in the political bloc said Tuesday, indicating that the decision was linked to the new security drive.

"We might be subjected to an attack and we should try solve the problem politically. We should not give a chance for a military strike against us," said the legislator, speaking on condition of anonymity because the information was not yet public.

Two sustain minor injuries in gas leak

By **NAOMI KASKELA**
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Two individuals were injured in a hydrogen chloride gas leak early Tuesday morning at X-Fab Texas, Inc., located on North University Avenue.

The individuals, who sustained minor injuries, were sent to University Medical Center and released, said Bev Riley, human resources manager at X-Fab.

Riley said the gas leak, which was originally reported as an explosion, was minor, and the two individuals were sent to UMC as a precautionary measure.

"As always, employees come first," she said. "The leak was contained minutes after it happened."

Riley said she could not confirm the cause of the gas leak.

UMC was not able to give any information concerning the individuals, other than that they were released.

The Lubbock Fire Department was called to the scene but did not participate in containing the leak, said Mark Ethridge, public information officer for the fire department.

He said X-Fab took care of the situation on its own, and all the fire department did was stand by.

"They are just back up to us,"

Riley said. "They are available if needed."

Riley said X-Fab has people within the company to take care of leaks and other incidents.

According to the Web site, www.xfab.com, X-Fab is "the world's leading foundry group for mixed-signal semiconductor applications ... creates a clear alternative to typical foundry services."

X-Fab Texas, Inc., is the only one of its kind located in the United States. Other branches of X-Fab are located in Germany, the United Kingdom and Malaysia.

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Bush says Baghdad government "still got some maturation to do"

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Tuesday the unruly execution of Saddam Hussein "looked like it was kind of a revenge killing," making it harder to persuade a skeptical U.S. public that Iraq's government will keep promises central to Bush's plan for a troop increase.

In his toughest assessment yet, Bush criticized the circumstances of Saddam's hanging last month, as well as Monday's execution of two top aides, including Saddam's half brother.

"I was disappointed and felt like they fumbled the — particularly the Saddam Hussein execution," the president said in an interview with PBS' Jim Lehrer.

A cell phone video of Saddam's Dec. 30 hanging showed the deposed Iraqi leader being taunted as he stood on the gallows with a noose

around his neck. An official video of the execution of Saddam's half brother showed that the hangman's noose decapitated him. Both hangings provoked outrage around the world, but particularly among Saddam's fellow Sunnis in Iraq.

Bush said he had expressed his displeasure about the way Saddam's execution was handled to Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. The president announced what he

called a new strategy for the war last week, with much of it hinging on his trust in al-Maliki's government to make radical changes.

"It basically says to people, 'Look, you conducted a trial and gave Saddam justice that he didn't give to others. But then, when it came to execute him, it looked like it was kind of a revenge killing,'" the president said.

"It makes it harder for me to make the case to the American people that this is a government that does want to unify the country and move forward," Bush said. "And it just goes to show that this is a government that has still got some maturation to do."

Bush agreed to the interview, to be telecast Tuesday evening on PBS' "NewsHour With Jim Lehrer," as well as one last weekend on CBS' "60 Minutes" to help sell his revised war plan to the public.

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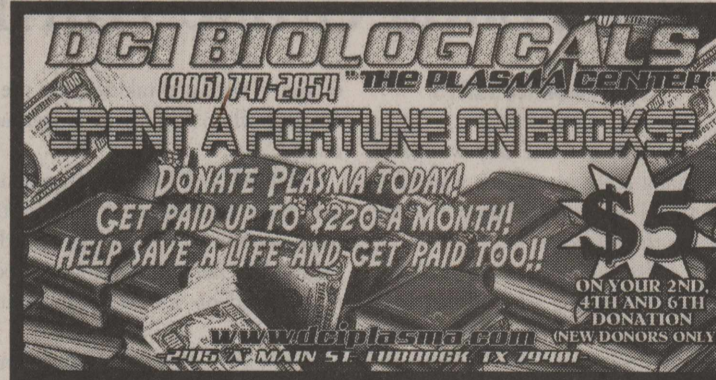
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Traffic

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Lubbock because of the iced-over highway, he said.

The trip was going fine, until the tire chains he was using started to fail on him, Light said.

"For the most part, the trip was clear and real cold," he said. "Then my chains broke, and I had a four-hour adventure through ice."

He said he was gripping the steering wheel with full strength for the entire trip.

"There were a few times the ice got a hold of my tires and I skidded a little," Light said. "Mostly around curves."

He said once he reached Lubbock after the devastating drive, he felt like he needed another vacation.

"I felt relieved finally making it to Lubbock," Light said. "I felt like I needed a drink."

Light, who is waiting for the weather to improve to continue his drive to Houston, offered a few tips for risky travelers based on his experience.

"Make sure to have a quality set of tire chains," Light said. "Bring a cell-phone with good service."

Not all of the recent accidents in Lubbock were caused by bad weather; police responded to a minor accident near the Tech entrance at Memorial Circle Drive. Police said the accident occurred when two automobiles collided with each other around 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Maj. Gordon Hoffman of Tech Police Department said the cause of the wreck has yet to be established, but Hoffman said to rule out the icy weather.

"When I checked the roads on campus this morning, they seemed to be in good shape," he said. "Too dry to cause an accident."

Hoffman said although there was damage to each vehicle, no injuries were reported and none of the individuals involved in the wreck were taken to the hospital.

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OPINIONS

A draft would make you care

As I lay on the couch Tuesday with a hangover, Sgt. James M. Wosika, Jr., 24, of St. Paul, Minn., lost his life to an improvised explosive device while on patrol in Iraq.

While I whined to my roommate about my heavy class workload, the number of American soldiers killed in Iraq since the beginning of the war reached 3,020.

It's not like I am apathetic toward the situation. I recently joined a Facebook.com group entitled "Get Our Troops Out of Iraq" in the hopes of rousing my like-minded friends to do the same — I got one to join!

Hell, I even wrote last week: "If you earnestly support our troops, demand an end to their sacrificing. Bringing our men and women home is, in fact, what's in their best interest." What more can I do?

A-ha! America's paragon, our president — he must have the answer. Let's take a look.

"The year ahead will demand more patience, sacrifice and resolve ... and throughout our history, Americans have always defied the pessimists and seen our faith in freedom redeemed."

I don't see much "Negative Nancy" lingo in that statement. Albeit, 2006 was not a good year for Iraq. But to be the "Positive Pete" Bush is asking of me, I did see the insurgents use nontraditional means to kill more Iraqi civilians: car bombs, improvised explosive devices, grenades (I'm not serious here; this is my attempt at sarcasm).

So that got me thinking, "How can I best persuade you to my side of the fence, the view that Iraq's a goner." I listened to everyone's opinion, and I believe on this day, Jan. 17, the best way for us to sincerely give a damn about Iraq would be to reinstate the draft.

Think about it: Bush's confidence could waver if his daughters, Jenna and Barbara, were dodging bullets and explosives.

A draft would push foreign affairs to the front of our minds (instead of what party to go to come Friday and Saturday night).

As a nation, we could measure the value of this escapade — are you prepared to die for it?

Aesthetically speaking, the ubiquitous "Bush/Cheney '04" and "W — the president" bumper stickers will finally find the nearest trash receptacle (the election's over, people).

But seriously, wouldn't this make us finally care about something collectively? No more will I be asked, "So, do I have to pay to vote?" (true story). We'd become

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civically active, demanding remedies to local disgraces (makelubbockwet.com). We would be the change that Lubbock, Texas, America and the world needs.

Most importantly, we'd genuinely feel the pain that our armed forces are experiencing right now: families broken apart, children growing up without Mommy, a simple existence torn apart without a moment's notice. Some are now heading on their fourth tour of duty. Godspeed soldiers of our military!

Something is being done about this. Rep. Charlie Rangel (D-NY), a Korean War Veteran, introduced a bill to reinstate the draft. The raspy-voiced New Yorker said, "If there must be a sacrifice, then the burden must be shared fairly."

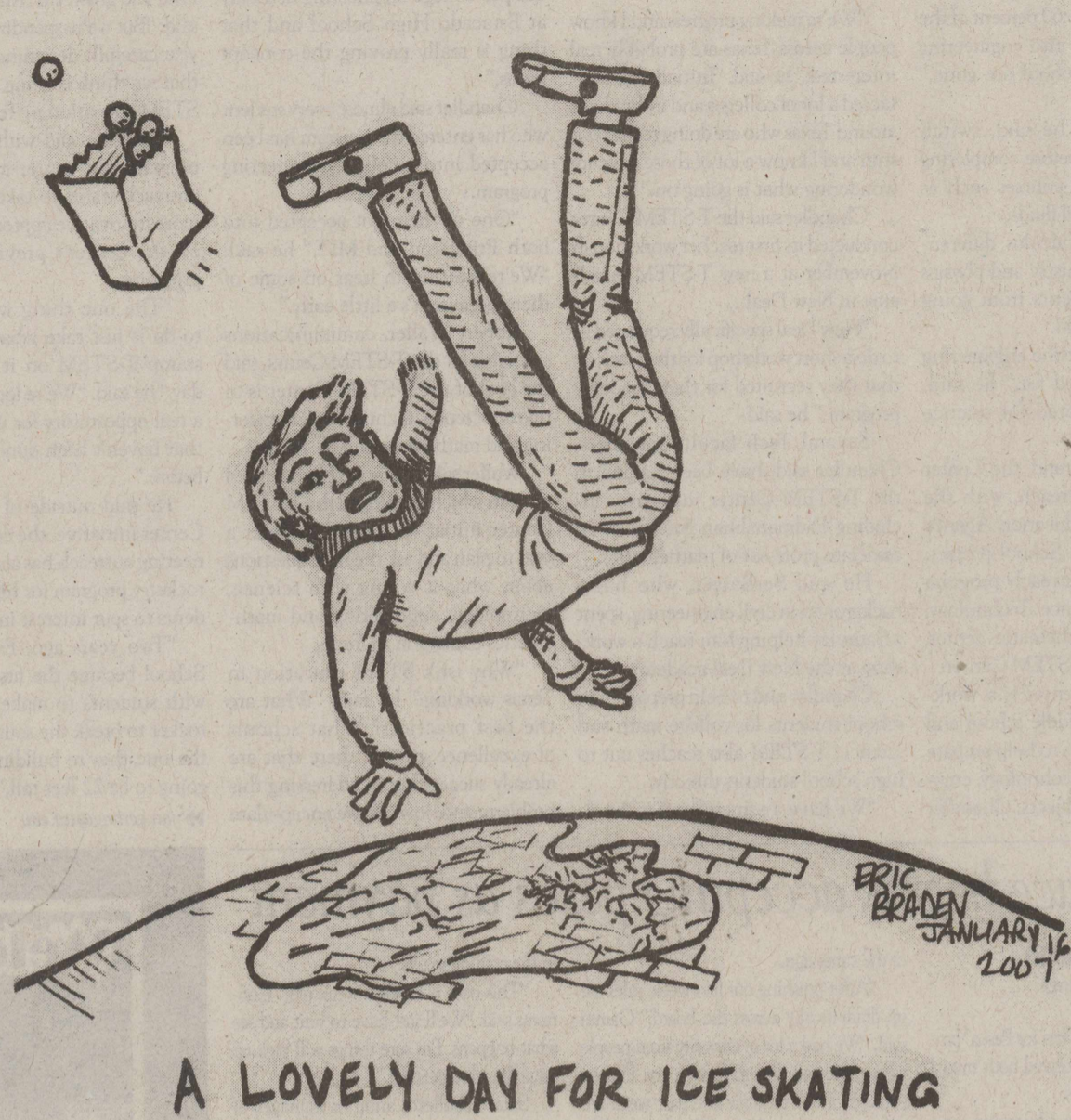
Of America's 300 million-plus society, a little over one-tenth of 1 percent of us has served in Iraq. Our leaders have continually underfunded and overstretched America's armed forces. Do they do this purposefully? I don't think so, but there is something to be said about Bush's prewar supporter's for the war in Iraq. Virtually no one had fought in a war.

Former Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, Vice President Dick Cheney, former Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, former Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Douglas Feith, Richard Perle, Karl Rove, Donald Rumsfeld and Tom Delay did not serve in a war.

It's not that a war supporter's opinion is less valid if they did not serve, but when you're gung-ho about sending troops in, some personal context would help. It helped in Colin Powell's case when he disagreed with the Iraq invasion because he knew the sacrifices that war brings from first-hand experience.

To restate my feelings, asking families of servicemen to sacrifice once more illustrates this administration's lack of concern for their well-being. As Southern Methodist University political science professor Cal Jillson correctly states that a draft, if it were to occur, would expose "more wealthy, comfortable people's sons and daughters to [war]." Then "the elites of the country would be more careful about going to war."

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This year's political challenges demand leadership

By **TARA BONISTALL**
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(U-WIRE) LEXINGTON, Ky. — During the tumultuous years of World War II, Winston Churchill tried a new political strategy to maximize England's chances of succeeding against the Germans. He chose the best and most brilliant minds in the country to be his political advisors — regardless of their political affiliation.

Eventually, Churchill lost the position of prime minister to a political enemy who served as an advisor during the war. But Churchill's actions provide an important message for our present political situation: Sometimes there's more to life than politics.

Churchill's actions nearly 60 years ago, when he declared that "this is not a time for politics," seem especially relevant as the new Congress begins. Leaders of both

the Democratic and Republican parties have pledged that they will work together to better our country, which sounds like a wonderful idea. But doesn't it also sound like a promise we've heard a few times before — one that's never actually been fulfilled?

From international conflict to devastating internal social problems, we are arguably facing more issues today than ever before. It is clear that this Congress has a long road ahead — and also that cooperation may no longer be an option.

The votes of many constituents for the 2008 presidential election lie in what the next two years of political action will bring. If the Democrats can achieve a higher minimum wage, voters who are affected by the raise or who simply wish to see social change in our country could swing greatly toward the left. Iraq policy and key moral issues like abortion and same-sex marriage will, as always, be critical as well.

It seems that both parties will do their best to push through their own political agendas, but at a moderate pace. Neither party can afford to be labeled extreme, and both will be forced to turn their moderate pace into moderate positions. At the same time, both political parties are recognizing this as a time to take action.

For voters, this could prove to be one of two situations: an active Congress pushing through legislation that has been at a halt for years, or a group of individuals maintaining the illusion of cooperation while continuing a legacy of getting nothing done.

As an idealist who still believes in the genuine good hidden within everyone (even politicians), I am desperately trying to believe that this will be the year that changes are made. We will remember 2007 as the year that the minimum wage was increased for the first time in many years. This will be the year that women's access to reproductive health

will no longer be threatened by "trigger laws," which some states have passed to ban abortion in the event that Roe v. Wade is overturned. And perhaps best of all, this will be the year that a solution is found for the war in Iraq. Troops will come home, and Iraq will be "saved" — not through guns and violence, but rather with humanitarian aid.

Of course, in my old age I am beginning to realize that idealism, although necessary for survival, doesn't always translate into politics. It's much more likely that 2007 will be the year that we see many more of the deadliest months so far in Iraq, and the minimum-wage hike will be dwarfed by tax cuts.

But this, of all times, is not a time for politics. Rather, it is a time for action and change. It is a time for our elected officials to renew our idealistic faith in the political system and live up to the cooperation they have pledged. If we wait for the next election, we will certainly be too late.

Vetoing lives — now a presidential power?

I had a brief moment of excitement the other day when I picked up the paper and saw that Congress had a 235-193 vote in favor of funding stem cell research. Why brief, you ask? Well, because I remembered that we have a Republican president who has sworn to veto any such attempt to fund this potentially life-saving technology. And, as we all know, Congress would have needed a two-thirds majority vote in order to override W's veto.

My excitement was quickly replaced by disappointment when I realized that — while this kind of majority vote is a good sign — the bill will have to wait for the next president before it gets signed. It's a good sign because it means that many Republicans voted for the bill as well as Democrats. But we already have been set back so severely by the government's refusal to sufficiently fund this program that there is no way to tell how much these next two years are going to hurt us.

If scientists are able to accomplish what they believe they can with embryonic stem cells, it will be one of the greatest technological and medical achievements of our time. Now is not the time to let our fear or apprehension keep us from relieving true suffering. Not

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the kind of suffering that is self-inflicted and held up to the light for you to pity, but a suffering that is personal and unavoidable.

I recognize that stem cell research is a sensitive issue for many of us. For me, it is sensitive because I find many of the diseases and disorders it has the possibility to cure to be the most truly evil things that happen to people today. There is no grace waiting at the end of life for a once healthy, viral man now under the attack of Alzheimer's.

What must it be like to have your entire life washed away? Or worse, to only be able to see confused, jumbled glimpses of it through the fog that clouds your brain? Nothing could be worse. Except maybe seeing an actor I grew up watching trembling and shaking from the effects of Parkinson's while he urges Americans to step up and make this research happen.

These two disorders are only the tip of the iceberg of the issues scientists believe they would be help with stem cells.

The National Institutes of Health's list included not only Parkinson's and Alzheimer's, but also spinal cord injury, stroke, burns, heart disease, diabetes, osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis. If your family is anything like mine, many of these problems are personal and frightening.

For some of you, the issue against stem cell research is that you don't want more of your tax dollars taken away to fund something you either don't agree with or don't care about. The newly Democrat-dominated Congress is certainly pushing to get a lot done in a little amount of time without really considering who the bill is going to be sent to.

But this is a cause for which I am willing to contribute. And you should be, too, for the only important reason to pay for anything — because you could very likely benefit from it one day. We are going to be taxed regardless; isn't it better to know your money is going somewhere important?

The vast majority of you who are against embryonic stem cell research likely feel that way because you do not believe that science should advance at the cost of destroying a human embryo. Many critics of the research feel if the potential for life is there, then it is immoral

to take that potential away. While I can respect the motivation behind this claim, it's simply not a rational argument based on all the facts.

Yes, there is the potential for life. But only if the embryos were implanted in a womb — a fate for which these excess embryos are not intended. Why allow these much needed embryos to be frozen indefinitely or more likely destroyed? While there are other ways to gain stem cells — through amniotic fluid and adult stem cells; embryonic stem cells are the only ones scientists are confident they can grow into virtually any tissue in the body and create stem cell lines that could multiply indefinitely.

The main concern here should not be the potential for life but the existing lives that are ending in dehumanizing suffering every day while we delay funding for this research. This is the true immorality. The one distinction of this argument I never could understand was how people could choose to favor these lives that will never be over the lives that are being lost today. Let's put a stop to this way of thinking and to postponing what promises to produce incredible results.

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One of the journalists who wrote the article told The Associated Press that Sabrido was not one of the two sources. The journalist, Oriol Guell, said the sources were both doctors at the hospital, but he declined to identify them.

A Cuban diplomat in Madrid said the El Pais report was false. "If anyone has to talk about Castro's illness, it's Havana," the diplomat said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of official policy.

U.S. officials will not disclose how they glean clues to Castro's health. But American spy agencies employ physicians who study images, public statements and other information coming out of Cuba and other countries.

Some intelligence officials believe Castro is suffering from diverticular disease, which can cause bleeding in the lower intestine, especially in people over 60. Others believe that Castro has cancer of the stomach, the colon or perhaps the pancreas.

Yet Cuban officials told a delegation of U.S. lawmakers visiting last month that Castro did not have cancer, and the Spanish doctor who came to check on him said the same.

Havana's public position is that Castro is alive, healthy and will return to power, which U.S. analysts discount.

Negroponte said last week it is an open question whether Castro's death could trigger a popular demand for democratic change.

"What is not known is whether people are holding back — maybe we're not seeing the kind of the ferment yet that one might expect to see once Mr. Castro has definitively departed the scene," said Negroponte, who has been nominated by President Bush to be deputy secretary of state.

Pressed further by senators on whether the U.S. knows what to expect in Cuba, Negroponte added: "We don't know in large measure because it is a repressive society. They've repressed their opposition so severely over all these years, so people aren't exactly speaking up yet."

Icy weather affects Hub City blood supply

By MICHELLE CASADY
MANAGING EDITOR

Icy weather affected more than just driving conditions across the South Plains. In addition to causing more than 200 traffic accidents reported by the Lubbock Police Department, the weather was responsible for depleting the reserves of United Blood Services. "We canceled four mobile blood drives as a result of the icy weather," said

Les Long with United Blood Services. "Also, on Saturday we had 50 appointments scheduled and only 19 showed up to give."

Long, who has been with United Blood Services for six years, said the need for blood is great.

"Right now we need all types," he said. "We just need the red type."

Hospitals in the South Plains use on average between 110 to 140 units of blood per day, Long said. United Blood

Services is responsible for keeping the hospitals supplied with blood.

"Across the board we are so tight with our supply," he said. "If I were to say we didn't need it, by tomorrow we would."

Long complimented the Lubbock community on their general willingness to help out when supply is low.

"The local community does respond well, but it takes a strong turnout for awhile — possibly a week — to get our

supply back up."

Others with United Blood Services said the need seems to be the greatest during January of every year.

"People are coming back off holidays, they're fatigued, it's cold outside, they're trying to get kids back in school," said Johnna Pevey, director of donor recruitment. "There's just a myriad of excuses for why people can't donate blood."

Pevey urged people to get back into

the habit of donating.

"It only takes about an hour of your time to potentially give someone years of life," she said. "How could you say no?"

Pevey said blood drives will be held from 8 a.m. until 5:45 p.m. tomorrow at Covenant Health Systems on the eighth floor and from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the City Bank on Brownfield Highway.

Pevey urged people to get back into

Obama launches White House bid, says past 6 years imperiled U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Barack Obama launched a historic campaign Tuesday to become the first black president of the United States and immediately tried to turn his political inexperience into an asset with voters seeking change.

The freshman Illinois senator — and top contender for the Democratic nomination — said the past six years have left the country in a precarious place and he promoted himself as the standard-bearer for a new kind of politics.

"Our leaders in Washington seem incapable of working together in a practical, commonsense way," Obama said in a video posted on his Web site. "Politics has become so bitter and partisan, so gummed up by money and influence, that we can't tackle the big problems that demand solutions. And that's what we have to change first."

Obama filed paperwork forming a presidential exploratory committee that allows him to raise money and put together a campaign structure. He is expected to announce a full-fledged candidacy on Feb. 10 in Springfield, Ill., where he can tap into the legacy of hometown hero Abraham Lincoln.

Obama's soft-spoken appeal on the stump, his unique background, his opposition to the Iraq war and his fresh face set him apart in a competitive race that also is expected to include front-runner Sen. Hillary

Rodham Clinton of New York.

Obama has uncommon political talents, drawing adoring crowds even among the studious voters in New Hampshire during a much-hyped visit there last month. His star has risen on the force of his personality and message of hope — helped along by celebrity endorsements from the likes of Oprah Winfrey, billionaire investor Warren Buffett and actors Matt Damon and Edward Norton.

"I certainly didn't expect to find myself in this position a year ago," said Obama, who added that as he talked to Americans about a possible presidential campaign, "I've been struck by how hungry we all are for a different kind of politics."

The 45-year-old has few accomplishments on the national stage after serving little more than two years in the Senate. But at a time when many voters say they are unhappy with the direction of the country, a lack of experience in the nation's capital may not be a liability.

"The decisions that have been made in Washington these past six years, and the problems that have been ignored, have put our country in a precarious place," Obama said.

He said people are struggling financially, dependence on foreign oil threatens the environment and national security and "we're still mired in a tragic and costly war that

should have never been waged."

Clinton is expected to announce her presidential campaign within days, but her spokesman said there would be no comment on Obama's decision from the Clinton camp. Back from Iraq, she abruptly canceled a Capitol Hill news conference minutes after word of Obama's announcement, citing the unavailability of a New York congressman to participate.

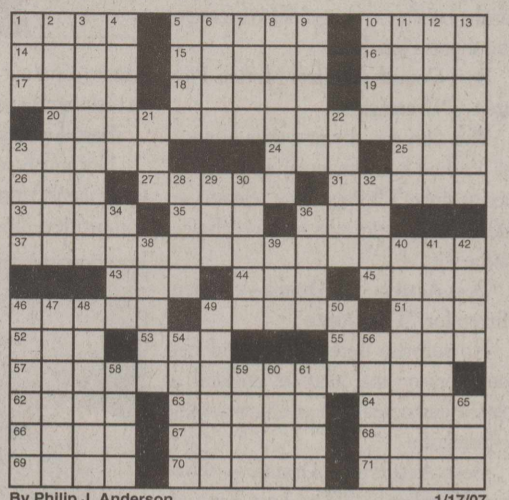
Other Democrats who have announced a campaign or exploratory committee are 2004 vice presidential nominee John Edwards, former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack, Connecticut Sen. Chris Dodd and Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich. Sens. John Kerry of Massachusetts and Joe Biden of Delaware and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson also are considering a run.

Obama's decision was relatively low-key after months of hype, with no speech or media appearance to accompany his online announcement. He said he will discuss a presidential campaign with people around the country before his Feb. 10 event, and he wasted no time calling key activists Tuesday.

New Hampshire lobbyist Jim Demers talked with Obama for about five minutes. "He is extremely pumped and excited that this campaign is coming together," said Demers, who accompanied Obama on his visit to the state last month.

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Golden Globes ceremony celebrates stars — and raises a few eyebrows

Movies
Best Drama Motion Picture — “Babel”

This was a bit of an upset for all those Martin Scorsese fans out there pulling for “The Departed.” “Babel” stars Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett as a couple lost in translation after a young child in a foreign land shoots Blanchett.

Best Comedy/Musical Motion Picture — “Dreamgirls”

This film was the first time a musical has had both financial and critical success since “Chicago” was released in 2002. The picture was an easy choice for the win.

Best Actress in a Drama — Helen Mirren for “The Queen”

No surprise here. Mirren did her homework on the queen of England, a role she embodied with an Oscar-worthy performance.

Best Actor in a Drama — Forest Whitaker — “The Last King of Scotland”

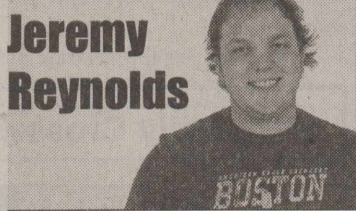
Once again, there were no shouts of surprise from the audience as Whitaker took home the trophy for Top Male Performance of the Year. He didn't have much opposition as the Golden-Globe voters gave Leonardo DiCaprio a double nomination, cutting the list of competition in half.

Best Actress in a Comedy/Musical — Meryl Streep for “The Devil Wears Prada”

Streep is one of the finest actresses to ever work in Hollywood. If you need more convincing than that, watch her in the film “A Prairie Home Companion” and then watch her in her award-winning picture “The Devil Wears Prada” to see how she can play polar-opposite characters without breaking stride.

Best Actor in a Comedy/Musical — Sacha Baron Cohen for “Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan”

Despite its crude and rude nature, “Borat” is one of the most original com-

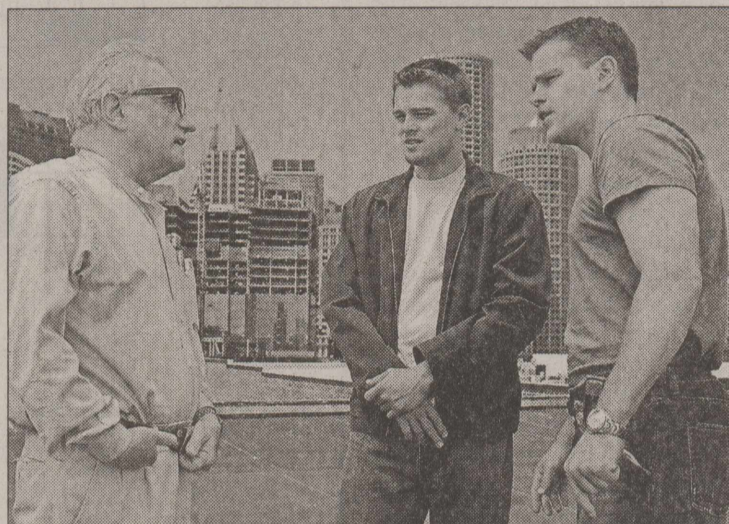


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edies to come out in years because it didn't just rely on beer and fart jokes.

Best Animated Film — “Cars”

Not much of a surprise in this category, considering there wasn't a lot of competition throughout the year. Even



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George Miller's penguin extravaganza “Happy Feet” appeared as a distant second place when compared to Pixar's latest creation.

Best Supporting Actress — Jennifer Hudson for “Dreamgirls”

“American Idol” might not have wanted Hudson, which is all the better in my opinion, but award-season voters loved her for her breathtaking performance in “Dreamgirls.” What was supposed to be Beyonce Knowles' film quickly turned into “The Hudson Show” after about 10 minutes. She should have a clear path to Oscar glory after this.

Best Supporting Actor — Eddie Murphy for “Dreamgirls”

Murphy's character might be one of my favorite roles this year (and yes, to all you Scorsese fans out there, I did see Mark Wahlberg in “The Departed”). Murphy taps into his James-Brown side for the role of James “Thunder” Early, and the scene in which he drops his pants in the middle of a concert is the perfect way for him to exit the film.

Best Director — Martin Scorsese for “The Departed”

It's a bit too soon to get excited about Scorsese pulling off an Oscar win — especially considering he won the Golden Globe for “The Aviator” in 2004 only



to lose the Academy Award to Clint Eastwood. However, things are definitely shaping up for Scorsese to finally get the statue he deserves.

Television

Best Drama — “Grey's Anatomy”

Considering the shows that were nominated, “Grey's” win was not a surprise, but there are far better dramas on television. “Grey's” is a great show with perfectly cast characters, but it still falls short when compared to the dramas on cable. It seems that no matter how many times critics across the nation proclaim “The Wire” is the best television show ever produced for American TV, it will never get a nomination or win because it

features a cast that is 90 percent composed of black actors, it takes place in an urban setting and it features issues a lot of other shows stay away from.

Best Comedy — “Ugly Betty”

If there is one thing that aggravates me about television-show voting, it's that hour-long shows are considered in the comedy genre. “The Office,” “Scrubs” or “Weeds” could be an amazing one-hour show, because it would give producers and writers a chance to mix the comedy with the drama. Comedies are supposed to be half-hour long programs because they're supposed to be funny and sometimes insightful. “Ugly” is a show that has the chance to mix genres and then be paraded about as a comedy. It's not fair to all the other shows. Plus, “Entourage” is a much funnier and wittier show than “Ugly” could ever imagine being.

Best Actor in Drama — Hugh Laurie for “House”

Is there really any surprise? The man is that show, and the only reason the episodes work is because of Laurie.

Best Actress in a Drama — Kyra Sedgwick for “The Closer”

There was no competition for Sedgwick this year. Seriously, we're supposed to believe that Evangeline Lilly from “Lost” is one of the best actresses of the year? I love the show, but give me a break.

Best Actor for Comedy — Alec Baldwin for “30 Rock”

This show was supposed to be all about Tina Fey, but if producers want to see a second season, they need to retool this sit-com around Baldwin because he is a comedy genius.

Best Actress for Comedy — America Ferrera “Ugly Betty”

Did ABC bribe someone to get this award? There have always been rumors about how susceptible award voters are to gifts and trips, but how could they sink this low? This category will forever be Mary-Louise Parker's for her role as a marijuana-peddling soccer mom in “Weeds.”

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MEGAN GRANN, a senior art history/French major from Arlington, and Gilbert Jones, a senior art history major from Arlington, pose with one of their Parthenon casts in the art building.

Students restore Parthenon casts

By ANNE M. SHEPHERD
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Gilbert Jones, a senior art history major from Lubbock, and Megan Grann, a senior art history and French major from Arlington, have had their hands full this year. Not only are they both honors students preparing to graduate in May, but they also have been working on a project to restore eight casts for display in the Art Building on the Texas Tech campus. Grann and Jones were both well-suited for the project; their concentrations lay in the fields of pre-Columbian art history and Medieval art history, respectively.

Janis Elliott, an art history professor, directed the project, which began in September. Elliott said at first nobody really knew anything about the casts, including where they came from and how old they were. Thus, when Grann and Jones began the process of restoring the casts, they had their work cut out for them.

Jones and Grann had to figure out where the casts had come from historically, so they went to the University of Texas to gather information.

Elliott said they now believe the casts came from the UT Battle Collection and arrived at Tech in 1957. Elliott said six of the casts were made from the western Ionic “frieze” of the Parthenon, which was constructed in the 5th century, B.C. The frieze, which is the band on the Parthenon between the roof

and the pillars, depicts different scenes. The particular portion of the Parthenon the six casts were taken from depicts the “Panathenaic Procession,” a procession the Greek warriors historically made to honor the goddess of Athens.

The two remaining casts are from the west facade of the Church of Saint-Fortunat in Charlieu in the Loire valley, France, constructed in the early 12th century.

After researching the casts at UT, Grann and Jones returned to Lubbock and began cleaning them.

“They were in really bad condition,” Jones said.

Both Jones and Grann said they agreed the process of cleaning was long and difficult.

“We had one marathon painting session,” Jones said. “It took like nine hours.”

Jones said John Dennis of the Dallas Museum of Art came to Tech to offer pointers concerning how to preserve the casts.

“Restoring the casts” has been a really good exercise in what it takes to be a scholar,” Jones said.

The project's difficulties involved more than simply the cleaning process; Grann and Jones said they found it difficult to write for the displays since students without art history or architectural backgrounds might not be familiar with many of the terms used to describe the casts.

“These two have done everything,” Elliott said of Jones and Grann.

“We couldn't have finished it without

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An inside look

Delving into the life of a professor

By ANNE M. SHEPHERD
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Brian McFadden's office looks exactly like the typical literature professor's work space — shelves of old English literature line the walls, an Apple laptop sits on the desk and papers detailing the next class assignment lay near the door. The office may be typical, but the professor is anything but. He said when he is not listening to medieval music, he enjoys the tunes of Linkin Park, and in his off time, he has even been known to brew his own beer.

McFadden not only teaches "Old English" literature, he also reads the Old English language. "It's a fun little language," he said. "When I started graduate school I thought I was going to be doing Middle English. But the first class I actually took was an Old English language class. Suddenly, I saw all these things from Middle English starting to make sense, and well, that's where I ended up. It was one of these decisions that you realize right away is the right thing to do."

McFadden said he is one of the few professors on the Tech campus that speaks Old English. "It's a little odd, but it's worked well for me," he said.

McFadden said he became interested in medieval studies while studying under "some very good professors" for a semester at the University of York in England.

He talks of the experience abroad with relish.

"The center of the town has a sort of very medieval flair," McFadden said. "Three miles from the town center, you're out in the country. It's very much an English city."

McFadden said his favorite piece of Old English literature is "Beowulf." Thus, it is not a surprise that he is currently writing a book about the text of the "Beowulf" manuscript.

"Beowulf" is an interesting poem for a lot of reasons," McFadden said. "It ties in with certain things that are historical ... and (it has) a good old-fashioned dose of monsters. I think the reason this monster tale is interesting is because somebody found it applicable to things that are going on in England in the late 10th, early 11th century."

McFadden is one of the few people on earth who has touched the only surviving "Beowulf" manuscript. When asked to recount the story, he responds with an eager "OK."

He said he traveled to England while working on his book, and on the second-to-last day of his time at the British Library in London, the curator of the manuscripts asked him if he would like to see the actual "Beowulf" manuscript.

"The 'Beowulf' manuscript is locked down in the basement in London, and nobody gets to use it," McFadden said, explaining why he names holding the manuscript as one of his career highlights.

"First of all, it's a thousand-year-old book, which is just a very cool thing," he said. "This book is four times older than our country. But then when you realize that this is the only copy of the 'Beowulf' manuscript that exists, that it's a manuscript that hundreds of scholars have thought about over the last couple centuries, and just all the work that's focused on it, and you realize that I actually got to touch that ... I still get chills about it. It was an amazing experience."

McFadden first arrived at Tech in fall 1999 — just a few months after receiving his doctorate from the University of Notre Dame.

Sam Dragg, chair of the English Department, has worked with McFadden since his Hub City arrival.

"He's just an excellent teacher," Dragg said of McFadden. "And students just love him."

Dragg said McFadden has "a wicked sense of humor."

"He's funny," he said. "He is what I would have imagined Beowulf to look like."

McFadden's sense of humor comes through in his tastes; one of his favorite films is "Monty Python and the Holy Grail."

"It's almost a requirement," McFadden said. "You have to like Monty Python."

Dragg said McFadden has an obvious passion for his work, and McFadden notes the importance of this:

"I couldn't do it if I didn't enjoy it," he said.

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Iced-in: fresh ideas students can try when the weather outside is frightful

By ALLISON LOWE
STAFF WRITER

While glistening-white rooftops and tree-lined streets can be attractive things to look at in an ice storm, many Texas Tech students face boredom when icy conditions keep them confined within their homes.

Preparation and creative ideas for fun activities to do in such a situation may be the key to helping students fight boredom in the future. Some Tech students have offered tips to their fellow Red Raiders as they spoke out about what they did to pass the time they spent indoors during the frosty three-day weekend.

Paul Black, a junior electronic media and communications major from Carrollton, said moments spent inside because of the ice provide good time to catch up with family on the phone.

"I enjoy being cooped up in my apartment once in a while," he said. "It's nice to have a lazy day. It really helps you clear your head and relax."

Black said grilled-cheese sandwiches and tomato soup make for a good meal when stuck indoors, and naps are a must.

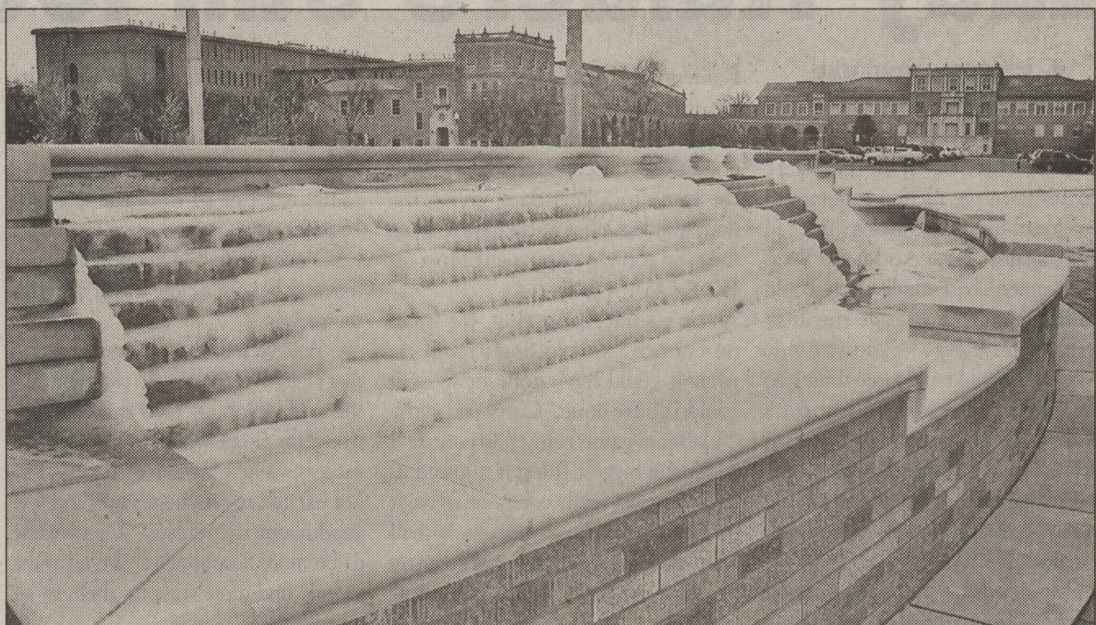
Rachel Heimerman, a sophomore psychology major from Arlington, said she made 90 cookies over the weekend with her sister. She said she thinks baking is a good way to spend time when stuck indoors.

"I watched 'Ice Age,'" Heimerman said. "How appropriate is that?"

Heimerman said Tech students can have some fun by ice skating outside on their driveways in their shoes. Students can make chili or cozy up with a blanket and read a good book, she said.

Sam Edwards, a senior chemistry major from Midlothian, said he played NCAA football on Xbox 360 with his friends all weekend, and the group had tournaments.

"Surprisingly, I didn't watch any movies," Edwards said. "I



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PFLUGER FOUNTAIN SITS frozen in Memorial Circle, Tuesday afternoon. Tuesday's high temperature was only 32 degrees.

just watched football and played football."

According to the Web site www.wholefamily.com, there are a few "boredom busters" a person can use to fight off dull and dreary moments. Here are some tips listed the Web site:

1. Students should try to listen to a type of music they never listen to and listen to it as much as possible. After a while, students can re-evaluate their feelings and see what they think about their selected music genre.
2. Writing a letter to the editor of a magazine or newspaper and commenting on a story can be a fun thing to do. Students can either write a letter of support or opposition to an article or column.
3. Taking sepia-toned pictures around the house can prove to be an entertaining pastime. After the pictures are developed, students can have them framed nicely and put them up in their rooms.
4. Grab a medical book, an encyclopedia or a biography and become an expert on a certain topic. Students can use the information they retain to impress their friends.
5. Cook an amazing gourmet meal. Students may be surprised to see what kind of cooks they really are.

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Parthenon

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all the help we've received thus far," Jones said.

Elliott explained the casts are important because they are examples from critical periods of art history.

"It's wonderful to have this because it's a great teaching aid," Elliott said of the casts. "We teach art history here

— we have to teach about the Parthenon. And here we've got examples, these plaster casts, but they're casts from the original sculptures. They're the next best thing to being able to go to Athens."

A formal unveiling of the casts will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday in room B-01 of the Tech Art Building with a reception and viewing of the casts to follow. The event is free and open to the public.

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Lady Raiders still looking for pie topping

By **STEPHEN MONAHAN**
SPORTS EDITOR

Kristy Curry envisions the Big 12 as a 16-piece pie. When it comes to close losses like her team experienced Jan. 10 against Texas A&M, the Texas Tech women's basketball coach would like her team to just leave the crust on the plate.

"I probably like pie more than I do cake," coach Curry said. "Whether it's the 16-piece pie, you know, I've used the analogy of a 16-piece puzzle, and if we take one piece at a time and put the puzzle together, it's gonna be a pretty neat puzzle."

Nor does the first-year coach want her team to dwell on something that does not materialize. The Lady

Raiders were scheduled to face Big 12 powerhouse Oklahoma Saturday, but because of treacherous traveling conditions, the conference postponed the game to a later date, giving the Lady Raiders a few extra days to keep focus on tonight's opponent Missouri (13-4, 1-3).

"It's something that we have no control over, so don't focus on what it could have done or what it couldn't have done," Curry said of the Oklahoma game being postponed. "I think the biggest thing it allowed us to do was just really continue to work on how can we be a better basketball team and we spent an extra day on Missouri, so those things can't hurt you."

Tech (10-7, 1-2) fell 49-47 to No.

17 Texas A&M Jan. 10, in which its top two scorers, senior Alesha Robertson (13.5 points per game) and junior Erin Myrick (9.9 ppg), shot a combined 4 of 25 from the floor for 16 points.

Coach Curry said her philosophy is that coaches rest a close win or a loss on themselves.

"Believe me, I've always been one that's felt like coaches win close games," she said. "Nobody feels or hurts any worse for them when we don't have success. When we have success, I'm just excited to see them smile and feel good about themselves. We all want to be more accountable. We all want to help find more ways for them to be successful."

Robertson said the key to the Lady

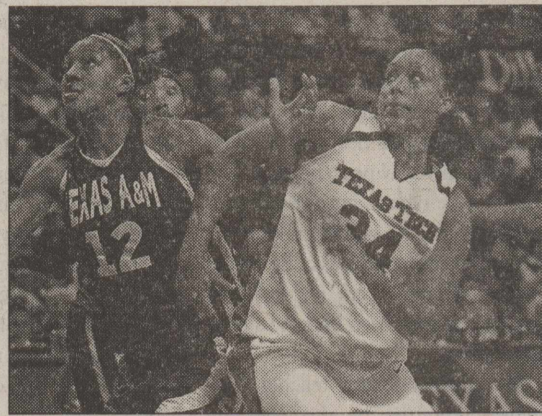
Raiders winning games is finishing off each opponent. In the A&M game, the Lady Raiders had a 47-44 lead late in the second half but allowed the Aggies to score five-straight points, including the decisive shot from Morenike Atunrase with just over a minute to play. She said if just a few more shots would have been made against the Aggies, then the outcome of the game would have been different.

"I think we could have easily had that game if we would have been putting in our shots, especially me," she said. "Our free throws were definitely terrible and I think that if we just take care of the little things then we'll be in there."

Despite having just one victory in conference play this season, Curry

said her team could easily be undefeated heading into the Missouri game. With that, she said the Lady Raiders just need to remain positive.

"Whether it's finishing off the pie or putting the puzzle together, we've just got to find a way to realize how important each piece and each day," Curry said. "It's a matter of not focusing on what's behind us, but what's ahead of us and trying to



TEXAS TECH JUNIOR Erin Myrick battles for a rebound in the game against Texas A&M Jan. 10.

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Harrell announced to All-Bowl Team

By **ADAM COLEMAN**
STAFF WRITER

After leading the Red Raiders to the biggest comeback in NCAA Division I-A bowl history, Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell was selected to the ESPN.com 2006 All-Bowl team.

The team was selected by ESPN.com sports writer Ivan Maisel, who also selected the best offensive, defensive and special teams players from all 32 games of the college bowl season. Harrell was chosen to the offensive All-Bowl team over college standouts like USC quarterback John David Booty and Hawaii

quarterback Colt Brennan.

Harrell finished the game with 288 passing yards and four total touchdowns, including two on the ground to help lead the Red Raiders to a 44-41 victory over the Golden Gophers.

Tech assistant athletic director Chris Cook said being selected was something that was well-deserved for the sophomore quarterback from Ennis.

"He just played well in our game, and they picked some of the top players in each position," Cook said, "and they felt like his performance in our comeback in the second quarter warranted a big mention in that quarterback slot. It's

a pretty big honor for him considering guys like JaMarcus Russell and all these other quarterbacks across the country that did things to lead their teams to win, and that he was singled out above them, so that was a nice honor for him — well deserved."

Harrell joins other collegiate standouts like USC wideout Dwayne Jarrett, who caught 11 passes for 205 yards and two touchdowns in the Rose Bowl, and Georgia Tech running back Tashard Choice, who contributed to his team's win in the Toyota Gator Bowl with 169 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

Senior offensive linemen Glenn

January said he believes this is one of many awards yet to come for Harrell.

"Graham had a great season and he had great game at the bowl and I think that he is well deserving of that," January said. "It's going to be one of the many that he'll win in his career."

January is also optimistic about Harrell's future.

"We've got so much talent and we're losing a whole bunch of seniors," he said, "but they've done a good job of recruiting, and they'll have a whole bunch of talent waiting to get on the field."

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Todd

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Tuesday. The Hutchinson Community College Blue Dragons finished 0-9 in 2006, resulting in the resignation of coach Craig Jersild. The Blue Dragons then named former athlete Rion Rhoades head coach in December. Todd said he was lured to the Blue Dragons

because it was close to his hometown in Elizabethtown, Ky. He also said he based his decision on a fresh coaching staff and superior practice facilities to the likes of some of his other choices.

As of Friday, Leach said Todd's transfer "was a possibility, but nothing is definite." But as of Tuesday evening, the seventh-year coach said Todd's decision was what was best for him and wishes him the best in his future.

"It would be great for us if he were to stay, but he wanted to see the field and that is understandable," Leach said.

Todd said he waited to announce his plans to transfer until after the Red Raiders competed in the Insight Bowl on Dec. 29, in which they defeated the Minnesota Golden Gophers 44-41 in overtime.

"I didn't want to leave anybody hanging and I wanted to finish the season out," Todd said.

Tech assistant athletic director of media relations Chris Cook said Todd's late decision was a nice gesture.

"Chris was a great kid with a great personality and he had a great work ethic," Cook said.

There are no stipulations on Todd's release because he would transfer to a junior college and not another NCAA Division I-A school. Cook said Leach usually sets guidelines for his releases if transferring players intend to go directly to another Division I school or a team on their upcoming schedule.

Todd's mother, Becky Todd, said her son has the best possibility to play at the Division I level by transferring to a junior college.

"Going to a junior college will allow Chris the chance to play," she said, "and when the best opportunity presents itself he may have the possibility to be re-recruited at the Division I level."

Todd will be eligible to be recruited again by other schools after his season at Hutchinson Community College. Becky Todd did not rule out the possibility of Todd returning to the Lone Star State once again if a school were interested in the 6-foot-2 quarterback.

"Geography won't limit Chris," Becky Todd said. "He has been 18 hours away from home for the past year and a half and he will play wherever there is the best opportunity

for him to step in and play."

Todd has three years of eligibility left, but by transferring to Hutchinson, he will have two remaining at the Division-I level. If Todd had transferred to a Division I-A school, then the transfer rule would have forced him to sit out the upcoming season.

Todd was named Associated Press Second Team All-State in Kentucky as a junior, and led Elizabethtown High School to a 2A State Championship his senior year. Before he chose Tech, he was recruited by Mississippi, North Carolina State, Oklahoma and South Carolina. After redshirting his first year at Tech, he gained notoriety as Graham Harrell's backup and possible replacement leading into the 2006 season.

The Red Raiders will utilize spring practices to find another backup out of junior Ryan Rowland, Arizona State transfer Derek Shaw and freshmen Taylor Potts and Steven Sheffield.

After two seasons in the Tech football program, Todd said he will be leaving behind much more than just football.

"I still have friends here and I will always wish the best for Tech," he said.

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nated money to the school in the past, and told him that he would match any amount Stevenson could donate.

Together the two donated \$10,000.

"Both men have been incredible," Fioroni said. "They've been very, very helpful."

Fioroni said when he took

over the team at the beginning of-the-year, there were many outstanding bills that needed to be paid.

"Now we have no outstanding bills," he said. "But, traveling has been our biggest absorber."

On average, it takes close to \$20,000 a year for the team to travel, Fioroni said.

"It takes \$2,000 for us to put on a game here," he said.

Weatherbe, who taught in Minnesota for more than 20

years, said he enjoyed the idea of Tech having a hockey team.

"I know how hard it is to start a new sport," he said. "But, I've just heard a lot of good things about the players on the team through the community."

As for next year, he said he hopes to have students in the business college help out the team and treat it as a new, up-and-coming company.

Fioroni said because of Weatherbe's help and continu-

ally rising audience attendance, he is looking forward to next season.

Tech leading scorer Kevin Mayoux said it would have been tough on the team if it would have had to move its practices and games to Odessa for the remainder of the year.

"We're back in school now, and players have a full class schedule so it's hard to get everyone out to practice," he said. "Any time you can get rid of

negative energy from the locker room like this, it's a plus."

Mayoux said over the course of the last few weeks, members of the squad had been nervous around the locker room.

"And then a miracle happened, and someone stepped up," he said with a smile.

In addition to the fundraisers Fioroni and his team had planned for the end of the year, the squad planned a Casino night on Valentine's Day and a

build-a-boat competition near the end of the year.

In the build-a-boat race, teams have a set amount of time to take the equipment given and construct a boat that will sail across a body of water. If the team's boat sinks, then it will have an additional 30 minutes to repair the damage.

The Tech hockey team will play Texas on Feb. 2 at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium. jeremy.n.reynolds@ttu.edu

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1905 AVE W. 1 bedroom efficiency with upstairs loft. Very nice. \$400/month, \$300/dep. 928-1842.

2/1, 2 Living areas, All New Paint and Carpet. Professionally cleaned. Great Property at 2415 27th. 535-0677. 559.500.

2/1/1 house 1904 61st Street, CHA, non-smoking, pets negotiable. \$625/month. 806-543-7136

2/1/1 LARGE duplex, 3406 49th, New carpet & flooring, W/D hookups, fenced yard, much more \$625 806-791-0993.

2/2 DUPLEX, Nice, Central hv a, close to Tech, yard maintained, pet friendly 1808 Ave V. \$600/ mo \$500/ dep. Call Joe (806)441-0611 for appt.

2/2/2 EXTRA nice Duplex. 1200 sq ft. Ceramic tile throughout, gas, full, new appliances. Freshly remodeled. \$900/mo. 3304 A 81st. 548-0709.

2109 B Raleigh (off 19th & Quaker), 2-1 1/5 in 4-plex, appliances, central heat/air, no pets. \$550. Gas and water paid, John Nelson Realtors 794-7471.

2319 MAIN #1, bills paid, 1-1 apartment in 4-plex, hardwoods, refrigerator, stove, no pets, \$450, Joahn Nelson Realtors, 794-7471.

3 BEDROOM 2 bath with gameroom. \$900/month. 5318 39th. 548-1549.

3/1, 2 living areas. 31st & X. \$850/mo. 806-283-3332.

3/1.5/1 CLOSE TO TECH 3506 23rd \$595/mo, \$300 Dep, Central H/A, W/D Connections. Pets OK 806-794-6969.

3/2 2 story house. Hardwood, storage appliances, W/D connections, carport. 2008 26th. \$795/400. 787-2323, 544-3600.

3/2 HOUSE 1908 28th St. Cute with central heat/air and appliances. Spacious rooms and big backyard. \$750/ \$500. 806-792-4173

3/2 HOUSE w/carpot. 2605 22nd. No pets. Tech Terrace area. 785-341-3328.

3/2 HOUSE. C H/A, storeroom, carport, appliances, W/D connection, 2007 22nd \$695/400. 787-2323, 544-3600

3/2/1 LARGE covered patio, central H&A, fresh paint, remodeled, lots of storage, 4204 38th \$795.00 806-791-0993.

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3/3/2. 3105 38th. \$975/mo. \$600 deposit. Hookups, refrigerator, fireplace. Nice. 5 minutes Tech & Med. 795-5654.

3515 37TH. 3/2/1. Large rooms. Garage door opener. \$875. GeoProp Mgmt. 795-9800.

3602 ELKHART. 3/2/1 fireplace, laundry room, garage door opener. \$825. GeoPropMgmt. 795-9900.

4/2/1 KITCHEN Appliances, W/D connections, Central H/A. 2311 25th. \$650/month+\$500 Deposit. 744-6100.

4/3/2 GREAT HOME FOR ROOMMATES 3810 28th Nice large 4 bedroom home. W/D Pets permitted. \$1400. 806-239-0677 or 312-933-7284.

4902 8TH, 3-2-1, central heat/air, w/ hookups, out pet OK, \$700, John Nelson Realtors 794-7471.

5401 25TH. 3/2/2. Garage door openers. \$900. GeoPropMgmt. 795-9800.

5840 7TH. 3/2/2 small pet. Nice, almost new. \$795. GeoPropMgmt. 795-9800.

9704 AVE U. 3/2/1 fireplace, sprinkler system, \$760. GeoPropMgmt. 795-9800.

ATTENTION STUDENTS: Specials on the following properties: 5909 13th, 7105 Wayne, 3304 32nd, 5442 6th, 2503 30th. 797-2212.

AVAILABLE. 3/2/2, patio, fireplace. All appliances furnished. 5744 37th. (37th & Frankford). 863-4781 leave message.

BACK HOUSE for rent one bedroom back house in tech terrace for rent. 2506 22nd. \$325 a month. Call Ken Peirce at 806-928-6143.

BIKE/HIKE TO CLASS

Like new with appliances. 3112 31st, 3-1-1, hardwoods, deck, big yard, \$795+; 1913 B-Ave W. 1-1, \$395+; or 1913 A-Ave W. efficiency, \$345+; 788-8759.

CLEAN, QUIET,

large 1 bedroom, 1 bath rear apartment, good a/c & heat, carpeted, range & fridge, off-street parking with carport, 10 blocks from Tech, 2103-25th rear, \$395.00/mo., sorry no pets. 806-773-6512

CUTE 2 OR 3 BEDROOM HOUSE

Close to Tech. Wood floors. Washer/dryer included. 789-6001, 747-3083.

CUTE 2/1 central hv a, wood floors, one car garage, close to Tech, pet friendly, 2008 33rd. 600/ mo 500/ dep call Joe 804.441.0611

CUTE 2/1 duplex near Tech. 2223 16th. \$550/mo \$400/dep. New carpet, new tile. 928-1842.

EFFICIENCY/OFF STREET parking/range/fridge. 2506 28th rear. \$315/month. Owner Ernestine Kelly. Realtor 795-7113.

FOR RENT 2434 24th, Cute 2/1 & 1 carport: \$700 a month. \$400 deposit. 806-787-2178.

FOR RENT 2523 21st, 2 blocks from Tech! 4/2 or 3/2 w/ office, over 2500 sq. ft. C/ H/A, All Appliances including W/D. Totally renovated. \$1500, \$800 deposit. 574-825-4447.

FOR RENT 3011 35th, 3/2/2 with fireplace and storage building. \$850 month plus utilities, \$500 deposit. Non-smoking. 806-543-7136.

FOR RENT 3809 26th Cute 2/1/1 Close to Tech! \$695 a month. \$400 Deposit. Wood floors throughout. 806-787-2178.

FOR RENT MINUTES to Tech! 3810 26th Street-4 Bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car garage-\$1400 a month. \$700 deposit. Available ASAP! Pet's allowed. 806-787-2178.

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FREE RENT!

Olympian Apartments has Eff. 1 bdrm, & 2 bdrm apartments available from \$250 to \$450/mo. Located off of 19th & Quaker we are close to campus and the Greek Circle! Pay no rent in January! Call 777-4029.

HALF BLOCK Tech.

Small, remodeled garage type efficiency apartment. No pets. Parking. Serious Students only. A/C. \$325/month, utilities paid. 792-3118.

NEW! ROOMMATES WELCOME!

Convenient to TTU! Spacious 3BR/2BA with Oversized 2 Car Garage, Washer/Dryer Connections, Security Gate, Deck, Internet-Cable Ready. Hurry - Only 3 Left! \$850/mo. 5834 - 7th 806-783-3040

NEWLY REMODELED! 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 bedroom houses for lease. Convenient to Tech. Call 771-1890.

NICE DUPLEX 3/3/2

Great neighborhood, individual bathrooms, large rooms, nice backyard, W/D connections, all appliances, bus route. Minutes from Tech/ LCU. \$924/ mo + dep. 806-577-9220

NICE EFFICIENCY near campus and renovated 2 bedroom house. 796-0774.

NICE ONE BEDROOM HOUSE

3 block off campus. Separate bedroom. W/D Hookups. Appliances. Private yard, parking. Alley entrance. On 21st. \$255. Call Anne @ 795-2011. Or come by At 2111 34th (afternoons).

ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX

Lease: February-May. Reduced rent. Nice one bedroom on 29th. 10 blocks off campus. appliances, w/d hookups, new carpet, paint, friendly pet welcome. \$295+. Call ann at 795-2011 or come by 4211 34th.

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TAKE OVER LEASE Clean 1/1 apartment at Heritage \$369/month. 2/1/07 to 5/31/07. Only 7 minutes from TTU. 806-777-5336.

TECH TERRACE Bargain. 3/3. \$795. 2514 28th St. 797-6358.

TECH TERRACE HOUSE 2 bed/1 bath house for rent. \$850/ month. IN TECH TERRACE ON THE BUS ROUTE!! W/ D, Full-size fridge, Dishwasher. Ready when you are! 806-470-7881

TECH TERRACE/ 3308 28TH

3-bed, 1-bath, garage, great condition. Call Tommy at 781-4934. Info at TechTerrace.com

TECHTERRACE.COM

TechTerra.com has houses for Rent, Houses for Sale. Go to TechTerrace.com.

FOR SALE

1984 CHEVY 4X4

New 350 motor only 6000 miles, New interior, 4" lift, tranny needs work \$3,500 806-252-3190.

2 PC Queen orthopedic/pillowtop mattress set new in plastic, \$175. 3 pc King orthopedic/pillowtop mattress and foundation. \$250. 806-549-3110.

5807 14TH 3/2/2 Central H/A, Ceramic Tile, Nice Neighborhood. Completely updated. Close to tech. 548-2851.

ABSOLUTE BARGAIN, 6 pc sleigh bedroom set. \$499. Still boxed. 806-549-3110.

AKC LAB PUPS

AKC Yellow Labs, 1st Shots, Dewclaws Removed, Free Vet Check 5F 4M \$350 806-773-7988

ALL NEW 2 bedroom house close to tech, New windows, kitchen cabinets, countertop, fixtures, tub, paint, carpet must see, HVAC, 2114 27th ST, 67,000.00. 438-1976.

DRAFTING TABLE for sale. \$100. Contact Dave @ 806-928-9273.

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EXPERIENCE Rec Sports

Student Rec Center Hours
 Monday-Friday 6:00 am - 12:00 am
 Saturday 8:00 am - 10:00 pm
 Sunday 12:00 pm - 12:00 am

Aquatic Center Hours
 Monday-Friday 6:00 am - 8:45 am; Noon-9 pm
 Saturday - Sunday 12:00 - 7 pm

Exercise your mouse at www.recsports.ttu.edu

Heartbeats

A quick pulse around the Rec Sports World...

Need a team for Intramural Basketball?

Do you want to play intramural basketball but don't have a team? Don't worry because the Intramural Dept. has a Free Agent program set up for you! If you need a team attend the Free Agent meeting TODAY at 4 pm in room 206 of the Rec Center.

Team Bowling Coming Soon!

Come have some fun this semester and participate in Intramural bowling! This four person team bowling will take place at Brunswick South Plains Bowl (off 69th). Dates are set for Sunday, January 28th; Thursday, February 1st, and Monday, February 5th. The cost for this event will be \$20 per four person team and will include three games, shoes, and whole lot of fun! To sign up, please come to the Intramurals office. Don't delay because space is limited to the first 40 teams who sign up for this tournament.

Get in the Game!

Racquetball, anyone? Registration for the Spring racquetball league is only \$5 for the semester and play begins Monday, Jan. 29th and runs through May 1st, ending in a dead day shoot-out on May 2nd. Registration is going on NOW; register in the Fit/Well.

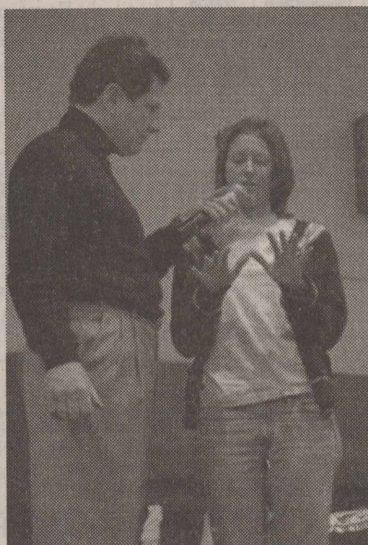
Experience Spring Break OPC Spring Break Style Spring Break Dogsledding! March 9-18, 2007

Travel by dogsled and cross-country skis for 5-days in the Boundary Waters Wilderness area in Minnesota. It is a place of spectacular extremes, trackless snow, bracing air, glowing warm embers, intense silence and solitude. All you will have to provide for this trip is a positive mental attitude, cost for meals and lodging while traveling to the and from the activity site, and personal clothing. We will provide transportation, meals at the activity site, heavy winter clothing (including boots), and all camping and activity equipment. This trip will fill fast so sign-up early to assure a trip of the life-time. Registration is being taken at the Outdoor Pursuits Center. Cost for this trip is \$975. Call 742.2949 for details.

Questions? Comments? Concerns?

Call us at 806.742.3351 or email us at recsports.ttu.edu

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Get hypnotized from 9-11 pm!

T O M D E L U C A H Y P N O S I S S H O W

Jan. 26, 2007. Mark this date on your calendar because you don't want to miss the biggest night of the year: the 27th Annual Rec Sports All-Nighter!

Join Rec Sports for an evening of tournaments, hypnosis and fun drop-in activities! From basketball to racquetball, to the Climbing Center Speed Climb to Texas Hold 'Em, we have a tournament for you! All tournament participants will receive free t-shirts courtesy of the Texas Tech Credit Union! The entertainment gets even better as the evening wears on—watch top entertainer Tom DeLuca hypnotize your friends from 9-11 pm. Feeling lucky? Come find at how you can win a Hummer sponsored by Scoggin-Dickey!

Not interested in competing in tournaments? Don't worry we have plenty of drop in activities to suit any interests!

Drop in activities include:

- SCUBA DIVING
- CHAIR MASSAGES
- Fitness Classes
- KAYAK POLO
- Rock Climbing

And, drop in games!

Need details? Visit us at [HTTP://WWW.DEPTS.TTU.EDU/RECSPORTS/ALLNIGHTER/2007ALLNIGHTER.PHP](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/recsports/allnighter/2007allnighter.php)

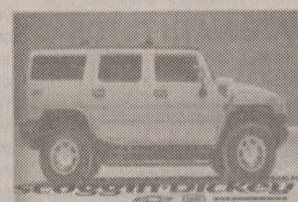
Please Note: Pre-registration is required for ALL tournaments. You MUST register ON-LINE BY WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24TH.

There is something for everyone at the 27th Annual RecSports All-Nighter January 26th. Try competing in one of our many tournaments!

- 3 on 3 Basketball
- Table Tennis
- Playstation II
- Texas Hold 'Em
- Dodgeball
- Racquetball
- Squash
- 3 Point Shot

On-line registration only at www.recsports.ttu.edu by Wednesday, January 24th.

This Hummer could be yours, if the Shot is Right! Take part in the Rec Sports All-Nighter on Jan. 26th and you could walk away with a Hummer courtesy of Scoggin Dickey Chevrolet Buick Hummer. Information on how you could be the next winner will be passed out during the All-Nighter between 6-8pm.



INTRAMURALS



GOT GAMES? LAST CHANCE TO PROVE IT! Intramural Basketball Sign Ups End Tomorrow! Want to show your hoops skills on the court this semester? Intramural basketball will give you the chance to dunk like Iverson, sink threes like Dirk or simply have fun! Sign ups are going on now and end tomorrow, Jan. 18 in the Intramural Office. Cost is only \$30 per team for this 5-on-5 league. To sign up you need: **A Team Name, A Team Captain, The Social Security Numbers of Your Teammates, \$30 Check or Cash for the Forfeit Fee and A Knowledge of When Your Team Can Play.** The Entry Form can be found on our website www.recsports.ttu.edu. Sign-ups are first come, first served so don't delay. The IM office will be open at 8 am and will close each day at 5pm. P.S. If you do not have a team and are looking for one, The Free Agent Meeting is TODAY at 4pm.

OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTER



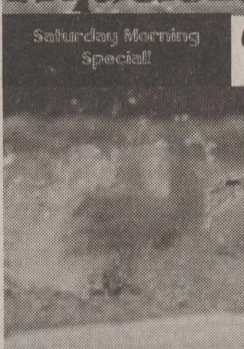
Get on the Slopes! Feb. 16-18 | Feb. 23-25
New Mexico Ski/Snowboard Trips:

If you like snow sports, this is the trip for you! We will be going to New Mexico, and the resort will be determined based on snow conditions. The trip includes transportation, housing and a ski or snowboard rental. Cost is only \$125! Sign up for the first trip (Feb. 16-18) by Feb. 8 and by Feb. 15 for the second trip (Feb. 23-25).

Ice Climbing, anyone? Feb. 22-25

Colorado Ice Climbing: We will be heading to world renowned Estes Park, Colorado for a weekend of ice climbing in the backcountry. Ice climbing equipment and instruction will be provided by certified local guides and we will stay in a climber's hostel close to the climb sites. This trip is geared towards adventurous beginners and rock climbers looking to hit the ice. Cost is \$390, skill level is beginner and fitness level is moderate. Sign up by Jan. 23rd!

Aquatic Center



Can you go the distance? Check out Long Course Swimming this Saturday at 10 am!

LONG COURSE SWIMMING

Can you swim the Olympic distance? We are offering long course swimming this Saturday! Come swim the 50M distance this Saturday at 10am.

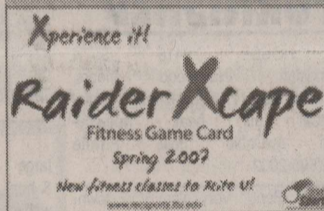
STROKE MECHANICS WORKSHOP

Do you want to work on your butterfly technique? Do you want to learn how to do a flip turn? These FREE workshops are for you! Just show up at the Aquatic Center and an experienced instructor will help you improve your stroke. The first stroke mechanic workshop of the semester is this **Sunday, Jan. 21st** from 1-3 pm!

Sign up now for all of our aquatic classes! Register in the Aquatic Center.

FITNESS/WELLNESS

RaiderX2 Registration begins on Tues., Jan. 16th! Classes begin the week of Jan. 21st. Space is limited, so hurry!

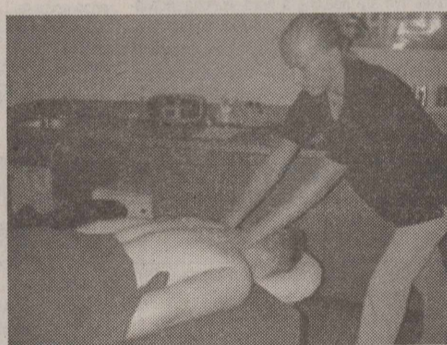


Work out AND win prizes! X marks the spot for fitness fun...Play RaiderXcape and win cool prizes just for attending fitness classes! Pick up your game card around the Rec and start playing by attending fitness classes. See Fit/Well for more details!

Mark your calendar for Tech-Well on Jan. 23rd! Join Rec Sports, Student Health Services for the annual Wellness Fair on Tue, Jan 23. Have fun learning a little about yourself. This is a great way to reinforce those New Year's Resolutions. It's FREE—come out and learn how to live a healthy, active, fun lifestyle.

Massage Therapy is back!

Stressed out, tired, sore muscles or just need to relax? Experience it Xquistely with a massage! Hour and half hour massages are offered daily in the Fitness/Wellness Center by licensed therapists. Call 742.3828 to schedule an appointment or check us out on-line at www.recsports.ttu.edu



COME RELAX WITH A MASSAGE!

Whitewater Kayaking Mar. 2-4

This class and trip will take you from a beginner to an experienced whitewater kayaker. You will work on paddling strokes, self-rescue techniques and the kayak roll during 5 pool sessions. The adventure concludes with a weekend trip to the San Marcos River. Cost is only \$125. Don't let this trip pass you by—sign up by Feb. 20th!

We've grown and changed to meet your needs!

WHO THE HECK IS SAM

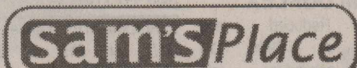
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