

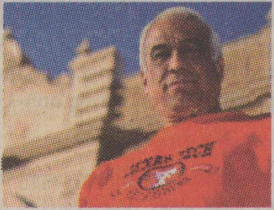
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STATE

**Killer of student wins
relief from execution**

CONROE (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals halted the scheduled Wednesday execution of a man convicted of abducting and strangling a Montgomery County college student eight years ago.

The punishment for Larry Swearingen, 35, was put off late Tuesday so questions about evidence used against him at his capital murder trial can be reviewed, lawyers said.

Swearingen's attorneys had appealed in the state and federal courts, arguing the presence of specific insects from the site where 19-year-old Melissa Trotter's body was found in the Sam Houston National Forest disputes prosecutors' insistence and evidence that Swearingen killed her.

NATION

**Accused kidnapper
admits to more killings**

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — A man accused of kidnapping and molesting two Idaho children after killing their family has confessed to the slayings of three other children in Washington state and California, federal prosecutors said Tuesday.

In court documents, the prosecutors cited the confessions to the old killings as they argued to seek the death penalty against Joseph Edward Duncan III, who was indicted last week on charges of kidnapping two northern Idaho children and killing one of them.

WORLD

**Iranian President
derides U.S. threats**

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The United States is incapable of inflicting "serious damage" on Iran, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Tuesday, as a second U.S. aircraft carrier group steamed toward the Gulf as a warning from Washington for Iran to back down in its attempts to dominate the region.

DEATH TOLL

3064

U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Bush defends Iraq plan to Congress

By **TERENCE HUNT**
AP WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON (AP) — A politically weakened President Bush implored a skeptical Congress Tuesday night to embrace his unpopular plan to send more U.S. troops to Iraq, saying it represents the best hope in a war America must not lose. "Give it a chance to work," he said.

Facing a political showdown with Democrats and Republicans alike, Bush was unyielding on Iraq in his annual State of the Union address. He also sought to revive his troubled presidency with proposals to expand health insurance coverage and to slash gasoline consumption by 20 percent in a decade.

Democrats — and even some Republicans — scoffed at his Iraq policy. Unmoved by Bush's appeal, Democrats said the House and Senate would vote on resolutions of disapproval of the troop buildup.

"We need a new direction," said freshman Sen. Jim Webb, picked by the Democrats to deliver their TV response. "The majority of the nation no longer supports the way this war

is being fought; nor does the majority of our military," said Webb, a Vietnam veteran opposed to Bush's invasion of Iraq.

Republican Sen. Norm Coleman of Minnesota, also took issue with Bush. "I can't tell you what the path to success is, but it's not what the president has put on the table," he said.

It was a night of political theater as Bush went before the first Democratic-controlled Congress in a dozen years with his lowest approval ratings in polls.

Democratic Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California, the first woman to lead the House, sat over Bush's shoulder, next to Vice President Dick Cheney. Reaching out to the Democrats, Bush opened with a tribute to Pelosi and paused to shake her hand. He also asked for prayers for Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson, hospitalized for more than a month after suffering a brain hemorrhage, and Republican Georgia Rep. Charlie Norwood, suffering from cancer.

The speech audience included up to a dozen House and Senate members who have announced they are running for president or

are considered possible contenders. Bush divided his 49-minute address between domestic and foreign issues, but the war was topic No. 1.

Pelosi set the tone for Democrats. She sat silently and did not applaud as Bush warned of high stakes in Iraq and said American forces must not step back before Baghdad is secure.

With Congress poised to deliver a stinging rebuke on his troop increase, he made a personal plea to lawmakers.

"I have spoken with many of you in person. I respect you and the arguments you made," Bush said. "We went into this largely united, in our assumptions and in our convictions. And whatever you voted for, you did not vote for failure."

"Our country is pursuing a new strategy in Iraq and I ask you to give it a chance to work," Bush said. "And I ask you to support our troops in the field and those on their way."

Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid gave Bush a swift answer. "While the president continues to ignore the will of the

country, Congress will not ignore this president's failed policy," they said in a joint statement after his address. "His plan will receive an up-or-down vote in both the House and Senate, and we will continue to hold him accountable for changing course in Iraq."

Bush said the Iraq war had changed dramatically with the outbreak of sectarian warfare and reprisals.

"This is not the fight we entered in Iraq, but it is the fight we are in," the president said. "Every one of us wishes that this war were over and won. Yet it would not be like us to leave our promises unkept, our friends abandoned and our own security at risk."

"Ladies and gentlemen: On this day, at this hour, it is still within our power to shape the outcome of this battle," the president said. "Let us find our resolve and turn events toward victory."

Key Republicans have joined Democrats in drafting resolutions of opposition to the plans he announced two weeks ago to send an additional 21,500 troops to Iraq. Bush said his approach

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PARTIES REACT TO STATE OF THE UNION

*Democrats to Bush:
You're no longer solely in*

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats blistered President Bush's war policy Tuesday night, challenging him to redeem the nation's credibility — and his own — with an immediate shift toward a diplomatic end to the bloody conflict in Iraq.

"The president took us into this war recklessly," the Democrats' chosen messenger, Sen. Jim Webb of Virginia, said in response to Bush's State of the Union address Tuesday evening. "We are now, as a nation, held hostage to the predictable — and predicted — disarray that has followed."

Webb, a Vietnam veteran who was Navy secretary during Republican President Reagan's administration, called for a new direction.

"Not one step back from the war against international terrorism. Not a precipitous withdrawal that ignores the possibility of further chaos," said Webb. "But an immediate shift toward strong regionally based diplomacy, a policy that takes our soldiers off the streets of Iraq's cities and a formula that will in short order allow our combat forces to leave Iraq."

Bush offered no such plan in his speech before the most unfriendly joint session of Congress of his tenure.

Instead, the president focused on making the case that "failure would be grievous and far-reaching" and he defended his plan to send 21,500 more troops to Iraq in a short-term surge. He also issued a long list of domestic policy ini-



DEMOCRATS SUE WENINGER, Kenny Ketner, and Derek Moreland watch President George W. Bush deliver his State of the Union speech at a local democratic gathering Tuesday evening.

tiatives centered on such pet Democratic issues as energy independence and health care.

Newly installed majority Democrats welcomed his overtures of bipartisanship but weren't interested in changing the subject.

"Unfortunately, tonight the president demonstrated he has not listened

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Bush domestic proposal will still be hard to sell

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush faces long odds in trying to make headway in this divided-government town with his latest batch of domestic initiatives — even though many appear tailored to address longtime Democratic concerns.

Democrats, now the majority party in Congress, reacted coolly to Bush's effort to regain control of the agenda with a handful of new and recycled State of the Union proposals on health care, energy, education and immigration.

Beyond fresh calls for bipartisanship from both sides, Bush faced skeptical lawmakers and a nation mired in an unpopular war, with the 2008 elections increasingly becoming a complicating factor.

In his address, he congratulated the new Democratic majority, singled out House Speaker Nancy Pelosi for praise and called for bipartisanship. "Like many before us, we can work through our differences," he said.

Many of the goals he outlined were "the kinds of things Democrats would generally support," said Stephen Wayne, a professor of government at Georgetown University.

But for Bush, it's likely to be a hard sell. Polls suggest he failed to shift public opinion earlier this month when he outlined his plan to increase troop strengths in Iraq. And Democrats on Tuesday sought to keep attention on Iraq.



(FROM LEFT) STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION Internal Vice President Matt Fowler, a senior mechanical engineering major from Keller and Geoffrey Puryear, President of Texas Tech Law Republicans and third year law student from Lubbock react to some technical difficulties during the State of the Union Address at Mr. Gattis restaurant.

global warming without a mandatory cap on carbon production.

Bush also pushed a tax plan to pay for health care costs, but that had already been received skeptically by Democrats, who suggested it wouldn't do enough to help the poorest of the uninsured and could encourage some younger and healthier workers to drop out of workplace plans.

Polls show that rising health care costs are now the major economic concern of Americans. And Bush called for extending and expanding the No Child Left Behind education law, which expires this year.

But critics suggested his plan didn't go far enough to fully fund the program.

Bush's State of the Union agenda was clearly an effort to try to change the subject away from Iraq.

Bush wanted "to get the public to see him and his last two years as not exclusively

about Iraq," said Bruce Buchanan, a University of Texas political science professor. Ross Baker, a political scientist at Rutgers, said that while Bush's State of the Union was an attempt "to breathe life into this administration," it mainly offered just a "large collection of nonstarters."

Bush achieved early successes in striking bipartisan agreements with Democrats in Texas when he was governor and in the early days of his presidency, such as the No Child Left Behind law. But the dynamics are now different and the parties more polarized.

In theory, the thin margins of Democratic control should present an opening for working toward bipartisan solutions to pressing long-term domestic problems, such as shoring up Social Security and Medicare, both of which are headed for serious financial difficulties.

"This is, kind of, the third rail. No one wants

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Texas Tech police blotter

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

Jan. 18

Jan. 17

Texas Tech police investigated a theft in the Agricultural Sciences Building. Police said an unsecured Motorola Razor cell phone was taken from a room in the building.

Tech police responded to a fire alarm at Sam's Place in the Chitwood/Weymouth Residence Hall lobby. Reports state the alarm was sounded when employees of the store were cleaning off the grill. Police evacuated the building. The Lubbock Fire Department did not respond.

A student reported a stolen debit card at a Student Union Building ATM. Police said the card was used illegally at an off-campus location.

A non-student was issued a criminal-trespass warning at the Health Sciences Center. Police said the female non-student was caught searching through several employees' lunches located in a break-room refrigerator.

Tech police investigated a domestic dispute at the Double T Zone. Police said the dispute was between a male and female inside the store. The female was taken to Women's Protective Services, police said.

Tech police investigated a theft in the C-14 parking lot. Police said an unknown suspect stole a 50-foot yellow nylon rope.

A non-student was arrested by police for driving with an invalid license following a traffic stop in the 2800 block of Drive of Champions. Police transported the non-student to the Lubbock County Jail, and his vehicle was released to the registered owner.

Tech police arrested a student for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Police said the student was arrested in a residence room of Weymouth Residence Hall. Reports state the student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

A female was transported to the University Medical Center after she suffered from shortness of breath at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

A female staff member was transported to the Covenant Medical Center after she suffered from a seizure. According to reports, the staff member was at the Wiggins Complex when the seizure occurred.

Tech police responded to an emergency medical request in the R-31 parking lot when a female staff member tripped over the curb and injured herself. According to reports, when she tripped over the curb, she fell onto the sidewalk and suffered a laceration above her left eye. The female staff member was transported to the UMC.

Tech police investigated a harassment incident between a female student and her ex-boyfriend. Police said the ex-boyfriend made several unwanted phone calls to the female student. Reports state the unwanted calls continued after the female student asked her ex-boyfriend to stop.

A men's wallet and its contents were stolen from a men's rest room in Murdough Residence Hall. Police said the wallet was left unsecured in the rest room.

Tech police investigated a burglary of contents inside a vehicle in the Z-4N parking lot. Police said the driver's side window was shattered and an Alpine car stereo was stolen.

Three Tech students were arrested for possession of alcohol by a minor in Hulén Residence Hall. The students were issued a Lubbock County citation and released.

Tech police arrested a student for public intoxication in the Z4-R parking lot. Police said the student was charged with criminal mischief and was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

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Tech recruiter retiring after 33 years

By JAN-TOSH GERLING
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A Texas Tech legend is riding off into the sunset.

Jessie Rangel, the assistant director in the Office of Admissions, is retiring Jan. 31 after 33 years of guiding students through their journey of enrolling into the university.

"If I didn't like what I was doing, I wouldn't have stayed this long," he said. "I've always enjoyed working with students. They make you feel young."

Rangel said when he first started working at the university, the Office of Admissions staff was small, with only one other director.

"It was Oct. 1, 1973, and there was nobody in the office but me," he said.

The Office of Admissions used to request employees from different departments at Tech to help recruit students from around the state, Rangel said.

"Since I was the only one back then basically recruiting, or going out to visit high schools, there was no way that I could be everywhere at once," he said. "So at the time we used to get people from housing, people from faculty, anybody who wanted to get away for a week and go visit high schools."

Rangel said seeing students he spoke with at high school-recruitment fairs eventually graduate from college was one of the most rewarding aspects of his job.

"When you talk to a student, whether it's in Houston or Dallas or San Antonio, wherever, and he or she decides to enroll, to register, and then four or five years later that student comes by and gives you an invitation to their graduation, that to me means that they came here, they were successful, they graduated and now they're going to go out and make a life for themselves," he said. "That's always been very gratifying"

Rangel said it is important students know there is always someone who can help them on campus with their journey through life.

"Working in admissions, I have always enjoyed it, and I've always felt like we are here to help the students," he said. "Without the students, we wouldn't even have a job. I don't think anybody would have a job, from the president on down to the janitor."

Ernie Mohon, an administrative secretary in the Office of Admissions, said Rangel is a true gentleman who will be missed.

"He is just a remarkable fella' to work with," she said. "You can always rely on him; if you ever need anything done, your question answered, you can always check with Jessie. He's been here for so long, he's seen it all. We're just very impressed with him, and we hate to see him go."

Mohon said she does not know if the Office of Admissions will fill his position any time soon.

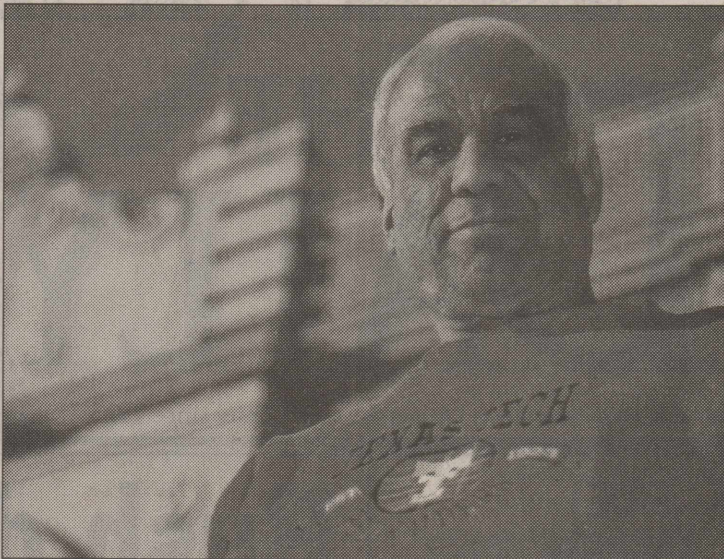
"No one can fill his shoes, I can tell you that," she said.

Recruitment is one of the hardest jobs on campus, she said, but Rangel was able to handle it with ease.

"He's pretty much a one-man show," she said. "He doesn't need assistance. He can talk to students and can explain their recruitment procedures, admissions procedures. He's a fantastic guy. He's just going to be very hard to replace. I get very emotional, I'm sorry, but he's going to be very missed."

Greta Cullers, a coordinator in the Office of Admissions, said from the first day she worked on campus, Rangel has been a guiding light for her.

"I've seen him interact with so many different students, all nationalities, different countries, and he does it with grace and finesse," she said. "The students leave our office with a friend instead of



OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS assistant director Jessie Rangel has been working at Tech for thirty-three years specializing in recruiting non-U.S. citizens.

a foe. If he doesn't know the answer, he will dig and dig and dig until he finds the answer."

Cullers said Rangel has been a huge part of the Office of Admissions, and his involvement over the years has been unparalleled.

"Any activity we've been a part of, Jessie has always been there to help," she said. "Whether it be orientation, or university day or recruiting, anything that the Office of Admissions puts on for the university, Jessie's always a part of it."

Cullers said Rangel is a family man and is one of the few people who asks how people's parents and children are doing.

"He holds his faith in God very, very dear to his heart, and it overflows in his helpfulness to others in times of need," she said.

Culler said Rangel will be sorely missed, but she wishes him well.

"When he told us he was leaving, he said he was riding off into the sunset, and

I just want him to have many happy trails until we meet again," she said.

Rangel said now that he is retiring, he will do some traveling and go to Mexico to research his family name.

"And then I'll probably be taking a trip to Peru, and then come back and volunteer at the Navajo Nation and so on," he said. "I'm going to be traveling for a few months, and then I'll come back to Lubbock and help the community in any way that I can."

Rangel said students should always focus on what they love in life and what makes them happy.

"Whatever you do in life, enjoy it, because this is what you're going to be doing for the rest of your life, and if you don't like it, go into something else," he said. "Some people go into particular fields because that's where the money is, but they're not happy. You have to enjoy what you're doing, whatever that is."

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Democrats

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to Americans' single greatest concern: the war in Iraq," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said in a joint statement. "We will continue to hold him accountable for changing course in Iraq."

In a speech written himself and previewed by senior Democratic officials, Webb challenged Bush to support the House-passed minimum wage increase and nurture an economy that restores the middle class. And he said Democrats would work with Bush to promote energy

independence.

But he chose harsher rhetoric for what he framed Bush's abuse of the public's loyalty, trust and welfare in the rush to war.

"The war's costs to our nation have been staggering," he said. "Financially. The damage to our reputation around the world. The lost opportunities to defeat the forces of international terrorism, and especially

the precious blood of our citizens who have stepped forward to serve."

Democrats also hammered home a message that achieving bipartisanship must be as much a part of Bush's agenda as proposals on the war, energy independence and health care.

"We hope to begin working with him to move our country in a new direction," Reid and Pelosi said in their statement.

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to touch it," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.

Much rancor and mistrust remain on both sides of the aisle. Bitter tastes linger from Bush's all-out efforts in 2005 to overhaul Social Security with a plan that included personal investment accounts. He did not promote that specific plan in his address but vowed to work with Congress to try to guarantee the solvency of Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

The new Congress is moving quickly to set its own agenda. Bush's State of the Union initiatives were an effort to reassert his relevance.

Even so, "he's going to be viewed through the lens of the Iraq war no matter what," said GOP strategist Scott Reed. Reed said that the State of the Union gave Bush "an opportunity to jazz up a domestic agenda and try to get some things accomplished with the Congress."

Of Iraq, Bush lamented, "Every one of us wishes that this war were over and won." He urged Congress to support his new plan to add troops. "Let us find our resolve and turn events toward victory," he said.

Tuesday's address was Bush's sixth State of the Union address — and his first one delivered to a Congress fully under Democratic control.

The president's approval rating is hovering in the mid-30s.

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Check Mates: Knight Raiders help train rook-ies

By **BEN MAKI**
STAFF WRITER

Haraldur Karlsson is always looking for the next Bobby Fischer.

Karlsson, adviser for Knight Raiders, the Texas Tech chess club, is mentoring students at Lubbock's Ramirez Elementary in an effort to spread chess throughout the South Plains.

"What I eventually want to get to is where there are chess clubs all over the South Plains and they can have tournaments on the Internet," Karlsson said. "Internet tournaments are much more convenient because you don't have to pack up the whole team and travel."

The Knight Raiders have progressed to a point where many talented international players are sending in applications to join, he said. Still, while bringing in talented chess players to the Raiders is a key, applicants

have to be more than just good at chess.

"We want people who are more than just about playing chess," Karlsson said. "We want those who are looking to give back to the community."

Joann Newman, multicultural events university coordinator at Ramirez Charter School, said studies have shown chess helps students academically.

"Research shows that chess opens your mind and helps with developing mathematics skills," Newman said. "That is why we have a chess club. Without the Knight Raiders, we wouldn't have one, though. They provided the boards and pieces until we could get the funds to get our own pieces."

The first club meeting of the semester for the Ramirez Rooks took place Tuesday for the beginner chess players, and Thursday will be the first meeting for the more experienced players.

Karlsson, an associate geosciences professor, said the chess club he helped start — and currently maintains at Ramirez Charter — was the first of its kind at the school.

"When they restructured their school into a charter school, we approached them about a chess club and they emphatically said, 'yes,'" Karlsson said.

There are now 42 clubs ranging from the Thespian Club to calligraphy.

Newman said the school became a charter school with cooperation from the Tech Department of Education and Lubbock Independent School District three years ago.

"The school was going to go away," Newman said, "because the neighborhood was disappearing."

Karlsson said the chess club started with an idea while he was on a trip to his native Iceland.

"In Iceland, where I'm from,

chess is like the national sport," Karlsson said. "It is like football or basketball here. It just made sense to start a club here and try to spread the sport."

Peter Harris, a community member of Knight Raiders, said the competition encouraged by chess is not of a physical nature but one of the mind.

"It's all about getting them to appreciate the game," Harris said. "It's competition in a good way. It's not smash-mouth, like football or basketball. Anyone can win this game."

Dino Bryant, a graduate student at Tech and a Knight Raider member, said the Internet is changing the way chess is played.

"This is a very cost effective way to learn and compete," Bryant said. "They can play with kids all over the world, and you don't have to have a set in front of you. It's competition for the 21st century."



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KNIGHT RAIDERS CHESS Club Community Member Peter Harris teaches 5-year-olds Sarita and Caitlyn how to play chess at the Ramirez Charter School Library, Tuesday afternoon.

Karlsson said he wants Knight Raiders to go from being a club to a program in which it can not only recruit top prospects but develop them locally.

"We're not big enough yet to

provide support from elementary through high school in Lubbock," he said. "But eventually we want to be able to spread it throughout the entire region."

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2008 presidential elections drawing attention already

By **ANNA SCHUMANN**
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Though the 2008 presidential election is nearly two years away, people already are abuzz about those who have announced their candidacies for the position of the United States' next leader.

According to Politics1.com, 18 candidates representing both major political parties in the U.S. have announced candidacy or formed a presidential exploratory committee.

Names on the list include well-known politicians such as Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani (R), Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY), Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) and lesser-known names such as Congressman Ron Paul (R-Texas) and Sen. Chris Dodd (D-Conn.).

Craig Goodman, an assistant professor of political science at Texas Tech, said the large number of candidates is not surprising.

He said he believes the process of the primaries is getting earlier each election, which means candidates must raise more money more quickly to pay for travel expenses, advertisements, staff members in each state, polling and opposition research.

Because this is the first time in recent history no incumbent president or vice president is running for president, he said there is no presumed front runner. This also means, there is a wider variety of candidates.

"There are a lot of candidates trying to fill different niches and get the win," he said. "This isn't old-white-guy politics anymore."

Goodman said he believes the most important issues in the upcoming election will be the war in Iraq, the rising costs of healthcare, energy and alternative fuels.

Neither Clinton nor Obama have their supporters established in the groups they represent.

"Obama does not have a lock on the African-American vote," Goodman said. "Clinton does not definitely have the female vote because too many people will not be able to support her beliefs. Women

will be a stronger support for Clinton than the African-Americans will be for Obama, though."

Goodman said Obama will need to do a few things to sway voters because he does not have an extensive political career.

"Obama must demonstrate he's got control of the issues, that he's well-versed on the issues," he said. "He hasn't laid out his key issues yet, other than that he's never voted for the war, which is to his advantage."

Clinton's advantage, he said, lays in the fact she has been around for so long and has learned to face criticism.

"People can say what they want about Sen. Clinton," he said, "but she's been there, she's done that."

Goodman said he believes the turnout in the 2006 congressional elections that gave Democrats control of both houses may not necessarily translate in 2008.

"We could see a Democratic congress in which nothing gets passed," he said. "Democrats might think they have an advantage but they need to prove they can get things done."

Dave Schmitz, a graduate student in political science from Midland, said as a voter he believes the more candidates running for office the better.

He believes the media coverage of candidates can both help and hurt voters who seek more information

about candidates, Schmitz said.

"The media helps, but people should make sure to do their own research," he said. "But choices are always good."

Public opinions will not necessarily always translate into candidate wins, he said.

"The candidate people talk about the most a lot of times, when it comes down to going and voting, people don't necessarily vote for that person," he said. "That's what happened with Howard Dean."

Kristen O'Keefe, a junior business major from Plano, said she can not remember a time when there were so many presidential candidates.

"It's a nice selection to choose from, but then I guess it gets harder with so many people going for the same goal," she said. "How do you choose the best one?"

Jason Haight, a senior public relations major from Lake Worth, said he likes that there are so many options early in the campaign process.

"It sorta' works its way out," he said. "I think it's important that it starts early especially for lesser-known candidates so they can get their name out there."

Haight, who said he served in the U.S. Marines, said the key issue for him in this election will be the war in Iraq.

"I want to know how we're going to resolve Iraq," he said. "I still know

Bush

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had the best chance to succeed, but clearly many lawmakers — and overwhelming majority of Americans — disagreed.

"Many in this chamber understand that America must not fail in Iraq because you understand that the consequences of failure would be grievous and far reaching," the president said. "If American forces step back before Baghdad is secure, the Iraqi government would be overrun by extremists on all sides."

In such a case, he forecast "an epic battle," Shiite extremists backed by Iran against Sunni extremists aided by al-Qaida and supporters of Saddam Hussein's government, leading to violence that could spread across the Middle East. "For America, this is a nightmare scenario," Bush said.

On domestic matters, he pressed Congress to help find ways to overhaul entitlements

such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid before they impose huge problems for future generations.

"Somehow we have not found it in ourselves to act," he said. "So let us work together and do it now."

On immigration, too, the president made a plea to lawmakers that he has made before, seeking comprehensive changes including a guest worker program, that go beyond tougher border controls. Members of his own party were the main obstacle to success in that area — a fact Bush acknowledged even as he pressed for a better result now than Capitol Hill is run by Democrats more amenable to his ideas.

"Convictions run deep in this Capitol when it comes to immigration," he said. "Let us have a serious, civil and conclusive debate."

Bush said his energy proposals would cut American imports by the equivalent of 75 percent of the oil coming from the Middle East. His prescription, as always, relied primarily on market incentives and technological advances — not government mandates.

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OPINIONS

Generation Y work?

**Taryn
Cheshire**



I had the idea for this article while sitting outside my classroom last week waiting for the professor. Most of my classmates were there, and naturally we'd started up a conversation. Somehow the talk turned to work, and I mentioned I clean houses and watch kids for a living. A girl sitting opposite me responded by saying (and I'll quote her as closely as I can remember), "I just want to watch kids. Well, not really watch them. I don't want to work or anything, I just want to make money."

I resisted the urge to tell her what I thought about that sentiment and instead decided to say my piece here where all may benefit.

From the number of people my age I come into contact with, on a daily basis, I can assume this is an idea seconded by many of you. Far too many people from our generation want to reap rewards without having to put forth any effort. An article in *USA Today* about the work ethic of Generation Y or GenNext (that's us, folks) contained the phrase "an off-putting sense of entitlement."

What does this mean exactly? It means that our generation feels that the world owes them not just something — but everything. This lazy trend makes me worry about what will happen in 10 to 15 years when our generation will be responsible for producing the necessities of our economy.

The same article that contained the phrase "flabby work ethic" also contained text indicating we are "more willing to sit back and wait for things to happen" as opposed to making them happen for ourselves. So, when there is no one else left to pass the buck to and we have to be the decision makers, are things going to get done?

If we look to how well our generation is doing in the work place now, the forecast is not promising. Walk into any establishment serviced by people in the 18 to 24-year-old age range, and you'll see what I'm talking about. An overwhelming number of them are lazy, rude and resentful of their customers. Why resentful? Because customers mean work, and people our age hate anything that is going to make them do their jobs.

I started working when I was 14 years old, and I have excelled at every job I have held since. Why? Because I recognize the fact that my job performance is representative of

my character and nothing is more important than doing the best job possible. And nothing is more rewarding.

When my classmate said she didn't want to work but just wanted to make money, she presented a huge contradiction without even being aware. Because, you see, the phrase "to make money" implies work. As anyone who has known me for five minutes can testify, I am an avid fan of the writer/philosopher Ayn Rand. In her book "Atlas Shrugged," she wrote Americans were the first to use the phrase. She wrote "Men had always thought of wealth as a static quantity — to be seized, begged, inherited, shared, looted or obtained as a favor. Americans were the first to understand that wealth has to be created."

It is not wrong that my classmate desired money. A study done by the Pew Research Center found eight in 10 GenNexters consider getting rich their first or second most important life goal. This is good news. It's certainly much better than the half who say becoming famous is equally as important.

While I'll leave this desire of fame for another week, the issue of money is an important one. I am definitely not of the mind that money is the root of all evil — a ridiculous idea we are force-fed by those who want us to give them our money to rid ourselves of said evil. Money is inanimate; it can not be evil — only man can be.

Money is meant to serve as a measure of value. Someone does a service for you and you pay them what that service was worth. It is not, however, something that you are entitled to just because you are alive and in need. If you don't do the work, you should not get paid.

So what's to be done? We are the ones who are responsible for this decline in work ethic and we are the ones who have to get it back on track. Luckily, there is a very easy solution. All it takes is recognition of the fact that when you agree to take a job you are committing yourself to doing the best you can.

No job should simply be viewed as a paycheck. The work you do reflects on the type of person you are. And if money is your true motivation, then it makes more sense to do a good job in order to open up better opportunities for yourself in the future.

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Columnists sound off on State of the Union

**Trey
Caliva**



Forget about the president's opening statement concerning domestic policy and disregard his closing section, which, amazingly, included NBA center Dikembe Mutombo and Baby Einstein creator, Julie Aigner-Clark, in a segment about American heroes; this was a speech about Iraq.

As is frequently the case with the State of the Union, much about the speech is not what's in the wording itself, but in the response from the president's opposing party.

To some, the president's words on the war are going to seem weak. He didn't attack Democrats; he didn't go after those in the Republican Party who harm our efforts in Iraq.

He simply asked Congress to "give it a chance."

Yet, his apparent timorous language in the speech was actually enhanced by the Democrats further insistence on being a party of defeatists.

"It is still within our power to shape the outcome of this battle. So let us find our resolve and turn events toward victory." On the Republican side of the aisle, this led to a thunderous applause, yet on the Democratic side you could hear a pin drop. President Bush said, "Many in this chamber understand that America must not fail in Iraq."

Unfortunately, that sentiment and wisdom do not flow across the aisle, for only a defeatist could sit on his or her hands when the president called for Congress "to spare the American people from this danger."

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Kellerman**



"Is President Bush a moderate Democrat?" I thought during Tuesday night's speech. He praised Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and hit the Democrats' favorite issues: a fair immigration system, reducing dependency on foreign oil, affordable health care and African aid. I was impressed.

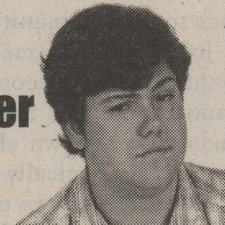
Then came Iraq. President Bush sounded absolutely depressed and hopeless. "This is not the fight we entered in Iraq, but it is the fight we are in," he said. "Give it a chance," he begged Congress. This somber section was followed by a bizarre love fest for the founder of Baby Einstein and Dikembe Mutombo. I suppose Bush wanted to remind us of other things in the country besides his disastrous presidency.

The most stirring point of the evening did not occur in the president's speech, but in the Democratic response by Virginia Sen. Jim Webb. Webb slammed the Bush administration for recklessly entering the war and ignoring warnings. "We owed them our loyalty, as Americans, and we gave it. But they owed us — sound judgment, clear thinking, concern for our welfare, a guarantee that the threat to our country was equal to the price we might be called upon to pay in defending it."

Americans wanted change; unfortunately, President Bush gave us more of the same. His tenure always will be remembered for the tragic failure he refused to acknowledge.

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**Cole
Shooter**



President George W. Bush did a great job of relaying his ambitions and revisiting the United States' successes over the last year. In the world of politics, the only things that make news are the shortcomings and failures, making people lose sight of how well the United States is really doing.

My favorite thing about President Bush is he honestly believes in his policies and wants to do what he thinks is right for our country, which is rare for a politician. The president outlined his plans for energy and his call for the nation to actively pursue diversifying energy through technology to relieve our current dependence on foreign oil, which is an absolute must.

Health insurance and tax reform go hand-in-hand in the address, offering tax breaks to people to make health insurance an obtainable goal for families who couldn't afford it before. This would make health care affordable but not socialized, bringing the responsibility to the people, while not bloating government further.

President Bush outlined some of the problems encountered in Iraq and why fighting is still continuing in the Middle East. My favorite line was, "We did not drive al-Qaeda out of their safe haven in Afghanistan only to let them set up a new safe haven in a free Iraq." It truly brings the message home that running from fighting a mobile enemy will yield nothing.

Overall, the president's speech conveyed hope and progress for our nation. He focused heavily on bipartisanship without compromising the values he's stressed during his presidency, and I find that admirable.

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**Matt
Wisniewski**



Muted applause welcomed the lame duck as he waddled to the podium. He looked scared, his home field for six years was no more. A skeptical American audience waited for his grand vision of America to roll across the teleprompter; but once again, he did not disappoint in being disappointing.

It is clear he's fighting the gravity of the calendar every day, his legacy slowly ticking away. Our representatives were unimpressed with his laundry list of trivial accomplishments and half-assed wishes. They were received by an eerie, cricket-chirping silence.

Lucy pulled the football under him tonight; you flailed your arms, hoping the right side of the aisle would come to your aid, but they never did. The familiar gusto in his voice got downgraded to timid murmur as he realized he's all alone now: Tony Blaire will not save him anymore.

"To win the war on terror, we must take the fight to the enemy." Unfortunately Mr. President, it's been defenseless Iraqis who have born the brunt of your debauchery. The bombing of the Golden Mosque in Samara busted the Shia's back, and ever since, it has been hell. All under his watch, all under a banner proclaiming "Mission Accomplished."

What could have been will be your moniker; failure will be your story's ending. Good bye and good riddance Mr. President, and please, let the door hit you on the way out.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

There are so many errors in (Caliva's) article, but I'll start halfway through to keep it brief. Caliva states in "Where's the Snow?", and accurately so (one of his highlights), that the earth has gone through periods of cooling and warming. It is a natural cycle. However, Caliva makes the illogical jump from there is a natural cycle of temperature fluctuation to humans have nothing to do with this cycle. We know that carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas. We know that burning fossil fuels releases carbon dioxide. We know that the amount of carbon dioxide has been climbing drastically since after the industrial revolution. Look at the amount of carbon dioxide recorded over millennia in Antarctic ice if you want some science. We also know that the temperature of the earth has risen in accordance with the jump of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Now, scientists can't prove that burning fossil fuels or that an increase in carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is directly causing the increase in temperature. But they can't prove that the sun

will rise tomorrow either. Proving is not something science does. Science tells us, "With the best evidence we have available, this is the most likely scenario to occur." It is a predictive endeavor. Global warming, or what is more accurately referred to as climate change, is not the result of some wacky computer model, but the acceptance of all peer-reviewed articles in the past several years. The overwhelming majority of the dissenters are on Daddy Bush's payroll or work for "study groups" or "think tanks" funded by oil companies. Science is never certain. Prove to me that electrons exist. It can't happen because they cannot be directly observed. Because there is doubt in science doesn't mean that it cannot be trusted in a chorus of near universal agreement, especially when those who oppose the accepted view have vested interests in denying the truth.

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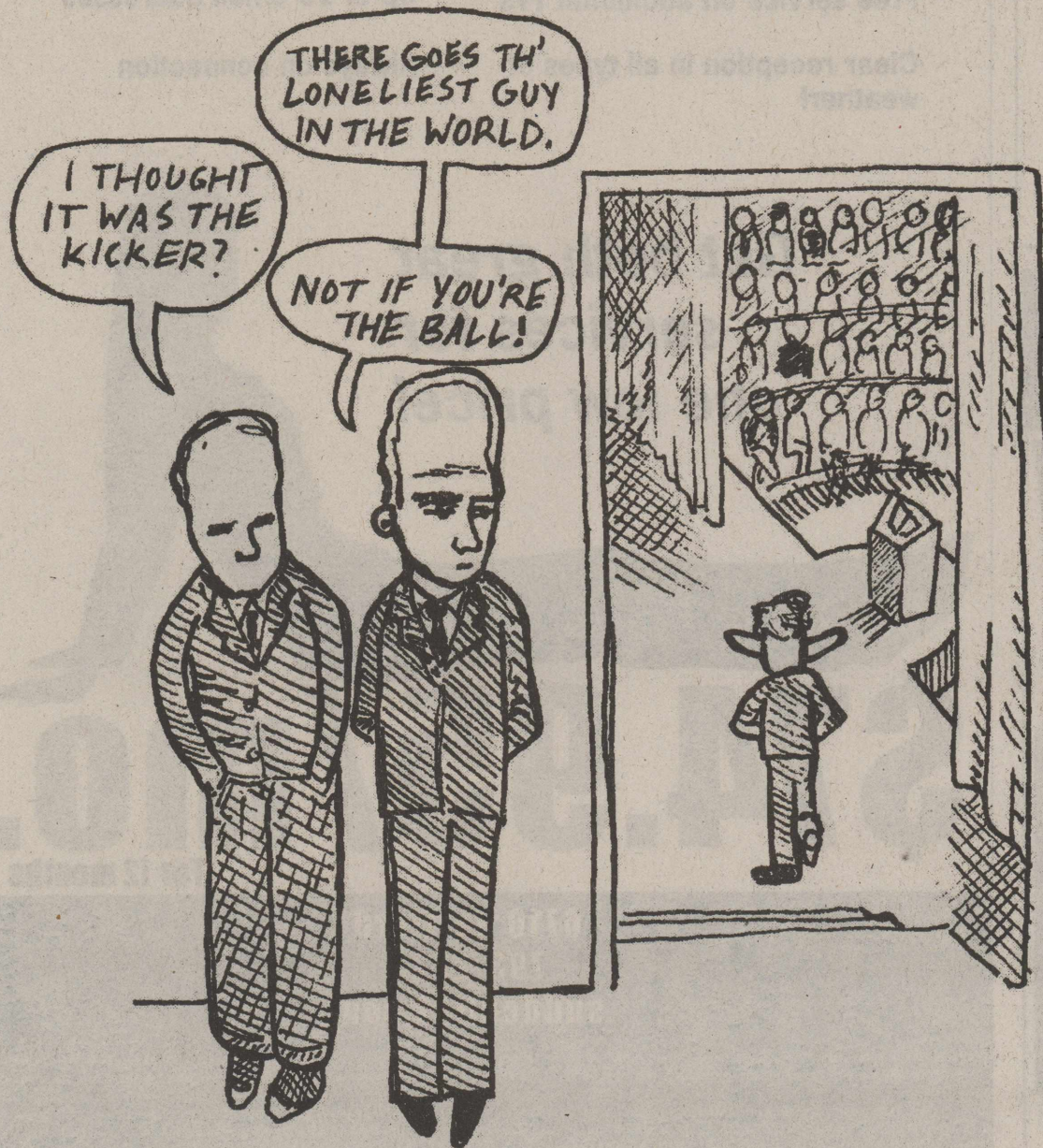
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Texas country band shoots music video in Lubbock

By ALLISON LOWE
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For Texas Tech students who love Texas country, The Blue Light is the place to be tonight. Not only will its house band, The Josh Abbott Band, be playing and will also be shooting its first music video for a Music City Madness Competition on countrymusictelevision.com.

This unique-sounding band, which Austin Davis, a senior chemical engineering major from Houston, said is different because an electric banjo is played, is comprised of four Tech students who have a passion for Texas country.

"We all listen to different kinds of music, so that gives us a broader variety of what we play," Davis said.

Josh Abbott, lead singer and

guitar player, said the members have been a band for almost a year and are working on a new album that should be released by the end of the month.

Abbott, a graduate student from Idalou, said the band was put together after two current members were discovered while playing an open-mic night at The Blue Light. Abbott said he and Austin Davis, the banjo player, were told if they formed a band, they would get an audition at the Lubbock bar.

The group was quickly formed and has been the house band at The Blue Light since March.

"We skipped the whole phase of having to play at low bars," Abbott said of the immediate success at The Blue Light.

The band decided to begin recording a CD last fall, Abbott said. The first track is completed



EMILY KELLY/Courtesy Photo

MEMBERS OF THE Josh Abbott Band gather for a photo shoot for their upcoming album.

and is entitled "Buried Me." This track, which can be found on www.myspace.com/joshabbottband, will be the song featured on the band's first video.

Drummer Drew Hurt, a junior and agriculture economics major from Plainview, said The Josh Abbott Band is a small, local group. He said the band is tak-

ing a shot in the dark, testing its music and seeing how it pans out on the country-music stage.

"We have a passion, and we are trying to follow our passion," Hurt said. "We are another band who is just trying to make it because of our love of our music."

He said Texas country is starting to be more recognized in Nashville and is becoming hot.

Swade Moyers, sound engineer at Studio 84 in Lubbock, is producing the band's CD and shooting its music video tonight. He said the band is going for a live-concept video with crowd shots at the bar, but it will also be shooting part of the video at a different on-site location.

"This is going to help promote them, get them past local and keep going," Moyers said of the band, whose members are voicing hopes to win the CMT.com

competition.

As part of the competition, the band will submit its new video online after it is completed, and people will vote online, Abbott said. Judges will then pick the top 64 videos, and the winner will get its own "330 session" online at the CMT Web site.

"They are a really talented group of guys," Moyers said. "They have a lot of energy, and are a lot of fun to be around. They are down-to-earth guys who are good at what they do."

Tech students aged 21 years and up can show up around 10:30 p.m. tonight at The Blue Light and witness the shooting of a real music video that will have a lot of crowd shots, Abbott said. There is no cover charge, and the band is hoping to have a great turnout.

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All those with Buddy Holly glasses, beware

By JOHN C. SCHLOTFELT
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(U-WIRE) IOWA CITY, Iowa — Wait, do you hear that? It sounds like shattering glass. Ah, yes.

It's the sound of thousands of pairs of eyes popping out of their sockets, sending thick, black-rimmed frames off accompanying noses into the nearest walls. Why, you might ask, would hundreds of Buddy Holly glasses spontaneously and unanimously fly from their owners' faces?

Today at your local record store (and most major chains), two indie-rock/pop superstars, The Shins and Deerhoof, will release highly anticipated records, and everyone wearing polyester pants and Converse are hotfooting down the block for these babies.

Following an appearance on the "Garden State" soundtrack that earned the band fans and derision from your usual purists, the Shins' new album, "Wincing the Night Away," is, for snobbish listeners, the band's chance to make amends. Oddly enough, Deerhoof made an appeal to the middle of the road — well, as close to the yellow line as the members have ever been (which is somewhere in the ditch), on their eighth record, 2005's "The Runner's Four," and netted some of the best reviews of their careers, including props from the pillar of indie pretension, Pitchfork.com.

As though The Shins and its label, Sub Pop, met in Dick Cheney's undisclosed location to plot their "Garden State" rebound, "Wincing the Night Away" is everything it needs to be. With their third studio

album, the New Mexico natives find definite comfort in the studio. The opening track, "Sleeping Lessons," is bookended by random studio noise.

Amid the sound of footsteps scraping up a flight of stairs, a frothy, churning keyboard percolates as lead singer James Mercer's reverberated vocals float in, saying, "Go without/ Till the need seeps in/ You low animal." Mercer, in a few bars, both invites and derides followers, those "low animals," who may have strayed from the flock (or insert your favorite animal-pack name here) and now accepts them back, knowing that the need has "seeped" in. The band is acutely aware of both what is expected of those "Garden State" converts and "Oh, Inverted World" hangers-on.

Catchy, synth tunes such as the single "Phantom Limb" are reinforced, unfortunately, by sing-along approved "Whoa, whoa-ohs" in an agonizing minute's worth of filler — and would have nicely fit along just about any track from the group's previous records. The boys also expand their pop-influence palette: Listen for Mercer's impeccable Morrissey impression as the rest of the band effortlessly apes The Smiths. It's downright creepy, even without Mercer posing like a martyr for indie suburbanites. Ultimately, The Shins, yet again, will not change anyone's life, unless the life is just that boring.

Deerhoof, however, may not change your life, but the guys will certainly weird out those with tamer sensibilities, even as they flirt with pop-music convention — and I use the term flirt very loosely. Much was made of, and will be again (trust me),

of the more melodic and standard structures Deerhoof favors as of late. For those who've tuned in since the beginning, don't worry. Those members are still embracing their childlike breed of cacophony, relying heavily on Satomi Matsuzaki's youthful coo. The album's single, "+ 81," gives you more of what you've been hungry for: anthemic horns, sly, spindly guitars, and deep philosophical lyrics ("Choo-choo-choo-choo, beep, beep"). Horribly infectious, and disgustingly nuanced, this is Friend Opportunity.

Tracks three and 10, "Believe E.S.P." and "Look Away," provide the biggest surprises. Watch out for — honest warning — the massive strut of "Believe E.S.P." This isn't Deerhoof's take on funk. No, this is real, honest-to-goodness, "I'm-dressed-up-and-I-look-sexy" grandstanding, complete with a high-hat riding drum beat, swanky blues shuffle guitar, and a bouncing bass line. But nothing shocks the listener as much as the sweeping grandiosity of the epic, unexpected, 11-minute and 45-second closing track, "Look Away." Riding waves of feedback and pulsating drums, Matsuzaki sounds downright plaintive.

It's a disturbing end to a normally bouncy and playful Deerhoof record. And it's all the more disturbing to have to wait for what comes next from these sonic forays into Deerhoof's darker side.

CLOTHING CLEARANCE



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COE PASSMORE, LEFT, a senior psychology major from Lubbock, and Marissa Patton, right, a senior communication studies major from Stamford, talk outside the dressing rooms at a clothing sale inside the Frazier Pavilion Tuesday afternoon. The sales can be sponsored by sororities to raise money for their organization.

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10 AM	Caillou	Regis and Kelly	Piase Is Right	Divorce Court	Paid Program	The View (HD)	Tyra Banks
:30	Barney			Divorce Court	Paid Program		
11 AM	Tellurides	Jeopardy!	Young and the Restless (HD)	Judge Alex	Paid Program	Lubbock Bible	Dr. Keith Ablow
:30	Master Floggers	Jeopardy!		Paid Program		Paid Program	
12 PM	Cult in a Day	News	KLBK 13 News	Jerry Springer	Greg Behrendt Show	All My Children	Access
:30	Best Painting	Days of Our Lives	Bold & Beautiful	As the World Turns	Mauri	One Life to Live	People's Court
1 PM	Bears	Passions			Judge Lopez	One Life to Live	People's Court
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2 PM	Puppy	Inside Edition	Guiding Light	Paid Program	I Like	General Hospital	Cristina Court
:30	The Lions						
3 PM	Reading	Oprah Winfrey	Judge Joe	Jerry Springer	Reba	Geraldo	Ellen DeGeneres
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:30	Arthur		Judge Judy		Bernie Mac		
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:30	Bus Report!	News	CBS News	Family Feud	Stl Standing	ABC News	Simpsons
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8 PM	Great Performances at the Met: The Magic Flute	Deal or No Deal	Texas Tech Postgame	Watch Over Me: Corpse Biker	One Tree Hill	Knight's Prosp. Emergency	
:30					Will & Grace	Primetime: Med-Fox 34 News@Nine	
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FOX 34

Red Raiders look to keep momentum against A&M

By JAY LANGLEY
News Editor

For the second time in less than a week, the Texas Tech men's basketball team will host a Top-10 team when No. 6 Texas A&M (16-2, 4-0 Big 12) comes to the United Spirit Arena tonight for a 7 p.m. tip-off.

If the result is the same as Saturday's upset win over then No. 5 Kansas, the Raiders (14-5, 3-1) would not only find themselves in first place in the Big 12, but

the team would match its win total of the 2005-2006 season.

"We are feeling very confident right now," Tech senior forward Darryl Dora said. "If we showed that we could play like that against Kansas, then we should be able to play like that all the time."

A&M could prove to be Tech's toughest test to date as the Aggies come into tonight's game on a nine-game winning streak. The Aggies are led by four players with double figures in scoring, including Acie Law who

leads the team in both scoring (15.9 ppg.) and assists (5.0 apg.). A&M's Josh Charles leads the conference in 3-point field goal percentage at 50.5 percent, half of a percent higher than Tech's Jarius Jackson.

"They play together real well," Tech coach Bob Knight said of A&M. "Each guy brings a different style of play to the game, which is important to the way they play."

The Aggies are not just an offensive power, as they lead the Big 12 in field-goal-percentage defense and rank among the top five in the country in scoring defense, only allowing 53.3 points per game.

Tech guard Alan Voskuil said the Raiders are not intimidated by the A&M defense.

"I don't think A&M has played against an offense like ours," Voskuil said. "Our's is a motion, and you can't really simulate that. It's all up to us and how we play our own offense. I don't think their defense should have anything to do with it."

Saturday, Voskuil played 17 minutes against Kansas and made just one field goal. But the one field goal was a tip-in with under one minute to play, and Knight said it was the key play of the game.

"I feel that's kind of my role," Voskuil said. "I come in when things aren't going too right and then if I can help, I do what I can. That was my role on Saturday, and I just came in and helped the team the best that I could."

Jackson leads Tech with 20.5 points per game and is fourth on Tech's career scoring list with 1,933 career points. But Knight said he would like for the star guard to be a little more selfish on offense.

"What Jackson has to realize is that when other people do their scouting report, the first person they talk about having to stop is Jackson," Knight said. "Jackson has to realize that sometimes just being on the court and touching the ball is not good enough."

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Masked Raider: Smith ready to return from injury

By WES SKIPWITH
Staff Writer

The late, great Yankees manager Miller Huggins once said, "A good catcher is the quarterback, the carburetor, the lead dog, the pulse taker, the traffic cop and sometimes a lot of unprintable things, but no team gets very far without one."

For Texas Tech junior catcher Matt Smith, that saying could not be more true.

Smith returns as the Red Raiders' catcher after a breakout season in 2006. Last season, Smith took over the starting job and led the team in batting average with .377 and doubles with 16. He was named First Team All-Big 12 and earned a spot on the 2007 Johnny Bench Award Watch List, which names the top returning catchers in college baseball.

Smith, referred to as "Smitty" by teammates, is the latest in the long history of great Tech catchers. From Josh Bard, who plays for the San Diego Padres, to Cooper Fouts, who handed down the job after starting for three years, Smith has some big shin guards to fill, but he is off to a great start.

Smith said he might feel a little pressure to keep up the standard after a stellar sophomore season, but his only focus is helping out the rest of his teammates in the clubhouse.

"I try to stay within myself and look to support the team," Smith said. "Individual stuff like that will take care of itself."

Tech coach Larry Hays said the catcher position is one of the most crucial positions on the field. The team's success is largely based on the catcher's ability to lead. He agrees with Huggins when comparing a catcher to a quarterback on a football team.

"I've never had a good team where I didn't have a good catcher," Hays said. "Someone who can call a game and handle pitchers is important, and Matt does that very well. The fact that he can hit extremely well is just a plus when compared to everything else."

Smith said ever since his tee-ball days, he has been a catcher. He grew up idolizing former Texas Rangers' catcher Ivan Rodriguez and enjoys the responsibility the position requires.

"You have to be a leader on the field, directing people where they need to be, setting up cut-off positions and working with pitchers when calling games," Smith said. "It's a challenge, but I think it's a lot of fun."

Tech sophomore pitcher Miles Morgan said when it comes to handling pitchers, Smith is extremely good at knowing their strengths and weaknesses.

"He knows how to calm pitchers down and make us feel relaxed,"



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TEXAS TECH CATCHER Matt Smith is returning from a knee injury he suffered in a game against Kansas State during the 2006 season.

Morgan said. "He can tell if you are throwing good or not on a certain day, and then based on that, he decides the best pitch to throw at any given time. Besides the coaches, he knows more about the opposing team than anyone else."

Smith said a general understanding and trust is needed between the catcher and the pitcher. What has made the Tech staff successful is the pitchers' confidence in what Smith tells them to do.

"It allows them to just focus on throwing the baseball instead of worrying if it's the right pitch or not," Smith said.

When calling for pitches, Smith compares the process to fishing. He said when someone is fishing in one spot and the fish are biting, the fisherman does not want to keep throwing the lure there because the fish will become suspicious. He relates that to calling for a fastball every time; it may work for a while, but eventually the batter is going to turn on it and knock it out of the park.

"You want to throw your lure in a different spot, which would be like calling for a curve ball," Smith said while using a casting motion. "But now you know you can come back to the fastball because the fish are going to bite on it."

Last season Smith suffered a tear to his medial collateral ligament during a play at home plate in which

Kansas State base runner Eli Rumler slid into Smith's leg as he was attempting tag the runner out. When asked if he considers that collision at home to have been a dirty play, Smith said it might of been, but he realizes collisions like that can happen to a catcher.

"I've been very fortunate to never of had any injuries prior to that one," he said. "I have accepted it and it has made me a stronger player. I appreciate the game more."

Smith missed nine games and was moved to the position of designated hitter for the remainder of the season. Hays said not having the starting catcher in the lineup last year was an obstacle the team struggled in overcoming.

"If you consider the fact that Smith was the third-best hitter in the conference and we went 6-12 after the injury," Hays said, "I would say not having him greatly affected us."

Smith said this year he is 100 percent healthy and is looking forward to the upcoming season, and everyone has been working hard during the off-season to help the team come together.

"This season is going to be exciting," Smith said. "We have a lot of talent on this team. Everybody knows their roles and accepts them. We are ready to go out there and win some ball games."

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Parcells' Service: Knight delivers thoughts on Tuna's retirement

By JAY LANGLEY
NEWS EDITOR

Texas Tech men's basketball coach Bob Knight knows the biggest reason why his friend Bill Parcells announced his retirement Monday.

"How'd you like to coach Terrell Owens?" Knight said. "Terrell Owens would have gotten me out of coaching a hell of a lot quicker than he got Parcells out of it."

Parcells announced his retirement from football on Monday after 19 years of coaching, including the last four years as coach of the Dallas Cowboys. Knight said he and Parcells recently had a conversation

about Parcells' coaching future.

"I told Pat (Knight) on Sunday when he asked me, I said, 'It's a 50-50 proposition whether he coaches again,'" Knight said. "That'd be a really tough grind, the National Football League. Everybody makes a big deal out of it, but in all the history of the National Football League, how many coaches do you think coached 19 years? Not a lot. So I think he coached a long time and nobody in the history of the game coached it better than he did."

Between them, Parcells and Knight have coached for more than 60 years and have won five championships.

"He understood the game, he

understood what it took to win," Knight said of his friend. "He could've coached anything because he knew how to win. He knew what had to be done; you can't make mistakes, you gotta make plays when they're there. A lot of guys don't understand how to win and he understood that."

Knight said he agrees with Parcells' decision to step down.

"Why should you coach for 100 years?" Knight said. "I don't intend to coach 100 years. This is the third time he's retired. Each time he retired earlier he was a lot younger than he is now. He's 65 now, and there isn't anything in the world that is more visible or under more

scrutiny in sports than the Dallas Cowboys."

Knight signed a contract extension in 2006 that will keep him coaching in Lubbock until 2012 — when Knight will be 72 years old. But Knight said he has no idea as to when he will stop coaching.

On Jan. 1, he became the all-time "winningest" coach in Division I-A basketball history when the Red Raiders defeated New Mexico 70-68 at the United Spirit Arena.

"I like basketball," Knight said. "I like being around basketball. I don't know, some day I'll just wake up and say, 'I don't need to do this anymore.'"

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Kipyego named Big 12 Athlete of the Week

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech sophomore Sally Kipyego has yet another award to add to her trophy case.

Kipyego received the Big 12 Athlete of the Week award for her performance in Tech's first track meet of the season.

At the Texas Tech Invitational Friday and Saturday, Kipyego earned the Red Raider squad its first NCAA qualifying mark of the season for her time of 4:43.04. Kipyego's time in

the mile set a track record at the Athletic Training Center, beating the previous record of 4:45.24. Friday, Kipyego took part in the women's medley relay race, which also set a track record with a time of 11:44.14.

The award is Kipyego's third; in 2006, she received two Big 12 Athlete of the Week awards for her performance in cross-country and in November, she was crowned NCAA Cross Country National Champion after placing first in the NCAA Championships.

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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 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! Pets allowed. 806-787-2178.

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. \$834 - 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. 806-577-9280

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 4211 34th (afternoons).

NICEST 2/1 in Lubbock. 2414 29th. Hardwoods in living and dining. New carpet in bedrooms, 2in. wood blinds throughout, nice lighting. Central hvac. All appliances with w/d. \$695/month. 794-3241.

REMODELED NEAR Tech, 3BR/2BD, 2 bath, 2 car garage, washer and dryer, \$1197/\$900. 806-797-5334.

SMALL EFFICIENCY Ready Feb. 1st, 10 blocks from Tech. 2908-27th/Rear. \$400/month, bills paid. Appliances: 281-1236, 891-5768.

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

TECHTERRACE.COM
TechTerraace.com has houses for Rent, Houses for Sale. Go to TechTerraace.com.

UPDATED NEAR Tech. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, appliances include washer and dryer, \$1396/\$900. 806-797-5334.

FOR SALE

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.

BEAUTIFUL PURE bred Lab puppies. Glossy black, people dogs. Parents on site. \$100. 795-7915.

BLACK IRON canopy bed/trails. \$149 sleigh bed, solid wood, cherry. \$259. Both brand new. 806-549-3110.

COMPUTER HP Intel processor processor Windows 98 8GB HD 63 MB RAM. Still works. Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point). Asking \$150 OBO. Comes with books, install disks, backup disks, speakers, scanner, printer 806-771-2786.

DINING ROOM table and 4 chairs. \$229. Solid wood. Construction. 806-549-3110.

FOR SALE. 1987 Honda Shadow VT700C. MAC '11' exhaust \$1200. 615-243-4523.

FULL SIZE mattress and foundation. \$139. Twin mattress set \$99. Both in plastic, warranty. 806-549-3110.

FURNITURE, MATTRESS, your income tax refund buys more here. 806-549-3110.

FOR SALE

HOUSE FOR SALE IN LUBBOCK
FSBO, new roof, small shop w/ new roof, W/ D hookups, big back yard w/ big shade tree & new fence, clean & cute, 2/1, 1724 24th St, 806-862-5101, evenings; leave message and I'll return your call.

HOUSE FOR SALE
Close to Campus, 38th Street, 2/1, 2003 remodeled, tile kitchen/ bath, CH/ CA storm windows, 1 car garage \$85,000 830-693-4845.

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...

Intramural Basketball

Captain's Meeting Thursday! Tomorrow night at 7pm in room 116 of the Student Rec Center, Intramurals will have its annual Basketball Captain's Meeting. The intramural staff will review Texas Tech policies, Eligibility, Basketball Rules and the **Sportsmanship Policy**. Playoff eligibility is determined by your **sportsmanship rating and your knowledge of our rules**. Teams attending this meeting will receive 1 point towards their **sportsmanship goal**. Don't forget the season starts Sunday, Jan. 28th.

Calling all Bowlers!

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.

WANTED! REWARD FOR

FITNESS INSTRUCTORS

Hiring Fitness Instructors! We will train you. Come to the info session on Tues., Jan 30 at 7pm in Room 201 of the Rec Center for details.

Wellness Blood Screenings

Covenant Wellness Blood Screenings registration begins Jan 29th - Feb 7th. The screenings will take place on February 8th from 6:30-8:00am.

Save the date: Feb. 9-10, 2007

Join us for the 7th Annual Vertical Plains Climbing Competition. The winner of this competition is the climber having the most FUN. There are categories for the 1st time climber to the advance. Each year \$1000's of swag is given away as door prizes. Come enjoy the company of climbers from around the Southwest.

2 days left until the biggest event of the year...ARE YOU IN?

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Rec Sports All-Nighter.
Fun begins at 6 pm!

Texas Tech University Rec Sports

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2007 Tournament of Champions
Register Online at www.recsports.ttu.edu

Try Competing in one of our many tournaments.

3 on 3 Basketball

Table Tennis

Playstation II

Texas Hold 'Em

4 on 4 Volleyball

Dodgeball

Racquetball

Squash

3 Point Shot

LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR REC SPORTS ALL-NIGHTER TOURNAMENTS!

Test your skills while having fun by participating in one of the many tournaments Rec Sports has to offer at this year's ALL-NIGHTER on Jan. 26th. You want it, we've got it, from dodgeball to Playstation II! All tournaments are FREE and participants will receive a t-shirt! Sound good? Then sign up now! On-line registration ONLY. You must

register for all tournaments by TODAY.

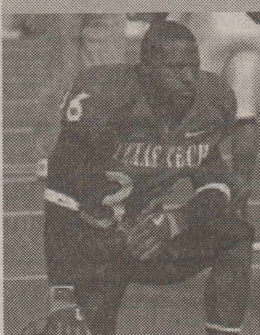
DROP IN ACTIVITIES & GAMES!

Not interested in playing in a tournament? Don't worry because we have plenty of other drop in games and activities for you! Like playing in the water? Try scuba diving or kayaking! Or, come relax with a free chair massage. We'll also have plenty of other games for your entertainment. Don't forget to come get hypnotized by top entertainer Tom DeLuca from 9-11 pm.

Need details? Visit us at [HTTP://WWW.DEPTS.TTU.EDU/RECSPTS/](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/reports/)

FITNESS/WELLNESS

Rader X2 registration is still going on in the Fit/Well Classes being this week!



Come meet Tech Football player Antonio Huffman!

Fitness Xtravaganza on Tuesday, Jan 30 from 5:30-7pm. Get fit, have fun, donate to charity and win prizes all in one evening! Join us for the Fitness Xtravaganza on Jan. 30. It includes Cardioboxing in Rm 114 at 5:30pm and Body Sculpting at 5:45pm in Rm 116! Come meet **TEXAS TECH FOOTBALL PLAYER ANTONIO HUFFMAN** and donate a stuffed animal (new or lightly used) to his charity for kids, Huffs Huggables, to be entered for prize drawings! Refresh yourself with a FREE smoothie from Keva Juice after your workout!

Dare to Try? Iron Man Triathlon registration begins on Jan 29th - Feb 2nd. Need motivation to continue exercising through the cold and snowy month of February? Enter the Iron Man Triathlon Challenge in memory of Kedric Hobbs. Participants have 2 weeks (with 3 weekends) to complete the Iron Man Triathlon distances—swim 2.4 miles, cycle 112 miles and walk/run 26.2 miles. Kickboards, etc can be used in the pool; indoor or outdoor cycling and running/walking. Enter by February 2 and turn in your miles on or after February 22. There is an \$8 entry fee, which includes a t-shirt (\$10 for XI and XXL shirts).

Get in the game! Sign up for the Fitness Racquetball Fitness League! The cost is \$5 for the semester and league nights are Thursdays from 7-9pm. Please note: This league is different than the Intramural racquetball league. See website for more details or call 742.3828.

OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTER

COMPLETE OPC SPRING TRIP SCHEDULE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!



Advanced Caving Trip! Feb. 16-18

Come explore some remote and technical caves in Southeast New Mexico! This trip may include tight spots, rappelling, and ascending ropes. Beginners and experienced cavers welcome! Sign up by Feb. 8th. Cost is \$80.

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 TODAY!

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

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.

It's the Must see Event of the year!!
2007 Annual Rec Sports All-Nighter on Saturday 2/26

Hypnotist Tom DeLuca
Show Begins at 9pm

Chair Massages

Too Much Fun! Drop-In Games! Rm 116
Water Games: "Bubble Soccer", "The 10-Second", "Punch Kicker", "Just the Basics", "Cannon Ball"

Fitness Classes!

Scuba Diving! **OPEN LATE** Kayaking!
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INTRAMURALS

PLAY STARTS FEBRUARY!

QUESTION:
do you know how to sit in a tube?
do you know how to throw a ball?
sign-up Jan 30-Feb 8 Then come to
INNER-TUBE WATER POLO
NO experience needed sign-up in room 201
All you need is 4 players and 1 goal
it's fun, easy and best of all...FREE!
it's FREE!

Test yourself, improve your skills, and exercise in a friendly game of racquetball! Gear up because the Intramural Racquetball League is coming soon! The Spring league will be held on Friday's, beginning February 2nd. Entries will be taken through 5 pm on Thurs., Feb. 1st at the Intramural Office. We have leagues for everyone, from A-Divisions (very competitive) to C-Divisions (just starting). Even better, it's free, so sign up today!

Aquatic Center

Saturday Morning Special!

KAYAK POLO!!! It is the first Saturday this semester for the great, exciting, vigorous game! Join us at 10am on Saturday morning for Kayak Polo. We've got the equipment, just bring yourself and a swim suit!

Doesn't this look like fun?



Doesn't this look like fun?

Theme Lines

At **Bledsoe/Gordon/Sneed**, slow smoked BBQ and chicken choices are just a few of the Southwest selections featured for dinner at the **Ranch Lander**.

Hulen/Clement offers a variety of healthy sandwiches, **salads** and pizzas for lunch at **Sandwich 'N Such**.

For your lunch enjoyment, **Horn/Knapp** is serving up Salad Creations, **The Wok Asian cuisine** and Gusto's Pasta Sensation. Food as unique as you!

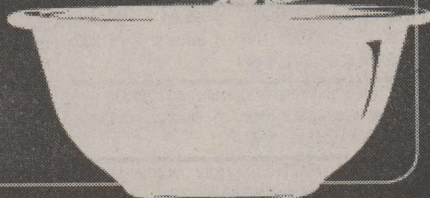
Traditional Dining Hall Theme Lines are open during lunch or dinner Monday through Friday each week. We accept Dining Plans, cash, checks and credit cards at the door. For a complete list of locations and serving hours, check us out at

www.hospitality.ttu.edu

We look forward to serving you excellence!

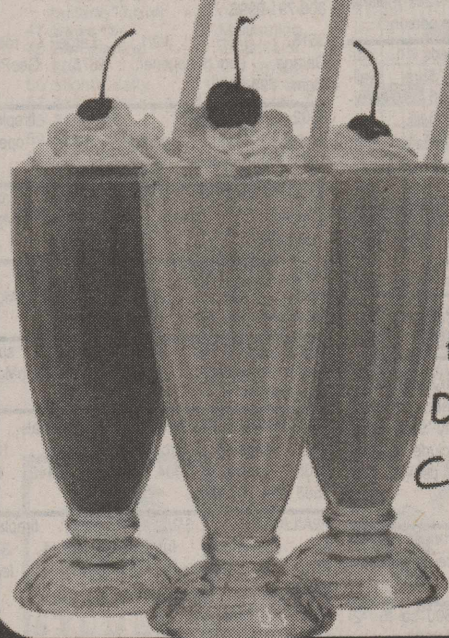
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