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STATE

17 members of prison gang indicted

HOUSTON (AP) — Seventeen Houston area men whom officials say are members of a prison-based Texas gang have been indicted on charges of murder, armed robbery and drug trafficking, federal authorities said Monday.

The indictment accuses the men, nine of whom were already in prison, of three murders, two attempted murders, conspiracy to commit murder, five aggravated robberies, trafficking in cocaine and marijuana and of racketeering from August 1999 through February 2006 as members of the Texas Syndicate.

NATION

McCain fears 'Tet Offensive' in Iraq

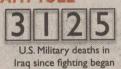
RICHMOND, Va. (AP) - Republican presidential hopeful John McCain said Monday he fears an offensive by Iraqi insurgents similar to the Tet offensive by the Viet Cong that sent U.S. casualties soaring in Vietnam nearly 40 years ago. Mc-Cain, a Vietnam war veteran who spent 5 1/2 years as a prisoner of war, said in an interview with The Associated Press that it's not the U.S. presence in Iraq that upsets voters but rather the number of casualties and the possibility those numbers could rise.

WORLD

Iran leader softens his tone on Iraq

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's hard-line president, who has berated the United States and refused to compromise on his nuclear program, is now softening his tone, saying Monday he wants dialogue rather than confrontation in Iraq. Tehran also denied it gave sophisticated weapons to militants to attack U.S. forces. President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad insisted that turmoil in Iraq is bad for his country and dialogue — not force — was the solution to the region's conflicts.

DEATH TOLL



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By PAUL ROBERTS across Buddy Holly Avenue next Squad was called to the scene for stay clear from windows, Carter filled with papers, and nothing to the Lubbock Sheriff's Office, further investigation. STAFF WRITER was out of the ordinary.

Briefcase causes scare in downtown Lubbock

A portion of downtown suspicious briefcase caused a house," Carter said. bomb scare.

underneath a tree east of the been left there overnight. Lubbock County Courthouse

Capt. Don Carter said.

Lubbock was blocked off Mon- a briefcase left unchecked next enter the area, Carter said. day morning after reports of a to a tree across from the court-

The suspicious briefcase was reported, it appeared to be said. was reported around 10 a.m. wet, which meant it could have

Carter said the Lubbock Bomb next to the scene were asked to

A two-mile radius was blocked "What we had was a report of off, and no traffic was allowed to X-ray to look inside the briefcase allowed through and all streets

"We determined an appropri-He said the when the briefcase on the size of the briefcase," he Office said.

however people in buildings case to be a false alarm.

The bomb squad utilized an and then decided to disable the were unblocked. briefcase by using a hydraulic ate perimeter to block off based disabling device, the Sheriff's to be left unintentionally by an

No buildings were closed, authorities determined the brief- briefcase, Carter said.

Carter said the briefcase was paul.j.roberts@ttu.edu

He said by noon, traffic was

The briefcase was determined individual, and as of 5:30 p.m. Once this was completed, Monday no one had claimed the



COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador

WADE VINALL, A senior petroluem land management and business management major from Arlington, visits the Covenant Children's Hospital Monday evening.

Tech students reach out to children's hospital

Children who would have otherwise not had smiles on their faces were grinning ear-to-ear when they received Valentine's Day presents Monday night.

Members of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and Alpha Phi sorority gathered in the halls of Covenant Children's Hospital with stuffed animals and home-made Valentine's Day cards to give to children.

Alpha Phi Philanthropy Chair Jessica Pearson said one week ago there were markers, stickers and other materials to make the perfect Valentine's Day card scattered all over the floor of the women's lodge.

"I like when we all get together a week before this event and design the cards and eat together," said Pearson, a sophomore business major from Coppell. "We want to thank all the sororities for donating the stuffed animals with us."

Trey Butler, a freshman pre-med major from Stephenville, said he enjoyed giving away the stuffed animals

"One little kid who was maybe a year old just grabbed the bear and was not letting go of it," Butler said.

Beta Philanthropy Chair Barrett Price, said he was

excited to see the turnout at the hospital.

"I thought overall it was a big success," said Price, a junior restaurant hotel institutional management major from Mesquite. "We had more bears than we gave out." He said the nurses, parents and children were all ap-

preciative of the gifts. Lacee Dubose, a sophomore pre-occupational therapy major from The Woodlands, said she has participated in

this event for two years and thinks it is special thing

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New program lowers tuition for future students

STAFF WRITER

lege may have just gotten less expensive.

unveiled a guaranteed tuition program in be some students who come to Tech front of the Texas House of Representa- because of this; we might see an increase tives Higher Education Committee that of about 75 students." would allow incoming freshmen to have their tuition and fees waived for eight plan will be paid for by federal, state

president of enrollment management, which are comprised of money set aside

number of students who will be eligible for the program.

"If we had to project, based on last For incoming freshmen, the price of col-year's numbers, there would be roughly Texas Tech Chancellor Kent Hance paid for," Anderson said. "There will

and institutional funds, including Pell Stephanie Anderson, associate vice grants, Texas grants and TTU grants, Student Aid in by May 1. said she expects to see an increase in the from the previous year's tuition.

She said there is not enough money sure they still fall within the guidelines. tage of the program.

500 students who would get their tuition this apply to transfer students and curprogram. rent students," Anderson said, "but

Blake said the program requires

to allow current students to take advan- If the family's income level raises above the \$40,000 threshold, the student will no 'We would like to be able to have longer be eligible for the guaranteed-tuition

'We're hoping we could expand that to to get us started, that's all we could where we can raise the income level for eligibility," he said, "but for now we would Paul Blake, associate director of the just have to see what other programs are Anderson said the guaranteed-tuition office of student financial aid, said the available to them for financial aid. This key is to remember to apply early and could get parents to apply for these proget the Free Application for Federal grams when they might think they weren't

students to reapply every year to make benjamin.maki@ttu.edu

Tech police blotter

By PAUL ROBERTS STAFF WRITER

Feb. 8

Texas Tech police investigated a Exercise Sciences Building. Police said an unsecured iPod music player was stolen from a locker.

Tech police investigated a theft in the Geosciences Building. According to reports, a student's unsecured room in the building.

A theft was reported in the lobby of Wall/Gates Residence Hall. Police said a framed photograph was stolen from the lobby.

A student was arrested by Tech police for driving while intoxicated and unlawfully carrying a weapon in the R-7 parking lot. According to by police for public intoxication in nor in the stairwell of Murdough reports, the student was transported the 1600 block of Flint Avenue. Poto the Lubbock County Jail and his lice said the student was transported vehicle was impounded.

Feb. 9

A female student passed out in the women's rest room of Chitwood/ Weymouth Residence Hall. Police said the student was taken to the University Medical Center emergency room for treatment.

accident between a motor vehicle and a bicycle in the 1500 block of dence Hall. Police said the student Akron Avenue. According to re- was issued a Lubbock County cita-

news report said Monday.

China's initial missile test, car-

ried out on Jan. 11 and confirmed

ports, no one suffered injuries from tion and released. the accident.

police for possession of alcohol by a a Clement Residence Hall comminor and possession of false Texas theft in the men's locker room of the and Virginia identification cards in the Flint Avenue Parking Garage. Police released the student after into the residence hall. he was issued two Lubbock County

alarm in Weymouth Residence Apple iPod Nano was stolen from a Hall. According to reports, a fire extinguisher was set off on the fourth

> A Tech female student was arrested for public intoxication in the Chitwood Residence Hall lobby. Police transported the student to the Lubbock County Jail.

to the Lubbock County Jail.

Feb. 10

Tech police investigated criminal mischief on two separate floors of Coleman Residence Hall. Police said light fixtures and ceiling tiles had been damaged on each floor.

Tech police investigated a traffic possession of alcohol by a minor in a residence room of Coleman Resi-

China has no plans for more anti-satellite tests

TOKYO (AP) — China has no destroyed a defunct Chinese weather Nukaga quoted National Defense

further plans to carry out anti-satel- satellite by hitting it with a warhead Minister Cao Gangchuan as say-

lite tests, the country's defense head on a ballistic missile. Previously, ing in Beijing, according to Kyodo

ceeded in shooting down anything

by Beijing after two weeks of silence, former defense chief Fukushiro a national holiday.

"We do not plan further tests,"

told Japan's former defense chief, a only Russia and the U.S. had suc-

Tech police documented a code A Tech student was arrested by of student conduct violation by munity adviser. Police said the community adviser was caught sneaking an alcoholic beverage

Tech police investigated possible thefts in the United Spirit Tech police responded to a fire Arena Double-T Shop. According to reports, police are investigating multiple thefts.

A Tech student was arrested for consumption of alcohol by a minor in Coleman Residence Hall. Police issued the student a Lubbock County citation and the student was released.

A Tech student was detained A Tech male student was detained for possession of alcohol by a mi-Residence Hall. Police issued the student a Lubbock County citation and the student was released.

Tech police detained a student for consumption of alcohol by a minor in Stangel Residence Hall. According to reports, the student was issued a Lubbock County citation and released.

A Tech student was arrested A Tech student was arrested for for public intoxication at the east exterior doors of Drane Hall. Police transported the student to the Lubbock County Jail.

Japanese Defense Ministry of-

ficials could not immediately be

reached for comment on Monday,

> paul.j.roberts@ttu.edu

News agency.

WALTER ROSADO./The Daily Toreador

ROBERT HENRY, ASSOCIATE Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts, and Tina Fuentes, Interim Director of the School of Art, formed part of the panel that discussed ethical issues Monday evening at the Student Union building.

Ethics panel tackles tough problems

By NAOMI KASKELA STAFF WRITER

Ethical values are often considered to be among the most important of undergraduate and curricular issues some individuals who come are not parts of a college education.

and Performing Arts as part of Eth- standards at Tech. ics Week beginning Monday. The individual views on the issue.

specifically, as well as on a broader and nation, he said. basis, such as diversity on the Texas Lubbock community.

"Look at the world and look at "It just doesn't work that way." Texas Tech," said Jonathan Marks, the director of the Ethics Initiative as an employee, especially one who and interim dean of the College of can be characterized as diverse, the Visual and Performing Arts. "The issue becomes how to retain them. world is what our students will be living in. The world is a more dia and a professor in the School of Art, verse place than Texas Tech, than said she wanted to leave when she in Lubbock."

terms of the way the Hub City is laid out, being split into the East and West sides of the city, and in individuals because something a friend from New who are employed by the College of York told her over the phone. Visual and Performing Arts.

live on segregated lines," he said fact Fuentes was, in a way, a pioneer working on that. Of course there are of Lubbock. "We have to, in some at Tech and she would help attract limitations on what we can do and sense, alter what Texas Tech looks other people who are diverse in the what we ought to do. I think we've like, what the complexion of Texas future. Tech looks like."

leadership have armed Shiite militants

the weapons to Tehran.

that the highest levels of Iranian told reporters.

was attracting a pool of applicants to ways," she said. fulfill that goal.

at the College of Visual and Perform-Diversity in hiring was the focus ing Arts, said advertising and the way of the panel and audience discussion it is handled is something that needs presented by the College of Visual to be looked at to revise the diversity

"Are our descriptions inviting to presentation, "The Ethics and Prac-possible applicants?" he said. "How tice of Diversity in Hiring," brought do we develop beyond that [which] together members of different areas is here and already given to us?" within the college to present their A way to make advertising appealing to a more diverse crowd is through Discussions and points were made using connections Tech, specifically concerning diversity in the Col- the College of Visual and Performing lege of Visual and Performing Arts Arts, has made throughout the state

"It isn't good enough to just send Tech campus as a whole and in the a flier out," said William Ballenger, the director of the School of Music.

Once an individual comes to Tech

Tina Fuentes, the interim director first came to Tech because she did Marks talked about diversity in not have support or a community she could become a part of.

She said the reason she stayed is

"I think that support system is work on together." One issue of concern discussed very, very important, and it can come > naomi.kaskela@ttu.edu

Iran rejects U.S. accusations it armed insurgents in Iraq

the American-led coalition. Three

about diversifying the faculty at Tech on different levels and in different

One reason stated for the difficulty Robert Henry, the associate dean of retaining diversity in the faculty is able to adjust to the surroundings and the environment of Lubbock.

> "One of the things we find we have working against us is geographic," said Frederick Christoffel, the chair of the Department of Theater and Dance. "We all know that this isn't the end of the world, but you can see it."

> The staff workload and facilities were two other reasons he said retaining faculty can be difficult at times.

> There are difficulties imposed from different places and people causing the goal to diversify to be hard to reach, Marks said.

> "The state of the law now is that we absolutely must have diversity, but we can't do anything to achieve it," he said.

While he said this may be discouraging, Marks said it means people must want to create diversity themselves, rather than only being forced from the outside.

"If it's going to happen, the energy must come from within," he said.

Ballenger said he feels he is in a position to create change and that he is looking forward to making it

"I look at it as here we are in a mo-"You have to stay where you are ment of time," he said. "In the time "The community was built along at," Fuentes said her friend told her. that we have we do need to make a regated lines and continues to Reasons for staying included the difference in the way we look. We are got a serious problem that we can

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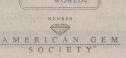
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TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran on are unacceptable," Foreign Ministry

Monday rejected U.S. accusations spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini

in Iraq with armor-piercing roadside ed weapons are known as "explosively

bombs, a day after U.S. military of-formed penetrators," or EFPs, which

ficials in Baghdad said they had traced have killed more than 170 troops from

upon or be presented as evidence. The said the "machining process" used in

United States has a long history in the construction of the deadly bombs

fabricating evidence. Such charges had been traced to Iran.

"Such accusations cannot be relied senior military officials in Baghdad

(Includes Free Lotion)

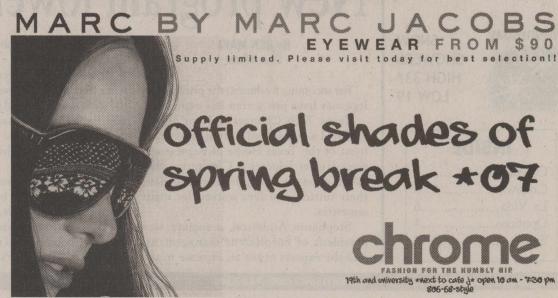
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But Hosseini said Iran's top leaders were not intervening in Iraq and considered "any intervention in Iraq's The deadly and highly sophisticatinternal affairs as a weakening of the popular Iraqi government, and we are opposed to that."

The U.S. military presentation in Baghdad on Sunday was the result of weeks of preparation and revisions as U.S. officials put together a package of material to support the Bush administration's claims of Iranian intercession on behalf of militant Iraqis fighting American forces.

The experts, who spoke to a large gathering of reporters on condition that they not be further identified, said the supply trail began with Iran's Revolutionary Guards Quds Force, which also is accused of arming the Hezbollah guerrilla army in Lebanon. The officials said the EFP weapon was first tested there.

The U.S. officials in Baghdad claimed the EFPs, as well as Iranianmade mortar shells and rocket-propelled grenades, have been supplied to "rogue elements" of the Mahdi Army militia of anti-American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who is a key backer of Shiite Prime Minister Nouri



Job fair gives engineers internship opportunities

By GLENYS BOLLS STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech College of Engineering is hosting a job fair this week in the Student Union Building's ployment and internships with 165 different companies.

Shelli Crockett, the director of of Engineering, said the job fair will be open for students from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

"We're having 55 companies a day," Crockett said. "Most are returners, but there are a handful of new ones."

engineering major from Kerrville, said he has already seen most of the returning companies, so he is interested in attending the fair because of new businesses.

"I've been to the job fair every be there this year. The broadness of the companies is what really appeals to me.

Crockett said with the number of companies attending this semester's job fair, the field should be wide open appeals to them.

"For engineering students, this is like me." the primary recruitment event of the semester," Crockett said. "Businesses come here to offer co-ops, internships and full-time employment."

Antonio, said he is planning to engineers of our quality. And given graduate in May 2008, so he will the high demand right now, it's be attending the job fair to find an beneficial to them to get us right

"I'll be updating my resume toballroom to help students find em- night," Frederiksen said. "I'll just Engineering's job fair is so popular give them out to whoever and see the college had to turn companies what happens."

Crockett said the College of Engicooperative education in the College neering has an impressive reputation est recruitments in the nation," of finding jobs for its students.

> "We have pretty much 100 percent placement," Crockett said. "Any come, first serve and when it's student that wants a job gets one."

full-time employment because he will by Dec. 1." be graduating in December.

Scott Swonke, a senior civil nections," Swonke said, "the job fair of his professors. is the best way to find a job."

> coming to the College of Engineer- are fairly in demand," Frederiksen ing's job fair because they can find said. "From what my professors everyone they need in one place.

year," Swonke said. "I'll definitely fair," Crockett said. "We don't split senior lab. Tech prepares us more them up like some universities do. for the real world, applying our It's basically one-stop shopping for know-how." the companies."

plan to find an internship.

"I'm just going to go in there and for students to find a company that see what I hear," Frederiksen said. "I'll see if I like them and see if they

reputation for engineering students. diverse college. We have all differ-

spected," Swonke said. "When stu-

trical engineering major from San we're doing. There's a demand for out of college."

> Crockett said the College of away from the fair.

"We have one of the high-Crockett said. "We turned people down for the job fair. It's first full, it's full. Sign-ups for this job Swonke said he is hoping to find fair started Nov. 1 and it was full

Frederiksen said he has heard "For people who don't have con- about Tech's reputation from some

"I haven't been looking at Crockett said companies like others, but electrical engineers tell me, we go through five project "We put all majors at one job labs whereas UT does only one

Crockett said companies at the Frederiksen said he has a simple college's last job fair set a precedent by offering full-time employment to students who were still months away from graduating.

"Companies were making of-· fers at the October fair to May Swonke said Tech has a good graduates," Crockett said. "We're a 'Texas Tech is pretty well-re- ent majors and a good track record. We're in high demand."

David Frederiksen, a senior elec- dents leave here, we know what >> glenys.bolls@ttu.edu

WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

House Democrats ready anti-war resolution on Iraq

Democratic leaders circulated a non- in Iraq." binding resolution Monday saying that of President George W. Bush ... to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq."

the members of the United States election. armed forces who are serving or who

Debate on the resolution is sched-Congress "disapproves of the decision uled to begin on Tuesday, with each of the 435 House members allotted five minutes to speak. It will mark the simple, unadorned terms, an attempt first debate in Congress on the war The measure, expected to come since Democrats won control of the of Republicans who would support it to a vote by Friday, also says that House and Senate in last November's and also to emphasize support for the "Congress and the American people elections. Opposition to the war troops. Republican leaders have said will continue to support and protect figured heavily in the outcome of the

Democratic leaders in the House

WASHINGTON (AP) - House have served bravely and honorably and Senate have vowed to force an end to U.S. participation in the war, and made debate over a nonbinding resolution a symbolic first step.

The House measure was drafted in by Democrats to maximize the number they expect at least a few dozen defections when the vote is taken later in

Attorneys use testimony to try and cast Libby as scapegoat

of the nation's best-known journalists a scapegoat in the CIA case.

Libby, the former chief of staff to

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some operative Valerie Plame's identity.

Using reporters as their first batch testified Monday about news leaks in of witnesses, Libby's attorneys tried the Bush administration as attorneys to show that the administration was for I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby tried to leaking from several sources. And cast the former White House aide as when Libby had the opportunity to leak himself, they said, he did not.

Vice President Dick Cheney, is ac- Pincus testified he learned about Sanger testified that they separately cused of lying and obstructing the in- Plame, the wife of former ambassador interviewed him and that he never vestigation into the 2003 leak of CIA and prominent war critic Joseph Wil- discussed Plame.

son, from White House press secretary Ari Fleischer. The Post's Bob Woodward and syndicated columnist Robert Novak testified they heard it from Deputy State Department Secretary Richard Armitage.

As for Libby, both Novak and Washington Post reporter Walter New York Times reporter David

Woman pleads guilty to trying to cut fetus from neighbor's womb

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A women in a clearing. woman pleaded guilty Monday to attempted homicide, assault and was to begin Monday. kidnapping for trying to cut a fetus to steal Valerie Oskin's baby and pass

The plea came as Conner's trial

"I think she wanted to take from her neighbor's womb. Peggy Jo responsibility and have that going Conner, 39, was accused of plotting for her in the sentencing hearing," Conner's attorney, David J. DeFazio, it off as her own. Both Oskin and told The Associated Press. "She is the baby survived after a boy on an facing repercussions to her behavior women told his father, who called all-terrain vehicle spotted the two but, given her options, I think she is authorities.

Authorities accused her of attack-

ing Oskin on Oct. 13, 2005, with a baseball bat at her home, then driving her to a remote location and using a razor knife to cut her abdomen in an effort to remove her unborn baby.

The ATV rider who spotted the

Chimps may have used stone hammers 4,300 years ago

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chim- West African country Ivory Coast. of Sciences. "hammers" as long as 4,300 years ago. of tools by chimpanzees. An international research team, led by archaeologist Julio Mercader of nuts, a behavior still seen in chimps

panzees may have been using stone It would be the earliest known use

The hammers were used to crack ancient times, the researchers say. hammers, dated to that time, in the ceedings of the National Academy ers in the 1600s.

The finding may indicate that a "chimpanzee stone age" began in

The earliest reports of stone tool the University of Calgary, Canada, in that area, the researchers said in use by chimpanzees in this area date said Monday it had uncovered the a paper in the online edition of Pro- to the writings of Portuguese explor-

Photos of Anna Nicole in bed with immigration minister revive scandal

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — Pho- he found methadone in her bedroom in the Bahamas is planned. minister who approved her applica- Florida last week.

mansion where Smith was living said hospital and an inquest into his death of inches apart.

tographs of Anna Nicole Smith in bed refrigerator when he went to secure embracing the Bahamian immigration the estate following her death in on the front page of The Tribune

revived a political scandal in the methadone contributed to the death Gibson, both fully clothed, embracof Smith's 20-year-old son Daniel in ing on a bed decorated with pink Also Monday, the son-in-law of the Bahamas in September. Daniel flowers and a white ribbon. In one the American developer embroiled in Smith died while visiting his mother of the photos, they look into each an ownership dispute over the Nassau and newborn half-sister in a Bahamas other's eyes, their faces only a couple

Two photographs published of Nassau Monday showed Smith tion for permanent residency here A private pathologist has said and Immigration Minister Shane

SIGNAGE



Kelly Mathelry/The Daily Toreador

AARON LABLANC, LYNN Wilkerson, and Mario Munoz put up the Freebirds sign at the new Freebirds on Broadway and University Monday evening.

Voted Best Tanning Salon in Lubbock Reader's Choice 2006 (Includes Free Lotion) Body Bronze V Body Branze I **Body Bronze III Body Bronze IV** 19th & University 50th & Quaker 82nd 8 4134 19th Next to Drug En (Next to Arby's) (Next to Planet Fitness) (Next to McDonald's) 722-0672 792-4439 794-27 788-1301 Near Tech Near Tech at any of these 4 locations! and Stand-Ups at NO extra cost!!

Construction to yield sports Minardi said he suspects half the ready for people to move in for the

By KATIE HARRIS STAFF WRITER

Renovations being made to the site of the old University Plaza building on the corner of Main Street and University Avenue will yield a new U resort-style swimming pools and a movie theater.

Dean Minardi, owner and developer, said the market research conducted in Lubbock determined there was a to buy, not lease.

He said the original idea was to property. develop units students could rent, but one and two bedroom condominiums individuals could purchase.

"The 308-unit project is broken down into two parts," Minardi said. "There are 195 units aimed at full-time owners like students and young professionals buying their first place.

ter" and will feature luxury sports condominiums complete with Red Raider 2006. décor and pictures of Tech sports.

buyers of the sports condominiums will fall semester," Minardi said. "There businesses who house their employees for the first football game." for six to 30 nights a year and would otherwise rent a hotel.

Loft development, which will feature condominiums will have the option to The packet also includes the rental put their units into a voluntary rental rates for one bedroom/one bathroom program," he said. "So there will be a units and for two bedroom/two full-service 'hotel' directly across the street from Texas Tech."

need for one and two bedroom units U Lofts, said she is the one to talk there will be more students drawn to about information regarding the to the strip of property across from

'The banners on the side of the the plan was transformed to produce building were a big contributing fac- Nolen said. "It will also help with tor to our phone activity thus far," Belcher said: Minardi said for the first year,

for-sale units. He said the property was purchased He said the other 113 units will be in February 2006, demolition lasted branded "Red Raider Gameday Cen- from June 2006 to August 2006 and the construction started in September

"The units will be completed and mary.k.harris@ttu.edu

be alumni, and the other half will be will be 113 game-day units in time The U Loft information packet

includes the 16 different floor plans "The people who buy the sports available as well as the price listings. bathroom units.

Amy Nolen, a server at Mes-Ann Belcher, sales manager of quite's Barbeque and Steaks, said

> "I think it will help business," drinking and driving because it is so close.

The U Loft office is temporarily individuals will be able to rent units, located at the corner of Univerbut the facilities will soon turn into sity Avenue and 10th Street. Office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and by appointment.

> To find out more information about U Lofts, call Ann Belcher at (806) 767-9000 or visit the Web site at www.uloftslubbock.com.

British attorney general calls revised rules for Guantanamo inadequate

MIAMI (AP) — Revised rules for the treatment and military trials of detainees at the Guantanamo Bay prison camp are "too little and too late," Britain's attorney general said Monday, repeating his call to battlefield. close the facility.

smith said Guantanamo remains a symbol of injustice because prisoners held in the facility in Cuba cannot use American courts to protest their detention and may be not typically allowed in civilian jailer and do not hold detainees for there.

"There remain fundamental problems with this system of detention," Goldsmith told the American Bar Association at its meeting in Miami.

He first called for Guantanamo's closure last year, before the Supreme Court struck down the Bush administration's plan to use military commissions to try some detainees and Congress sent President Bush a new law intended to answer the court's objections.

Goldsmith said the fight against terrorists must be won not only through force, but also values and

makes it so much more difficult to do this for all of us," he said. Cmdr. J.D. Gordon, a Pentagon

"The presence of Guantanamo

have allowed interrogators to learn have been working to persuade information to avert terrorist at- other countries to accept their tacks and kept so-called enemy citizens." combatants from returning to the

Attorney General Lord Gold- include some of the world's most vicious terrorist operatives, including those who are alleged to have planned the attacks of Sept. 11, opened five years ago. the bombing of USS Cole and the U.S. Embassy bombings in Kenya though Defense Department convicted of crimes on the basis of and Tanzania," Gordon said. "We officials have said they envision coerced evidence and other means have no desire to be the world's trials for 60 to 80 of those held

spokesman, said the detentions any longer than necessary. We

There are almost 400 people suspected of ties to al-Qaida and "The detainees at Guantanamo the Taliban being held at the military's prison in Guantanamo Bay. About 380 others have been released since the facility was

None has been tried, al-



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OPINIONS

Dixie Chicks gain small vindication

T t's been nearly three years since the famous incident on a London stage that caused the Dixie Chicks to fall from grace within the country-music world. Maybe you remember their fall on the radio, television and the country-music charts.

but feel a small bit of vindication, if not for the group, which has endured so much, then for the victory of freedom of speech.

not believe in. True patriotism is not blindly following your country, but embodying the ideals for which that country was created.

The Bill of Rights is a guarantee to all Americans that their rights will be protected - no questions asked. There are no provisions. Unfortunately, both sides of the pothose rights they don't quite wish we would have.

Conservatives want to honor disagrees with that opinion. the right to bear arms and freedom of religion, but when it comes to my mind in an e-mail to members someone speaking his or her mind of an organization of which I was about the president of the United active. Yet, people didn't agree with lie Maines is just another in a line States or using the American flag as what I had to say, and some took of those who have used their right as a symbol of freedom of speech, they offense to it. They immediately an American to speak free. want to ignore that section of the removed me from my leadership First Amendment.



Certainly it's a time the three want to restrict what kind of guns women from Texas will never forget. you can have and how you practice As they stood on stage at the Gram- your religion. The Bill of Rights is a my awards Sunday, you couldn't help total package; we don't get to pick which freedoms we want and which followed her comments, though, disones we'd rather not follow.

After being questioned about being a member of the American Civil America is often lauded as the Liberties Union, the president in the land of the free. Conservatives, as movie "The American President" much as anyone, love to speak about said, "Let's see you acknowledge a freedom, the Bill of Rights and what man whose words make your blood it means to be American. Yet, the boil, who's standing center stage of an exercise of free speech result true measure of that freedom is your and advocating at the top of his in a positive action. History remains willingness to defend the right of lungs that which you would spend littered with immeasurable numbers someone to say something you may a lifetime opposing at the top of of people who spoke their minds and

I will probably never agree with Natalie Maines' statement about being embarrassed President George W. Bush is from the State of Texas, but I will never falter on the idea she result, if you've used free speech, you has the right to speak her mind.

Perhaps, though, it takes a challenge of that freedom of speech to litical spectrum seem easy to ignore appreciate it. I certainly know what it means to speak your mind on an issue and pay the price when someone

position in the organization and Liberals want the most open suspended me — all without even freedom of speech possible, yet they considering the validity of what I

Those comments may have irked some people, but at least I had the will to say what I truly felt. Many times in history people have spoken their minds with positive effects. The outcome of speaking your mind shouldn't be complete destruction by those in opposition to you — such as what happened to the Dixie Chicks. It should be a discussion.

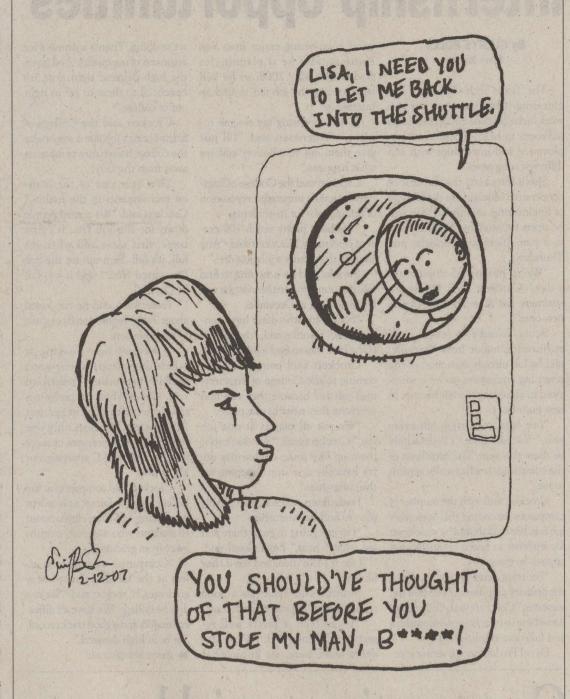
In the atmosphere of hysteria that cussion never entered consideration. The ignorant hillbillies of America were too busy burning and bulldozing Dixie Chicks CDs to ask them the one question which could've actually been productive — why?

It seems rarely does the outcome were never heard of again.

Similarly, there are the Natalie Maines's of the world, who spoke their minds and experienced some kind of outcome. No matter the have honored the one freedom that is overall the most American.

Thomas Jefferson is Natalie Maines. Andrew Jackson is Natalie Maines. Abraham Lincoln is Natalie Maines. Teddy Roosevelt is Natalie Maines. From denouncing Three years ago, I chose to speak the "Tyrant King George" to being "ashamed that the president of the United States is from Texas," Nata-

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The hole in our education

By ANA I. MENDY HARVARD CRIMSON (HARVARD)

as History 10a, "Western Societies, room in American history classes. Politics, and Cultures: From Antiquity to 1650" and History 10b, which does the same job from 1648 up to the present.

But the College forgets that its international students are correspondingly likely to have gaps in their high school education, especially when it comes to American history. After all, few international students - with the exception of those who, like myself, attended American high schools — have ever taken a U.S. history course. Many foreign students express interest in enrolling in a History 10a or 10blike course that will provide them with an introduction to the major themes of American history. But for the past two years, Harvard has not offered one. There was previously such a course in the form of History 71a and 71b, but it was discontinued in 2005, to the detriment of our education. Harvard should, with its scrapping of the core, take the opportunity to restore these vital courses to the books.

This oversight is ironic, since the College proudly stakes its claims to internationalism and world prestige. Yet it fails to take into account this very basic need on the part of internationals, who comprise nearly 10 percent of the Harvard undergraduate population.

After all, for an international with no background in U.S. history, taking a general survey course on the subject would prove far more useful in understanding modern America than the more specific history core offerings, such as Historical Study B-34. "The World in 1776" or Historical Study B-40, "Pursuits of Happiness: Ordinary Lives in Revolutionary America." If international students are not familiar with the basic events and people of the American Revolution, then how are they expected to appreciate classes as narrow in scope as these? Without a broad knowledge of U.S. history, the context of the courses is impossible to ascertain, thus many internationals are excluded from a host of potentially interesting classes.

Even international students concentrating in history are given few opportunities to learn about the "big picture" of American history. Introduction to the major fields in

the History Department through tuto- course will invariably help students Themes in American Historical Writ-(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, ing" already assume previous knowledge Mass. — Harvard University as- of American history, making it hard sumes, not always without reason, for foreign students to study this field

> Furthermore, historical context is important not just academically but in order to fully comprehend the present developments in America, such as the misadventure in Iraq and the debate on immigration. Given America's superpower status, every Harvard graduate ought to possess a broad and sophisticated understanding of American history — something not always provided even by an American high school. Given that most Harvard undergraduates, both international and not, will work and live in America, understanding the roots of public dis-

rials such as History 90e, "The Major better comprehend the world around

Now that both the preliminary and the final report of the Task Force on General Education have acknowledged that its American undergraduates - few students choose to enroll in that U.S. history is of central imporpossess scant knowledge of European classes that assume knowledge they do tance to our education, the College and Ancient History. To fill this not have. Unsurprisingly, I often find must seize this opportunity to introduce void, the college offers courses such that I am the only international in the such a survey U.S. History course, and must not allow the US requirement to become filled by the arcane and

While the report of the Task Force on General Education has identified American history as instrumental in "help[ing] students understand this country as a heterogeneous and multifaceted nation situated within an international framework," it again overlooks the necessity of providing students with an introductory course in American history. The time has come for Harvard to acknowledge that there is a big gap in our education - and to fill it.

Star's demise a lesson on humanity

By ELEX MICHAELSON DAILY TROJAN (USC)

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — Anna Nicole Smith is dead. Surprisingly, in some ways, I miss her.

It's not exactly like her death is shocking. In the last few months, it seemed as if she was popping pills at a faster rate than Hugh Hefner was ingesting Viagra. You didn't need special medical knowledge to see her spiraling out of control.

Nonetheless, I feel for her, as do so many Americans. Who would have thought our country would sympathize so much with a white-trash, big-breasted,

gold-digging, drug-addicted, sex-addicted not the mouth.

She was a laughingstock. Her TV show was designed to document and mock the obese celebrity train wreck. Just like nin Scalia and Anna Nicole Smith. There's "American Idol," watching "The Anna Nicole Smith Show" allowed us all to point at someone else, laugh, and feel better about ourselves. It didn't matter that she had fame or money; she was fat and stupid, and we all felt superior to her.

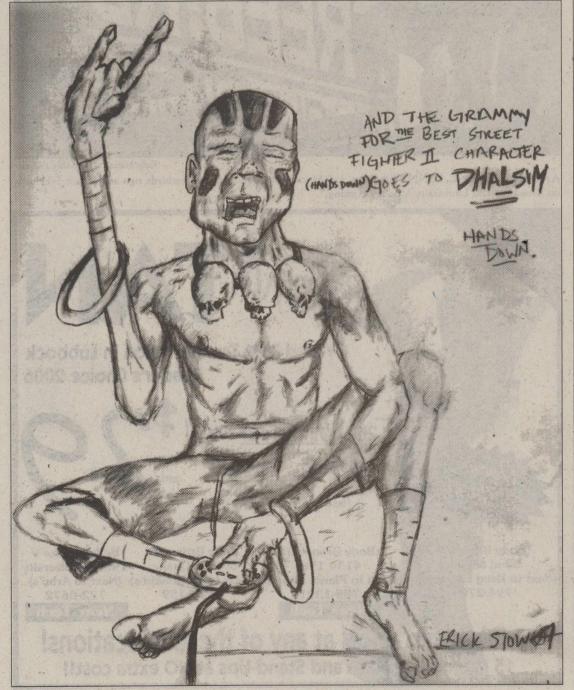
Remember, this is the woman who met 89-year-old billionaire J. Howard Marshall while dancing at a strip club and then married him. After they said "I do," she showed her true feelings by kissing him on the cheek,

After his death, her fight for his money went all the way to the Supreme Court — and she won. Clarence Thomas, Antoa reality show I want to see.

Now Anna Nicole's 5-month-old daughter is without a mother and a brother. And she will never know either one of them. We have to wait for a DNA test and a lengthy paternity suit to see who is

Even if she inherits Marshall's \$474 million, it doesn't matter. She will never have a mom to enjoy it with.

That is no laughing matter.



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Tech wind research team studies recent tornadoes

STAFF WRITER

some experience with wind, like NWS in October. the tornado of 1970 that devasgets its share of wind as well.

Last week, a team of wind researchers from Texas Tech went a series of tornadoes that tore from Saturday through Tuesday. through the central region of the state two weeks ago.

the National Weather Service in Oklahoma and South Dakota. He Melbourne, Fla., said the tornados studied the effects of hurricanes occurred at the beginning of the Katrina and Ivan as well. area's severe weather period.

Larry Tanner, a civil engineertor, said this was the first series of from other building structures. storms to have its degree of damage Fujita scale by the NWS.

designed by T. Theodore Fujita to their new standards." in 1971 to rate tornadoes and the damage they cause.

According to a proposal to the NWS, the Enhanced Fujita scale was developed to increase the number of damage indicators degrees of damage. The proposal was put together by a team led by Tech professors Kishor Mehta, a lish its findings this summer. Horn professor of civil engineering

Center, and James McDonald, department chairperson of civil engineering. The proposal to adopt West Texas residents have had the new scale was submitted to the

According to the NWS Web tated parts of Lubbock, but Florida site, http://www.spc.noaa.gov/efscale/, the use of the Enhanced Fujita scale went into effect Feb 1.

Graduate student Tanva Brown to Florida to study the effects of said the team stayed in Florida

Tanner said he has studied the effects of storms all over the coun-Dave Sharp, forecaster for try including storms in Indiana,

He said his primary research is the damage of mobile homes from ing research associate and instruc- storms, but the team collected data

"The Florida building code has evaluated by the new Enhanced strict guidelines about anchors," Tanner said. "We were interested The original Fujita Scale was to see if those were performing up

Tanner said there are new regulations for newer manufactured homes, and he was looking forward to examining how well dards. Still, he only encountered and to more effectively determine manufactured homes built in the

Tanner said the group will pub- hicles' safety features.

Science and Engineering Research the safety features of their homes it, then it is still no good."



those homes stood up to the stan- LARRY TANNER, MANAGER Debris Impact Facility/Research Associate from the Wind Science and Engineering Research Center at Texas Tech University, takes measurements of the tie down straps on the frame of double wide in the Lake Mack area that was destroyed by a tornado. Researchers from Tech visted areas of Central Florida that were damaged by

as they would maintain their ve-

and former director of Tech's Wind search encourages people maintain it in good order, but you don't use months.

the NWS in Lubbock, said it is difereally easier to predict the weather

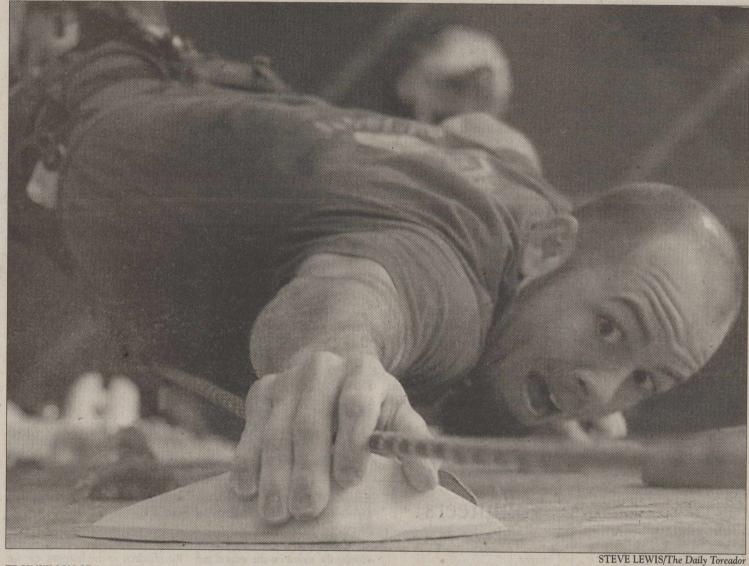
"Tornado season is primarily in signals to suggest an above average

Ron McQueen, forecaster for April, May and June, but it is gen- or a below average spring."

He said the average number "It's kind of like a seat belt in ficult to predict how the weather patterns for the fall and winter of tornado events for the South Brown said she hopes the re- the car," Brown said. "If you keep will be in the spring and summer months," McQueen said. "Right Plains region is anywhere between now, there are no strong climate 10 and 30.

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VERTICAL LIMIT



TROY WILSON OF Austin attempts to hang on to a hold near the top of the 53-foot indoor climbing wall at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center Saturday while competing in Vertical Plains 2007, a competition sponsored by the Outdoor Pursuits Center.

Southwest Airlines raises fares on more than half its seats

matched the increase.

Dallas-based Southwest on Friday raised one-way fares by \$10 on by promising low fares, but it has increase appeared to be sticking under \$58 per barrel on Monday, flights of more than 1,000 miles and raised prices several times in the late Monday. up to \$3 on shorter flights. It was past year. Southwest's second broad increase in three months.

woman Paula Berg. "(Oil) prices fares higher," Jamie Baker, an analyst remain high, and we expect them with JP Morgan, said in a note to to stay high. We have to offset our clients. "Southwest's full court press fuel bill."

Berg said the \$10 increase affected one-fourth of its customers Free Computer Repair and the smaller increases would hit another one-third.

On Saturday, AMR Corp.'s American Airlines, UAL Corp.'s United Airlines, Northwest Air-

than half its seats by up to \$10 increases, according to the car- labor and fuel costs." each way, and several competitors riers, analysts, and experts who track fares.

if we count on higher oil prices, we does initiate an increase, the other on the New York Stock Exchange. "It's still about fuel," said spokes- can count on Southwest to push for higher revenue is a phenomenon

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DALLAS (AP) - Southwest lines Corp., Continental Airlines we expect to continue for several carriers are happy to join in," said Airlines has raised fares on more Inc. and others had matched the years given its confluence of rising Neil Bainton of FareCompare.com

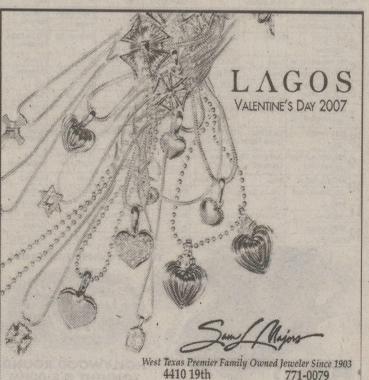
> Fare increases can fail if some carriers refuse to go along with the rating on Southwest to "outperform." Southwest built its business higher prices, but the Southwest Also, oil prices fell more than \$2, to

> · "Given Southwest's general "It is increasingly evident that resistance to fare increases, when it or 4,1 percent, to \$15.77 in trading

tracking service.

Separately, Bear Stearns raised its which boosted airline stocks.

Southwest shares rose 63 cents,



In New Hampshire, voters seek clarity on Clinton's Iraq war views

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) a "tragic mistake" that never should Hillary Rodham Clinton.

From crowded town hall meetings to smaller gathering at private homes, Clinton was enthusiastically received by voters throughout the key early voting state on Saturday and Sunday. She deftly fielded questions on a range of subjects, the genocide in Darfur.

planned increase in troop levels? president in 2002. And, perhaps most importantly,

"She has a very nuanced ex- Clinton. planation, and it's a pretty good explanation. But many people her vote was a mistake," said Paul LeBlanc, a Clinton supporter and president of Southern New Hampshire University.

 buckling to pressure from antiwar activists and two top Demoopens herself to accusations of dogged by skeptical questions about

porters in Iowa that the war was their own security.

— After nearly four years of war have been authorized — a swipe at his and more than 3,000 U.S. dead, Senate rivals who backed the 2002 New Hampshire voters are de- resolution. Responding specifically manding more than nuance on Iraq to Clinton's stand, he said he was from Democratic front-runner Sen. uncertain how she would proceed to reduce U.S. forces.

"I know that's she's stated that she thinks the war should end by the start of the next president's first term. Beyond that, though, how she wants to accomplish that, I'm not clear on," he said.

Throughout her weekend camfrom education to health care to paign visit here, Clinton stuck to her guns: She said she voted to give Bush But invariably, the questions authority to send weapons inspectors returned to Iraq. What would she to Iraq, and that her vote was not do to end the conflict if elected an endorsement of pre-emptive war. president? Would she support cut- She also said she would never have ting funds to stop President Bush's sought to invade Iraq if she had been

But that wasn't enough for Claire why won't she recant her 2002 vote Helfman, a retired nurse who atauthorizing the military invasion? tended a Nashua house party to meet

"I've heard your explanation for your vote: 'I didn't think I was voting want to hear her clearly say that for the war, I was voting for inspections.' It doesn't fly. It just doesn't fly," Helfman told Clinton.

The New York senator repeated her long-standing mantra - "If we It's a vexing matter for Clin- knew then what we know now, I ton, who is hoping to become the would never have voted to give this nation's first female commander president the authority." And she in chief. If she repudiates her vote again batted down calls for her to describe her vote as a mistake.

"I'm sorry, what I say is what I cratic rivals, Illinois Sen. Barack believe," she said. "I understand that Obama and former North Carolina some people disagree or think it's not Sen. John Edwards — Clinton adequate, but it's what I believe."

At a house party in Manchester flip-flopping. But defending her on Sunday, Clinton offered an outline vote means she'll continue to be of what she would do as president to scale back the conflict. She vowed it as she campaigns in not only the she would engage diplomatically early voting states but around the with other countries in the region, relaunch the Middle East peace pro-On Sunday, Obama told re- cess and force Iraqis to take charge of

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Octopus Project rocks sold-out sea of people

By DAVID WARD STAFF WRITER

The Octopus Project's second visit to Lubbock proved to the sold-out crowd that the Hub City has yet to tire of the group's presence. Along with opening bands the Numerators and Muchos Backflips!, Saturday at Jake's Backroom included a theremin, a saxophone and two brothers from the '80s - proving to be the most diverse party of the

I have been in Lubbock has been interesting to see Backroom Saturday night. how Lubbock has placed

Project's sometimes guitarist, The Octopus Project came on. sometimes drummer and synth

evening in what can best be de- this past year. scribed as a time capsule containeardrums are infiltrated with a - emphasis on the funk.

by Muchos Backflips!, who, since ends, the band will be entering a the possibility of having their starting in Lubbock in 1999, have recording studio for the first time vocal chops materialized; the relocated to Austin. The band at Bear Creek Studios in Seattle brought to the stage a more structor record its third full-length. tured approach. While you can attain the band mates have a very hopefully will deliver new music Project's new tracks. The band

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for three years now, and it YVONNE LAMBERT OF The Octopus Project rocks the stage at Jake's

itself in the top tier of hot stops they were playing and the crowd will perform. While the stage was for touring sub-culture bands. enjoyed them, they just seemed to Toto Miranda, The Octopus fill the perfunctory band slot until

player, described the band's last on stage, I had the opportunity band. It's this aspect which envisit as such: "Nuts," "Bananas" to ask them about their previand "Hot Fudge." While this may ous year and how it has affected sound like the perfect decadent them on a broader scale. What diabetic delight, this is how bands was refreshing to see — as with all over the country feel after they any artist you become attached come from a successful show in to — is they have maintained a very modest outlook on all the words such as bombastic, eclectic, The Numerators started off the positive press they have obtained

ing the psychedelics from the '60s one of the band's biggest shocks ing how a band performs. While and the flat-tops and neon shorts came from being asked to play the from the '80s. Once opened, your Coachella festival (Note: for a point of relevance, Rage Against barrage of hip-hop, experimental the Machine is performing at the noise and electronic beats. It's fun aforementioned fest). Being asked for the whole dysfunctional family to play at such a summit from a record the band self-recorded is an The Numerators were followed ever-increasing trend. As this tour dancing fanatics who are getting

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heavily decorated for their last visit, this visit included a projection slide show with animation Before the band members went and sketches done by the entire compasses The Octopus Project into a single thriving unit.

If you have never seen The Octopus Project, the best way to describe it to the intrigued passer-by would start with buzz electronic-pop and the list can go on. Yet, the experience lays Yvonne Lambert accounts in actually taking part in see-Yvonne may be working away at the keyboard or theremin, Toto and Josh may be turning the dials for various effects on her part in the song, amid playing their own separate parts.

The night was full of eager band recorded an audience chord harmonic, which could perhaps With each new show, a band wind up on one of The Octopus tight niche on the genre of music and a new approach to how it even took the roll of a fan by taking pictures of the audience during songs.

It's that symmetry, as I see it, that keeps the band from imploding under the weight of success. A band who lacks a road crew and a merch guy gains humility under the heat of the limelight. While they continue to receive accolades from all over, they will still have a welcome stage and a receptive crowd Lubbock.

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Psalm 35:9 And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord; it shall rejoice in His salvation

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Single student's guide to Valentine's Day

By ANNE SHEPHERD STAFF WRITER

Love is in the air ... for that's what I did." some. Many women are eagifts of roses and chocolate best way to go. (one may predict the Rec will girls trying to work off the calories), and guys are stirring that unique idea that no one else has done vet.

But what about the sin- her friends.

off on romantic dates, the Valentine's sentiments. rest are spending Valentine's Day alone.

tionships offer advice to the said.

my boyfriend wasn't here, so ers! Happy Valentine's Day!"

"I'm going to Cancún resbe full after this holiday with taurant with other single girlfriends," said Kristi Drennan.

Drennan, a sophomore ocup their best romantic phrases cupational therapy major from with being single on Valentine's Day, and she jokes about it with

While some Texas Tech cards contain phrases like "Be students are joining their mine," single students can find significant others and going some that shirk the traditional

"I've found a lot of fun single cards in Barnes and Nobles a weeknight, some may choose Some of those in rela- that are really funny," Drennan to spend their time studying

"If you're a girl and you're be found in Tech's Barnes and with Jessica Ciment, a junior single, I think you should go Nobles features a picture of two on a girls' night," said Tyler elderly ladies in Victorian dress-Everitt, a junior early child- es and hats, heads tilted back, hood education major from each with a beer bottle to her

Amarillo. "Last year I was in a lips. Inside, the card reads, "To long-distance relationship and heck with chocolate and flow-

Amanda Dennler, a freshman Other Tech students agree advertising major from Houston, gerly expecting Wednesday's hanging out with friends is the said she is looking forward to spending the evening with her friends on Valentine's Day.

> "We're going to order pizza so we don't have to see all the couples," said Dennler.

Still, other single students are and racking their brains for Mason, also said she has fun choosing to not celebrate the holiday in any way.

> "I'm going to sit at home and watch TV," said Brett Odorizzi, a While most Valentine's Day sophomore electronic media mafor from Flower Mound. "To be honest I really hate Valentine's Day; it's one of my least favorite holidays."

> Considering the day falls on instead of worrying about choco-One of the cards that can lates and flowers, as is the case psychology major from San Antonio, who said simply, "I'm

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Murphy's 'Norbit' wins weekend with \$34.2 million box office debut

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ed- \$24,742,205, two weeks. die Murphy's comedy "Norbit" "The Silence of the Lambs" pre- eight weeks. quel "Hannibal Rising" debuting at No. 2 with \$13.1 million.

The top 20 movies at U.S. \$35,594,259, three weeks. and Canadian theaters Friday ber of theater locations, average weeks. receipts per location, total gross as compiled Monday by Media By Numbers LLC:

1. "Norbit," Paramount, one week.

2. "Hannibal Rising," MGM, \$2,373,121, 1,564 locations, \$1,517 \$4,346 average, \$13,051,650, one week.

3. "Because I Said So," Universal, \$9,221,130, 2,529 locations, \$3,646 average, \$25,805,720,

two weeks. Screen Gems, \$7,218,187, weeks. 2,529 locations, \$2,854 average,

opened as the weekend's top Fox, \$5,754,359, 2,702 locations, weeks. movie with \$34.2 million, with \$2,130 average, \$232,150,355,

2,806 locations, \$1,629 average, eight weeks.

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\$59,080,670, five weeks. 12. "The Pursuit of Happyness," Sony, \$2,353,543, 1,777 locations,

13. "Catch and Release," Sony, weeks.

\$1,760,183, 1,561 locations, 5. "Night at the Museum," \$1,128 average, \$14,406,807, three

14. "Letters From Iwo Jima," Warner Bros., \$1,729,451, 781 loca-6. "Epic Movie," Fox, \$4,570,090, tions, \$2,214 average, \$9,935,921,

15. "Babel," Paramount Van-7. "Smokin' Aces," Univer- tage, \$1,677,367, 919 locations,

16. "Notes on a Scandal," Fox 8. "Pan's Labyrinth." Picture Searchlight, \$1,542,843, 649 loca-17. "The Departed," Warner

9. "Dreamgirls," Paramount, Bros., \$1,342,338, 766 locations, 18. "The Last King of Scot-

land," Fox Searchlight, \$1,340,740, 540 locations, \$2,483 average, \$11,449,370, 20 weeks.

19. "Freedom Writers," Para-2,045 locations, \$1,153 average, mount, \$1,018,435, 1,125 locations, \$905 average, \$35,751,265,

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When the volunteers were finished at Covenant Children's Hospital, said the children in the hospital stay for various reasons, like long-term care and pneumonia. It is really nice to know that people

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Raiders looking to snap losing streak

By JAY LANGLEY **NEWS EDITOR**

With a loss at No. 6 Texas A&M tonight, Texas Tech men's basketball coach Bob Knight would set his second coaching record of the season.

This time the record would be far less impressive than when Knight became the all-time winningest coach in Division I history when Tech defeated New Mexico Jan. 1. A loss in College Station would be the Red Raiders sixth in a row, the longest losing streak in Knight's career.

Tech's (15-10, 4-6 Big 12) most recent loss, a double-overtime loss at Oklahoma State Saturday, was the team's fifth in a row. The last time a Knight-coached team at Nebraksa, Carter knocked down a lost five consecutive games was in 1972, career-high eight 3-pointers. For the Knight's first year at Indiana.

Jarrius Jackson who is third in the Big 12 percent. with 20 points per game. But Tech's recent struggles could largely be attributed to the next step last year the last 10 or 12 Jackson's lack of scoring down the stretch. In Tech's last two losses at Nebraska and Oklahoma State, Jackson has been held scoreless during the final 10 minutes.

A&M (21-3, 9-1 in Big 12), whose lone conference loss was a two-point loss in Lubbock, boasts a 16-0 home record—the to have a special season they know that best in the Big 12.

"There's a lot of support from students, there's a lot of community support," A&M coach Billy Gillispie said of the A&M's fan base in College Station. "They don't just show up, but they really contribute when day at the Reed Center in College they do. If we continue to keep doing what we're doing, I think we'll continue to have paymie.langley@ttu.edu

the support, and it will continue to get better as a home court advantage."

Acie Law leads the Aggies with 16.6 points per game and 5.5 assists per game. Law is joined in double figures in scoring by teammates Joseph Jones and Josh Carter who average 13 and 12.8 points per game, respectively.

Gillispie said his team's success can be attributed to players other than Law and Jones stepping up and playing well.

"It's not like pulling teeth when you mostly have to have Joe and Acie score every time," Gillispie said. "It spreads out the floor more offensively, and I think it just gives us more balance."

In A&M's last game, a 66-55 win season, Carter is first in the Big 12 with The Raiders are led by senior guard a 3-point field goal percentage of 51

> "I thought he really started to take games," Gillispie said of Carter. "Along with Antanas (Kavaliauskas) they started to play really well for us. And I think they both improved upon the second half last year and they know it's very vital for them to play well. For us they have to perform."

On the season the Aggies are allowing 57 points per game, good for first in the Big 12 and fourth in the nation.

Tip-off is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tues-

Tech hockey snubbed from postseason play

By JEREMY REYNOLDS STAFF WRITER

When a team finishes at the top of its conference with the third-best record in the nation, grabbing a bid to play in the postseason should not be a problem.

But after finishing the season with a 26-5 record, the Texas Tech ice hockey team was not given a top-10 ranking in the Western Conference by the American Collegiate Hockey Association. On the other hand, teams with a 11-7-5 record will be heading to the regional tournament in Utah.

"I'm infuriated," coach Paul Fioroni said. "My guys have given a lot of time and effort to the program."

The team practices every day and has rificed their schoolwork in order to play and Arizona. for the team.

losses. In the rankings, which are determined by voting from coaches around the conference, the team finished 11th, one vote shy of the regional tournament.

"The votes are made up of a lot of rejected our team." California and Utah teams," Fioroni said. "So it's no surprise there were a lot of teams I'm very disgusted with the ranking com-

and protesting his team's ranking for the past month.

"The rankings committee said it was



A REFEREE ATTEMPTS to pull apart Red Raider defensive player Hal Pencham and Aggie forward Dustin Roark during the game on Jan. 25.

because of the strength of our schedule,"

The Tech team played squads from dry-land practices three times a week. the North Texas, Texas and Texas A&M Fioroni said a lot of his players have sac- as well as ranked programs from Colorado

Hal Penchan, captain for the Tech The Tech squad finished at the top of squad, is in his final season, and he said its conference, which is based on wins and not going to the regional tournament after putting up one of the top records in the country stings.

> "Politics got in the way," he said. "The teams out West don't respect us and they

Penchan said teams such as Brigham Young and Oregon did not have to play from those states going to the regionals. any "solid" squads but are still heading to the regionals.

"It's not fair," he said. "Politics played a Fioroni said he has been appealing major role and all the teams from California and Colorado who are in the Pac-10 voted for one another."

Mike Radakovich, commissioner for

Division II hockey for the ACHA, said this was not the first time a team finished with a solid record and was not voted into the top 10 to play at the regional level.

"The ranking system is always evolving," he said. "The rankings are based on a list of criteria on our Web page."

Radakovich said the rankings are based on voting, and those voters are the last word on the subject.

"I've spoken with the Texas Tech staff, and I've explained the situation," he said.

The Tech team still has one more tournament left to play in, and both Penchan and Fioroni said they hoped they could go and win both games and prove they can play against the best in the country.

"Arizona, which is one of the premier Division I schools in the country, invited us to play against them next week," Fioroni said. "Each year they invite one team to come down and play them."

For next season, Fioroni said his squad

will be playing Division I schools from the East Coast.

"We're also going to play teams from USC, UCLA and San Jose," Fioroni said. "There's going to be no question about the

strength of our schedule next year." Next season, Tech will face off against six Division I squads.

"I've got coaches calling me every day," Fioroni said. "We've got some of the top hockey prospects from Detroit and Minnesota coming down. They've heard about our program and they want to play with us."

Fioroni said it might be easier for his team to become NCAA-eligible once athletic directors at the school see the level at which the team is competing.

"We were invited to play in a tournament in New York," Fioroni said. "We're hoping to push the envelope quicker and make a legitimate shot at the national championship next year."

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ACHA Rankings (Based on coaches voting)

- 1. Eastern Washington
- 2. Colorado State 3. Colorado
- 4. San Jose State
- 5. Denver
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SPORTS

By ADAM COLEMAN STAFF WRITER

Five Texas Tech football players have been invited to showcase their talents in next week's NFL Combine.

Tech Wide receivers Joel Filani and Jarrett Hicks, offensive linemen Gabe Hall and Manny Ramirez and punting specialist Alex Reyes were among the 335 players selected to attend this year's combine.

FILE PHOTO/

Jesse Wallace, an NFL scouting assistant for national football scouting, said compared to the participation in all-star games, the combine is the premier event players

get cho-

sen on draft

"It's a good opportunity for a player to come and showcase their talent to all NFL personnel," Wallace said. "It's a better opportunity to get drafted.

At the combine, which takes place Feb. 21-27 at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, potential NFL prospects showcase their skills and talents on and off the field.

Many of the players participating in the

combine have competed in various all-star games to help scouts further evaluate their talent. Recently,

Ramirez participated in the Senior players who, according to ESPN Inta-Juice North South All-Star game. Most notably, Filani caught a touchdown in the East West Shrine Game Ian. 20.

The 300-plus

players invited

to the com-

bine will

JOEL FILANI

ous drills

including

yard dash,

bench press,

and vertical

jump. Other

drills cater to

an athletes po-

sition such as the

bench press for offensive linemen to

test their strength and the 20 and

60-yard shuttles for positions such

as defensive back and wide receiver

bine Web site, players do not have

to participate in the combine to

get drafted. There are other Tech

According to the NFL Com-

to test their speed.

take part in

Bowl and Reyes saw action in the com, are expected to be in the mix when draft time comes around. Cornerback Antonio Huffman. defensive end Keyunta Dawson and wideout Robert Johnson are players who have the potential to be drafted without participating in the combine.

> Wallace said NFL teams will send a handful of scouts to evaluate players like the ones from Tech.

"Each team sends about five or six," Wallace said.

Wallace also said the combine is an all day event and the players will begin workouts early and finish late in the evening.

"We pick it up at 6:30 in the morning and it goes all day until 11:00 at night," he said. It will take four

days for all players to arrive at the combine, but Tech's invites are scheduled to arrive on the first two days of the event.

Tech players will not just go through position drills, but they will go through testing as well. Before all the workouts start, there are medical examinations, interviews and even psychological testing.

Having such accomplishments as Filani's naming to the All-Big 12 First Team and Ramirez having missed one game throughout the 2006 season, could seemingly increase an athlete's draft stock. Alongside those accomplishments throughout the season, competing in an all-star game after the regular and postseasons have concluded is not required for athletes, but it is an extra game for those athletes to impress NFL scouts, Wallace said.

"Ultimately it depends on the player," Wallace said. "It all depends on if the player wants to attend the all-star game," he said. "Most people don't decline an invitation, so nine times out of 10, they're coming." adam.coleman@ttu.edu

Five Tech players headed for NFL Combine Tech wins three straight at Red Raider Classic

By WES SKIPWITH STAFF WRITER

After losing Friday and winning both games of a doubleheader Sunday, the Texas Tech baseball team closed out the 2007 Red Raider Classic Monday with a win to move above .500 for the first time this season.

In the final game of the tournament, the Red Raiders capitalized on Western Illinois's sloppy play to take an early lead. In the bottom of the first, Tech scored three runs off two wild pitches and one error.

Tech continued to build its lead, scoring a least one run every inning until the fifth. The team second, with Martin and Smith and a RBI single. both hitting two-run home runs make the score 8-0.

With his single in the second, seven games this season.

"My main thing is staying consistent," Byrns said. "You know hitting is contagious, so when I bat behind guys like Kieschnick and Matt Smith, it makes it that much easier."

the air, and the wind did the rest," Martin said.

a 13-1 lead going into sixth. The giving up three runs. Leathernecks held Tech scoreless for the rest of the game while they



TEXAS TECH TEAMATES and No. 16 Matt Smith celebrate his home run in Sunday's win over Western Illinois.

batted through the order in the in the fourth inning off another error lead 4-2, Tech.

and left fielder Geoff Byrns scor- crease its lead in the top of the was not enough as the Red Raiders ing on a Western Illinois' error to seventh, scoring five runs on six hits won 4-3 with starting pitcher Colt to stretch the lead to 8-0.

> Tech cut the lead down in the Martin both scored on a throwing header. error. Then designated hitter Taylor Ashby hit a two-RBI single which made the score 8-4.

Martin hit another two-run eighth. Right fielder Roger Kihome run in the third to make the eschnick scored on a wild pitch, and

The Wildcats put the game out of "I just put a good swing on reach in the top of the ninth, posting those pitches, got the ball up in four runs. Tech was unable to score last week, Tech has now won three in the bottom of the ninth and lost in-a-row finishing with a 3-1 record to Northwestern 12-7. Starting in the tournament. Tech coach Larry Tech scored three more runs pitcher A.J. Ramos received the Hays said he credits the turnaround in the next two innings to take loss after pitching 3 1/3 innings and to his players overcoming the ner-

The next game scheduled against of the season. Northwestern was planned for In the ninth, Tech pitcher announced Saturday sophomore to play."

The Wildcats were able to plate Northwestern managed to in- one more run in the eighth, but it Hynes receiving the win.

Tech faced Western Illinois in Byrns has now hit safely in all bottom of the seventh when catcher the third game of the Classic — the Matt Smith and shortstop Kyle second part of Sunday's double

With the game tied at 1-1 in the bottom of the fifth, Kieschnick hit a grand slam over the left field wall Tech again attempted to mount to put the Red Raiders up 5-1. Tech a comeback in the bottom of the continued to run away with the game, posting seven more runs to win the game 12-2. Starting pitcher score 10-0. His four RBIs Monday Smith hit a two-run home run to Aaron Odom was awarded the win tied his career record for RBIs in make the score 8-7, Northwestern. after pitching six innings and allowing one run.

After losing three straight games vousness they had in the beginning

"We're pitching better and we attempted to come back. Western Saturday but because of inclem- are getting a little more relaxed as Illinois scored 10 unanswered ent weather, the game was moved a team," Hays said. "We still got a runs, including six in the ninth. to Sunday morning. It was also ways to go but we have the ability

Collin Auten was sent in the pitcher and 2006 Big 12 Freshman > wesley.a.skipwith@ttu.edu

Eagles' Reid taking leave of absence

tougher than a quarterback controversy or a disruptive player.

The Philadelphia Eagles coach over whatever we do." will leave the team for a month drug and weapons charges.

-until mid-March.

"He's not going to come into will be available to have a couple of terback Jeff Garcia.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — calls with us and collaborate and if he

to deal with developments that football operations, will miss the NFL have rocked his family the past two scouting combine and the start of free weeks — one son tested positive for agency. Teams may begin voluntary offheroin, another was arraigned on season workouts March 19. Reid plans to attend the NFL owners' meetings in The team said the leave will last Arizona in late March, and will be back for the NFL draft April 28-29.

The Eagles have 11 unrestricted the office. His priorities will be his free agents, notably wide receiver family for that period of time, but he Donte' Stallworth and backup quar-

"Before any of this had happened, Andy Reid is facing a crisis far needed to be here for a visit of a free we had finalized our own plans as to agent," Eagles president Joe Banner what we're going to do and not do with said Monday. "He will retain final say our own guys," Banner said. "We'd also put together our preliminary plan for Reid, who is also the team's head of the non-Eagle players that we could be interested in."

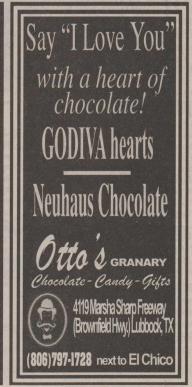
General manager Tom Heckert and the team's assistant coaches will handle the interviewing of players at the scouting combine in Indianapolis, though Reid might be able to meet with some players at another time.

Garrett Reid, 23, tested positive for heroin after he caused a traffic accident Jan. 30, police said. No charges have been filed, but prosecutors are looking at the case. Police have said he could be charged with driving under the influence of a controlled substance, a misdemeanor.

Britt Reid, 21, was arraigned on drug and weapons charges. He is accused of pointing a handgun at another driver following a dispute and faces a felony charge of carrying a firearm without a license as well as misdemeanor charges of lying to authorities, simple assault, making terroristic threats and possession of a controlled substance.









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