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STATE

9 injured in day care bus wreck

KELLER (AP) — Seven children in a day care school bus, the bus' driver and the driver of a car were injured Tuesday when their vehicles collided, Keller police said.

Witnesses told investigators that the woman driving the car appeared to have run a red light at an intersection. The 14-seat bus ended up on its side.

The nine victims were transported to Fort Worth-area hospitals. Their conditions weren't immediately released.

Seven kindergarten-aged children were taken to Cook Children's Medical Center.

NATION

U.S. wants N.Korea to shut down reactor

NEW YORK (AP) — The United States said Tuesday it wants North Korea to move beyond an initial agreement to shut down its main plutonium-producing nuclear reactor and "come clean" about any program the communist nation has to enrich uranium.

As landmark U.S.-North Korean talks on establishing diplomatic ties resumed, Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill also said Washington looks forward not only to eventual normalization of relations but to creating peace on the Korean peninsula and ensuring security in northeast Asia.

WORLD

2 suicide bombers kill 93 in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Two suicide bombers blew themselves up Tuesday in a crowd of Shiite pilgrims streaming toward the holy city of Karbala, killing 93 people in one of several attacks targeting the faithful ahead of a weekend holiday. The attack came a day after U.S. forces suffered their deadliest day in nearly a month — nine American soldiers were killed in explosions north of Baghdad, the military said Tuesday.

DEATH TOLL

3184

U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Libby convicted in CIA leak case

By MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Once the closest adviser to Vice President Dick Cheney, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby was convicted Tuesday of lying and obstructing a leak investigation that shook the top levels of the Bush administration.

Four guilty verdicts ended a seven-week CIA leak trial that focused new attention on the Bush administration's much-criticized handling of intelligence reports about weapons of mass destruction in the run-up to the Iraq war.

In the end, jurors said they did not believe Libby's main defense: that he hadn't lied but merely had a bad memory.

Their decisions made Libby the highest-ranking White House official convicted in a government scandal since National Security Adviser John Poindexter in the Iran-Contra affair two decades ago.

The case cost Cheney his most trusted adviser, and the trial revealed Cheney's personal obsession with criticism of the war's justification.

Trial testimony made clear that

President Bush secretly declassified a portion of the prewar intelligence estimate that Cheney quietly sent Libby to leak to Judith Miller of The New York Times in 2003 to rebut criticism by ex-ambassador Joseph Wilson. Bush, Cheney and Libby were the only three people in the government aware of the effort.

More top reporters were ordered into court — including Miller after

85 days of resistance in jail — to testify about their confidential sources among the nation's highest-ranking officials than in any other trial in recent memory.

Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald said the verdict closed the nearly four-year investigation into how the name of Wilson's wife, Valerie

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XXX UNCENSORED DEBATE XXX



RON JEREMY (LEFT) and Craig Gross (right) discuss topics at a pornography debate Tuesday night in the Student Union Building's Allen Theatre.

Former porn star, pastor bring country tour to Tech campus

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
STAFF WRITER

Throughout the almost two-and-a-half-hour pornography debate Tuesday night, one thing adult-film actor Ron Jeremy and California pastor Craig Gross wanted to make clear is college campuses are an important location for the pornography industry.

"It's important because it's the future," said Jeremy, who has acted in more than 1,800 adult films throughout his 27-year career. "My biggest audience is the college crowd."

Jeremy and Gross opened the night by making brief statements about who they are and what they were there to convey.

"Christians are known for boycotting and picketing," Gross said. "But that's not what I'm here to do. We understand the draw of pornography."

Gross consistently said he did not want to shut down the adult-film industry. He said he knew why people watched the films, but he wanted to try to present the facts of the business some people might not know.

"These girls are being dehumanized," he said. "Not every girl loves anal, but porn has created an unrealistic expectation in sex. You got a free pass to watch (porn).

Go watch it. The reason we're allowed to do what we do is because we have the right to do it."

Jeremy countered the argument by stating women were not demoralized and many women go on to make millions of dollars in the industry by opening their own studio or getting into the directing field.

After their opening remarks, Gross and Jeremy began taking questions from the audience.

One person asked about the double standard that is put on men and women throughout their lives.

"In the world we live in, there's a huge double standard," Gross said. "Just because you're a man doesn't mean you're immune to something."

Jeremy said he did not want to go on the defensive during the night. When Gross offered a point, Jeremy countered it.

"I've seen that women are getting tougher," Jeremy said. "Women are not wanting, but demanding, great sex from men."

Gross spoke about his Web site <http://www.XXX-church.com>. He said he started the site as a way of

telling people the facts about the pornography industry, especially people who are considering a career as an adult-film actor or actress.

Gross said he added the XXX to the front of the word church to make the site available on some of the "darker" sections of the Internet. He wants people who are searching for porn to find his site instead.

"We get a lot of disappointed people who log on to our Web site expecting to see something else," he said. "We did this because we wanted to tell the church that it's all right to talk about these things."

Jeremy kept coming back to the point that Hollywood films can get away with more than some of the adult films on the market.

"The difference between porn and erotica is the lighting," he said. "In 'Jackass Two' they showed feces three times, we can't show it once in adult films."

Gross did not deny that he watched the occasional rated-R film, but he said watching a movie and watching

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State senators push for new bill to improve bookstore competition

By MAGGIE KIELY
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A new bill introduced by the Texas State Senate could affect the pricing of textbooks for college students across the Lone Star State.

Passing the bill would give students exposure to increased bookstore advertising on campus and would ensure all requesting bookstores had a list of classroom texts. The bill also would give unofficial university bookstores an opportunity to offer a credit-extension program for students on financial aid.

Senator Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, said she had three goals in mind when writing Senate Bill No. 114: Help bring down the cost of textbooks, give students the choice of where they use their financial-aid money and make sure the universities are fair to students and businesses.

"I think it is important because the rising tuition that we have seen has really put a cramp on families and students," Van de Putte said.

Matt Ducatt, managing director for the Student Union Building, said sees how the proposed bill is beneficial to students.

"The way I interpret it," Ducatt said, "is that if passed, the university would have to give the same types of access to campus that they currently give the official bookstore of Texas Tech."

To become the official bookstore for Tech, Barnes and Noble had to go through a proposal process, Ducatt said.

When contracting a new business, university administrators create with a proposal, which includes what the university is looking for in a business, the space provided, operating hours and other stipulations. Once the proposal is written, contractors present it to different businesses, and bids then are placed on the contract by various businesses.

The bid winner is not necessarily the highest bidder, Ducatt said. Other factors, like ownership, materials and services provided are taken into account. He said he does not believe it would be fair for another bookstore to be allowed

to sell books on campus.

"In our case, those other bookstores were given the opportunity to bid in the (request-for-proposal) process," Ducatt said. "They could have been our official bookstore."

Ducatt said he believes the relationship between the university and Barnes and Noble creates a win-win situation because the money the university receives from Barnes and Noble goes back to the SUB and scholarship funds.

Van de Putte said many students from Tech and around the state have complained they were able to find their textbooks on the Internet or at smaller bookstores, but are unable to use their financial-aid money to buy their books at through such venues.

Ida Garcia, legislative director for Van de Putte, said students wanting to purchase books with financial-aid money often do not receive their checks in time. She said universities allow students to purchase books on credit as long as it is through the official

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Nano Tech Center receives funding

By RICHARD CAMPANARO
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The Nano Tech Center at Texas Tech recently received approval for a \$2 million expansion from the \$200 million Texas Emerging Technology Fund allocated by the state.

According to House Bill 1765, the purpose of the Texas Emerging Technology Fund, which was established by Gov. Rick Perry and was made effective September 1, 2005, is to "develop and diversify the economy of this state by: No. 1 Expediting innovation and commercialization of research; No. 2 Attracting, creating or expanding private-sector entities that will promote a substantial increase in high-quality jobs; No. 3 Increasing higher-education applied-technology research capabilities."

Mark Holtz, professor of physics at Tech and co-director of the Nano Tech Center, said the center is an interdisciplinary collaboration of Tech's colleges and departments, including chemistry, mechanical engineering, chemical engineering, electrical engineering, physics and biology.

"Nanophotonics is like the science behind discovery," Holtz said, "and the engineering behind the application of materials for creating, detecting and manipulating light."

Holtz said a rudimentary example of nano technology is a light-emitting diode, which can be found in a TV remote control. Recent discoveries in nano technology have revealed several new ways to create materials and affect the performance of optical devices.

He said the ETF funding will allow the center to purchase equipment and hire three new professors in nanophotonics — one senior professor, which is a chaired position, and two associate professors.

Dale Gannaway, executive director and board chairman of the West Texas Coalition for Innovation and Commercialization, said their purpose is to administer the emerging technology funds and encourage technology commercialization from within Texas university systems. He said the coalition is a statewide network of incubation processes that take applied research and put business resources around them in an attempt to accelerate the success of new, high growth technology companies.

"This will create higher-paying jobs for students to begin their careers," Gannaway said. "Development is about growing economic and intellectual wealth."

Holtz said the university is working on securing private funding, which is required by the funding legislation, to match the \$2 million allocated by the state. Tech also will match the funds, bringing the total to \$6 million.

According to the Nano Tech Center Web site, www.depts.ttu.edu/ntc/, the program has received nearly 20 awards in the past four years from organizations and government agencies like the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Army, the Texas Space Consortium and the Office of Naval Research.

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Tech police detain students for alcohol-related incidents

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March 1

Texas Tech police responded to a medical emergency at the Student Wellness Center. According to reports, a student was experiencing heart problems and was transported to the Covenant Hospital Emergency Room.

Tech police investigated criminal mischief in the Z-4P parking lot. Police said a vehicle was scratched with an unknown object.

Two Tech students were arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia in a residence room of Weymouth Residence Hall, according to reports.

March 2

Tech police investigated graffiti at the Grantham complex. According to reports, markings were spray-painted on the outside wall of a storage building.

Tech police investigated a traffic accident in the Z4-N parking lot.

Police said a driver struck a concrete barrier with his vehicle. The driver left a fictitious note on the vehicle pretending to be someone else then left the area, according to reports.

Tech police investigated arson in Weymouth Residence Hall when a bulletin board was set on fire in the fourth-floor hallway, according to reports.

Two Tech students were detained for possession of marijuana in a residence room of Sneed Residence Hall. Police said the students were issued a Lubbock County citation and released.

Tech police arrested a student for driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor in the 1000 block of Indiana. Police said the student was issued a Lubbock County citation and released pending the filing of charges. The student and the student's vehicle were released to a responsible party.

A Tech student was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor in the 1800 block of Boston Avenue. According to

reports, the student was issued a Lubbock County citation and released pending the filing of charges. The student and his vehicle were released to a responsible party.

Tech police arrested a student for driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor in the Z-5C parking lot. The student was issued a Lubbock County citation and released. The student's vehicle was left legally parked in the Z-5C parking lot.

March 3

Tech police investigated two burglaries in the Z4-R and Z4-P parking lots. Police said the driver's-side window to a vehicle was broken and the passenger-side window was broken on a second vehicle. The stereo plates of both vehicles were removed from the dashboard, but they were left on the seats of the vehicles, according to reports. A Sony satellite receiver was stolen from one of the vehicles, police said.

A non-student was arrested for consumption of alcohol by a minor in the second-floor lobby of Gates

Residence Hall. Police issued the non-student a Lubbock County citation and released the individual.

Tech police responded to a medical emergency at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center fields. A non-student was hit in the head and knocked unconscious while playing rugby. After regaining consciousness, the student refused emergency medical services.

A student was transported to the University Medical Center after passing out because of flu-like symptoms in a residence room of Murray Residence Hall.

A non-student was arrested for public intoxication in the C-4 parking lot. According to reports, the student was released pending the filing of charges of public intoxication.

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

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Indonesian earthquake kills at least 70, damages hundreds of buildings

SOLOK, Indonesia (AP) — A powerful earthquake jolted western Indonesia on Tuesday, killing at least 70 people and injuring hundreds as they fled shaking hotels, homes and hospitals. Two children were crushed by debris on a playground.

The 6.3-magnitude quake struck Sumatra island just before 11 a.m. and was felt as far away as neighboring Malaysia and Singapore, where some tall buildings were evacuated. Several aftershocks followed, the strongest measuring 6.1, adding to fears of people already too nervous to return indoors.

Many said they would sleep in front of their homes or in the hills Tuesday night.

"Women were crying out in terror. We all just fled as quickly as we could," said Alpion, a welder who

joined thousands of others running to higher ground, fearing a tsunami that never came.

Indonesia straddles one of the world's most seismically active zones and has been hit by a string of natural disasters in recent years, the most deadly being the 2004 Asian tsunami that killed 160,000 people on Sumatra's northern tip.

At least 70 people were killed by Tuesday's quake, which hit the island's western coast, Cabinet Secretary Sudi Silalahi told reporters in the capital, Jakarta.

The hardest-hit area appeared to be Solok, a bustling town close to the epicenter, where two children were killed when a two-story building collapsed on the school

playground, said police spokesman Supriadi, who like many Indonesians

uses only one name. In addition, three members of one family were burned alive when their collapsed home burst into flames.

Dozens of buildings were destroyed and hundreds of others were damaged, according to local police chief Lt. Col. Budi Sarwono. TV footage showed a flattened three-story home and wide cracks in the road.

"My house is on the brink of collapse," said Imelda Kusmawati, as she prepared to spend the night in an army tent with her two children and six other families. "I am still traumatized and worried about aftershocks."

Patients poured into hospitals in Solok, many with broken bones and cuts, but most were treated outside because of fears of more quakes. Scores were laid out on cots on a soccer field, where they were attached to

intravenous drips and given emergency care.

"So far we have recovered 19 bodies and hundreds of injured people," Sarwono said of the toll in Solok. "The two hospitals are overwhelmed."

At one hospital in the nearby seaside town of Padang, panicked doctors and nurses fled into the street, startled patients limping behind, according to Metro TV. Electricity remained cut in parts of the town as darkness fell.

A witness in the town of Payakumbuh said several shops in the main street had collapsed and police and soldiers were digging for survivors.

Government spokesman Hasrul Piliang said the number of dead "would likely rise" because tallies from remote areas were still being collected and there were reports of other people trapped under debris.

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Debate

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porn are different entities.

"Things are getting way out of control," he said. "We have things that are a lot more acceptable these days."

Gross said it is always hard to gage how effective he was at a debate; although Jeremy said that he was surprised by the amount of applause his debate partner received.

"A lot of people think they have a problem with porn," Gross said. "The girls who come to the debate have to realize there is a problem."

Elizabeth Rogers, a senior political science major from Arlington, said she came to the debate to see Jeremy, but was interested in "It was really good," she said. "Both men had valid points. It was very well-rounded."

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Scooter

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Plame, and her classified job at the CIA were leaked to reporters in 2003 — just days after Wilson publicly accused the administration of doctoring prewar intelligence. No one will be charged with the leak itself, which the trial confirmed came first from then-Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage.

"The results are actually sad," Fitzgerald told reporters after the verdict. "It's sad that we had a situation where a high-level official person who worked in the office of the vice president obstructed justice and lied under oath. We wish that it had not happened, but it did."

One juror, former Washington Post reporter Denis Collins, said the jury did not believe Libby's main defense: that he never lied but just had a faulty memory. Juror Jeff Comer agreed.

Collins said the jurors spent a week charting the testimony and evidence on 34 poster-size pages. "There were good managerial type people on this jury who took everything apart and put it in the right place," Collins said. "After that, it wasn't a matter of opinion. It was just there."

Libby, not only Cheney's chief of staff but also an assistant to Bush, was expressionless as the verdict was announced on the 10th day of deliberations. In the front row, his wife, Harriet Grant, choked out a sob and her head sank.

Libby could face up to 25 years in prison when sentenced June 5, but federal sentencing guidelines will probably prescribe far less, perhaps one to three years. Defense attorneys said they would ask for a retrial and if that fails, appeal the conviction.

"We have every confidence Mr. Libby ultimately will be vindicated," defense attorney Theodore Wells told reporters. He said that Libby was "totally innocent and that he did not do anything wrong."

Libby did not speak to reporters.

The president watched news of the verdict on television at the White House. Deputy press secretary Dana Perino said Bush respected the jury's verdict but "was saddened for Scooter Libby and his family."

In a written statement, Cheney called the verdict disappointing and said he was saddened for Libby and his family, too. "As I have said before, Scooter has served our nation tirelessly and with great distinction through many years of public service."

Wilson, whose wife left the CIA after she was exposed, said, "Convicting him of perjury was like convicting Al Capone of tax evasion or Alger Hiss of perjury. It doesn't mean they were not guilty of other crimes."

"The results are actually sad. It's sad that we had a situation where a high-level official person who worked in the office of the vice president obstructed justice and lied under oath. We wish that it had not happened, but it did."

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Libby was convicted of one count of obstruction of justice, two counts of perjury to the grand jury and one count of lying to the FBI about how he learned Plame's identity and whom he told.

Libby learned about Plame from Cheney in June 2003 about a month after Wilson's allegations were first published, without his name, by New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof.

Prosecutors said Libby relayed the Plame information to other government officials and told reporters, Miller of the Times and Matt Cooper of Time magazine, that she worked at the CIA.

On July 6, 2003, Wilson publicly wrote that he had gone to Niger in

2002 and debunked a report that Iraq was seeking uranium there for nuclear weapons and that Cheney, who had asked about the report, should have known his findings long before Bush cited the report in 2003 as a justification for the war. On July 14, columnist Robert Novak reported that Wilson's wife worked at the CIA and she, not Cheney, had suggested he go on the trip.

When an investigation of the leak began, prosecutors said, Libby feared prosecution for disclosing classified information so he lied to investigators to make his discussions appear innocent.

Libby swore that he was so busy he forgot Cheney had told him about Plame, and was surprised to learn it a month later from NBC reporter Tim Russert. He swore he told reporters only that he learned it from other reporters and could not confirm it.

Russert, however, testified he and Libby never even discussed Plame.

Libby blamed any misstatements in his account on flaws in his memory.

He was acquitted of one count of lying to the FBI about his conversation with Cooper.

Collins said jurors agreed that on nine occasions during a short period of 2003, Libby was either told about Plame or told others about her.

"If I'm told something once, I'm likely to forget it," Collins recalled one juror saying. "If I'm told it many times, I'm less likely to forget it. If I myself tell it to someone else, I'm even less likely to forget it."

Libby is free pending sentencing. His lawyers will ask that he remain so through any appeal.

The prospects of a presidential pardon remain unclear. Top Democrats called on Bush to pledge not to pardon Libby; the White House did not say what the president would do.

Tech atmo professor lectures teachers on global warming

By ADAM YOUNG
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Climbing global temperatures, rising ocean levels, increased greenhouse-gas emissions and other aspects of climate change were discussed Tuesday at the Science Spectrum.

Katharine Hayhoe, a research associate professor of atmospheric science at Texas Tech, lectured to the group Science Teachers of Region 17, who hosted the event.

"We are taking a good thing and getting too much of it," Hayhoe said. "The earth is perfectly balanced at just the right temp' for life, but we're putting an extra blanket on it, and it's starting to sweat."

Hayhoe's lecture comes one month after the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released 18 pages of its Climate Change 2007 report, which claims there is a consensus among scientists that climate change is caused by human activities.

Steve Devine, morning weatherman at KCBT-TV, said proponents of the human-caused-climate-change theory are basing their hypotheses on a limited supply of information.

"Temperature changes can take thousands of years to complete their cycles," Devine said. "Our view of what is normal is really limited to our immediate experience, and even when we look at the climactic record for Lubbock and West Texas, it's still a snapshot smaller than a 100 years."

Hayhoe said the methods of research she and other scientists use in investigating climate change include analyzing ice cores that date back 700,000 years, which can indicate greenhouse-gas levels, tree rings, his-

torical accounts of the weather and thermometer readings.

Hayhoe said recent carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere are 10 percent higher today than at any other recorded point.

Agriculture and warming oceans are two of the many examples of how carbon dioxide levels could rise without human intervention, Devine said.

"Human activity may be contributing, but it's contributing just a little bit compared to the overall warmth that is going on," Devine said. "Right now, there actually is no proof that anything that humans do is actually causing the planet to warm. There is a hypothesis and a lot of people agree that it's doing a little something."

The release of the climate-change report came during the same month "An Inconvenient Truth," former Vice President Al Gore's documentary about global warming, won the 2006 Academy Award for Best Documentary.

John Barkdull, an associate professor of political science, said Gore's documentary is one of the many examples of how global warming has become a politically polarizing topic.

"The conservative side wants to rely on markets and to assume that corporate activity is beneficial to society and fears that environmentalists have a hidden agenda and is using what they think is a red flag issue to justify the expansion of government," Barkdull said. "On the other side, I think there's a parallel fear or suspicion that corporations are so profit-oriented and socially irresponsible that they will needlessly damage the environment in order to make sure that the bottom line is profitable in the short run."

Barkdull said the issue of global warming and regulating pollution is a "classic

commons problem," a term drawn from the use of pasture land in old England and the need for government.

"It's a metaphor for a resource that is not owned by anybody," Barkdull said. "There's a propensity of people that are driven by their own individual self interests to overuse the resource and so it degrades and then it becomes unavailable to everybody, and that's a tragedy."

Barkdull said logic can be applied to the atmosphere because it is a common resource without a way to be divided.

Hayhoe denies she has an agenda in researching climate change.

"If there was another explanation I would want to be the first to publish it because I could be rich," Hayhoe said.

According to *Newsweek's* Web site, an article published in 1975 warned of an approaching ice age. The article titled "The Cooling World" cited a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration study that found the average ground temperatures in the northern hemisphere had dropped by a half degree.

"That article was based off of one very speculative scientific study," Hayhoe said. "People are always saying scientists are always changing their mind. Even though it was in *Newsweek*, it was based on speculative information."

Hayhoe proposed several options for reducing the effects of climate change by lowering the amount of greenhouse gas.

Hayhoe said if everyone in Lubbock replaced traditional light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs, each individual would save \$30 per bulb and the effect would be the equivalent of taking 1,000 cars off the road.

"What we have is a choice that we have to make now, because if we wait until then, it will be too late," she said.

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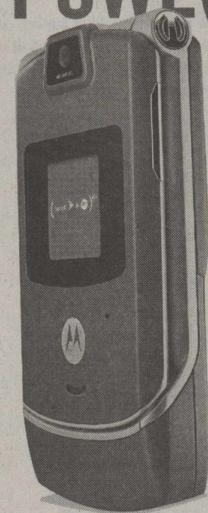
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Do not be hesitant to challenge your opinions

As some readers may know, this is my first semester writing for *The Daily Toreador*. It's strange, but writing this column has become one of the high points of my week.

I say it's strange because I don't do it for money or for school credit. But I'm certainly not one to advocate doing something just for the sake of doing it. I think you ought to get some value out of everything you do.

The value I get from writing this column comes from knowing people read the things I say and think about them. Yes, it's as simple as that.

Perhaps you don't like what I have to say. In fact, it's highly probable. But even if you don't agree with me, at least reading it makes you think about why you disagree.

Last week, I was one of many who stopped to hear the evangelical preacher in the free speech area of the Texas Tech campus yell his beliefs at anyone within range. Both my husband and a friend of ours told me I shouldn't have even stopped, that people who stop just encourage him to come back next semester and do the same thing all over again.

But I don't agree with this. I like stopping and hearing what he has to say. I don't do it because I expect to hear him voice any common beliefs — I know I won't.

But it's important for me to know what he thinks and even more important for me to know why I think he's wrong. I can walk around saying he's wrong all day, but I'm not any better than him if I can't point out why.

I probably won't stop next semester, but at least I know where he's coming from now.

Even worse than blocking out other people's ideas so you don't have to hear them is trying to block those ideas from anyone else; censorship can be dangerous.

By keeping certain ideas out of the media, you are making the choice to restrict what the public is exposed to.

Our country is not comprised of children who are unable to make decisions for themselves. We should be able to handle listening to ideas different from our own without feeling threatened.

If you can't do so without feeling threatened, then instead of attacking the person who brought your failing to light, perhaps you should figure out why you have it in the first place.

Taryn Chesshire



Challenging your beliefs should do one of two things: It should solidify your reasons for holding your belief as truth or it should make you question whether it is true.

However, even if you still believe your opinion is the right one, it's not for you to decide to keep an opposing belief from anyone else — just as it's not my place to tell you what you have to believe.

But, like I give you my opinion here, you're welcome to give me yours. What I do is tell you what I think is true and why I think so.

Obviously, I want you to agree. From my standpoint, if everyone thought the same way I do, we'd have a happier world.

I'm sure you have the same view coming from a very different standpoint. Which one of us is right? Well, that's for every person to decide on an individual basis.

This is not to say the propagation of some ideas is not potentially dangerous; Iraqi children chanting about hating Americans while holding semi-automatic weapons is definitely an idea of which to be weary.

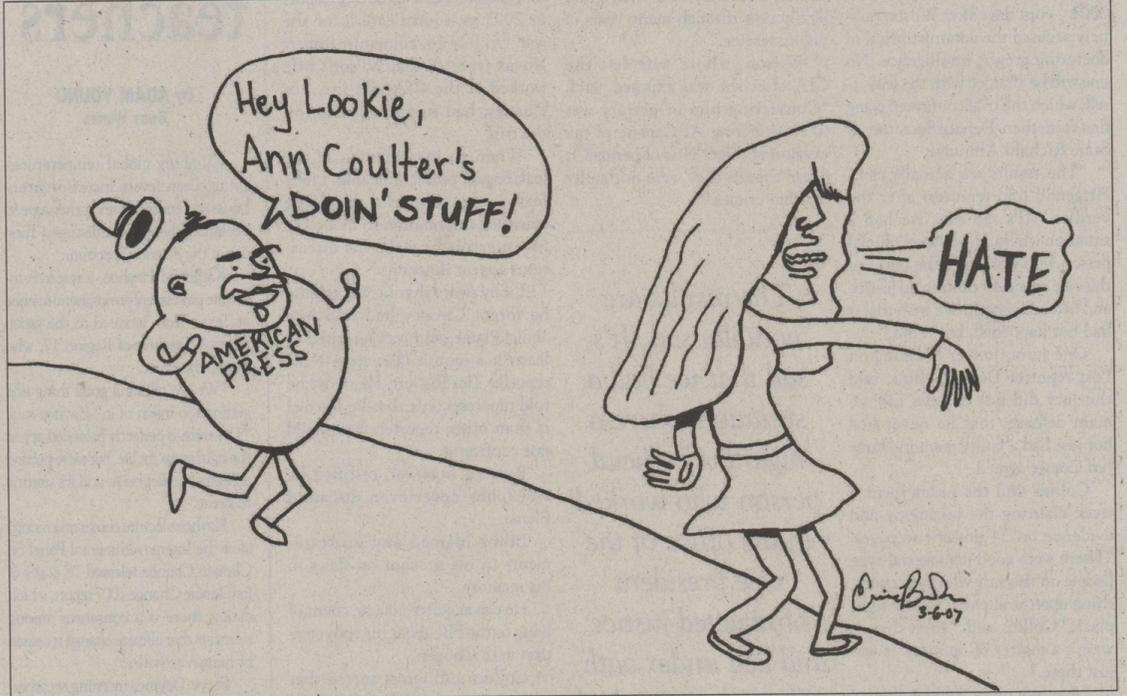
But what is needed in this kind of extreme case, and in many minor cases, is education. The key to sifting through other people's opinions and finding truth comes from knowing how to put their ideas in perspective.

In fact, if we put my statements here in perspective, we could say those Iraqi children probably think the way they do because they only have been given half truths. Other people have made the decisions about how much to tell these children.

And why haven't they been told the entire truth? Why has the information given to them been censored? To control them — in order to force them into one way of thinking.

Many media sources are going to give us what they think we want to hear, what's going to keep us comfortable. Let's make sure they know we want to hear what everyone has to say, and we want to decide for ourselves who's right.

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Dems 'support' for Fletcher could alter

By **BRENT BURCHETT**
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(U-WIRE) LEXINGTON, Ky. — It seems Democrats supporting the candidacy of a Republican usually means that the Republican is in good political standing — not so for Kentucky Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

In 2003, at the height of the Republican Revolution in Kentucky, Democrats around the state plastered their vehicles with "Another Democrat for Fletcher" bumper stickers. Undoubtedly, votes from registered Democrats were the driving force behind Fletcher's 10-point spanking of Democrat Ben Chandler the last time around; so why are Democrats rooting for Fletcher in the 2007 Primary?

Since the day he took office, Fletcher has been victim of political attacks and legislative power plays courtesy of his Democratic rivals in the General Assembly and a guy named Stumbo in the attorney general's office. The Democrats succeeded in taking down Kentucky's first Republican executive in 40 years, so why stop now? It seems the only voice of administration criticism over the past two months has come from Fletcher's primary opponent Anne Northup.

Any time an unexplainable

shift in strategy emerges out of Kentucky Democrat leaders, take a look at current attorney general and candidate for Lt. Gov. Greg Stumbo. While there are many keepers of the old Democratic guard in Frankfort, Stumbo is the most feared of them all. Just look what he did to a popularly elected Republican governor who was being talked about as a 2008 presidential nominee.

When Stumbo dropped the charges on Fletcher during the merit hiring investigation, Democrats around the state were furious. With Fletcher's candidacy for re-election just around the corner, why let him off the hook? It would be much more advantageous for Democrats for Fletcher to be as weak and unpopular as possible, right? As usual, Greg Stumbo's political aptitude is a couple notches above the rest of his party.

Stumbo and other state Democrats are carefully monitoring the political heartbeat of Fletcher. If Fletcher's poll numbers sink too low, all Democrat candidates risk having to battle a well-funded November dogfight with Anne Northup. If Fletcher's favorability rises too rapidly, they risk undoing all the damage they've done.

But it should be known that the Democrats' strategy could backfire. Based on performances in front of likely GOP primary voters at Lincoln Day Dinners

across the state, Fletcher isn't afraid of anybody. His media appearances have had a noticeably positive tone; and he has remembered that he's still the guy with all those giant checks of state money to hand out. Unless political winds shift, and the Northup campaign picks up momentum running into the final month before the May primary, the governor could gain enough votes to win outright.

By winning outright, Fletcher — or any other candidate — must receive at least 40 percent of the vote. Once a candidate gains 40 percent, they eliminate the Kentucky Constitution's provision for a runoff election of the top two candidates.

As you may have heard, legislators on both sides of the aisle are debating two different bills to change an election just three months away. One bill would eliminate the runoff all together; and another would keep it, but make the state — rather than individual counties — foot the bill. As hard as it may be to believe, politics are at play in election rules. What?! Politicians being political?! Get outta here! I know, I know; but it's true.

While Democrats could amend the runoff to secure a weakened Fletcher nomination, such strategy is complicated by their own inter-party politics.

There are three and half Democratic forces at work in General Assembly: One belongs to House Speaker and gubernatorial candidate Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green; another belongs to gubernatorial candidate Steve Henry's legislative supporters, led by State Senate Whip Joey Pendleton, D-Hopkinsville; a third force consists of Greg Stumbo's loyalities in the House (where Stumbo still holds the record for longest floor leader), and last (and still least), the "half" refers to whatever political power Sen. Dan Mongiardo, D-Hazard, can find time to exert in between text messaging his 21-year old fianc e.

All of these Democrats are in the position to change the runoff rule and have no qualms about doing it. The problem is, they don't know yet which way will help their candidacy the most. Just as they are monitoring the approval ratings of the governor, they're also weighing their rankings relative to one another.

Whichever campaign believes they are firmly holding at the front of the pack will try to eliminate the runoff. Hasn't anybody ever heard of the old adage "Don't change the rules half way through the game?" As embarrassing as it is to see our elected officials beholden to politics, the next three months will be riveting to watch.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I was personally happy to see *The Daily Toreador* had some questions for our administration and Student Government Association concerning the recent show put on by the Open Air Outreach ministry. I think it is great that as a university we are looking at ways to bridge the gap between different races and cultures here at Texas Tech. With the recent incident of (racially themed) party pictures featured on the Web site facebook.com, I do not believe the pictures were posted to hurt anyone or shove the issue of race on anyone. I think it was more of an example of people not thinking. This being said, I find it ironic we would allow a group onto this campus that is clearly so far to the right about not being culturally or religiously tolerant. After all, hate speech veiled under the pretence of religion or evangelism is still hate speech. Don't get me wrong; I am all for free speech; however, I do believe we can do better as a university than to let some closed-minded bigot with a Bible onto our great campus and allow him the opportunity to further divide this campus with antiquated beliefs and ideals. A college is supposed to be a place of higher learning and intellectual thought, none of which was present Thursday and Friday by Jesse Morrell in front of the library.

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Tech Graduation fair assists upperclassmen

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The Texas Tech Graduation Fair will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Thursday in the Market Alumni Center as an opportunity for juniors and seniors to prepare for graduation.

Workers at different booths at the fair assist students in the process of purchasing announcements, caps, gowns and the official Tech class ring. People at other booths sell Tech memorabilia, allow students to join the Student Alumni Association and help students register with the Tech Career Center, which can assist them in job searches.

"It's one-stop shopping for seniors," said Mandy Wiley, director of affinity merchandising and coordinator of the graduation fair. "It gets it all out of the way with a checklist so you don't forget anything. Moms are always going, 'Did you do this?' This gets them off your back. With graduation,

there's a lot of last minute stuff to do."

Representatives from the alumni association offer students a variety of options to remain involved with Tech after graduation.

"A lot of seniors come to this event," said Jenna Jones, a sophomore agricultural communications major from Slaton who is manning the Student Alumni Association booth. "It's a good idea because you have to get your cap and gown, and while you're here, you can see opportunities for after graduation with the Career Center and the alumni association."

At the Career Center's booth, students can register to utilize the services the center provides.

"We're here to help graduating students find jobs," said Spencer Schacht, a sophomore agricultural and applied economics major from Floydada. "Instead of students doing it all themselves, we match them up with employers, and then they interview in our offices."

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Mom pleads guilty to using baby as weapon

ERIE, Pa. (AP) — A woman pleaded guilty Tuesday to swinging her 4-week-old son like a bat to hit her boyfriend during a fight, fracturing the infant's skull in the process.

Chytoria Graham, 27, pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and endangering the welfare of a child under a plea agreement with prosecutors.

By pleading guilty, Graham acknowledged that on Oct. 8 she grabbed her son Jarron by his feet and swung him, hitting her boyfriend and seriously injuring the child.

At Graham's preliminary hearing in December, paramedic Betty Schau, who treated the baby, recalled that Graham was crying and disheveled when medical crews arrived. She testified that

Graham told her, "I swung him. I swung him like a bat."

The judge ordered a psychological examination for Graham before her sentencing, set for May 8. The aggravated assault charge carries a minimum of five years in prison.

because the child was under age 13. The maximum sentence is 20 years, prosecutor Beth Hirz said. The

maximum sentence for endangering the welfare of a child is five years. Two lesser charges were dropped.

Graham's previous attorney had said Graham did not use her child as a weapon, that the boy was hurt during a fight between the two adults and that Graham lied to authorities about how the injury occurred to protect her boyfriend.

Prison gang chief executed for 1994 double slaying

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A leader in a notorious prison gang who authorities said sanctioned more than a dozen killings during an unprecedented wave of violence in San Antonio in the 1990s was executed Tuesday evening for a double slaying in the Alamo city.

Robert Perez greeted his wife, two sons and a brother with a big smile as they entered the death chamber.

"Tell all the kids I love them and never forget," he said in a brief final statement. "Tell everybody I love them. Stay strong. Bye-bye."

After exchanging "love you" with his relatives, he remarked, "I got my boots on like the cowboys."

Just before slipping into unconsciousness after the lethal dose began, Perez said he could "taste it." Seven minutes later, at 6:17 p.m., he was pronounced dead.

No friends or relatives of the victims chose to attend.

Perez, 48, who rose to the rank of general in the military-structured Mexican Mafia gang, was the seventh prisoner executed this year in Texas, the nation's most active death penalty state, and the first of two in as many nights.

A civil lawsuit on Perez's behalf challenging the Texas execution

procedures was dismissed in a Houston federal court last week.

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Portion of commuter lot to be closed

By **BEN MAKI**
STAFF WRITER

Part of the C1 parking lot will be closed Thursday.

According to an e-mail from University Parking Services, the portion of parking spaces closest to the City Bank Auditorium will not be available to students because of a city event.

Additional parking will be made available in the C2 parking lot east of Jones AT&T Stadium, the C3 lot next to the baseball stadium, the C4 lot west of the auditorium and the northern portion of the C1 lot.

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SGA resolution to open Gordon Hall recalled

By **ADAM YOUNG**
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A Student Government Association resolution that would have opened parts of Gordon Residence Hall to non-Honors College students was recalled Monday.

Scott Legler, an electrical and computer engineering major from Tulsa, Okla., is an SGA engineering senator who introduced Senate Resolution 42.50, which called for the first floor in Gordon Hall to be designated as an Honors Learning Community and the other two floors to be open to upperclassmen and international students.

Legler said he received complaints from Honors College students, and he recalled the resolution because he realized more research would be necessary to determine the best solution for Gordon.

"Right now what I'm looking at exploring is looking at years past to see how many students are accepted into the Honors College and how many students try to apply and then determine the best way to use the extra rooms in Gordon," Legler said.

Mattie Wilson, a sophomore cell and molecular biology major from Austin who serves as a community adviser in Gordon, said the SGA does not fund the Residence Hall Association, and a potential bill would not have had a binding effect on Gordon.

Christina Jones, a senior advertising major from Austin and president of Eta Omicron Nu, an honors student organization, said Texas A&M and the University of Texas have residence halls specifically reserved for honors students, and Tech should maintain its honors community to remain an attractive university to prospective students.

"What we have here at Tech is unique, so when you look at the Honors College versus other colleges, you have to keep in mind that other universities don't have a specific college for their honors program," Jones said.

It will be a balancing act to make sure both honors students and international students are accommodated, Legler said.

"When people think of international students, they think of students that come for a four-year program," he said, "but some programs are designed where students come to study here for just a semester."

Legler said he is looking into ways to provide for international students who are only at Tech for a semester and do not have transportation or the ability to live in an apartment on single-semester basis.

"If we want to increase our diversity, we're going to have to do more things to accommodate our

international students," he said.

Having international students living in Gordon is a good idea, Jones said, as long as Honors College students have top priority.

"If you wanted to open up some part of Gordon for international students, I think the Gordon community will be really open to that," she said, "But first and foremost, you need to keep it as part of the Honors College."

Legler said he believes Honors College students should get the first choice of rooms in Gordon, but letting upperclassmen or international students occupy the remaining rooms could work well.

Wilson said Gordon is not at full capacity, and the students living there are predominantly freshmen with a significant percentage of sophomores.

"It's typically underclassmen because freshmen are forced to live on campus until they have 30 hours

from Tech," Wilson said.

The Honors College recently invested more of its budget in living amenities, including a plasma-screen television stationed in Gordon's first-floor lobby.

"It's centrally located on campus, and with the suite living and two people sharing a room and then a living room, it's a nicer facility," Jones said. "You can do a study session in your living room while someone else is studying quietly in their room."

According to a 'Housing and Residence Life' brochure, Gordon is a co-ed residence hall that can house 250 residents.

"If you have more high-quality students graduating from you university, then your degree is more valuable," Jones said. "It's important that Texas Tech is recognized as an academic institution of high quality for everyone, not just honors students."

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Bookstore

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university bookstore.

Garcia said if passed, the bill would require other bookstores to be given the opportunity to participate in the credit-extension program. She said the burden would be completely on the bookstore to pay for and arrange this relationship.

Van de Putte said she believes allowing students to use only the official bookstore for a credit extension ends up earning the university more money in the long run.

"It is making money off your financial aid, and that is wrong," Van de Putte said. "Students ought to have the ability to shop around and use their scholarship money anywhere."

Ducatt said he does not understand where the savings would come in.

"Barnes and Noble offers price matching and really try and provide all of the books

and the general merchandising students would want," Ducatt said.

Garcia said the problem with price matching is determining how far it is taken.

"In the long run, do they price match (www.amazon.com)?" Garcia said.

The bill would also give the opportunity for other bookstores to come on campus and advertise during university events such as new-student orientations. She said it would be up to university to decide if there was room for this kind of advertising.

"We are trying to open up options," Garcia said. "We are not trying to strap down institutions of higher ed. We are concerned with students shopping around for better prices, and in the process, we hopefully help small businesses stay open."

The bill has received a positive response, Garcia said, and the Tech student body is one of the only opposers.

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Fired U.S. prosecutors allege pressure from lawmakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alleging heavy-handed political pressure, fired U.S. prosecutors testified Tuesday they felt "leaned on" by Republican lawmakers to seek indictments and hushed by a Justice Department official who did not want them talking about their dismissals.

Testifying before Democratic-controlled congressional committees, six of eight recently ousted prosecutors said they were fired without explanation. Several described what they said was improper pressure by Republicans on pending cases.

New Mexico's David Iglesias told lawmakers he felt pressed by Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., last October to rush indictments against Democrats before Election Day in November.

Arkansas' Bud Cummins wrote other fired prosecutors in an e-mail last month of a "message" conveyed by a Justice Department official that if they continued to talk with news reporters, the

agency "would feel forced to somehow pull their gloves off" and fight back.

John McKay, the fired U.S. attorney in Seattle, said he stopped a top aide to Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Wash., from asking him detailed questions about an investigation into the disputed election of Washington state's Democratic Gov. Christine Gregoire in 2004.

A Justice Department official, invited to one of the two hearings, denied that any of the eight fired U.S. attorneys was improperly pressured or that they were ousted to make room for Republican political allies. Most of the firings were inspired by performance-related issues, he said.

California's Carol Lam, for example, was let go because her prosecution rate for violent crime and border violations was insufficient, William Moschella, an associate deputy attorney general, told a House subcommittee. Iglesias was fired because he had delegated too much to a deputy.

His accounting conflicts with performance reviews obtained by The Associated Press that gave those ousted positive assessments.

"This administration has never removed a United States attorney to retaliate against them. Not once," Moschella said. "The department stands by its decision to ask these U.S. attorneys to resign."

A White House spokeswoman, Dana Perino, said administration officials were aware of the impending firings and offered no objections. Presidential adviser Karl Rove "wasn't involved in who was going to be fired or hired."

A former Rove aide, Tim Griffin, took over in Arkansas on an interim basis in December. Griffin said last month he would not seek Senate confirmation, saying a "partisan circus" had formed around his appointment.

The administration's defense took up only a few moments in the daylong parade of fired federal prosecutors across Capitol Hill, where they recounted being "kicked out

of their jobs, first to the Senate Judiciary Committee and then to the House Judiciary subcommittee on commercial and administrative law.

Their stories spanned states and legal issues, but they insisted they were not fired for poor performance. The department's claim to the contrary, several fired prosecutors said, inspired them to speak publicly.

In perhaps the day's most dramatic testimony, Iglesias told senators he felt sickened when Domenici hung up on him after being told that indictments in a corruption case against Democrats would not be handed up before the November elections.

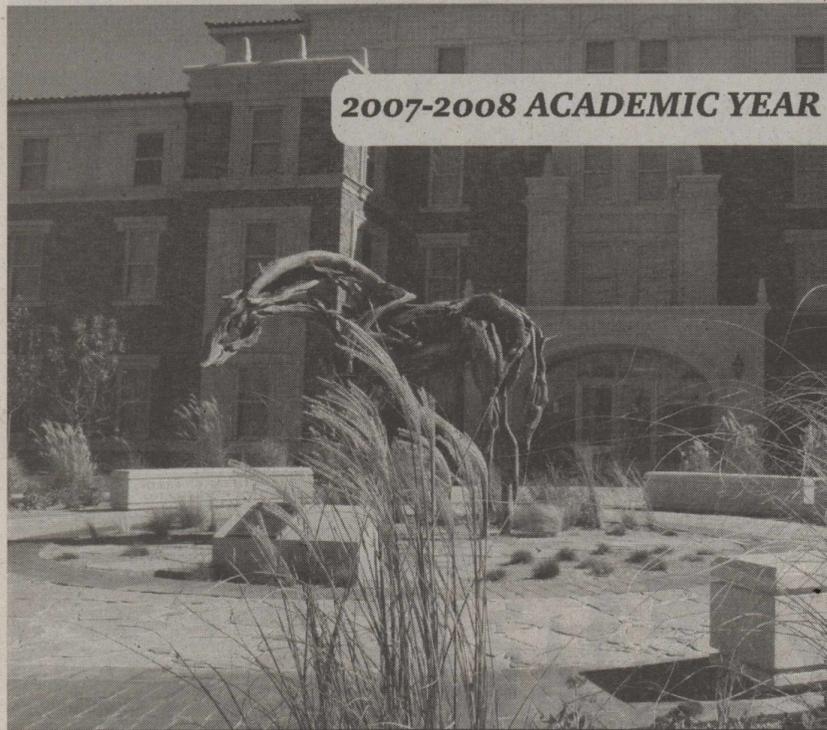
"He said, 'Are these going to be filed before November?'" Iglesias recalled. "I said I didn't think so. And to which he replied, 'I'm very sorry to hear that.' And then the line went dead."

Iglesias said he received the call from Domenici at home on Oct. 26 or 27 and that it lasted two minutes, "tops."



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Facebook offers students shot at spotlight, chance for television debut

By **KATIE HARRIS**
STAFF WRITER

The Web site www.facebook.com has added a new twist to the things students can do with their Facebook accounts.

Comcast Interactive Media's Web site ziddio.com has been paired with Facebook to encourage users to create and submit videos for a new contest.

The two companies have launched a program asking users to submit short video segments about

their everyday lives, according to a press release announcing the contest. Participants' video footage will be aired on a show titled "Facebook Diaries."

Owen Van Natta, Facebook's chief operating officer, said video sharing is extremely popular among Facebook's 16 million users.

"Through our partnership with Comcast," he said in a press release, "we are making it even easier for the Facebook community to share video content in a trusted online environment and giving them the opportu-

nity to tell their stories on TV."

The submitted videos will form the basis for the "Facebook Diaries" series, which is to be produced by R.J. Cutler, according to the press release. Cutler will choose from the best submissions and weave them together to produce 10 30-minute episodes that will air both online and on television.

"Everyone has a story to tell, and 'Facebook Diaries' is a really new and exciting way for people to share their experience," Cutler said. "The contest is a fresh spin on entertain-

ment and programming, and I think it's truly ground-breaking."

Caroline Marks, general manager of Ziddio at Comcast Interactive Media, said Ziddio is excited about the recent partnership with Facebook.

"Facebook Diaries' is a groundbreaking series that will be the first user-generated chronicle of the generation that broke the user-generated and social networking phenomenon," Marks said in a telephone interview.

To enter the contest, Facebook users can begin uploading videos by

joining the Ziddio-sponsored group on Facebook or through Ziddio's Web site.

The selected videos will be featured on facebook.com, ziddio.com and on television, including Comcast's ON DEMAND service.

Cutler, who will be judging the winners of the contest, is an Oscar-nominated, Emmy-award-winning producer of a variety of TV shows, including "American High" and "30 days."

According to Facebook's Web site, the social-networking utility was

founded in 2004 and helps people better understand the world around them by developing technologies that facilitate the spread of information through social networks.

Ziddio.com, Comcast's new multi-platform user-generated site, which was launched last year, brings together several networks and partners to host co-branded contests offering participants the chance to showcase their content across multiple platforms, according to the press release about the contest.

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MUSIC CALENDAR

Wednesday

Reckless Kelly — Wild West @ 10:30 p.m.
Brad Leali — La Diosa Cellars @ 8 p.m.
Broken Dayz — Schooner's Grill and Bar @ 10 p.m.
Cory Dutton — The Sting @ 9 p.m.
Klifnotes — Joe's Crab Shack @ 6:30 p.m.
Harmonica Red — Texas Cafe @ 10 p.m.

Friday

Spivey — Bar PM @ 10 p.m.
Icarus Fixed — Jake's Backroom @ 9 p.m.
Randy Rogers Band — Wild West @ 10:30 p.m.
Dangerous Dan — La Diosa Cellars @ 8:30 p.m.

Thursday

Jazz Alley — Jazz: A Louisiana Kitchen @ 10 p.m.
Dr. Skoob and the Acoustic Groove — La Diosa Cellar @ 8:30 p.m.
Down 1450 — The Blue Light @ 9 p.m.
Tone Heavy Criminals — Schooner's Grill and Bar @ 10 p.m.
Kelly Hasty and Friends — The Sting @ 9 p.m.
Brad Leali — Stella's @ 5:30 p.m.
James Vives — Texas Cafe @ 10 p.m.
John Gilbert: Faculty Recital — Texas Tech Hemmle Recital Hall @ 8 p.m.

Saturday

Elevated Soul — La Diosa Cellars @ 9:30 p.m.
Back Beat Jones — Jake's Back Room @ 9 p.m.

Yoko Ono blocks premiere of John Lennon documentary

SOUTH BERWICK, Maine (AP) — The world premiere of "Three Days in the Life," a documentary about John Lennon, was canceled after lawyers for the slain Beatle's widow, Yoko Ono, warned that she had not authorized any public viewing of the film.

The documentary was to have been screened Tuesday night at the Berwick Academy, a private school in southern Maine.

Hap Ridgway, Berwick Academy's headmaster, said he went from worrying about an overflow crowd to wondering if the documentary will ever be shown at all following a flurry of calls and e-mails from Ono's lawyers Monday evening.

"We certainly hope the two sides will get together," he said Tuesday. "What we've learned since it all broke loose is that it's a long-running dispute."

Ray Thomas, the documentary's executive producer, culled raw footage that was

shot inside Lennon's apartment down to a two-hour film covering a pivotal time in Lennon's career. The footage was shot by Ono's former husband, Tony Cox, over a three-day period in February 1970, two months before the breakup of the Beatles.

Thomas and his partner, John Fallon, were unable to get an artist release from Ono, whose lawyers contend has a copyright interest in the film. That's why they chose to do a free screenings at high schools and colleges, starting with Berwick Academy.

But Ono's lawyers said even that was forbidden, which led Berwick Academy to scrap the screening.

Cox's unfinished documentary was sold in 2000 for \$1 million to Fallon, Thomas and Providence businessman Bob Grenier.

Among other things, Lennon is seen composing songs, touring his 100-acre estate and rehearsing for a BBC show in which he performed "Instant Karma" for the first time publicly.

Documents reveal romance between astronauts, steamy e-mail sent to space

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Astronaut Bill Oefelein was in orbit aboard the space shuttle in December when he was sent a steamy e-mail from a girlfriend awaiting his return: "First urge will be to rip your clothes off, throw you on the ground and love the hell out of you."

Fellow astronaut Lisa Nowak apparently discovered that e-mail — and some other romantic messages to Oefelein — before she set off on her bizarre, 900-mile road-trip to confront her rival for Oefelein's affections.

The e-mail was among several hundred pages of documents released

this week by prosecutors in the case against Nowak, who is charged with trying to kidnap the e-mail's author, Colleen Shipman.

The e-mails, along with statements taken from Oefelein and Shipman, confirm publicly for the first time that Oefelein had a romantic relationship with Nowak. It lasted two or three years before he broke it off to date Shipman late last year.

Oefelein said, he considered Nowak to be one of his best friends at NASA.

"We had a relationship but, you know, never really said the word

"girlfriend," Oefelein told investigators. "We were somewhat exclusive. Nobody prohibited anything, but I would consider her exclusive for a period of time."

Oefelein met Shipman while training in Florida several weeks before his December launch aboard shuttle Discovery. The e-mailed each other regularly, including while he was in space, though Oefelein opened the e-mail expressing Shipman's desire to rip his clothes off only after he had returned to Earth in December.

In another e-mail sent in January, Shipman wrote Oefelein at his NASA

e-mail address: "I love you and I am head-over-heals IN love with you." Oefelein responded the next day from his office e-mail: "You must really have me around your finger that I can't even function without you here."

Before every shuttle flight, astronauts give NASA a list of friends and family members who are allowed to send them e-mail during a mission. NASA spokesman James Hartsfield said the agency does not monitor the communications between astronauts in space and their friends and families.

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Return to (Chemical) Romance: Misfit subculture band speaks out

By KARI KRAMER
DAILY TROJAN (USC)

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — On the verge of becoming the biggest band of the misfit subculture, My Chemical Romance's transition between anonymity and stardom was not one of their best moments. In the winter of 2004, My Chemical Romance played a free show at the Best Buy parking lot in Orange County, Calif. Police at the event ac-

cused them of vulgarity, cursing and inciting a riot on the outdoor public stage. They vowed to meet all of their fans individually after the show, but this disturbance angered the cops, who threatened to arrest them if they didn't leave the property.

It was rumored that they'd never be welcome back in the city again.

This weekend, My Chemical Romance returns to Southern California for a two-day stint, including a show at the Honda Center in Anaheim

— formerly known as the Pond — one of the largest venues in the county. The band has come a long way and now, at an optimistic point in their careers, guitarist Frank Iero spoke thoughtfully about the band's beginnings, their growth, the new album and their devoted fans.

"Starting out, we got into music and punk rock because we didn't really fit in among the cool kids at school," Iero said. "We were constantly searching for acceptance. I

definitely found that in being in a band. It just felt like that's where my place was in this world -- this band that didn't fit anywhere else. You could come to this show and feel like you belong."

The band emotionally connects with its fans and has spoken with kids who have said that listening to the songs saved their lives, Iero said.

"Music is the universal healer for people," Iero said. "The way a musical piece can make someone feel and the way they can relate them to their own life is really amazing. It's the only kind of art form that I think really can do that because it shivers down your spine."

Magazines such as Spin and Kerrang have heaped critical acclaim on the group, but the guys have also received negative criticism from their peers. Other bands have publicly scorned the My Chemical Romance's image and music. British rockers Kasabian slammed the band, calling them "clowns" who "don't have anything positive to say."

MCR has dismissed the insults.

"One person's genius is another person's trash, and I think that's a great thing because either

way, you're having people think and having people feel," Iero said.

Iero said that their older material might have a bleak vibe, but he's proud of their turnaround and apparent message of inspiration on their most recent CD, "The Black Parade."

"When we listen to the record, we feel incredibly hopeful," Iero said. "Some of the topics that we deal with are very dark topics, but we tend to find the beauty in some of the tragedy."

While the disc follows a specific theme and storyline, Iero is excited to give fans an alternate experience with the songs during the live shows.

"When taken out of context, switched around, and added with old material, it takes you on a different journey," Iero said.

But there is more to this group than catchy tunes, touring, money and fame. It has helped given troubled youths a sense of belonging.

"It's an incredible feeling getting up there and seeing this sea of people, and not just seeing blackness and a sea of heads, but seeing individuals and looking in their eyes," he said.

Iero recollected several special times shared with fans.

"Being in Italy in the middle of the square and looking out the balcony window and there are all these

kids outside with homemade flags and they had hired a marching band to play The Black Parade," he said. "You have to pinch yourself and say, 'Oh my God, is this really happening to me?' There have been a lot of great things."

While Iero appreciates the success, he and his bandmates remain grounded.

"I think in a few short years, we lived about 20 lifetimes," Iero, 25, said; but despite the adjustments, he feels unchanged. "The weird thing is that we're pretty much the same awkward people that we were when we started," he said.

Still, he embraces the attention and appreciates people relating to the band.

"If a kid asked you for your autograph, it wasn't just about writing your name on something," he said. "It was about holding that moment in time. I felt that if I could not just write my name on someone's paper, but something inspiring to them, something they could take home and cherish -- a message that means something."

"These are great things, things that I always wanted," he said. "I wanted to make a mark on this world -- something that was positive, and not just have it be the same place it was before I was here."

'Rent' star reveals evolution of musical to fans at U. South Florida

By DAVID GUIDI
THE ORACLE (U. SOUTH FLORIDA)

(U-WIRE) TAMPA, Fla. - When Anthony Rapp initially gathered with the rest of the original "Rent" cast, the first thing they did was sing through the musical's most celebrated number, "Seasons of Love." At that moment, Rapp knew Rent had an energy and intensity unlike any other musical he had heard.

"It felt like a revelation," said Rapp, who played the documentary filmmaker Mark Cohen in the first production of Rent, as well as the movie. "The simplicity in the lyric, the heart in the lyric, the cascading harmonies and the context of the song -- singing about life directly. It felt courageous somehow. We felt that something extraordinary was happening."

Rapp spoke to nearly 500 people, many of them so-called "Rentheads" at the University of South Florida, about Rent and its evolution: from creator Jonathan Larson's vision, to a small production gathering steam in the New York theater world, to one of the most popular musicals of all time. He said Rent filled a vacuum in the musical world, delivering entertainment with an edge not found in traditional musicals.

"I think it's great to be a part of things that are fun and entertaining."

Rapp said. "But I would sacrifice all that for being part of something that's not only entertaining but that's out to shake people up, that's out to change their minds and change their hearts."

He also talked about Larson, who Rapp said drew on his circle of friends to create the characters and the story of Rent.

"He was a part of this community of artists -- gay people, crossdressers, lesbians, straight people, white people, black people, Latino people, all together -- and the story of that kind of group of people wasn't being told in the mainstream," Rapp said.

Rapp also spoke about the sudden death of Larson from an aortic aneurysm at age 35, on the day of Rent's off-Broadway opening and just hours after the show's final dress rehearsal.

The night of the premiere, the theater was full of Larson's family, friends and colleagues. Instead of a full show, the cast did a sing-through -- no movement, just singing -- in memory of Larson.

"Even in the face of this room full of people whose hearts were torn out of their chests, who were in such pain, who were devastated, even in the face of that ... all of the energy of the show and all of the comedy of the show communicated as powerfully as it ever would," Rapp said.

"That told me, among many things, something that I always believed and that evening just proved all the more -- Rent sort of just tells the truth. And when people are presented with the truth, it's easy to respond no matter what you're going through."

Rapp also talked about a moment during the performance when they sang one of the musical's other signature songs, "La Vie Boheme."

"We as a cast, we as characters, we as the audience were all going through the same things at the same time," Rapp said. "The characters we played were singing this uproarious joyful song in the face of their friends who might not be there any more ... and so it was all one."

The cathartic experience of performing in Rent also helped Rapp deal with another difficult loss in his life -- the death of his mother to adrenal cancer less than a year after the show's Broadway opening.

Rapp -- who has written a book and spoken to audiences around the country about his experiences with Rent -- said the powerful effect the musical has had on his life makes it hard to let go.

"Sometimes people wonder why I keep talking about this -- well, it's the greatest thing that ever happened to me," Rapp said. "There are so many reasons I will never leave this behind."

RESEARCH SEARCH



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Perry Blagg, a senior agricultural and applied economics major from Brownwood, looks at posters displaying research conducted by graduate and undergraduate students in the Croslin Room of the library Tuesday afternoon.

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Porter signs with Miami

(AP) — Joey Porter wasn't unemployed for long.

The trash-talking linebacker, cut last week by Pittsburgh to save salary cap room, agreed to a five-year, \$32 million contract with Miami, giving the Dolphins a potentially devastating pass rushing tandem with Jason Taylor, the defensive player of the year.

Porter is guaranteed \$20 million in the deal, which was agreed to late Monday, according to a person with knowledge of the discussion who requested anonymity because Porter has not yet passed his physical and the contract may not be signed until Wednesday or Thursday.

Porter's 60 sacks rank fourth in Steelers' history. His addition is part of what's becoming a major roster overhaul by the Dolphins, who were 6-10 last season, and new coach Cam Cameron. Already, Miami has either released or traded seven players who started at least one game on offense in 2006 along with defensive linemen Kevin Carter and Dan Wilkinson.

Another linebacker from the AFC North, Brian Simmons,

landed in New Orleans.

Simmons, released by Cincinnati, signed with the Saints after being released by the Bengals in a cap cut. He was the 17th overall pick in the 1998 draft.

And Trent Green was seeking a trade that could lead to the end of his career in Kansas City.

"We're going to look and see what his options are," his agent, Jim Steiner, said Tuesday. "We're going to do that."

A statement issued by the Chiefs said conversations with Green continue to be "amicable and productive." General manager Carl Peterson met with the 37-year-old Green on Monday.

Green, who is signed through 2009, is scheduled to make \$7.7 million and \$9.2 million in the final two years of his contract. Damon Huard, who filled in when Green was hurt last season, recently signed a three-year deal with the Chiefs last month rather than become a free agent.

Kansas City also has Brodie Croyle, last year's third-round draft pick, to compete with Huard for the job.

In other moves Tuesday:

— Tampa Bay signed offensive tackle Luke Petitgout, released by the New York Giants after starting 106 games for them since being chosen in the first round in 1999.

— Kansas City signed linebacker Napoleon Harris, who played two years in Minnesota after being traded there by Oakland in the deal for Randy Moss.

— The Chicago Bears and New York Jets finalized their trade for running back Thomas Jones. He joins the Jets and gives Cedric Benson a clear shot at Chicago's starting job.

— San Francisco signed former New England linebacker Tully Banta-Cain, the fifth free agent it has signed since the signing period began last Friday.

— Baltimore re-signed running back Musa Smith, who has been injured during most of his four seasons with the Ravens.

— Carolina released backup quarterback Chris Weinke, a former Heisman Trophy winner.

— New England re-signed Larry Izzo, who has been to the Pro Bowl three times as a special teams player.

Bill filed for random steroid tests for Texas high school athletes

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas public high school athletes would face mandatory random steroid tests in order to play sports under a bill to be filed Wednesday in the Senate.

According to details in a draft summary of the bill, the testing program would select 30 percent of the approximately 1,300 public schools with athletic teams and test 3 percent of the athletes on those campuses.

Athletes must agree to participate in the program before they are allowed to play and must submit to testing if selected.

The bill to be sponsored by Sen. Kyle Janek, R-Houston, would require the University Interscholastic League, the governing body for Texas public school sports, to draw up the rules for the testing program. The UIL would also decide what the punishment for a positive test and

any appeals process might be.

Testing must be done by a certified lab. Like drug testing in college and professional levels, a urine sample collected would be split in two. If a test on the first sample came back positive, the second sample would be tested to confirm the result.

Several details were unclear, such as how campuses would be selected and whether the testing would be season-long or done only during the postseason.

The program wouldn't be the first of its kind — New Jersey started a limited testing program last fall — but it would likely be the largest.

Texas had 733,026 students participate in public school sports during the 2005-06 school year, more than any other state.

The New Jersey program only tests athletes who qualify for state champi-

onships. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said earlier this year he envisions a much broader program in Texas.

Steroid testing has drawn support from Don Hooton, who became an activist after his son Taylor committed suicide at the age of 17. Doctors said they believe Taylor Hooton became depressed after he stopped using steroids.

"It's going to provide a meaningful deterrent for these kids," Hooton said, adding that testing should be conducted year round.

Punishment should include forcing athletes to sit out games if they test positive, Hooton said.

"Many of these kids are star players," Hooton said.

Texas lawmakers considered a testing program in 2005 but it failed when local school districts balked at the costs. Estimates for steroid tests range as high as \$200 per test.

Miller: 'A team without Dabbs not as good'

By JAY LANGLEY
News Editor

OKLAHOMA CITY — With a 71-67 loss to the Colorado Buffaloes in the first round of the Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship, the Texas Tech Lady Raiders finished the 2006-07 season losing eight of their last 10 games without senior guard Chesley Dabbs.

"I don't make excuses," Tech coach Kristy Curry said of Dabbs' absence down the stretch of the season. "I was raised to roll up your sleeves and be an underdog. It's obviously something that had a huge impact on us."

Dabbs left the team for personal reasons Jan. 31 before Tech traveled to Kansas to play the Jayhawks. With the loss Tuesday, the Lady Raiders (15-16, 6-10 Big 12) ensured their first losing season since the 1980-81 campaign.

"I think as a staff we tried to fill that role and to find a way, but there was just no way down the stretch that we were able to do that," Curry said. "That's the thing that we struggle with the most is that what happened was so out of our control."

Dabbs started in Tech's first 21 games, scoring nine points and 3.7 rebounds per game. At the time of the announcement she was leaving the team, the senior from Plano was third on the Lady Raiders' roster in minutes played with 33 per game.

"We missed her poise," Curry said. "We missed her presence. She just gave us a calmness, and she's always been that kind of player at Tech."

With Tuesday's win, Colorado finished with a 2-0 record against the Lady Raiders this season. While the Buffaloes did not face Chesley Dabbs during the 2006-07 season, Colorado coach Kathy McConnell-Miller said a team without Dabbs is not as good of a team.

"They're a different team with her," McConnell-Miller said. "It's been a struggle for them."

Despite Tech's struggles during the season, McConnell-Miller said she has enjoyed the way some of Tech's players have stepped up in Dabbs' absence.

"They've been in games at the end," McConnell-Miller said.



CAITY COLVARD/The Daily Toreador

LADY RAIDERS JUNIOR center Erin Myrick jumps for a rebound in Texas Tech's 71-67 loss to Colorado Tuesday at the Big 12 Tournament in Oklahoma City.

"Jordan (Murphree) makes shots. Patrice Edwards is phenomenal on the blocks. (Alesha) Robertson, I mean what more can you say, the girl has done everything but strap that team on her back."

Curry said the team should have

been able to step up after the loss of Dabbs.

"I never have made excuses," she said. "The bottom line was it is what it is, and I say that all the time."

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Lady Raiders

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ball, and McFarland hit her 13th and 14th free throws of the game to seal the victory for the Buffaloes.

After the loss, Tech coach Kristy Curry said the ending of Tuesday's game is a reflection of the way the season has been for the Lady Raiders, who finished below .500 for the first time since the 1980-81 season.

"It was just kind of indicative of the way it's gone — wide open from 3 (point range)," Curry said. "Maybe you want to focus on the last four minutes, but we had some open looks from 3 today that just didn't go down for us for whatever reason. "It's kind of how things have gone for us. We've been close, but close doesn't really count."

Curry said her three seniors, Baughman, Patrice Edwards and

Alesha Robertson, who combined Tuesday, are what student-athletes are all about.

"I'm really proud to have coached these three kids," she said. "They represent everything that's good as people."

Robertson, who finished with 18 points and 10 rebounds in the final game of her career, said she hopes the Lady Raiders can redeem the loss next season.

"I don't know if it's sunk in yet," Robertson said of the loss in her final game, "but I had a little talk with my teammates after and told them to come back here and kick their butt and do it next year."

No. 8 Colorado (13-16, 6-10 Big 12) overcame disadvantages in the turnover and points-off-turnover department to snag a quarterfinal match-up against top-seeded Texas A&M today. Tech (15-16, 6-10) held a 14-6 advantage in steals, forced 25 turnovers and outscored the Buffaloes 29-17 in points off turnovers. McConnell-Miller said these mistakes are issues A&M will capitalize on in the next round if her team does not take care of the ball.

"We are turnover-prone," she said. "We do turn the ball over quite a bit. I think their full-court pressure is something we need to be concerned with."

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By Phillip J. Anderson 3/7/07
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Spring Break Kids Camp, March 12-14, '07

Rec Sports will be running a Spring Break Kids Camp from March 12-14 for kids ages 7-13. The \$30 fee is non-refundable and no financial aid is available. The camp will run from 8 am - Noon, and kids should come ready to swim. Registration forms and waivers can be downloaded at www.recsports.ttu.edu. Must register in person in the Recreational Sports Main Office by 5 pm TOMORROW, March 8 For more information call 742.3351.



Spring Break Facility Hours & Fitness Schedule

FRIDAY, MARCH 9
 Rec Center: 6 am-9 pm
 Aquatic Center: 6:30-8:45 am; Noon-8 pm
 Climbing Center: 3-7 pm
 Fitness Classes: Regular Schedule

SATURDAY, MARCH 10
 Rec Center: Noon-6 pm
 Aquatic Center: Noon-6 pm
 Climbing Center: 2-6 pm
 Fitness Classes:
 1-1:50pm: Rip-N-Rope; 2-2:20pm: Abs

SUNDAY, MARCH 11
 Rec Center: Noon-6 pm
 Aquatic Center: Noon-6 pm
 Climbing Center: closed
 Fitness Classes: No Classes

MONDAY, MARCH 12
 Rec Center: 6 am-7 pm
 Aquatic Center: 6-8:45 am; 12-1:30 pm; 4-7 pm
 Climbing Center: closed
 Fitness Classes:
 12:10-1 pm: Body Sculpting; 5:30-6:30pm: Interval Step

TUESDAY, MARCH 13
 Rec Center: 6 am-7 pm
 Aquatic Center: 6-8:45 am; 12-1:30 pm; 4-7 pm
 Climbing Center: closed
 Fitness Classes:
 12:10-1 pm: BOSU; 5:30-6:30pm: Xtra Strength

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14
 Rec Center: 6 am-7 pm
 Aquatic Center: 6-8:45 am; 12-1:30 pm; 4-7 pm
 Climbing Center: 3-7 pm
 Fitness Classes:
 12:10-1 pm: BOSU; 5:30-6:30pm: Yogilates

THURSDAY, MARCH 15
 Rec Center: 2-6 pm
 Aquatic Center: 2-6 pm
 Climbing Center: closed
 Fitness Classes:
 3-4 pm: Cardio Step

FRIDAY, MARCH 16
 Rec Center: 2-6 pm
 Aquatic Center: 2-6 pm
 Climbing Center: 3-6 pm
 Fitness Classes: No Classes

SATURDAY, MARCH 17
 Rec Center: Noon-6 pm
 Aquatic Center: Noon-6 pm
 Climbing Center: 2-6 pm
 Fitness Classes: No Classes

SUNDAY, MARCH 18
 Rec Center: Noon-6 pm
 Aquatic Center: Noon-6 pm
 Climbing Center: 3-8 pm
 Fitness Classes: Regular Schedule

Heartbeats A quick pulse around the Rec Sports World...

Staying in Lubbock Over Spring Break?

The MLK Mountain Bike course has a new section—go ride and get ready for the Mountain Bike Race on March 31. Check the web for more details about the race.

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Want to be Red-Shirted?
 Join the Rec Sports Team! We are hiring red-shirts for the summer! Attend one of the following info sessions to learn more. All sessions are held at 4 pm on Mar. 30, Apr. 6, 13, & 20.

Sports Ticker.....

Recent Sport Club Scores

- W. Lacrosse:**
 TTU 18, UNT 5
 Trinity 13, TTU 10
- W. Polo:**
 TTU 10, Oregon State 5
- M. Polo:**
 TTU 11, Oregon State 8
 TTU 22, Colorado St. 10
- M. Rugby:**
 LSU 17, TTU 5
- Cycling @Monkey Race**
 TTU Club received the Best Overall Team Award
 Matt Riles-placed 3rd
 Kyle Grice-placed 4th
- Wrestling @ Southwestern**
 Tournament (Boulder, Colo.)
 Ryan Blair- 3rd (149 lbs)
 John Prilman- 4th (165 lbs)
 Nicolas Gordon-4th (174 lbs)
 All qualified for Nationals (Dallas)
- Baseball (It's a SWEEP!):**
 TTU 17, Texas A&M 0
 TTU 14, Texas A&M 4
 TTU 6, Texas A&M 0



in May with a degree in Cell and Molecular Biology. Brendon (Austin, TX) is a Junior majoring in Marketing and Management, and was in charge of organizing the Soccer Sweethearts program for Men's Soccer. Both soccer teams experienced a great year by winning their respective pools at Nationals and reaching the Elite 8.

SPORT CLUBS

CONGRATS TO THE SOCCER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

Genevieve Kendall (Women's Soccer) and Brendon Roosken (Men's Soccer) were recently awarded scholarships through the Soccer Club Scholarship Fund. Genevieve (Edmonds, WA) served as President of the Women's Soccer team this year, and is graduating

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Szumanski in full effect

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech men's tennis team has its highest ranking of the season at No. 23, and there are many players who have contributed to that accomplishment.

Bojan Szumanski may be one such player; coming into this season as the No. 12 ranked singles player in the country, Szumanski started with a 4-4 singles record and a 5-3 doubles record teaming with sophomore Christian Rojmar. This is Szumanski's first spring season back after being redshirted last season for medical reasons.

Tech coach Tim Siegel said Szumanski is a valuable part of Tech's past — and recent — success.

"He has been as important to our program in the three years that he's been here as anybody I've ever had," Siegel said. "He is basically as good as any player as there is in the country. Although he hasn't had as great of a first half as he would have liked, I know he is going to play very well in the second half."

The junior player hailing from Opole, Poland, has participated in various championships since his high-school years. Along with being ranked No. 9 in Poland, Szumanski was a National Juniors Team Champion in 2002. He also won the Under-21 Indoor and Outdoor Polish National Championship before coming to the United States to play tennis at Tech.

Szumanski's first year at Tech left him with a 10-9 singles record and a 7-8 doubles record in the spring. Szumanski's prize year came in the 2004-05 season when he went 16-5 in singles competition and capped off his season as an NCAA Singles Championship qualifier. Szumanski

also paired with three different teammates to post a 17-11 doubles record. He was named an Academic All-American and to the All-Big 12 Singles Team. Furthermore, Szumanski helped Tech reach the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Championship Tournament that year.

Szumanski said he enjoyed being a part of the 2004-05 season.

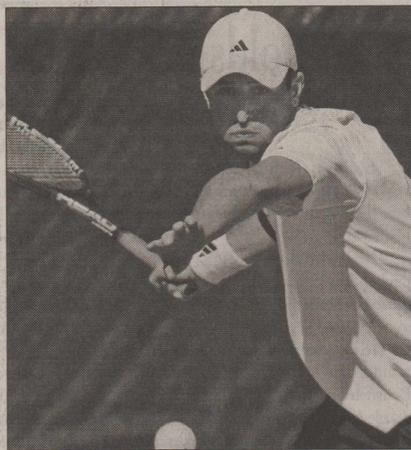
"2004 was great; we had a really great team, and we had just a bunch of guys who had the same goal," Szumanski said. "I remember starting the season 17-0; it was just a great feeling. We practiced and we worked very hard, and it paid off. Hopefully, we can have this feeling again, maybe this year or next year."

Szumanski came into the 2005-06 season looking to build off individual success as he was the No. 21 singles player in the nation. After going 6-4 in singles action in the fall, Szumanski was medically redshirted for the spring.

Tech assistant coach Petar Danolic said although Szumanski missed the spring season, he came back in good shape.

"He's improved since he was redshirted," Danolic said. "He is, overall, a very good player. He is able to put pressure on the corners, and he looks like he can beat anyone."

After going 2-1 in the HEB Invi-



COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Treador
TEXAS TECH TENNIS player Bojan Szumanski hits a forehand in a recent match.

tational, Tech now sits at No. 23 in the country.

Szumanski said he has seen himself grow over his years at Tech.

"The time I've spent here has had a huge impact on my life, both on my tennis and also as a person," Szumanski said. "I've grown working with coach Siegel. He is one of the guys that has the biggest tennis knowledge that I've ever met. He just knows the game really well."

Szumanski said it is unclear what he will do after he graduates, but tennis is definitely an option.

"I really haven't decided," Szumanski said. "I have a couple of options; one of my options will be to try and go off to try and play pro tennis, just to try it out to see if I can make it. If that doesn't come along for some reason, I'm majoring in (personal financial planning), and I'm actually thinking about trying to get a job somewhere in that field."

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Texas' Barnes named AP Big 12 coach of the year

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The way Kevin Durant tore through the Big 12 and nearly carried the Texas Longhorns to a share of the league title, it was easy to forget the task coach Rick Barnes faced when the season began.

Durant was just one of four freshmen starters on a team whose top returning scorer, sophomore A.J. Abrams, is a slightly built shooting guard who averaged 6.4 points last season.

The Longhorns lost all five starters from a 2005-06 squad that won a school-record 30 games and nearly made it to the Final Four. Three of them — last season's Big 12 player of the year P.J. Tucker, LaMarcus Aldridge and Daniel Gibson — left school early for the NBA, leaving Barnes with little to no experience to put on the court.

On Tuesday, Barnes was named The Associated Press Big 12 coach of the year for turning this young and sometimes wild lineup into a squad that came within one game of sharing the league title with Kansas.

It is the first time Barnes has won the honor since 1999, when he guided the Longhorns to the league crown in his first season at Texas.

"This team has no ego," Barnes said. "We've shown some resiliency. We don't play as well as we think. But we do

play; we do compete."

In balloting of media members who cover the league, Barnes garnered eight votes. First-year Kansas State coach Bob Huggins and Texas A&M's Billy Gillispie, whose Aggies finished second, each received six votes. Kansas' Bill Self, whose team beat the Longhorns last Saturday to win the league title, received two.

Before the season had even started, Barnes had compared this year's team to the 1998-1999 squad. Like that team, this group of freshmen needed to learn as much about him as he did about them.

"The class has nothing to do with it. I don't care," Barnes said when the season started. "They can be five seniors. I'm going to play the best players."

The first two months of the season were exciting and sometimes frustrating. Durant and freshmen D.J. Augustin and Damion James were in the starting lineup in the season opener. Barnes added Justin Mason to the mix by game No. 2.

They got an early win over LSU — the team that knocked the Longhorns out of the NCAA tournament last season — and stumbled with a blowout loss to Gonzaga.

Durant was already creating a buzz with his big games, but Barnes warned his team the Big 12 was a different league: tough and physical and a two-month grind.

"They'll find out," Barnes said.

Durant went on a scoring spree, scoring more than 30 points five times as the Longhorns went 6-2 through the first half of the league schedule.

He slowed down — just a bit — during a four-game stretch in the second half, but by then, the rest of the team was catching up.

Augustin, whose superb freshman season was lost in Durant's shadow, became more comfortable in his role as the point guard and floor leader, and James became a more reliable scorer, including a career-high 22 points in a double-overtime game against Texas A&M, the biggest win of the season that set up the conference title showdown at Kansas.

By midseason, Barnes also took on the role of Durant's protector against a constant barrage of questions about Durant's future and whether he'll leave school for the NBA after this season.

Durant hasn't said publicly what he'll do and Barnes chastised reporters for not allowing his 18-year-old prodigy to enjoy the moment.

"I think you have to look at Kevin and give him some credit. If he thought like everyone else thinks he would think, he wouldn't be at Texas right now. He would be at North Carolina or Connecticut," Barnes said. "He is a guy who is going to do what he thinks is right for him."

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SPORTS

Lady Raiders fail to capitalize on CU's mistakes, lose final game of season

By **STEPHEN MONAHAN**
SPORTS EDITOR

OKLAHOMA CITY — In the movie "The Bodyguard," Kevin Costner was successful in guarding Whitney Houston.

But in Texas Tech's 71-67 loss to Colorado Tuesday, the Lady Raiders failed to guard a Colorado freshman by the same name, as she scored an uncontested go-ahead bucket in the paint with 36 seconds left to break a 67-67 tie.

"Anyone that watches us knows that on the offensive end, most teams do not guard Whitney Houston," Colorado coach Kathy McConnell-Miller said. "She's usually maybe a screener or a passer, but I thought Whitney's cut to the back of the basket was one of two of the key (plays) for us."

Houston's basket was crucial to Colorado's victory, but the upperclassmen duo of Jackie McFarland and Jasmina Ilic was too much to handle for the Lady Raiders. The two combined for 51 of the team's 71 points on 16-of-29 shooting for the victory over No. 9 Tech in the opening game of the Phillips 66 Women's Big 12 Tournament at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

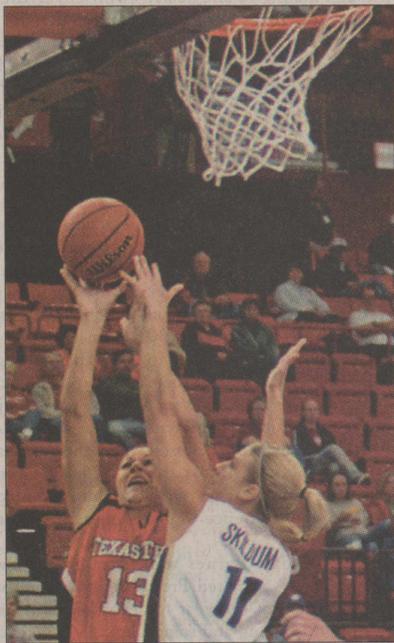
"I'm so proud to be sitting up here with these two young ladies that were so phenomenal tonight," McConnell-Miller said of McFarland and Ilic. "I do think it was a total team effort, but I told Jasmina before the game I really

wanted to live to coach another game with these girls."

Of McFarland's work ethic, McConnell-Miller said the player's constant hustle is impressive.

"If you ever read anything I've ever said about Jackie McFarland, the bottom line is that she does not take a play off — not in practice, not in games," said McConnell-Miller of the junior forward who played all 40 minutes in Tuesday's game. The only time she does is when I sit her."

Tech had three opportunities to score in its final possessions. Junior Erin Myrick missed a jumper in the paint and Colorado's Katie Powers snagged the rebound. It appeared senior Brooke Baughman fouled Powers, but Powers was called for traveling, giving Tech another possession. On the inbound pass, Baughman found Jordan Murphree on the left baseline; Murphree put up a wide open 3-pointer, but she could not knock



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LADY RAIDERS FRESHMAN Jordan Murphree attempts a lay-up in Tuesday's loss to Colorado.

it down. After CU and Tech players fought for the rebound, it ended up in the hands of sophomore Tiny Henderson who put up another 3-pointer with two Colorado defenders in her face. Henderson's shot fell short and into the hands of Houston who called a timeout. Tech fouled before Colorado inbounded the

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Tech holds off UNLV for first win of series

By **WES SKIPWITH**
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech baseball team held off UNLV's ninth inning rally to beat the Rebels 7-6 Tuesday at Dan Law Field.

The Red Raiders (13-5) gave pitcher Trey Schurr his first start of the season against UNLV (8-12), who started pitcher Kevin Skogley.

Tech was first to get on the scoreboard in the bottom of the second. Designated hitter Taylor Ashby ripped Skogley's full count pitch down the left field line for a triple, scoring left fielder Geoff Byrns.

In the bottom of the third, Tech added two more runs when catcher Matt Smith singled to right, driving in third basemen Chris Hall from third and center fielder Doug Thennis from second. Tech led 3-0 after three innings.

The Rebels threatened to score in the top of the fourth. Schurr gave up a single and two walks to load the bases with one out. He retired the next two batters to get out of the jam and keep UNLV scoreless.

"That was huge," Schurr said. "I just kind of loosened up for the first time

and my arm kind of got going. I started to focus a little more and dig down deep."

Schurr ended the day with four scoreless innings pitched in which he allowed two hits and threw four strikeouts. Tech coach Larry Hays said he was looking for another pitcher to step up and Schurr was able to do that.

"He threw strikes, competed and pitched out of a tough jam," Hays said. "That's now another guy we can use and that's encouraging."

The Red Raiders continued to distance themselves in the bottom of the fourth. Hall's come backer struck Skogley's leg and trickled between first and second for a base hit, driving in first baseman James Leverton and increasing Tech's lead to 4-0.

In the top of the fifth, Schurr was replaced by Tech reliever Brian Cloud. UNLV was able to score two runs off Cloud and cut Tech's lead to 4-2.

Tech picked up another crucial insurance run in the bottom of the fifth. Right fielder Roger Kieschnick tripled to lead off the inning. Smith hit a sacrifice fly to score Kieschnick and increase Tech's lead to 5-2.

UNLV came battling back in the sixth. Cloud gave up a bases loaded two run double from UNLV's Blake Gaylin,

cutting Tech's lead to 5-4.

With no outs and runners on second and third, Tech reliever Paul Gonzales was brought in to replace Cloud.

Gonzales struck out his first opposing batter. The next batter flied out to Thennis in center field. Thennis then threw out the runner attempting to tag-up from third and score. The double play ended the inning.

Attentive base running allowed the Red Raiders increase their lead in the bottom of the sixth. Leverton scored from third on a passed ball from UNLV's catcher. Tech led 6-4 after six innings.

In the seventh, Tech added its last and most important run. Thennis hit a line drive to left, scoring Hall from second and putting the Raiders up 7-4.

The run turned out to be the deciding factor for Tech as UNLV was able to score two more runs in the ninth with a two run home run off Gonzales. Tech pitcher Collin Auten was sent to the mound with two outs left. He retired the next two batters to earn the save.

Gonzales received the win after throwing 3 1/3 innings and allowing two earned runs.

Tech plays UNLV again at 1 p.m. today at Dan Law field.

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TEXAS TECH'S GEOFF Byrns steals second base against UNLV Tuesday evening. Byrns later scored for Texas Tech after being hit in by pitcher Taylor Ashby.

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