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Tech works for energy efficiency

By **GLENYS BOLLS**
STAFF WRITER

With energy prices on the rise, Texas Tech employees are working to conserve energy to keep costs down.

Tech's Physical Plant is doing a variety of things around campus to reduce costs, including installing more energy efficient lighting and updating the air systems.

"We have been working on this for several years," said Doug Chowning, managing director of the Physical Plant. "We have reduced our energy use just over 20 percent since the year 2000."

Some of the measures that have led to the reduction include electricity and natural gas bill audits, energy metering of various campus buildings and a monthly energy audit. "Part of the energy audit is to identify energy-saving opportunities like making heating and cooling more efficient, making lighting more efficient, and using more efficient engines," said Carlos Teran, engineer for the Physical Plant. "We keep track of what's going on."

One of the Physical Plant's most visible projects was replacing all the lighting in Tech's

high-energy buildings three years ago, Chowning said. He approximated the project's cost at \$1.1 million.

"We've been doing a series of projects right in the neighborhood of \$3.5 million," Chowning said. "We're working in the dorms right now. We're doing bulb replacement in four dorms until September, and then more dorms until the first of the year. We're also working on heat recovery."

Although the Physical Plant has been working to reduce costs, Chowning said students are still paying more because the price of raw energy has increased by a such a large percentage.

Tuition increased by 4.79 percent in early June from \$85 per credit hour in 2006 to \$93.67 per credit hour, in 2007. Since 2003,

when tuition was \$46 per credit hour, the cost has increased by 103.63 percent. Student Business Services representatives were unable to say exactly how much of this increase was due to rising energy costs.

"It would be a lot worse if we hadn't done this," Chowning said. "Energy is costing more now, so our total energy bill is more now. We're seeing the same thing in electricity and natural gas that you see at the gas pump. The cost has done similar things. The raw cost of energy has gone up."

In February 2002, the U.S. natural gas electric power price was \$2.86 per thousand cubic feet according to the Energy Information Administration's Web site, <http://www.eia.doe.gov>. In February 2007, it was \$8.17 per thousand cubic feet — a 185.66 percent increase. Electricity prices for industry rose from 4.5 cents to 6.1 cents per kilowatt-hour from 1998 to 2006 — a 35.56 percent increase. By comparison, the price of regular gasoline rose 149.51 percent from \$1.03 in 1998 to \$2.57 in 2006.

"On the main campus, we're working on electricity reduction," Teran said. "We send a quarterly report to the state on

energy savings. There are ways to save more energy, but we've been working hard to save energy consumption. We could always do better, but we've been comparing numbers and we're doing a pretty decent job."

Chowning said he agreed more could be done, but said the Physical Plant's efforts are keeping Tech competitive with other schools in the Big 12.

"I've talked to people at other universities," Chowning said. "We're doing as well as anybody else is doing."

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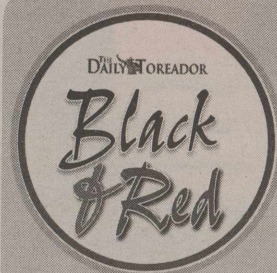
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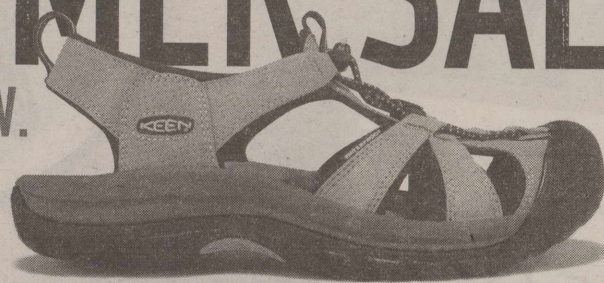
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Taliban extends deadline for 23 Korean hostages held in southern Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A purported Taliban spokesman said Sunday that the hard-line militia had extended by 24 hours the deadline for the Afghan government to trade captured militants for 23 South Korean hostages.

Afghan elders leading the hostage negotiations met with the kidnappers and reported that the Koreans were healthy, said Khwaja Mohammad Sidiqi, the police chief of Qarabagh district in Ghazni district, where the Koreans were kidnapped Thursday.

He said the delegation made progress in their talks, but the Afghan military said Afghan and U.S. troops had "surrounded" the region in case the government decides the military should move in.

Qari Yousef Ahmadi, who claims to speak for the Taliban, said the militants were giving the Afghan and South Korean governments until

10:30 a.m. EDT Monday to respond to their demand that 23 Taliban prisoners be freed in exchange for the Koreans.

"The Korean government should put pressure on the Afghan government to give a positive response to the Taliban's demands," Ahmadi told The Associated Press by satellite phone. "They should try to solve things through negotiations in order to save the lives of the hostages and so they can get home without being harmed."

Neither the Afghan nor Korean governments have commented on the purported Taliban offer. A delegation of eight Korean officials arrived in the capital of Kabul on Sunday and met with President Hamid Karzai to discuss the crisis.

Afghan Defense Ministry spokesman Gen. Mohammad Zahir Azimi said the troops positioned around the

area where the Koreans were believed to be held could start a military operation to rescue them "as soon as we receive the order."

But a U.S. spokesman said that appeared unlikely for the moment. "We will only launch rescue operations or military action at the request of the Afghan and Korean governments," said Lt. Col. David Accetta. "We do not want to jeopardize the lives of the Korean civilians."

Villagers, meanwhile, found the body of a German construction worker who had been kidnapped in neighboring Wardak province along with another German and five Afghans in a separate incident on Wednesday, provincial police chief Mohammad Hewas Mazlum said.

Ahmadi said Saturday that militants shot and killed the Germans because Berlin hadn't pledged to pull its 3,000 troops out of Afghanistan.



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Meredith Benson, a senior broadcast journalism major from Houston, jogs at the indoor track at the Robert H. Ewalt Student recreation Center, Wednesday evening.

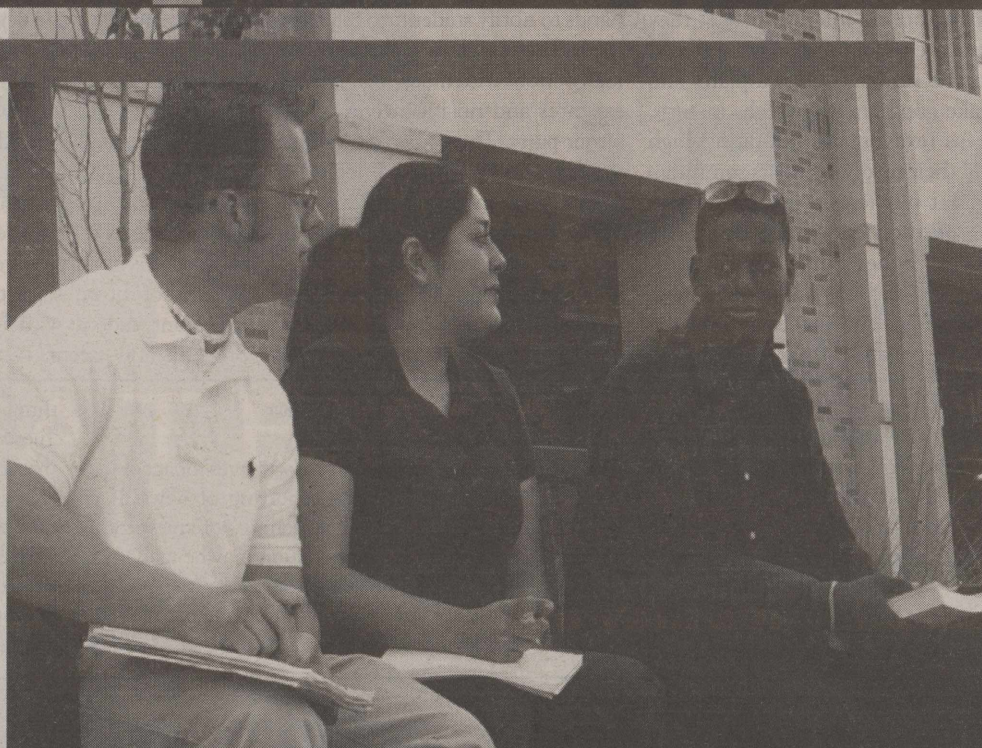
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Living on campus has allowed me to get to know so many diverse people that I believe I've changed in the way that I view others.

It also gives me access to all the places I need to be in a short time and with less hassle. My experience here at Texas Tech University as a first-year student has been made so much easier by living on campus. When I think about times when I might have an evening exam, it is so nice to know that I don't have to rush and add the additional stress of running back and forth and worry about a late-night bus.

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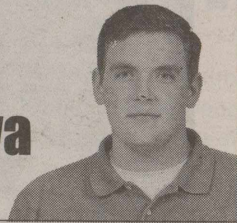
Time to re-evaluate educational system

I generally consider myself a fairly intelligent person — although I'm sure there are some liberals who would disagree. However, I must admit, something that should be relatively simple has me completely perplexed: the Disney Channel's "Hannah Montana."

I tried to watch an episode of "Hannah Montana" prior to writing this column, for a little bit of background research. Either I banged my head against the wall too violently or I experienced a temporary loss of higher brain function, but I only lasted 15 minutes of "Hannah" before I blacked out.

Evening news programs constantly inundate us with new studies and reports on the "childhood obesity epidemic." Parents preoccupy themselves with the kinds

Trey Caliva



of foods children put into their bodies, but when was the last time they regulated what they put into their heads?

Perhaps then, it shouldn't shock us when comparisons of education internationally by the Organization for Cooperation and Development place students from the United States in the mid 20s. It's not too much of a shock that less developed nations such as Latvia or Poland can exceed the United States in math, reading, writing and science.

I'd imagine since there's probably not a "Lucy Latvia" on TV there, those children must be doing something else with their free time like, say, reading a book.

Should we be surprised though? After all, this is a country where the every move of the Beckhams is more chronicled than the War in Iraq or where a routine hearing to examine a probation violation can turn into the biggest news story of the week.

How can we blame No Child Left Behind for failing children? Maybe it's merely trying to stop the mental bleeding inflicted by "My Super Sweet Sixteen: The Movie." A child today is — probably — more likely to know the lyrics to the "Hannah Montana" theme song than they are the actual

location of the state of Montana.

I know what you're thinking, all of the things I've mentioned so far are just guilty pleasures. Well, true, adults have guilty pleasures. A nice cigar on the weekend, a couple of drinks or a pint of ice cream and "Golden Girls" reruns on Lifetime at two in the morning.

I myself have been known to indulge in a little guilty pleasure from time to time. I've seen "High School Musical", I've listened to Avril Lavigne's "Girlfriend" more than is medically safe and who can't resist a good, sleazy episode of "The Surreal World"? But then again, I'm not ten years old and I highly doubt I'm going to choose a washed-up Vanilla Ice as my role model.

What hope do we have when

more people will go to see the junior-high-gay-joke-infused "I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry" over a well-made musical like "Hairspray"?

Perhaps this just means America is dumb. Perhaps when a country reaches an apex they inevitably must fall back to Earth. Perhaps we must take a step back before we proceed forward. Even Forrest Gump told us, "stupid is as stupid does." So in 20 years, when the general population of the United States has the cumulative IQ of a coconut, remember, we only have ourselves to blame, and "Hannah Montana."

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Texas 'B On Time' loan program unfair to students

STAFF EDITORIAL
DAILY TEXSAN (U. TEXAS)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — I scratch your back, and you scratch mine — that was the original basis for the Texas "B On Time" loan. The state rewards students by waiving payback of no-interest loans if they graduate in four or five years (based on the student's degree plan) and make good grades, which, in turn, keeps Texas universities' ratings high and their revolving doors spinning.

But our legislature isn't keeping up their end of the deal. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has broken the news to financial aid offices around the state that there isn't enough loan

money to cover all qualifying Texas students. The coordinating board posted a bold advisory note on their Web site stating they can only fund "loans to most, but perhaps not all, renewal students for the 2007-2008 academic year."

It will be in the University's hands to notify students to tell them the bad news and try to provide other loan options with much higher interest rates and no incentives — for either party. There was \$49 million available for "B On Time" loans last school year, enough for 12,800 students. For the 2007-2008 academic year, the state only plans to spend about \$41 million, enough for 9,900 students.

Adding to the misery, no new

students will get the loan, which means about 700 incoming UT freshmen will miss out, according to The Associated Press. Many of these students already got award letters and accepted the funds, which will be revoked. They have also put money down on tuition and housing. About 650 students statewide who obtained the loans last year also won't be able to renew them, though which returning students will lose out has not been determined, the AP reported Sunday.

As if the new measure wasn't inconvenient enough, the board has released this news mere weeks before the start of the fall semester, leaving expectant students with few options. Students and parents typically start

planning their budgets months before the start of the semester, and scholarship and financial aid deadlines have already passed for the upcoming school year, leaving incoming students out of options. Returning students, knowing this grant relies on expedient graduation, are often motivated to strictly fulfill degree requirements rather than taking a wide variety of classes.

While many UT students are losing one incentive to struggle through a busy schedule to graduate "on time," flat-rate tuition still holds them to a similar standard in which students save money only by taking more than 4 classes, a difficult load to bear for many. This pressure means sacrificing time that could be

used to hold an outside job while in college — a crucial sacrifice if "B On Time" can't keep its promise to pay students back. If students still have to keep up their end of the deal, they at least deserve for the state to be on time in their delivery of bad news, so they can fund their education elsewhere.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and state Sen. Judith Zaffirini, who helped champion the loan program in 2003 in the wake of tuition deregulation, saw "B On Time" as a way to allow universities to set tuition prices without closing the doors to too many students. Now the revolving door is slowing down, keeping many needy students out of higher education.

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State Department official takes blame for passport mess

WASHINGTON (AP) — The current passport mess is rare among government foul-ups: A top federal official has publicly taken the blame and expressed regret.

"Over the past several months, many travelers who applied for a passport did not receive their document in time for their planned travel. I deeply regret that," says Assistant Secretary of State Maura Harty, who is in charge of U.S. passports. "I accept complete responsibility for this."

The government started requiring more Americans to have passports on Jan. 23 in an effort to thwart terrorism. By summer, more than 2 million people were waiting for passports; half a million had waited more than three months since applying for a document that typically was ready in six weeks.

The massive backlog destroyed summer vacations, ruined wedding and honeymoon plans and disrupted business meetings and education plans. People lost work days waiting in lines or thousands of dollars in nonrefundable travel deposits.

Members of Congress were inundated with pleas from constituents

for help. Requests to lawmakers soared from dozens a year to hundreds a month in many offices.

Some in Congress wonder if the effort has not hurt security. Others question whether more passports contribute much to security.

The sorry episode originated three years ago with the final report of the Sept. 11 commission. "For terrorists, travel documents are as important as weapons," the report said.

The commission noted that

Americans could return to the United States from Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean without passports. The report said Americans should not be exempt from having to show a passport or other secure identification when entering the U.S.

Before 2004 ended, Congress

enacted this passport requirement. The Bush administration spent two years getting ready.

Last Nov. 22, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff announced that as of Jan. 23, Americans visiting Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda by air would need passports. The requirement will not take effect for land and sea travelers until sometime between the summer

of 2008 and June 2009.

The State and Homeland Security departments began a publicity blitz about the new requirement. The government even paid to run its announcement on lighted outdoor news tickers in New York to reach the national television audience for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Five passport offices were expanded and a new one opened, Harty told the House Foreign Affairs Committee this month.



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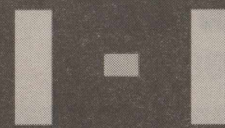
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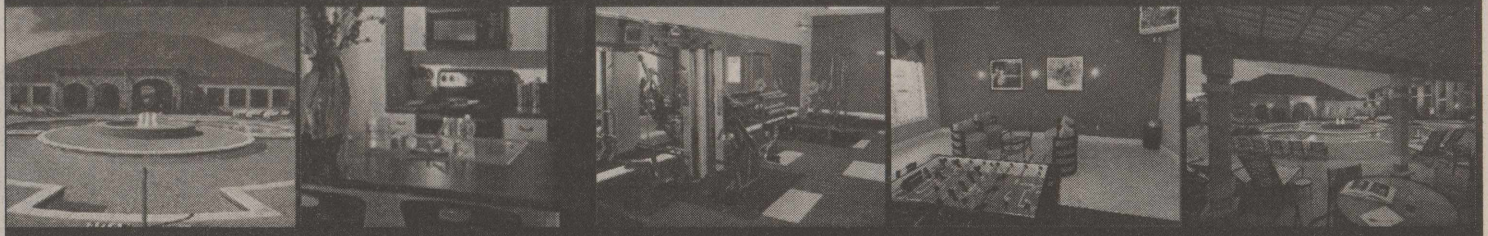


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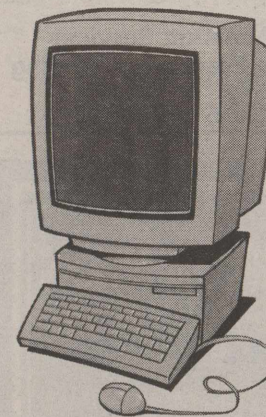
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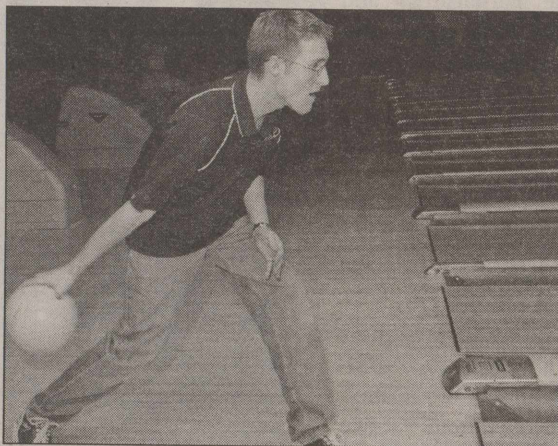
College students are often known to be low on cash, yet always looking for a good time.

Here are some inexpensive ways to have fun in Lubbock this summer. There are various college specials, discounts and freebies around the clock in Lubbock.

Richard Amadin, a senior biology major from Houston who works with Party Boys Promotions in Lubbock said the company holds at least one pool party every week as well as promotes various clubs in the area.

"We do mostly clubs and all the pool parties," Amadin said. "Every now and then we'll do a charity event at Chimy's."

The pool parties are open to anyone and are sponsored by the apartment complexes at which they are conducted or by a club the company is promoting. They are free and are on various days throughout the week and weekend. During the parties, music is provided by a disc jockey, non-alcoholic drinks are available and prize giveaways take place. Wednesday through Friday there are various clubs



the company promotes which offer free cover charges before 11 p.m. and attractive drink specials.

If the club or a party is not quite your scene, there are a number of other options with which you can fill your time without draining your wallet. Double Features are offered for \$5 a person at the Stars and Stripes Drive-In, bowling can cost as little as 99 cents a game plus a shoe rental fee, or you could head out to Buffalo Springs Lake for the day and try your hand at fishing.

Jan Brinkley, a senior exercise sports sciences major from Houston said she and her friends like Ruby Tequila's on Wednesday nights because of their specials but if she's not in the mood for a party she really enjoys being outside.

"Buffalo Springs Lake or Palo Duro Canyon are great places to go if your on a budget," she said. "The local music scene isn't bad either, especially since Lubbock bands usually don't charge a cover,"

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Pittman's Jiu-Jitsu teaches more than how to fight

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

Dressed in a suit jacket and wearing black rimmed glasses, Klay Pittman looked more like a businessman rather than a second degree black belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.

Maybe that explains why his assistants call him "Superman."

Jody Putman, a 22-year old Texas Tech senior from Ropesville, works full-time as an assistant for Pittman. He said his first impression of his instructor reminded him of the comic book hero.

"We call him Superman because he puts his suit on and he's your regular businessman," he said, pointing toward the locker room. "He walks back into that room, and he'd come back out with his (uniform) on and his perception, everything, his demeanor, the way he walked, the way he carried himself was completely different."

The instructor and founder of Pittman's Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu opened the academy in 1993. Pittman, a 1998 Tech graduate, teaches fall and spring semester classes at Tech.

Pittman's assistants said the classes repeatedly fill to capacity because he presents a world renowned teaching style.

The book, "The Gracie Way," explains the history of the Gracie family, which introduced Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu to the United States 70 years ago. Pittman earned his black belt from a cousin of the Gracie family, Carlos Machado.

Pittman said since the age of 10, he knew it was only a matter of time until he became a martial arts instructor.

"All my idols were martial artists," Pittman said. "The people I liked to listen to were black belts. I never did conventional sports, so I don't know what that's like. I don't know any different, I do know that I was raised to think that if you always do your best, you'll wake up and you're going to be in a good place."

He has competed in numerous countries, such as Australia, Brazil, Italy and Spain. But as an instructor, He said roughly 15 percent of his students compete in tournaments.

He said he breaks down students into four groups: the "curious", the

"hobbyist", the "martial artist", and the "professional". The curious students enroll in his classes to learn to defend themselves and explore the technique, while the hobbyist trains two to three times a week, but still balances his or her life.

He said the "martial artist" becomes inspired and lives his or her life in a way that remains parallel with teachings of Jiu-Jitsu.

"So to a large degree, their thoughts, their actions, their spirituality, their philosophies in life," he said, "are derived from war-like skills, martial arts."

He said "professional" students compete for a living but can be broken up into two groups: teachers and fighters.

Pittman explored both sides of the professional balance. Rex Richards, a 6 foot 5, 305 pound former Red Raider offensive lineman, trains at Pittman's Academy. He began fighting professionally in 2006, and he holds a 4-0 record while defeating his opponents in under six minutes — total.

Garrett Poole, a junior exercise and sports sciences major, works as an assistant for Pittman's Academy. Poole said he learns a new technique or strategy every time he attends class. He described Pittman with a single word: "Genius."

Poole said people walk into the academy trying to prove themselves all the time, and he said Pittman remains calm and considerate, even after using them as an example.



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Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu instructor Klay Pittman (right) demonstrates a move to his students during one of his classes Saturday afternoon. Pittman's demonstration partner is Garrett Poole, a junior exercise and sports sciences major from Hondo, who is an instructor as well.

Pittman said a man, who now attends classes regularly, came into the academy boasting a miraculous fighting record. Pittman said within two minutes of sparring, the man was breathing so hard he could not see straight. He said most students step into the academy unaware of how much they can learn.

"If you really want to get a good look in the mirror, do a good self-audit," Pittman said. "Become what I consider self-actualized, like you actually see yourself for who you really are. Jiu-Jitsu is a good place to start."

Putman, a blue belt, has been training under Pittman for a year and a half. He said Pittman's biggest strength lies within the coordination of his classes.

"I think the best thing that he does is he has his curriculum set up in such a way that it all flows together," he said. "The basic training which is covered through the Texas Tech class is very, very solid. Everything you need to know as a basic student is there, the curriculum is there."

As a young boy, Pittman said he was looking for something to help him become fearless, and Jiu-Jitsu led him in the right direction.

"If you tell me I have no say in the direction of my life, I don't have time for you," Pittman said. "It doesn't make sense to me. It doesn't come natural to me. That's what Jiu-Jitsu is."

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The Code of Student Conduct Review Committee has reviewed the *Code of Student Conduct* and amendments have been approved by the Board of Regents. The 2007 – 2008 *Code of Student Conduct* is now in effect and is located at <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/studentjudicialprograms/COSC2007-2008.pdf>.

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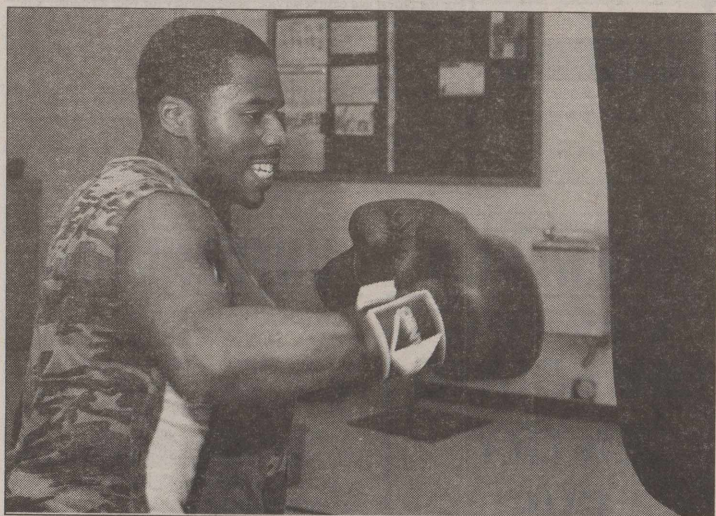


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David Pilgrim, a senior sports management major from San Antonio, hits the bag in the mat room at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Minor league coach dies after being struck by line drive in game

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Tulsa Drillers coach Mike Coolbaugh died after being struck in the head by a line drive as he stood in the first-base coach's box during a game.

The Texas League game was suspended in the ninth inning Sunday after the former major leaguer was hit by a foul ball off the bat of Tino Sanchez. Coolbaugh, 35, was taken to Baptist Medical Center-North Little Rock,

where he was pronounced dead.

"It's a tragedy for all of baseball," Drillers president Chuck Lamson told the Tulsa World in a story posted on the newspaper's Web site early Monday. "He just joined the staff and was a former Driller player. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family."

The Tulsa Drillers said Monday night's game against the Wichita Wranglers in Kansas has been postponed.

FBI investigating whether NBA referee bet on games

(AP) — A point-shaving scandal is an enormous problem in any sport. This one, which might involve an NBA referee, has the potential to permanently scar the league.

The NBA acknowledged Friday the FBI is investigating Tim Donaghy for betting on games, including ones in which he officiated.

"It's a shame," the Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant said. "It's just unfortunate. ... Like I said, it's a very serious issue."

According to a law enforcement official, authorities are examining whether the referee made calls to affect the point spread in games on which he or associates had wagered thousands of dollars over the past two seasons.

The referee had a gambling problem and was approached by low-level mob associates through an acquaintance, said the official, who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation.

Gambling long has been a problem in sports, and leagues have made a point of educating

players of the potential pitfalls. The NBA, for example, discusses gambling at rookie orientation, even bringing in former mobster Michael Franceze to speak.

And the NBA dealt with negative stories about its officials earlier this year when an academic study detailed a bias by referees against players of the opposite color. The league requires its officials to file reports and defend or discuss every questionable call they make in a game.

Donaghy, who reportedly has resigned, was an NBA official for 13 years. He officiated 68 games in the 2005-06 season and 63 games in 2006-07, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. He also worked 20 playoff games, including five last season — Pistons-Magic on April 23; Warriors-Mavericks on April 27; Suns-Lakers on April 29; Nets-Raptors on May 4; and Spurs-Suns on May 12.

Those studying Donaghy's games might have noticed some trends.

When the home team was favored by 0-4 1/2 points, it went 5-12 against the spread in games officiated by Donaghy this season, according to Covers.com, a Web site that tracks referee trends. Home

underdogs were 1-7 against the spread when it was 5-9.5 points.

Donaghy was part of a crew working the Heat-Knicks game in New York in February when the Knicks shot 39 free throws to the Heat's eight, technical fouls were called on Heat coach Pat Riley and assistant Ron Rothstein, and the Knicks won by six. New York was favored by 4 1/2.

Defense attorney John Lauro confirmed Donaghy is under investigation, but refused to comment on the allegations or the case.

"They are serious allegations," the leader of the referees' union, Lamell McMorris told the Philadelphia Inquirer. "It's an ongoing federal investigation. And we don't really have much more to say about it, and neither do the referees."

In Bradenton, Fla., a woman came to the door of the home where Donaghy lives and shouted through the door: "We have no comment."

Donaghy is perhaps best-known previously as one of the referees in the 2004 game at Detroit that ended with Indiana Pacers players fighting with Pistons fans, among the biggest black marks in league history.

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