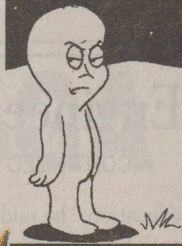


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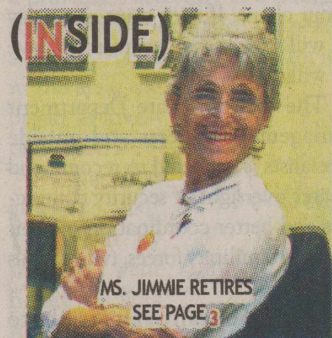
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STATE
Two executions halted over different challenges

FORT WORTH (AP) — Two November executions have been halted because of pending capital punishment issues before the courts. On Tuesday a federal judge in Sherman stopped the Nov. 6 execution of Allen Bridges, whose attorneys claim he is mentally retarded. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that mentally retarded people cannot be executed.

In another case, a judge in Fort Worth stopped the Nov. 27 execution of Dale Devon Scheanette following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to consider the legality of lethal injection.

NATION
Search continues for autistic hiker

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — The sister of a missing autistic hiker said Wednesday the family is worried that her brother won't be able to respond if he hears searchers calling his name. "That is our biggest concern, that someone calls for him and he cannot say, 'I'm here,' you know, 'Help me,'" Jacob Allen's sister, Brittany Allen, told CNN. She said her family normally uses pictures to communicate with her brother.

WORLD
Putin warns against military action with Iran

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Vladimir Putin issued a veiled warning Tuesday against any attack on Iran as he made the first visit by a Kremlin leader to Tehran in six decades — a mission reflecting Russian-Iranian efforts to curb U.S. influence.

He also suggested Moscow and Tehran should have a veto on Western plans for new pipelines to carry oil and natural gas from the Caspian Sea, using routes that would bypass Russian soil and break the Kremlin's monopoly on energy deliveries from the region.

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Officials say Blackwater won't be fired

Company 'probably is on the way out of that job' as result of 17 civilian deaths last month

By ANNE GEARAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — A State Department review of private security guards for diplomats in Iraq is unlikely to recommend firing Blackwater USA over the deaths of 17 Iraqis last month, but the company probably is on the way out of that job, U.S. officials said Wednesday.

Blackwater's work escorting U.S. diplomats outside the protected Green Zone in Baghdad expires in May, one official said, and other officials told The Associated Press they expect the North Carolina company will not continue to work for the embassy after that.

It is likely that Blackwater does not compete to keep the job, one official said. Blackwater probably will not be fired outright or even "eased

out," the official added, but there is a mutual feeling that the Sept. 16 shooting deaths mean the company cannot continue in its current role.

State Department officials spoke on condition of anonymity because Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has not yet considered results of an internal review of Blackwater and the other two companies that protect diplomats in Iraq.

Department officials said no deci-

sions have been made and that Rice has the final say.

They gave admiring appraisals of Blackwater's work overall, noting that no diplomats have died while riding in Blackwater's heavily armed convoys.

President Bush did not directly answer a question Wednesday about whether he was satisfied with the performance of security contractors.

"I will be anxious to see the

analysis of their performance," Bush said at a news conference. "There's a lot of studying going on, both inside Iraq and out, as to whether or not people violated rules of engagement. I will tell you, though, that a firm like Blackwater provides a valuable service. They protect people's lives, and I appreciate the sacrifice and the service that the Blackwater employ-

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OFF THE BEATEN PATH

PART THREE IN A FIVE-PART SERIES HIGHLIGHTING STUDENTS WHO LEAD LIFESTYLES OFF THE BEATEN PATH

Vietnam veteran set to graduate 40 years after enrolling at Tech

By ELLIOTT COCHRAN
STAFF WRITER

Ralph Herzog graduated from Lubbock Monterrey High School in the spring of 1967 and spent the next 40 years earning his bachelor's degree.

After graduating high school, Herzog attended summer classes at Texas Technological College (the foregoing title of Texas Tech) and continued through the fall semester. After an unsatisfactory academic showing, Herzog was dropped from college, and because of the heightened military conflict in Vietnam, the week that followed changed his life forever.

Monday of that week, Herzog received a drop notice from school. Tuesday, he was mailed his warning classification from the military, and Thursday he received his "greetings and salutations" draft notice. Friday, Oct. 23, 1968 he enlisted in the Navy.

Herzog was uprooted from his friends, family and country, but he maintains an understanding impression of the situation, and has no regrets of the decisions he made.

"It was something I wanted to do, otherwise I wouldn't have enlisted," he said. "Otherwise, I would have taken the draft, done my three years and gotten out. I don't regret doing it and never had any hard feelings about the way it happened."

Although Herzog planned to spend four years in the Navy, he spent nearly three decades with the branch.

"I figured I'd go and do four years and then come back home and go to school," he said. "I ended up doing 28 years — 20 of them at sea."

He attended classes while overseas with professors brought on board by the government, including courses at Thomas Nelson Community College in the Virgin Islands.

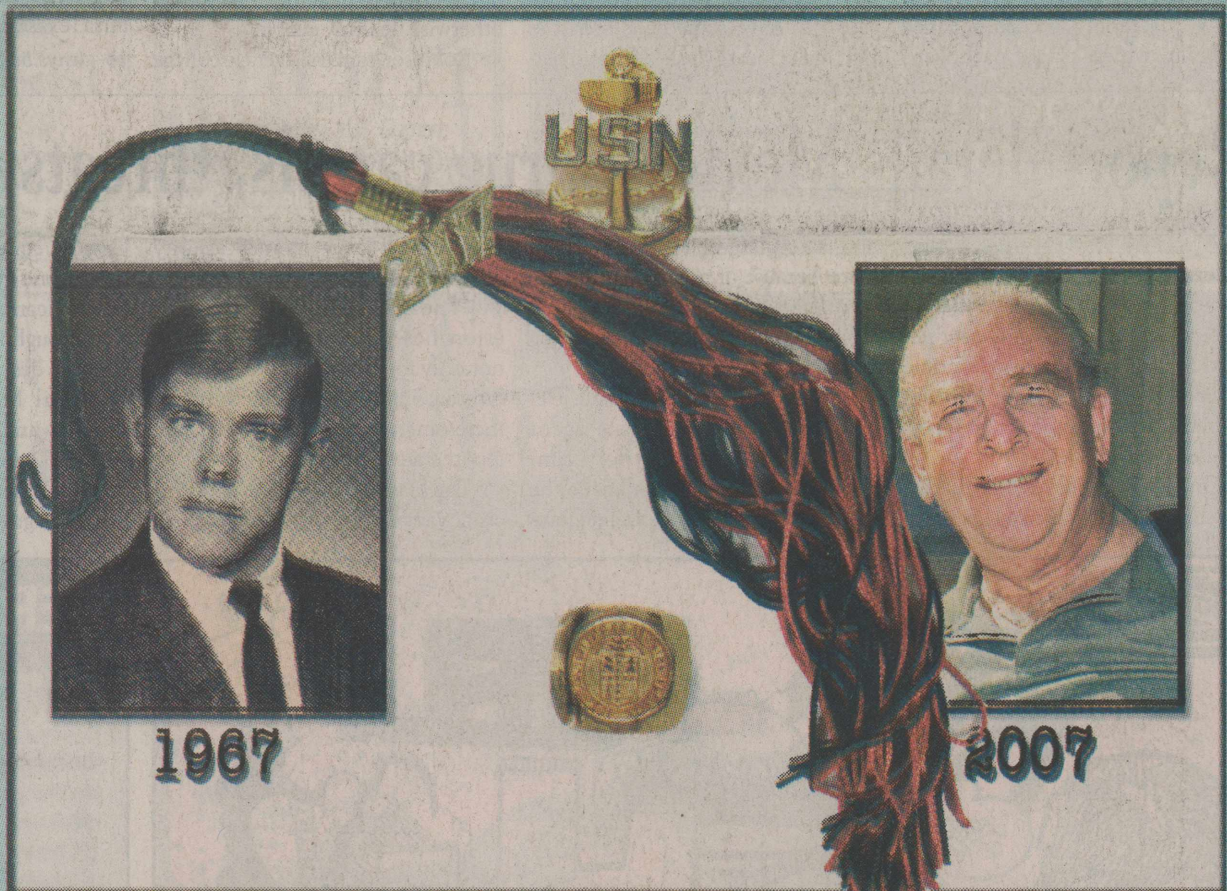


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RALPH HERZOG, A 58-year-old Vietnam veteran who is currently enrolled at Texas Tech began his college career 40 years ago. He is set to earn his bachelor's degree this December.

After traveling all over the world and being involved in every military conflict for the next 28 years, Herzog was stationed in Virginia, where he eventually retired to raise his family. In the following years, Herzog enjoyed retirement, later taking a vacation visit to Lubbock to see family.

Upon returning to Lubbock, Herzog experienced another life-changing moment. On Aug. 2, 2001, he met a woman whose alleyway faced his mother's, and they developed a relationship during his visit. Their relationship continued on the telephone. Herzog spent hours talking with her, and later planned a surprise visit to see her Dec. 20. On New Year's Eve 2001, he asked her to marry him after they had initially "dated" for 10 days. Herzog moved back to Lubbock in March of 2002, and on

Aug. 2, a year from the day the couple met, they were married.

One evening when the couple was visiting with friends, education was brought into the discussion, and Herzog said he was presented with a challenge he could not resist.

"We were sitting around one night and something came up about school," he said. "Somebody told me 'School is a lot different than it used to be, it would really tax somebody your age to go back.' I took that as a dare."

After talking it over with his wife, Teri Herzog, a teaching assistant at Willow Bend Elementary in Frenship, he decided to enroll

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Tech College of Engineering ranks high for Hispanic students

By ADAM YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's College of Engineering was ranked 14th in the nation for Hispanic students by Hispanic Business Magazine.

The ranking, which was published in the September issue of the magazine, ranked the top 20 engineering schools in the country for Hispanic students, according to the magazine's Web site, www.hispanicbusiness.com.

Jeff Sammons, senior editor in the College of Engineering at Tech, said he believes Tech received the recognition partly because of the effort the college has made to increase enrollment of students from minority backgrounds.

"The college feels like this is an excellent affirmation of those steps," he said.

Freshman Hispanic enrollment in the college increased 23 percent from last year, Sammons said.

Mike Caplinger, research supervisor for Hispanic Business Magazine, said the magazine based its ranking on a survey sent to universities across the nation, which analyzed five criteria including the school's reputation, retention rate, enrollment and faculty member and student services.

"It's obviously not the end-all choice for people to use, but we like to think we're providing a starting point for them as far as indicating the schools that might be best for them," he said. "I think it's important to have somewhere to go because students can be completely lost and not have anywhere to go

for a start, and so that's what we think we're providing."

According to the article published on the magazine's Web site, Tech's College of Engineering was recognized because it "supports diversity through active student organizations, outstanding academic support services and direct community outreach."

Caplinger said he believes it is important to promote higher education for Hispanics because of the changing demographic of the U.S.

"They're obviously the fastest growing segment of the population, and I think it is important for the schools to tap into that and provide a place for them to attend and get their

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Drug-resistant bacteria causes high number of infections, deaths

By GLENYS BOLLS
STAFF WRITER

A wide-spread drug-resistant bacteria caused more than 94,000 life-threatening infections and killed nearly 19,000 people in the U.S. in 2005, according to a new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The study, released in Wednesday's edition of the Journal of the American Medical Association, sets the first national baseline for methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus infections. This baseline will be used for comparison with future numbers of MRSA infections and deaths.

"The report has been attracting attention because it's finally been shown that the rates are higher than had been estimated before," said Dr. Matthew Robinson, an assistant professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. "The number is not all that surprising to me, because I see staph infections all the time."

The MRSA death rate in the report has been compared to the national death rates of AIDS and HIV — and found to be higher — but Robinson said some false impressions could result from such a comparison.

"(To get the MRSA death rate,) they took a sample and extrapolated that to include the entire U.S. population," he said. "When you do it like that, there are always going to be some inaccuracies."

The study's result estimates were achieved by projecting data from nine sites, populated by about 38 million people, to the U.S. at large. The sites are parts of the CDC's Active Bacterial Core surveillance program, which tracks pathogens

in the country, according to a press release from the CDC.

The nine sites used in the study were the state of Connecticut; the Atlanta metropolitan area; the San Francisco Bay area; the Denver metropolitan area; the Portland, Ore., metropolitan area; Monroe County, N.Y.; Baltimore City, Md.; Davidson County, Tenn.; and Ramsey County, Minn.

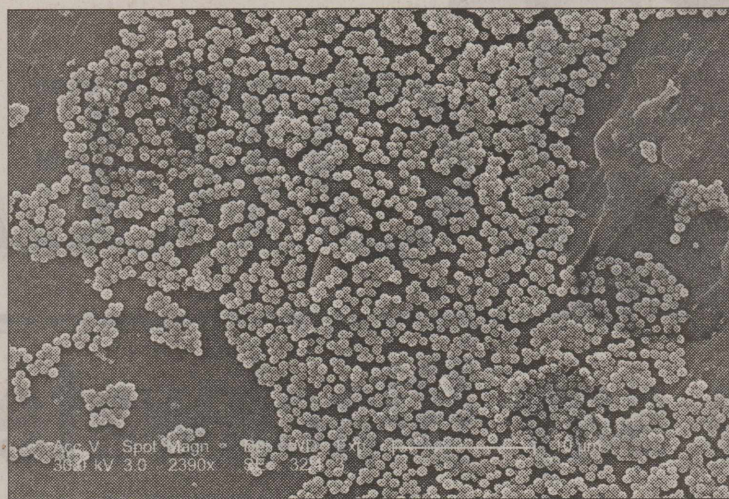
"In medical school, they used to teach, somewhat dogmatically, that MRSA is only acquired in hospitals," Robinson said. "That's not the case anymore. The lines are blurring somewhat."

MRSA is a drug-resistant form of the staphylococcus bacteria, which commonly are found on the skin or in the nose of healthy people. According to the CDC Web site, www.cdc.gov, 25 to 30 percent of the U.S. population carries the staph bacteria without knowing it, while approximately 1 percent carry the MRSA bacteria.

"MRSA used to be relegated only to hospitals," Robinson said. "Now it's in the general community, showing up in young, healthy individuals who have no contact with health organizations."

The study found about 85 percent of all invasive MRSA infections were associated with health care settings, according to the press release. Two-thirds of these cases occurred in individuals who had been hospitalized, experienced a medical procedure or lived in a long-term care facility. The remaining 15 percent were considered community-associated — they had no documented health care risk factors.

"The strain in the community seems to have some characteristics that make it easily passable from per-



A SCANNING ELECTRON micrograph depicts numerous clumps of MRSA, a type of bacteria that is resistant to certain antibiotics.

son to person," Robinson said. "And the thing about it is, the medications we typically use on traditional MRSA don't work on this strain."

The community-acquired strain of MRSA still is treatable, Robinson said.

"All MRSA is resistant to penicillin-like antibiotics," he said. "One difference is that community-acquired MRSA is susceptible to other antibiotics, unlike traditional MRSA."

In health care settings, MRSA occurs most frequently among hospital, nursing home or dialysis patients who undergo invasive medical procedures or who have weakened immune systems, according to the press release. The 2005 infection rates were highest in people 65-years old or older.

"The normal kind tends to be older people with more health problems," Robinson said. "Community-acquired MRSA can happen in anyone, but it's most noticed in young, otherwise healthy, people."

Robinson said the average college

student is not at a high for getting an MRSA-related infection.

"If I were going to say which one a college student was most likely to get," Robinson said, "and the person is not someone who has other medical problems or had been in a medical situation recently, I would say it's more likely to be community-acquired."

The community type has been shown to occur in clusters such as athletic teams or families, Robinson said, but some basic behaviors can reduce the likelihood of getting MRSA.

"Wash your hands, especially after coming in contact with other people," he said. "Also, cover any wounds — they're places the infection would spread through — and avoid sharing personal items like combs and towels."

Other guidelines released from the Texas Department of State Health Services can be seen at www.mrsaTexas.org.

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education," he said.

The estimated population of Hispanics in the U.S. was 44.3 million in 2006 and expected to more than double to 102.6 million by 2050, according to the U.S. Bureau Web site, www.census.gov.

In 2005, Hispanics accounted for approximately 35.1 percent of the population of Texas, compared to 14.4 percent in the nation.

Sammons said he believes it is critical to ensure enrollment at

the college reflects the population of the state.

"(Pamela Eibeck, dean of the college) indicated that she felt like this was an important goal because it better reflects the larger society, it represents the real world environment and having a diverse educational experience," he said.

According to the article, the engineering colleges at the University of Texas at El Paso and Austin received the No. 1 and No. 6 ranking respectively, but Tech bested Michigan State University at No. 15 and Syracuse University at No. 16.

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Blackwater

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ees have made."

A panel that Rice appointed to review the contractors will report to her as soon as Friday, and Rice's announcement of what to do next probably will follow quickly, one department official said.

A transition from Blackwater would take time.

The company employs more people and has more equipment than its two competitors in Iraq. Any outside company that might replace Blackwater would have to provide trained U.S. citizens, with security clearances. That may mean that if Blackwater leaves, competitors hired some of its workers.

Blackwater spokeswoman Anne

Tyrrell said, "We will follow the lead of our client. If they want us to stay we will stay. If they want us to leave we will do so."

The team of State Department management experts and outside specialists is expected to recommend greater oversight of security contractors and better coordination of their work with military forces, two officials said.

It is practically impossible to eliminate private security contractors altogether in Iraq because there are not enough department security agents to fill the gap, officials said.

Blackwater and two other contractors share a \$571 million annual contract to protect diplomats and others in Iraq, Afghanistan, Israel and other countries. The Iraq share of the contract accounts for about \$520 million, although not all goes to Blackwater.

Pentagon to alert 8 National Guard units for Iraq duty

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is preparing to alert eight National Guard units that they should be ready to go to Iraq or Afghanistan beginning late next summer, The Associated Press learned Wednesday.

The U.S. military is reaching out to more Guard units in an effort to maintain needed troop levels, ease some of the strain on the active duty Army and provide security for ports, convoys and other installations.

According to defense officials, seven of the units would deploy to Iraq and one to Afghanistan. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the orders had not yet been signed and the announcement is not expected until the end of this week.

Two of the units will be full combat brigades heading to Iraq — between next summer and into 2009, to serve as part of the rotation with active duty

troops. There are currently 20 combat brigades in Iraq, but under plans mapped out by President Bush and his top commanders, that number will gradually drop to 15 next year, as the U.S. reduces its troop presence there.

Those two Guard brigades would include about 3,500 soldiers each — generally the size of a combat brigade. But the other five going to Iraq will be much smaller brigades that are tailored for specialized support operations, mostly security and detainee operations. Their sizes vary, but some would be about 1,000 troops.

The announcement sometime this week will give the Guard units advanced notice of the planned deployment schedule so that they can begin training and preparing. Also, because it looks far into the future, there is always the possibility that plans could change, based on conditions in Iraq.

Report details Mexico's drug cartels, threats to U.S.

AUSTIN (AP) — Escalating violence by drug cartels and deteriorating security in Mexico will make this the most deadly year yet for that nation's drug-related crime as violence keeps spilling into the United States, according to a report released Wednesday.

On the U.S. side of the border, law enforcement has trouble battling

drug smuggling and its related violence because of poor coordination, corruption and lack of resources, said the report by the Austin consulting firm Stratfor.

Fred Burton, a former State Department counterterrorism agent and now vice president for counterterrorism with Stratfor, made the report available to fellow members

of Gov. Rick Perry's Border Security Council.

"The deteriorating security situation has profound implications not only for Mexico but also for the United States, since drug violence increasingly crosses the border," the report states.

The Houston Chronicle obtained an advance copy of the report, re-

leased Wednesday as a follow-up to a similar one by the company last year on Mexican drug cartels.

Throughout the 17-page report, Stratfor describes two of the most powerful Mexican drug cartels, Sinaloa and Gulf, and their turf battles. Despite Mexican President Felipe Calderon's efforts, drug violence has grown, the report said.

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Longtime SGA secretary retires

By CHASE YORK
STAFF WRITER

Jimmie Bradley, or "Ms. Jimmie" as she is commonly known, has been a part of the Red Raider family for more than 14 years.

A Lubbock native, she was married at 17 and was a stay-at-home mother for 28 years before she went back to school to earn a certificate in office occupation and in office/computers. She began working for Tech and taking classes in 1994.

Bradley said she was working as a principle's secretary at a Lubbock school when she decided she needed a change. As she was looking for jobs in the area, she began to investigate Tech.

"I was just going to visit Tech, but by the time I went home I was ready to enroll in a class," she said. "I wanted to continue my education, and I still do."

Bradley said she was hired in the payroll department and began taking classes, one at a time, to keep a balanced work and family life.

"I thoroughly enjoyed working in the payroll department. I knew I loved balancing and accounting because we did it all by hand in those days," she said with a laugh. "But, I also knew I loved not only meeting new people, but working with students."

In July 1995 Bradley was re-assigned to the Tech Student Government Association office as an administrative business assistant, where she has done everything from answering phones to accounting.

"It's so rewarding to be around individuals who are so focused on their civic duties," she said. "I am working with students who are so positive and so giving of their time to better the university and better meet

the needs of the students."

As she pointed to photos of past SGA officers hanging on the wall of the SGA office, Bradley explained she has witnessed 13 presidents serve terms in the organization, many of whom still keep in touch with her.

She said she had seen a lot of changes in the university during her employment.

"I remember when the student union used to be called the U.C. and *The Daily Toreador* used to be called the U.D.," she said.

Bradley noted the growth of the student population and the growth of the university as a whole, but said there was one thing that had not changed.

"It's the students' energy and enthusiasm that is so wonderful to be around."

— JIMMIE BRADLEY
ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS ASSISTANT FOR SGA

"All the students stay the same age year after year, I am the only one who ever ages," she said jokingly.

Despite her love for her job, Bradley said it is time for her to move on.

"It has been a blessing working here," she said. "It's kind of sad to go, but I know it's time because I need to focus on my number one priority—my daughter with special needs. We need to be with our family."

Jimmie was married for 41 years to Alvin Bradley, who died recently. She has four children: Pernell, who currently lives in Kentucky; Carrie; now in N.M.; Hershell in Md.; and Rebecca, her youngest daughter who was diagnosed with Down Syndrome as a baby and lives with Jimmie Bradley in Lubbock. She has five grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren and one step-great grand child.

After retiring from Tech Oct.

29, Jimmie Bradley plans to move to Kentucky with Rebecca to be closer to her son and hopes to continue working part-time and taking more college classes such as art. She said, from her experiences at Tech, she will take away a vision for the future.

"It's the students' energy and enthusiasm that is so wonderful to be around," Jimmie Bradley said. "Their spirit for life and excitement about the future, I think, is what makes me excited about my future."

She said it will be difficult to leave the SGA environment, but it is the daily contact with the students she will miss most.

"It's going to be hard to pick up the phone from now on and not say, 'student government, this is Jimmie,'" she said.

Suzette Matthews, SGA internal vice president, has known Jimmie Bradley for four years, and said she has had a major impact on the student government and on her, personally.

"She makes me have a more positive outlook on life. I don't think I have ever heard her say anything negative," Matthews said. "She is very uplifting and encouraging and always tells us 'we can,' no matter what the feat."

Matthews said the SGA will host a retirement reception today, which also happens to be Bradley's birthday, from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Red Raider Lounge of the Student Union Building to thank Bradley for her service and dedication to SGA through the years. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Q&A with Ms. Jimmie

Q: What do you feel is your greatest accomplishment?

A: "I don't think I have done it yet. I just don't think the Lord is finished with me yet."

Q: What is one of your favorite things about Tech?

A: "The Carol of the Lights, and the way everyone comes together for that event."

Q: What is one of your favorite pastimes?

A: "I love gardening and seeing things grow."

Q: What do you think is a misconception about college?

A: "Being at a university is not just a time to learn academics but also to learn who you are and to be accountable. Be accountable for your behavior so when you look back, you can do that with pride."

Q: What advice would you like to offer students?

A: "Don't get discouraged, sometimes we encounter a lot of obstacles. What we plan for ourselves may not work out, but the Lord has a better plan. A lot of the times we just need to develop the other talents we have."



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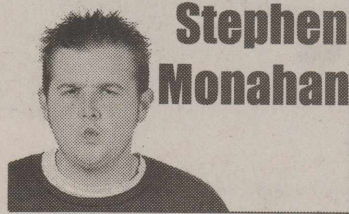
Robot love: Think you can handle it?

For all of you who feel hope is lost when it comes to finding your soul-mate, don't worry, a technological solution is near.

While technology is advancing faster than Texas Tech wide receiver Michael Crabtree splits the Texas A&M defense (I'm moving on from this victory, I swear, bring on Missouri), perhaps it's growing too rapidly.

Sure, I love the iPhone, Super Nintendo and the autopilot feature on my Dodge Neon (wait, a buddy of mine drove me home late Saturday night), but what the Dutch have erected is apparently serious. However, I find it amusing, but ungodly (I'm not touching this part of the story, though, for fear I may be blind-sided in the head by a Raider Red doll).

According to an article at Fox News' Web site, www.foxnews.com, David Levy, an artificial intelligence re-



Stephen Monahan

searcher at the University of Maastricht in the Netherlands, predicts by 2050 Massachusetts will be the first United States colony to legalize marriages with robots.

According to the article, Levy said, "At first, sex with robots might be considered geeky, but once you have a story like 'I had sex with a robot, and it was great!' appear someplace like *Cosmo* magazine, I'd expect many people to jump on the bandwagon."

Wait. So Levy, you're telling me I'll be able to obtain and program the perfect housewife, basically out

of desperation?

Sweet, I've always wanted to find someone who will let me sit on the couch watching football all day while she gives me compliments about how great I am while I'm clad in the prototypical white-trash gear comprised of a wife-beater with work-out shorts and holey socks.

Levy continues in the article about how robot sex and love are inevitable for human beings and says this platonic relationship benefits those who are socially inept, shy, ugly, or have psychological problems.

So, either a man or woman can bask in this glorified, robotic relationship. If you are lonely and have no other avenue for finding a life partner, then let me give you a few pointers to deter you from ever considering this decision.

1. Lorena Bobbitt: Remember this lovely fruit fly of life? She's the woman

who cut off her husband's penis, because he cheated on her, and then flung it out of her car window in hopes it wouldn't be reattached.

Well, think about it this way (especially the male population here because I see more of you as more likely than females to have a robotic companion), if a robot can be programmed to be humble and generous, then it also can be programmed to be deviant and misguided. For instance, if your mate, Jessica Alba (because I'm sure you can give your robot a name), tries to Bobbitt you, well, you are going to lose that battle, chief, because robots don't sleep (just ask Optimus Prime). If available, obtain a robotic form of Cerberus, the three-headed guard dog of Hades in Greek Mythology, to keep you safe.

2. WD-40: Stack up on this lubricant, I'm sure it will be the KY Jelly of the bedroom boom boom or the Vaseline

of robotic cosmetics. The primitive version of the robotic husband and wife is the Tin Man from "The Wizard of Oz," who used an oil-based solution for the mobilization of his joints, and to prevent rusting. So if the Tin Man, who wasn't really a robot, needs lubrication, then so will your love mate — get some.

3. C-3PO: Granted, 3PO was a droid in the "Star Wars" series, but 3PO and these future baby makers (wait, I hope they are unable to conceive, scary) all are robots — and 3PO talked, a lot. This is what a robot shouldn't do if it's the alternative to the real deal.

Men do not need a nagging, overly-obsessed wife whining about how he doesn't take out the garbage and how he needs to pull it together for the relationship to work, while women do not need to worry about an abusive alcoholic man belittling them. Hopefully, these love nuggets will come with a snap-off feature

(envision the light clapper) followed by the words "shut-up," prompting your cyborg of love to quiet its mouth.

So Levy and his constituents will have a bevy of negative criticisms, not limited to sexually transmitted diseases and adultery. But at least in the Fox News article he offers a spark of hope for the male population.

"In a marriage or other relationship, one partner could be jealous or consider it infidelity if the other used a robot," Levysaid in the article. "But who knows, maybe some other relationships could welcome a robot. Instead of a woman saying, 'Darling, not tonight, I have a headache,' you could get 'Darling, I have a headache, why not use your robot?'"

Touché, my friend. Touché.

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Wars on drugs, terrorism waste limited resources

By **KJELL SAWYER**
OKLAHOMA DAILY (U. OKLAHOMA)

(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. — What do heroin, cocaine and marijuana have in common with Islamic extremists strapped with explosives? The war on drugs and the war on terror are two theatres of the same conflict that the U.S. is currently fighting: Operation Inevitable Failure.

Both terrorism and recreational drug use have been part of human civilization for hundreds, if not thousands of years.

Some human beings enjoy altering their states of consciousness, and no matter how bad the government doesn't want to accept the fact, it is true.

Similarly, some human beings so severely disagree with a ruling entity that they resort to murderous violence as a means to voice their dissenting opinions.

Why is the U.S. government so pompous to think it can curb two basic aspects of human behavior?

Does Washington actually think something good and worthwhile can come from throwing cash and launching missiles at these fundamental axioms of the human existence?

When a country fights a war, there is normally a definite strategic goal it tries to achieve. The goal is either met, or it is not, resulting in a win or loss, respectively.

A problem with fighting the war

on drugs and the war on terror is that there is no end, because the goals are too lofty and unrealistic.

What does Washington define as victory in the War on Terror?

Eliminating every last terrorist on earth?

If not one American had a desire to experiment with, or the capability to, obtain a psychoactive recreational substance, would America come out on top of the war on drugs?

Whenever the goal is necessarily unachievable, isn't the war lost before it starts?

Winning these wars is an exercise in futility.

Yet, the Washington continues to pump thousands of troops, millions of man-hours and billions of dollars into ultimately empty causes.

Ironically, the more aggressively the United States prosecutes the wars, the more problems it creates.

For example, since the America expanded the scope of the war on terror from Afghanistan to Iraq, policymakers have to deal with instability in the Middle East, strained relations with neighboring countries and more terrorist suicide bombings than before the war on terror began.

By running in gung ho, America finds itself in the position of having to fight more terrorists now than there were before.

The war on drugs is no different.

During the 1980's, the government beefed up border patrol in Miami to stop the huge influx of

cocaine from South American drug cartels. By limiting supply of the product, the government increased the demand and thus the market value for cocaine.

This, in turn, provided cartels with wealth, power and firearms. In Columbia, the Medellin Cartel declared open war on the country's government, launching several terrorist-style car bombings on public targets.

Just like the expansion of the war on terrorism, the growth of the war on drugs has created more enemies than if drugs were legal.

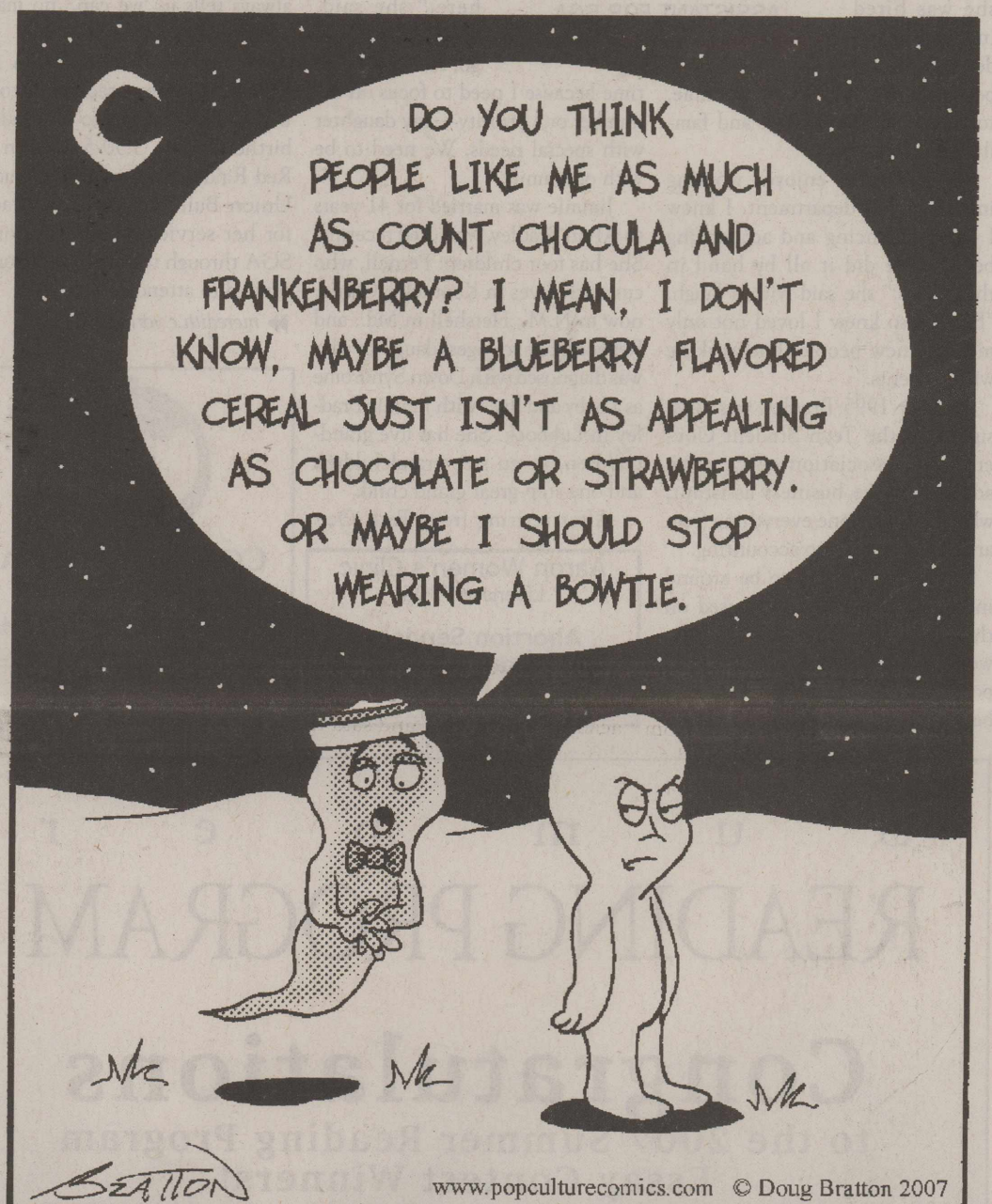
There are other similarities between the war on terror and the war on drugs.

For instance, current estimates show Afghanistan provides 90 percent of the world's supply of heroin. The Taliban and other terrorist groups rake in the profits from the sale of this opiate, but if drugs were legal, American farmers could produce and sell it.

Instead, a monopoly for the Taliban is fortified by the war on drugs. Thus, the U.S. is fighting the war on terror in Afghanistan against an enemy funded by the economic implications of the war on drugs.

In essence, the government is battling an enemy the government directly supports.

The solution to these persistent problems is to admit the wars are not winnable in the first place.



Boo Berry's inferiority complex was starting to annoy Casper.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am so tired of hearing how bad Texas Tech students are from others who do not pay tuition here. Whether it's our fight song, the shirts we design, the enthusiasm we display at games, etc., it always seems that everything is viewed through one lens — that Tech students are disrespectful. Everyone who has the power to tell the story only cares about one story: "How can we make everyone else happy, and who cares what our students feel?"

There are always multiple perspectives and more than one side to any story. I am a proud student and an employee. I have several Thank-you cards and e-mails from visiting families on how friendly

everyone is and how respectful Tech students are. Many of them choose to come here because our students are never seen as a number, but as humans.

I think it's time Tech students stand up and show our administration, SGA and *The Daily Toreador* that we are tired of having one-sided stories. It would be nice if our SGA really did represent our students — rather than look out for themselves — and it would be nice if our newspaper would publish stories and letters that truly depict both sides of the story.

We have smart, honest, hardworking, highly motivated students that go

to school here (maybe a limited few fall short of that standard), but overall we are very respectful students — all Red Raiders. What makes this such a great university is that we treat each other like family, so even if my brother or sister did something wrong I would still be there for them and support them and listen to what they have to say. That is the Red Raider way — so it is time that everyone else show the Tech students some respect and support.

WRECK 'EM TECH!
David Rivas, graduate student studying business from Fredericksburg

TCU athletics drops ball by delaying punishment

STAFF EDITORIAL
DAILY SKIFF (TEXAS CHRISTIAN U.)

(U-WIRE) FORT WORTH, Texas — The TCU athletics department fell short this week of its obligation to preserve the university's image.

A member of one of the most notable groups on campus, junior wide receiver Walter Bryant, was allowed into the spotlight this weekend as TCU took on Stanford University despite the fact that he'd been arrested only days earlier when police said he assaulted his wife.

The way the athletics department has handled the situation involving Bryant is the opposite of

how it should have been handled.

Although Bryant has been suspended indefinitely as the athletics department gathers more information about his arrest, allowing him to play against Stanford last Saturday in Palo Alto, Calif., knowing he had been arrested three days prior is mind-boggling.

And though the suspension may be adequate, it's too late. Bryant should have been benched the moment he was jailed.

Not only does this reflect poorly on the decision-making process initiated by the athletics department on the matter, it also casts a dark cloud over the judgment of the football program and head coach Gary Patterson.

Patterson, who is easily TCU's most notable public figure, originally said after reviewing the facts of the case he stood firm in his belief that Bryant would remain eligible to suit up. Even though the athletics department is now taking the correct course of action, Patterson allowing Bryant to remain on the team for the game Saturday after police said he admitted to striking his wife is inexcusable.

To uphold the honor and respectability of a football program as rich in history such as TCU's, truth must be established between the public and the public figure, and responsibility needs to be taken immediately — not three days after the fact.

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One light, one hope: Candlelight vigil commemorates victims of domestic abuse

By ANN LUU
STAFF WRITER

As the sun set Wednesday night, Texas Tech students, staff and faculty members and residents of the Lubbock community who gathered at Memorial Circle did not let the cold wind blow away their spirits.

Lubbock's Women's Protective Services joined forces with Alpha Chi Omega to host a candlelight vigil to honor women who have been victims of domestic abuse.

Candles were distributed and everyone gathered in groups to shield the wind from blowing out the flames.

Christina Rhodes, a junior anthropology and sociology major from Corpus Christi, said the focus of the vigil was to let people know domestic abuse is a fatal problem.

"We are not trying to advertise anything," said Rhodes, a member of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance. "This is something serious. Nothing is cutesy about it."

Everybody was invited to the vigil, including students and faculty and staff members of Tech, as well as survivors of domestic abuse and supporters in the Lubbock community.

Though the crowd consisted primarily of women, Rhodes said she had

encouraged males to come.

"Guys are a big tool in helping stop the problem," she said. "It's not just a women's problem; it affects everyone."

The vigil began with musician Katie Howell playing soft, inspirational music as the group formed a circle around a makeshift stage.

Fritzi Cates, executive director of WPS, and Roy Rios, WPS coordinator for community education, welcomed everyone.

WPS is a support network for women in abusive relationships, Rios said, and it offers many resources such as counseling, crisis intervention and housing.

Wednesday's vigil was held to commemorate the 120 women who were murdered by abusive spouses in the last year.

Councilman Todd R. Kline said the vigil was about hope, help and healing. Kline stood next to 120 candles lit on a table to represent those who have died.

"These candles represent those we have lost," he said, "but there are countless women who have received help, and this vigil is to encourage others to leave the abusive home."

Sherry Dudley, a survivor of an abusive relationship, came to share

her experience in hopes of inspiring others who are in her previous position.

With a breaking voice, Dudley spoke about her 30 years of being abused, in one relationship after another.

"My life was revolved around beatings and verbal abuse," she said.

Dudley said finally, after one abusive night, she asked herself if she wanted to spend the rest of her life like this.

Nine months later, she got the courage to leave, and in June 2006, her nightmare was finally over, with the support of her siblings, children and friends.

Dudley said she never told anyone about the abuse because she did not want anyone to think she was fragile and did not want anyone else to get hurt.

"Abuse does not have to be at home," she said. "It can be a boyfriend, a teacher, a coach ... anyone."

Dudley said she believes verbal abuse is the worst because it leaves an invisible scar.

"Don't be silent," she said. "The first step is to get out of the environment. You have to speak up and start healing."

The survivor went on to say that

everyone deserves the experience to be treated like a human being—with dignity, compassion and respect.

"Everyone should have the chance to make friends, change your mind, ask for what you want, say 'no' and be happy," Dudley said.

Afterward, the names of the 120 women being honored were read aloud in their memory.

The vigil concluded with a prayer of hope by Kay Crow of WPS and a closing song, sung a capella by John Flores.

In order to host the vigil on campus, WPS needed a Tech student organizational sponsor, and sorority Alpha Chi Omega was more than happy to help.

"We support WPS because it is a part of philanthropy," said Rachel Morris, vice president of fraternity relations of Alpha Chi Omega. "I was honored they asked us to help."

Morris, a senior biology major from Decatur, said it was a great way for the girls to get involved and help.

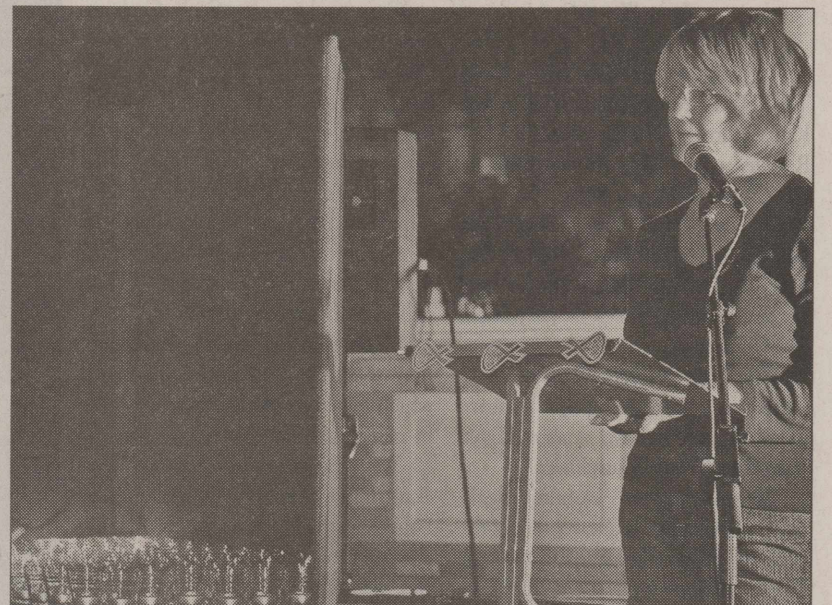


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SHERRY DUDLEY, A former spousal abuse victim, shares her story with others at a candlelight vigil for spousal abuse victims sponsored by Alpha Chi Omega and Women's Protective Services held at Memorial Circle Wednesday.

"It's about women helping women," she said.

Morris was pleased with the turnout at the vigil and said many of the girls from the sorority participated, as well as a good representation of the Lubbock community.

The vigil was held on the Tech campus because the students here are

the future leaders, Rios said.

"They need to be educated and aware in order to prevent future problems," he said. "Tonight, we honored those who have passed, pray for those living in abusive situations, and encourage the survivors to continue in a mission to live abusive free."

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Path

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at South Plains College in Levelland to get his associate degree and adjust to college life.

Teri Herzog said completing school was something her husband always wanted to do, and she offered her full support.

"He said 'I've always wanted to go back to school,' and I said 'Well, go, I support you 100 percent,'" she said. "Being an educator, I knew it was never too late to go back."

Ralph Herzog graduated from South Plains College with a 3.68

GPA, and said a discussion with his wife persuaded him to attend Tech.

"The wife asked me 'What would it take to go to Tech?' I said 'four semesters,'" he said. "She asked 'Are you having fun?' I told her I was having a blast. Classes weren't as hard as they were before, I guess because I'm older and knew I had to stay focused."

Ralph Herzog returned to Tech in September 2005 to major in general studies. The same GPA that sent him across the world was waiting for him upon his return. He saw the changes of academia firsthand, and said the differences in the classrooms and

faculty members had improved.

"As far as the classes, they're a lot easier and more in-depth now," he said. "A lot of students say professors don't offer help, but I've never had a problem with a professor not sitting down and talking with me. Back in '67 and '68, you were just a number, and that was it."

According to Tech's Web site for incoming transfer students, www.admissions.ttu.edu/transfers, the university recognizes "that your journey has begun. We invite you to continue it here with us."

Ralph Herzog, 58, will graduate Dec. 15, but his journey will be met with another challenge he has waited his entire life to meet—teaching. He said it has been one of his life's dreams to teach.

"That's one of the things I want to do when I get my degree: I want to teach," he said. "I've wanted to teach since junior high school."

But until graduation, Ralph Herzog said he is focusing on his classes and maintaining his GPA, which he has brought up to nearly 2.6 since returning to Tech.

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Lady Raiders welcome 7 transfers to team

By ALEX YBARRA
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With few freshmen fitting the mold Texas Tech women's basketball coach Kristy Curry was looking for, the Lady Raiders took a different approach by bringing in seven transfers.

"We went the junior college route because we felt like we couldn't find seven, eight or nine freshmen and become better as quick as we wanted to," Curry said.

The Lady Raiders went 15-16 in 2006, their first losing season since 1980-81, and are two years removed from the NCAA Tournament.

Transfer forwards Dominic Seals, the Preseason Big 12 Newcomer of the Year, and Stanecia Graham raise the level of athleticism inside with return-

ing senior center Erin Myrick.

Curry said transfers Seals, Graham and Ashlee Roberson, as a group, possess offensive tools capable of filling the shoes of former forward Alesha Robertson, who averaged 13.2 points per game in 2006.

"I don't think you ever replace somebody like Alesha, especially the young lady that she was, and everything that she stood for," Curry said. "That will have to come by committee."

Curry said she enjoys the elevation of competition within the team, which has been sparked from day one by newcomers.

With the versatility and length that Seals brings, coupled with Graham's rebounding, the Lady Raiders could push the ball more on fast-break opportunities, dictating the pace of the game.

However, Curry said the transition will take some time.

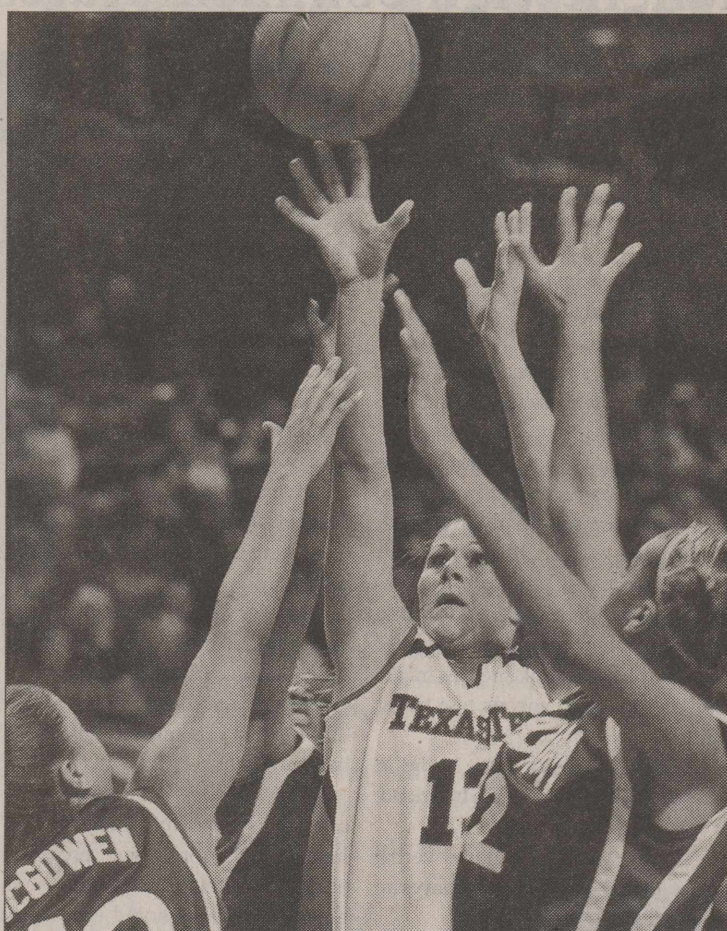
"We're going to have to be patient with them, because there's so much teaching to be done," she said. "We've only been able to spend two hours a week with them, which isn't a lot. So we're going to have to quickly acclimate them."

Incoming guards who could help push the ball offensively and pressure full court include sophomore Maddy Brown, juniors Maria Moore, Alana Rumph and Keisha Walker.

Curry said she wants to use the speed of her guards to create a new mentality in which the team's defense can eventually become its best offense.

Senior forward Tawanna Flowers said this year's recruiting class will end up showing the Big 12 Conference just how well-rounded it is.

"Alana brings great defense to the team," Flowers said. "Dominic's athleticism is unexplainable. Stanecia Graham can rebound like no other, and you got Keisha Walker who can



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

SOPHOMORE JORDAN MURPHREE and the Lady Raider basketball team are preparing for the 2007-08 season with seven new transfer students, three of which played at South Plains College in 2006-07.

shoot the ball, and Maria Moore who can push it."

The Lady Raiders return seven players including Jordan Murphree, Raquel Christian and Tiny Henderson, who will help speed up the learning process for the newcomers, Curry said.

Murphree finished second on the team in 2006 with 9.1 points per game.

Seals said her goal for this season is simple: play with passion, no matter what situation.

"Mainly, just to make (Coach Curry) proud and let us get to the tournament each year and improve our record," she

said. "I want to come out as a team and play hard every game with intensity, every practice with intensity."

Seals, Roberson and Rumph led South Plains College to a No. 1 national ranking with a 31-2 record in 2006. Seals was the State Farm/WBCA National Player of the Year, while Rumph was named South Plains College Defensive Player of the Year.

The Lady Raiders are scheduled to open play in an exhibition game against the semi-pro team the Houston Jaguars at 1 p.m. Nov. 4 at the United Spirit Arena.

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Tech men's golf wins Oklahoma Invitational

The Texas Tech men's golf team finished in first place at the Oklahoma Intercollegiate tournament at the Oak Tree Golf Club in Edmond, Okla.

This finish marked the first time since 2001 the Red Raiders have had two first place finishes in the fall season.

"We came back and tied for first," Tech coach Greg Sands said. "I think the important thing was that we learned a lot how much one shot is. If we just improve one shot, we win the tournament out (right.) I think it left the guys hungry even though we played well; we know that we've gotta get better. We didn't quite get the job done even though we tied for first and wanted to win it out high."

The Red Raiders entered the match ranked No. 25 in the country. Tech finished the final round with a 40-over 892 to tie SMU for first place. Tech finished ahead of No. 35 Arkansas, and unranked Texas A&M, Baylor and Oklahoma.

For the second time during the fall season, the Red Raiders have

three top-10 finishes in the Oklahoma Intercollegiate. Will Griffin finished second, Garrett Merrell tied for seventh and Santiago tied for ninth.

Merrell's seventh-place tie is the highest of his career as he shot an 11-over 224. Griffin shot three-over.

This month, Griffin also was named the Big 12 Conference player of the month. Another notable finish was Sergio Franky, as he shot 228 for a tie at 18th place, the highest finish of his career.

Sands said Griffin quickly is gaining confidence through each event and emerging as a leader on the team.

"The biggest thing in golf is confidence, and he really feels he's confident in what he's doing," he said. "I think another thing, he just believes in himself. He just has that sense of, that he's going to come through now. I just see a guy who's really confident right now and a guy who's leading his team."

The men's golf team will head to the Herb Wimberly Intercollegiate tournament Oct. 29 in El Paso.

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7 AM	Curious	Today (HD)	The Early Show	Animal Eye	(5:00) The Daily Buzz	Good Morning America (HD)	Jack Hanna	
:30	Clifford			Judge Mathis	Lopez		Paid Programs	
8 AM	Super Why!							
:30	Dragon							
9 AM	Sesame Street		The 700 Club	Divorce	The Steve Wilkos Show	Montel Williams	Martha	
:30								
10 AM	Big World		The Price Is Right	Judge Alex	Templation	The View	The Morning Show	
:30	WordWorld			Paid Prog.	Paid Programs			
11 AM	Barney	Jeopardy	Young and the Restless	Jerry Springer		Paid Programs	The Tyra Banks Show	
:30	Caillou	Crosswords			Cosby			
12 PM	Sew News	News	Maury		Cosby	All My Children	Family Feud	
:30	Plain Air	Days of Our Lives	Beautiful		Roseanne		Extra	
1 PM	Holiday	As the World Turns	Paid Programs		Roseanne	One Life to Live	The People's Court	
:30	Place	Jeopardy			Degrassi			
2 PM	Teletubbies	Crosswords	Guiding Light	Jerry Springer Talk show	All of Us	General Hospital	Judge Mathis	
:30	Betw Lion	Inside			(Like (HD)			
3 PM	Reading	The Oprah Winfrey Show	Brown	Maury	Reba (HD)	Paid Prog.	Ellen DeGeneres	
:30	Cyberchase		Brown		Reba (HD)	The Insider		
4 PM	Clifford	Dr. Phil Changing lives.	Judge Judy	Access	The Steve Wilkos Show	Rachael Ray	FOX 34 First @ Four	
:30	Arthur		Judge Judy	Family Feud				
5 PM	Maya	News	News	Family Feud	Standing	News	Raymond	
:30	Bus. Rpt	NBC News	CBS News	Extra	Standing	World News	Simpsons	
6 PM	NewsHour with Jim Lehrer	News	News	*** "Fangs" Millionaire? (TV, Horror) Mutator/bats attack a town.	Queens	News	Family Guy	
:30	Old House	Earl (HD) 30 Rock	Survivor: China	70s	Queens	ET	Two & 1/2	
7 PM	Story "Mist" (HD) Story	The Office "Money" (HD)	CSI: Crime Write (HD)	Local	Supernatural (HD)	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	MLB Baseball "2007 American League Championship Series: Game 5" (Live) (HD)	
8 PM	Soundstage "Garbage" (HD)	ER "Gravity" (HD)	Viva Laughlin "Pilot"	King of Hill	Bernie Mac	Big Shots Sexy consultant		
:30	Bus. Rpt	(5:57) News	News	Malcolm	Will (HD)	News	FOX 34 News @ Nine	
9 PM	Charlie Rose	(33) The Tonight Show	(33) Late Show	Malcolm	Will (HD)	Nightline		
:30	News	Late Night	(37) Late Late Show	Paid Prog.	Sex City	(36) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Friends	
10 AM	Destinos	Last Call	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Scrubs	

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Rockets' Steve Francis signs Chinese shoe deal

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Rockets guard Steve Francis has signed an endorsement deal with Chinese shoemaker Anta, becoming the company's first international spokesman.

Andy Mao, the company's vice president, says Francis may be wearing the shoes as early as Thursday night, when the Rockets play Dallas in an exhibition game. The

shoes could be available in China by the end of the year, but may not be available in the United States for three or four years, Mao said.

Francis signed with the Rockets as a free agent in July. He also played with Houston from 1999-2004.

The Rockets have appeal in China because they drafted Yao Ming in 2002. Yao has a contract with Reebok.

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