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Cancer lawsuit against railroad tie plant begins

FORT WORTH, (AP) — Owners of a plant that makes railroad ties were grossly negligent in failing to provide safety equipment for workers handling toxic chemicals, a pollution prevention expert testified Tuesday in the first of a flurry of lawsuits by people who say the factory caused their cancer.

The witness and lawyers suing BNSF Railway Co. say the company kept workers and residents of the small Central Texas town of Somerville in the dark about dangers from chemicals such as creosote and arsenic, some of which were buried, burned or dumped in creeks.

NATION

1 dead as tornado hits hamlet in Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A line of thunderstorms fed by warm weather continued spinning off unusual January tornadoes Tuesday, killing a man in Arkansas and carrying a cow close to a mile.

At least three people died and hundreds evacuated because of flooding in Indiana, where more than 5 inches of rain in some areas pushed rivers and streams over their banks. Two of the victims were young children trapped in a submerged car.

WORLD

Recordings show boats confronting U.S. warships

WASHINGTON (AP) — Small Iranian fast boats swarmed around massive U.S. warships in the Persian Gulf, and a man speaking heavily accented English threatened, "I am coming to you. ... You will explode," according to a video released Tuesday by the Pentagon.

The Iranian boats appeared to ignore repeated warnings from the U.S. ships, including horn blasts and radio transmissions, as the ships moved through the Strait of Hormuz into the Gulf.

DEATH TOLL

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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## Accrediting group: Tech on probation

By ADAM YOUNG  
NEWS EDITOR

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Texas Tech's accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools was put on a one-year probation in December for failing to provide data showing the university's curriculum produces college level competency.

Though SACS is continuing Tech's accreditation on good cause, the organization placed the university on probation for failing

to satisfy one of its 87 standards for accreditation prior to the organization's annual meeting Dec. 8-11, according to a Tech press release.

"SACS did not find fault with the quality of any academic program at Texas Tech," Jon Whitmore, president of Tech, said in the release. "The issue was the collection of data to verify student outcomes. We will have that data by the end of the spring semester."

Belle Wheelan, SACS president,

said though the probation is in effect until the organization votes again in December 2008, she does not believe it will lessen the value of Tech students' educations or affect financial aid for students.

Because Tech's accreditation probation was announced within days of the university's December graduation, Tech Chancellor Kent Hance announced during graduation ceremonies on

Dec. 14 and 15 that the university's probation would not affect the quality of the graduates' degrees.

Wheelan said Tech's probation comes two years after her organization last accredited the university in 2005.

For the university to maintain its accreditation, she said SACS requested Tech turn in four reports by fall 2007, of which three were submitted by the university.

"(Tech) has a planning and evaluation process, and their schedule had them doing some of the activities after this past December but they needed to have been completed before this December," she said.

Margaret Lutherer, executive director in the office of the president at Tech, said the university has implemented a six-step plan to determine what needs to be assessed for the SACS' competency standard report.

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## THE INTERN GETS THE EDGE

New luxury apartments to target graduate student population

By MICHELLE CASADY  
EDITOR

An apartment complex at Fourth Street and Indiana Avenue soon will get a makeover. What was formerly known as The Intern apartment complex will be torn down, and, in its place, The Edge will be built. Owned by McDougal Properties, The Edge will be the first complex in Lubbock directly targeted at graduate students.

"Dr. (Michael) Shonrock actually approached us with the idea of having graduate student housing close to campus nearly two years ago," said Mike McDougal, chief financial officer for McDougal Realtors.

Shonrock, vice president of Student Affairs was unavailable for comment after repeated attempts were made to contact

him. McDougal and Shonrock put together a focus group to determine what would appeal to

graduate students in a housing complex. Scott Goernc, vice president for graduate and professional affairs for the Student Government Association, was in attendance at the focus group.

"They brought in their designers and just kind of asked us what we liked," Goernc said. "There's no way this is being endorsed as the official graduate student housing of Texas Tech. That is not the case. We just helped out with a focus group."

Because The Intern served as affordable, close-to-campus housing for several international students, concerns have been raised about what The Edge means for the international community.

"I think it is important for us to have affordable housing close to campus," Goernc said. "Not all of us can live at The Centre (at Overton Park) or other places like that."

Bob Crosier, director of international student and scholar services, said the loss of The Intern will make things more difficult on international students.

"Historically, the North Overton area is where lots of international students live," he said. "Of course all that was torn down and that does impact them."

Crosier said many international students do not have access to transportation and therefore proximity of housing to the campus is extremely important.

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THE INTERN APARTMENT Complex located at Fourth Street and Indiana Avenue is empty Monday afternoon after residents were forced to move shortly before Christmas break.

## Spring orientation numbers impress Tech officials

By MAGGIE KIELY  
STAFF WRITER

An increase in attendance at the spring New Student Orientation leaves some Texas Tech officials optimistic about

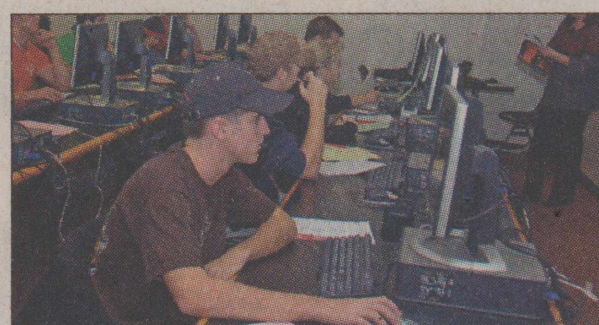


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DAVID HARMON, A freshman music education major from Cibola, chooses his schedule for the spring semester Monday in the ATLC lab in the library.

the university's enrollment goal of 40,000 by 2020.

Jon Mark Bernal, director of orientation for the Office of Admissions at Tech, said 670 new students showed up for the spring 2008 orientation, about a 10 percent increase from the spring 2007 orientation.

"Our office was fortunate to get some additional funding to hire more recruiting staff," he said. "So we've really saturated the market and have been recruiting all over."

Bernal said in addition to adding more staff in Tech's Lubbock recruiting office, several regional recruiting offices have opened across the state, including the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, San Antonio and Houston.

Recruiters practice some of the traditional recruiting strategies such as attending college fairs at high schools and having recruiters visit individual classes and guidance counselors.

In addition to interacting with perspective students, Bernal said recruiters are working hard to reach out to their respective neighborhoods.

"They are trying to get more involved with the community," he said, "and I think that alone gets Tech's name out there."

Bernal said he did not think students were being recruited from a particular area in general but that student recruitment success spans across the state.

Katie Johnson, a junior social work major from Denver City, said she is transferring from Lubbock Christian University after hearing positive things about Tech.

"The reason I really wanted to switch is because there are lots of opportunities for the same class at different times," she said.

Johnson said her orientation experience was helpful. Many students who attended orientation were accompanied by their parents, a pattern Bernal said he has started to pick up on with the current generation of students.

One part of the orientation aims toward preparing parents to be able to handle their students' transitions into college life.

"I definitely think they are a huge part in the recruiting," he said. "They are also a huge part in the decision process; a

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# New bus route to provide safer transportation to students

By **MAGGIE KIELY**  
STAFF WRITER

Students living north of the Marsha Sharp Freeway construction now have an alternative route to campus.

Because of safety concerns, Taylor Hutcherson, the Student Government Association external vice president, said he and administrators have decided to add a new bus route.

The route will accommodate four stops: the Heritage Apartments, Sierra Crossing Apartments, Savoy Apartments and the C-1 commuter lot west of Jones AT&T Stadium.

"We're servicing the students who live across the construction north of Fourth Street," he said. "A lot of kids are walking through the construction where there are signs everywhere that say no pedestrian traffic."

Hutcherson said the new route is called simply the Construction Route and will run only until the pedestrian bridges connecting North Fourth Street and campus are built.

William Barnett, assistant area engineer for the Lubbock District of the Texas Department of Transportation, said two pedestrian bridges are scheduled for completion by summer 2008.

The first bridge will allow students to cross the Marsha Sharp Freeway and end up behind the Texas Tech Police Department.

Barnett said he expects the bridge to be completed by April 1, 2008. The other bridge will take students across the freeway and into the northwest corner of the

*"We're servicing the students who live across the construction north of Fourth Street."*

— **TAYLOR HUTCHERSON**  
SGA EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT

Jones AT&T stadium parking lot and is scheduled for completion by summer 2008.

Hutcherson said he has attended

TxDOT meetings to urge members to finish the bridges, but has not been successful.

The project is a few months behind due to rainy seasons, Barnett said.

While Tech officials expressing concern for speedy construction of the pedestrian bridges have contacted Barnett, he said he has received other contradicting demands.

"They wanted to accelerate (the construction of bridges), but they asked us not to work on the pedestrian bridge (behind the police station) during football season," he said. "When you're limited where you can work, it kind of throws a kink in things."

Hutcherson said the new route is being funded by an SGA fund balance and help from the Office of the Vice President of the Division of Student Affairs.

Jan Childress, associate vice president of the Student Affairs Office, said she was not sure what account the money will come from, but the issue of safety made creating the route an easy decision.

"There are so many students that live over in the apartments by that construction," she said, "and

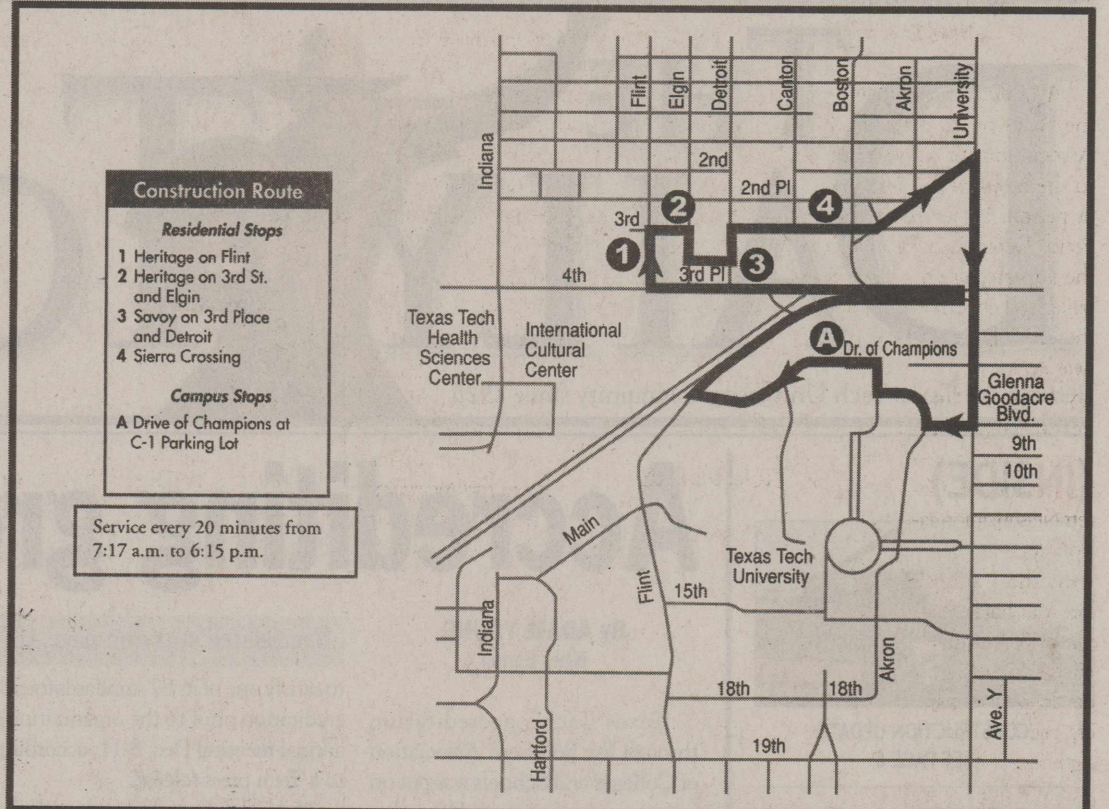


IMAGE COURTESY OF CITY OF LUBBOCK  
PICTURED ABOVE IS the new bus route implemented by Texas Tech's Student Government Association in response to safety concerns during construction of the Marsha Sharp Freeway.

students are still crossing there and it is so dangerous."

Hutcherson said he believes the cost of the route is worth keeping students safe.

"I've been working with Citibus to come up with plans to get rid of having a budget deficit," he said. "No routes will be cut."

To avoid adding more cost to the route, Hutcherson said the bus will not run all throughout campus, but rather "just to get kids on campus."

In addition to a new bus route, Hutcherson said posters displaying on-campus and off-campus bus routes were placed in most of the bus shelters.

"For major stops like Holden Hall, B.A. and here at the (Student) Union, on the back side of (the poster) is a list of every single route and when it comes, down to the

minute," he said. "This will hopefully increase some of the efficiency for our routes."

Hutcherson said it is typical for the number of bus riders to decrease throughout the semester, yet the opposite happened in the fall 2007 semester.

"This year, for the first year, we have seen increased ridership across all of our routes, every single month," Hutcherson said. "Forty-thousand rode the Masked Rider route in September and in October we had 51,000 people ride it."

He said he believes more students are riding the bus due to an increase in bus efficiency.

"We shuffled some things around; we got rid of the B.A. shuttle so we could move those hours somewhere else; we added a bus to Overton; we also reorganized the Masked Rider route," he said. "You should never wait more than 10 minutes for a bus, and that's all across the board."

The new Construction Route bus

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# Lubbock neighborhood offers \$1,000 to find arson suspect

By ADAM YOUNG  
News Editor

A \$1,000 reward is being offered by the Heart of Lubbock Neighborhood Association for information leading to the arrest of the unknown person or persons suspected by the Lubbock Police Department of involvement in the suspected arsons of four abandoned buildings between Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 in the 2100 blocks of 21st and 22nd street near Avenue U.

While no injuries or fatalities have been reported as a result of the fires, Garrett Nelson, information systems officer with the Lubbock Fire Marshal's Office, said at a press conference Friday that his department considers the fires "pretty significant."

"We are listing this as arson; we recognize that these things do not happen accidentally this close together," he said.

Lubbock City Councilwoman Linda DeLeon, a resident of the neighborhood, said dry and windy conditions make fires in the city especially dangerous this winter.

"Whoever is responsible for the fires needs to know that they are putting lives at risk," DeLeon said. "A fire can quickly spread to other nearby homes that are occupied."

Heart of Lubbock Neighborhood Association President Greg Bruce said his organization is offering the \$1,000 cash

reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual or individuals responsible for the fires because of the potential threat posed to the neighborhood and its residents.

"It is concerning when you have four fires in that close of a time span in that close of an area, especially in a historic area like the Heart of Lubbock Neighborhood Association is," Bruce said.

The Lubbock Fire Marshal's office and Police Department are working together with the community to prevent the suspected arsonist from striking again. They have enacted several measures including increasing police patrols in the neighborhood and implementing a crime tip phone number, Nelson said.

"What we're asking from the community — specifically from our citizens in that area — is to be very alert and aware for any people, any vehicles or any activity that are out of the normal," he said.

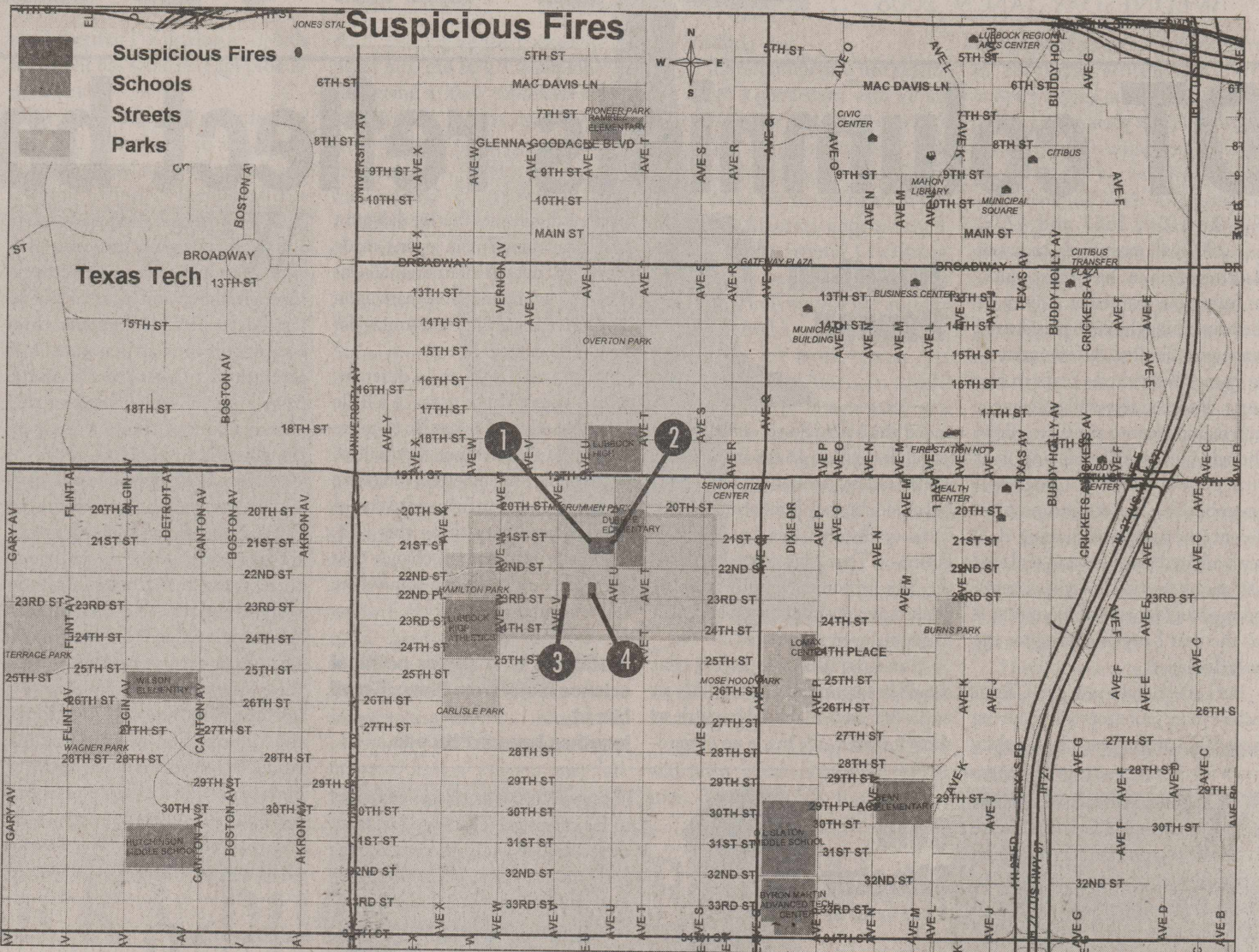
Nelson said residents of the neighborhood who witness activity they deem suspicious should report it to LPD's crime line, 741-1000.

While arson of a building is a second-degree felony with a penalty of two to 20 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine, Nelson said arson of a home is punishable by five to 99 years in prison and a fine up to \$10,000.

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*"Whoever is responsible for the fires needs to know that they are putting lives at risk."*

— LINDA DELEON  
LUBBOCK  
CITY COUNCILWOMAN



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# OPINIONS

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## DT columnists reflect back on 2007

Like 1010, 1553 and 1779, 2007 will most likely be a year forgotten by historians centuries from now, or used as a footnote when describing the 2008 presidential campaign. Granted, a few interesting things happened. Years in the future, Red Raiders will remember Tech making it into the Gator Bowl (though not actually playing in it until 2008); couch potatoes will remember the writers going on an ill-conceived strike (assuming they aren't all fired someday and replaced with monkeys tied to typewriters); and my biographers will note that it was the year I began writing for the Daily Toreador.

But I doubt in the year 2300, Texas Tech's cyborg professors will be raving about 2007 as the year J.K. Rowling

### Jonathan Hanson



ended the Harry Potter series or the fact that the Burj Dubai became the world's tallest free-standing structure. I even doubt they'll mention in 21st Century History Class that Vladimir Putin was Time Magazine's Person of the Year for some reason (I guess alphabetizing my closet wasn't enough to get me even nominated).

Not that 2007 was a year that should be forgotten; however, after an entire 365 days, mankind has little to show for itself. We made no ground-

breaking discoveries (but we did find a 2,100 year old melon in Japan), made no major strides in international relations and left no indelible mark upon the Earth (though global warming did get a little worse).

If we want 2008 to be different, we are going to have to reach a little higher and try a bit harder to make some kind of difference that will be worth being remembered a long time from now. If we can manage to do just one extraordinary thing this year, there is at least the off chance that at some point, someone somewhere will remember us for it.

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When I hopped into my time machine and mentally traveled back through the grand year of 2007, I tried to pick out events that boded well for our new year and attempted to discern the good from a sea of bad. Here are the pros and cons of 2007. Let's cover the good first, shall we?

Nancy Pelosi became the first female speaker for our House of Representatives. This is a grand step forward towards political correctness and a complete lack of discrimination, I guess. Global Warming and/or Al Gore finally started to receive the attention they deserve this year, and there's nothing bad there except perhaps the timing. The iPhone was introduced, giving many people the chance to fulfill every electronic materialistic desire they may possess with one device. The eagerly anticipated Harry Potter finale

### Ty McDonald



came out, though this may be a bad thing anyway since it ended the series. Starcraft 2 was announced, enough said. Last but not least, the Japanese discovered a 2,100 year old melon in western Japan. Can you believe that? Not only is it really old, but also serves as a reminder that close to nothing beneficial really happened for the world as a whole this last year.

So that about wraps up the good things.

Now, after swimming through countless car bombings, natural disasters and political scandals, I managed to pick out the key players for the cons of 2007. The Vir-

ginia Tech shooting is still fresh in many people's minds, especially college students. Benazir Bhutto's assassination was not so hot. The obsession with Britney Spears and Anna Nicole was absolutely disgusting in every possible way. The Writers Guild Strike, which is actually probably a good thing, except for those who watch TV religiously. At least they're sticking it to the man, as they say. Also, Super Smash Brothers Brawl was delayed.

In any case, let us turn around and face the future instead of mucking around in the past. For those of you who are still feeling down in the dumps, take solace in the fact that 2008 is the International Year of the Potato.

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What tends to stick out in my mind from 2007 is the stunning ineptitude and arrogance from those running the city. Sadly, it became terribly apparent in 2007 that the majority of those making the decisions for Lubbock didn't care about the citizens or the students who they supposedly want to stay here.

They showed they were more interested in grabbing more money from our wallets by adding red light cameras, even though the state legislature later made the attempted cash-grab moot. They also showed that if a student stays here and opens a business, the city has the right to take it away, as they did with Chris Gonzales' South Beach nightclub, which was closed to make a visitor's center. Hopefully however, there is some light at the end of the tunnel. With 2008 comes new city elections and some key districts and the mayoral position will be up for grabs.

### Cole Shooter



On the national scene, the presidential race began to heat up, and quite a few candidates begin to stump. On the democratic side, Obama began working to seem electable, even if he pauses for dramatic effect every three words during a speech. William Shatner would be proud. Hillary Clinton worked to seem tough but likeable. She managed to pull off the first part but not the second. And of course John Edwards was there, like a barking dog with a Southern accent, being easily ignorable as usual. Bill Richardson was there too, but you wouldn't know it by watching the news.

On the Republican side, Fred

Thompson had a firecracker of a start to his campaign. That is to say, that there were lots of sparks, culminating with the explosion of entering the race and the attention immediately fizzling away. Giuliani's campaign was not terribly dissimilar from Thompson. Mitt Romney used a lot of hair gel, got badgered about being a Mormon and had to explain some policy changes from when he was governor to how he supposedly believes now. McCain came off as incredibly rude and arrogant, and Huckabee played bass and badgered Romney about being Mormon. And of course, my generation's beloved Ron Paul remained passionate, dedicated and still not electable.

Here's to 2008 being even better.

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To 2007: 'Twas the night before New Year's, and all through the bars, men were searching for women to take home after hours.

Many sat in reflection of this long and hard year, sipping gulps of regret for sins now known by their peers.

Gonzales, Rumsfeld, Libby are no longer here, still there are 380 days till Bush and Cheney hold no powers for us to fear.

No safes holding men, no special classification codes, no "Mission Accomplished", no NSA in our phones.

But this grand ol' year lived solely not in the body politic; there was enough gossip and celebrity to make me physically sick.

CNN and FOX reported with

### David Ward



such a clamor, it made E! News stand up and have more journalistic valor.

Our knowledge of international events is quite scarce, Bhutto's assassination made us question Musharraf.

But we lost interest so quickly, left to return unabated, to find out which Kardashian chick did that video totally naked.

Al Gore won the Peace Prize, and we stood to shout and say "Hurray!" as we still burn through \$3 gallons of

gas every day.

The light bulbs that promise to reduce our electricity bills, turn out to give seizures requiring medication and pills.

So to 2007 we bid you adieu, you wrecked us, desensitized us and told us toys are not food.

As the New Year's bells ring into 2008, we raise our glasses to the skies and hold our breath as we wait.

A response that was spoken that seemed so innate, screamed, "Dear God! Don't let the voters be so dumb in 2008!"

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New Year's Day had come and gone, and I still had not come up with a suitable resolution for the New Year. So after racking my brain for flaws, I decided to turn to the news to see what positive qualities and accomplishments I could find for inspiration. Instead, what I found was a sad statement on what a dismal year 2007 was in terms of the human race and the female gender in particular.

Women seemed to have started the year off strongly when Nancy Pelosi became the first female Speaker of the House, and, putting politics aside, it was a positive step for women. Unfortunately, that all started to slowly unravel as more women chose to act below what they were, rather than exceed expectations.

In February, Liza Maria Nowak took heartbreak to a new level by attempting to kidnap and murder her romantic rival in a bizarre love triangle.

### Melissa Medley



This could be dismissed as a case of some crazy woman fighting for love, but it was only made worse by the fact that Nowak was an astronaut, the supposed cream of the crop of American society. This woman threw away her life and career for revenge over some scum-bag guy.

This low behavior of women was exemplified by the antics of Lindsay Lohan, the Spears sisters and Paris Hilton. These women have had enough media attention for their less-than-stellar behavior, so I will not elaborate.

However, the cherry on top of this year of women behaving like morons can be seen in the form of Miss Teen

South Carolina. Her babbling answer in her pageant only served to enforce the stereotype that attractive women have no brains to back up that beauty.

The painful remembrances of the embarrassments of my gender lead me to my resolution. I think women should try to be better. Women owe it to themselves to be the best they can be in whatever field they choose. I resolve this year to only try to bring attention upon myself in a positive way and not use DUIs, DWIs, rehab or an insane reaction to a failed love affair to make sure others notice me. I hope all women at Texas Tech take this into consideration and attract the most positive attention they can this year.

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## Still writing during strike

By VISHNU SRIDHARAN  
THE STANFORD DAILY (STANFORD)

(U-WIRE) STANFORD, Calif. — I'm sorely conflicted about ringing in the New Year so quickly with you, dear reader. On one hand, my absence from you has only intensified the fond longing in my heart; on the other hand, I completely support all of my comedic writing colleagues who continue their extended vacation with the Writers Guild of America.

That being said, I must return to the printed word because I don't want any of my make-up artists, lighting technicians or fluffers to lose their jobs. I must refrain from presenting "any portion of written material [that is customarily written by striking writers]." And that, my friends, means no monologues, characters or featured appearances.

What does that leave us with? Just you and I. Or, is it just you and me? Crap. Help!

Time to focus. OK.

I spent my holiday break in

the small rural town of Uniontown, Penn. My parents moved there just before I left for college. To add to the isolation of not having any friends in the area, U-town is in one of the reddest counties in a state that has been aptly described as "Pittsburgh and Philadelphia with Mississippi in the middle."

By the way, if you have trouble remembering which states are red and which are blue, try this jiffy: in red states, very little is read save TV Guide. In blue states, the cheese that is on peoples' Lavhosh crackers (served to them by illegal aliens to whom they just granted amnesty) is blue — or, as they would have you spell it — bleu.

Now, in the midst of small town Americana solitude, I sought two outlets for company, each with its own pleasures and pitfalls: books and the boob-tube.

Let's start with the TV. Television is great because it elucidates how my multitudinous maladaptive manners are preventing me from realizing my supposed dreams. In short, it dictates how I need to be spending my

student loans. Last year I was moved to buy a case of Corona to help me attract Latina women, Rosetta Stone software so I can speak Spanish to these Latina women and a Cialis prescription for, apparently, the option of being ready fast or having up to 36 hours to relax and take my time.

This year I watched a bit less Univision (alas, my love for "Amar sin Limites" knows no bounds), and, while still suffering the subconscious trauma of self-imposed withdrawal, I grew to appreciate how I could also share TV-happenings with Americans worldwide. Whenever I found myself at the ol' waterhole with Joe or Jane, it was a treat to share a lighthearted moment bantering about that episode of "Deal or No Deal" we both saw where multi-racial women boldly yelled "No Deal!" to that silhouette of a miserly banker, followed by a 45-minute commercial break that reminded us to buy that product quick before the blowout sale ended.

Now, to television's obscure antipode. What is this "book" I speak of, you ask? Does it bear some relation to the Facebooks from which you fill your bank of spunk? Or the Starbucks from which you purchase eggnog lattes and Surawesi coffee?

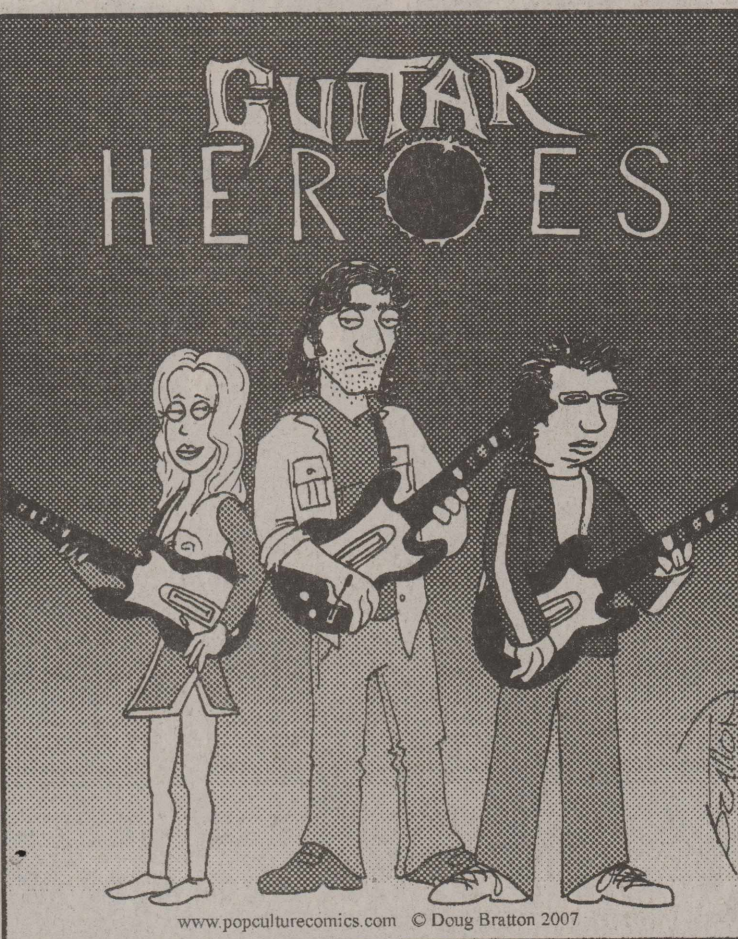
Short answer: no. To find out what a book really is, click <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Book> (Print readers: you can scratch-and-sniff the link for the same effect).

Top advantage of books over TV: no commercials. Plus, after reading for a couple of hours, my brain feels refined and sophisticated. Then again, since it's a thoroughly solitary act, reading books to combat loneliness is like doing coke to combat insomnia. Just doesn't make much sense.

Man, about here is where my writers would help me finish in a semi-meaningful way. I'm exhausted. So many words for one woman to produce. I'm going to bed.

... Gadsbudlikins! I never finished this! Here goes nothing.

Books and TV are both viable options to counter isolation, but each seems to leave something very important out. Maybe this year I should try a more obvious remedy for loneliness: people. That way I could put this case of Cialis to good use.



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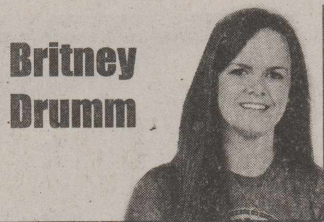
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# Here's hoping '08 exceeds expectations

**A** bright, sparkling ball drops from atop a Times Square building (via delayed telecast) and another initiation to a year starts. Soon-to-be-broken promised goals are recited, Champagne flows with the hopes of what a fresh year will bring and blah blah blah.



**Britney Drumm**

I'm beginning to wonder if I'm stuck in a yearly version of the movie Groundhog Day.

Is it a sign that you're getting old when all the new years feel the same? Or is it when you pessimistically refuse to accept that the next year will redeem the transgressions of the former? And if it is perhaps both, which is worse?

It's a troubling sort of sentiment, to look a year dead in the eye and dare it to screw you over.

But 2008 - I have expectations for you. Events abound, and that alone should make you far more interesting than 2007, which lead me to believe that the only thing the American public cares about is the status of the Hollywood soap opera that is Ms. Spears' tragedy and the only thing I care about - aside

from friends and family - is a really good movie.

There was a bright moment in the year this summer, when the final Harry Potter novel was released, but otherwise 2007 felt... stale. Like a loaf of bread forgotten over Christmas Break or the progression of Lubbock street construction over the course of a semester.

And even that milestone was really only treasured by big nerds, like myself, but I suppose others saw Beckham's move to U.S. soil or Rosie O'Donnell quitting "The View" as similar highlights. I'm not saying it was a terrible year exactly, just reiterating that as I get older - nearing the wizened age of 22 - the years feel like they run into each other.

I have "higher" hopes for this year - even though I have this strange

suspicion that I'm jinxing it - if only because it has some perhaps promising events:

A spanking new presidential election, a final end to the never-ending writers' strike from Hell, the Olympic Games in Beijing, a (dare I say) superior updated version to the notorious iPhone, a promising football team returning late next fall and the return of Batman's stellar archenemies.

On paper, it looks legit. But, then again... it does feel a lot like the beginning of '07 as well.

Never a good sign.

On the political front, I'm excited for the voting season. As much as I cringe at discussing my political ideologies with any living human being, there is something about it that brings friendly discourse and civil action to almost everyone. It's as if every four years people come out of the woodwork like zombies to be able to give their two cents on candidates, issues and whatever else political debate and bickering procure.

Sporting events, for me, are looking extremely positive. I'm cur-

rently praying for the Packers to make it to the NFC Championship game so they can enact a redemption of sorts against that Dallas team that everyone seems to think all of America roots for.

Also, in the NBA, the Suns should have a decent run in the playoffs, and I'm pretty partial to the Olympics, so watching the Games all summer long surely will be enjoyable. Tech basketball, both men and women, should have some exciting seasons, and, of course, Tech football returns many of its key players next fall and hopefully can produce another

thrilling year.

Entertainment is not getting off to a good start, with all fall shows that ended unceremoniously being completely canceled until next season, if the strike by the Writer's Guild of America ends by then. Right around Christmas, the strike had already cost Hollywood \$500 million. Right now, we're seeing a lot more reality TV shows (American Gladiator - 'nough said) and reruns in television. Movies haven't seemed to take a nosedive yet, but that's really because of the lag time between writing a movie, shooting a movie and finally releasing a movie. I have a feeling that 2009 will be a very sad year for movie-goers.

And as for Texas Tech, 2008 will bring about changes too, I'm sure. There already has been an

inclusion of a new bachelor's degree in Technical Writing and a new master's degree in Forensic Science, showing the steady rate of growth in the university - aside from buildings popping up everywhere and the ever-changing roads. Lubbock, too, is changing, adding new shopping and dining venues along Marsha Sharp on the far west side of Lubbock. The Hub City continues to grow rapidly, making me curious as to what this West Texas town will look like come 2018. Though as vast as that sounds, I'm sure when it comes around it will be another New Year's Eve that feels similar to the rest.

However 2008 might feel to you, keep in mind that good, bad, tragic, joyous, apathetic or mundane, you can always look forward to one day in 2008 where all can be forgotten again: New Year's Eve.

There's one every year, you know. Kind of like Groundhog Day.

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## The forgotten Huck Chuck facts

## RIAA losing digital war

By CHASE COOPER  
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(U-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Chuck Norris doesn't endorse — he tells America how it's gonna be." So says Mike Huckabee, anyway, in a campaign ad featuring his biggest endorser, Chuck Norris.

In the ad, Huckabee, who is known increasingly in conservative circles as the "Huckster," and Norris go back and forth for 60 agonizing seconds telling "facts" about each other, performing a skit patterned after the "Chuck Norris facts" seen in Facebook groups and chain e-mails. Here are a few "Huck Chuck facts" that you may not know about:

Fact: Chuck Norris is so comy that ethanol producers believe him to be a vast, untapped source of alternative

energy.

Fact: Mike Huckabee calls himself a Republican, but functionally he's a pro-life Democrat. He's a big government, tax-and-spend proponent of the Nanny State, who supports a nationwide smoking ban, government-sponsored wellness programs and more government regulation of private industries, such as minimum wage increases. He also has a grossly liberal record on illegal immigration.

Fact: Chuck Norris is so painful to watch that nine out of 10 Americans would rather take a roundhouse kick to the face from him than sit through an episode of "Walker, Texas Ranger."

Fact: Mike Huckabee granted over 1,000 pardons and commutations during his 10 years as governor — roughly one clemency every four days. In 17

years, Huckabee's three predecessors — which included Bill Clinton, by the way — granted only 507 clemencies combined. The Huckster's clemency recipients included violent criminals who reputedly "got religion" in prison. Should this man have the power of the presidential pardon?

Fact: Chuck Norris is so pathetic that Jack Bauer tracked and killed him in only 21 hours, then took a three-hour nap.

Fact: According to the Arkansas Leader newspaper, Mike Huckabee, while governor of Arkansas, raised more taxes than Bill Clinton, did while governor of Arkansas. His tax record is so bad that even the members of the Arkansas Republican Assembly chose to endorse Fred Thompson rather than Huck. When the Club for Growth, a prominent

conservative anti-tax organization, sharply criticized his tax record, Huckabee responded by calling them the "Club for Greed." There's nothing greedy about the concept that the money you've earned belongs to you.

Fact: Chuck Norris is such a bad actor that even Keanu Reeves flips the channel whenever he sees Chuck on TV.

Fact: A Huckabee nomination would be disastrous to the conservative movement, the Republican Party and the United States of America, and the Democrats would almost certainly take the White House, regardless of who they nominate. If conservatism is to be advanced in the next four years, the Republican Party needs to chuck Huck — soon.

STAFF EDITORIAL

INDEPENDENT FLORIDA ALLIGATOR (U. FLORIDA)

(U-WIRE) GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Just when you thought it couldn't get any lower than suing single moms for thousands of dollars, the Recording Industry Association of America has taken its fight one step further.

In papers filed in a federal case in December against Jeffrey Howell, an Arizona man who kept a collection of about 2,000 music recordings on his computer, the RIAA contends that it is illegal for someone who has purchased a CD to transfer those songs onto a hard drive. Worse yet, placing songs you have ripped into a shared folder on your PC could be considered an "unauthorized copy."

So what does this mean for us iPod-loving, mix tape-making college students? The association's Web site reads that making a personal copy of a CD that you bought legitimately may not be a legal right, but it "won't usually raise concerns," as long as you don't give away the music or lend it to someone.

How it plans on enforcing this, well, your guess is as good as ours.

Does the RIAA have nothing better to do than go after people who are importing their CDs to a digital music library? What's next, suing someone for playing a CD in a car full of passengers? It seems that in this last-ditch effort to scare digital music lovers, the association is now just grasping at straws.

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# Student property mostly safe during holiday break

By **MATT MCGOWAN**  
STAFF WRITER

Most Texas Tech students returning from the holiday break who live on campus found their possessions and property — save a handful of cars — exactly as they had left it.

Col. Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of the Tech Police Department, said there were no incidents of burglary in any of the residence halls between Dec. 8 and Jan. 2.

During that same period, however, eight burglaries were reported involving cars parked on campus, mostly in commuter parking lots.

The numbers, he said, come as no surprise to him because on-campus crime often decreases during the holiday break. Regardless, campus police patrols remain the same all year long, even when most students have gone home.

"We normally expect it to drop off," Hoffman said. "From my recollection, we didn't get near the numbers because there is nobody here, basically, except for staff and what have you."

Students need not worry about possessions left in the residence halls when they leave for the break, he said, because burglaries in student housing are not very common. Burglaries involving cars, however, are a different matter, which is substantiated by the numbers from this year's break.

Numbers for theft from vehicles during this year's break reflect automobile-related theft rates year round, Hoffman said, because theft from students' cars always is more common than theft from residences.

Cars are more susceptible to theft than residence halls, he said, for several reasons, but primarily because they typically are more attractive targets for thieves.

"(Perpetrators) can often times see what they want to steal through the window," Hoffman said. "You don't have that with a dorm room. Hopefully, the door is secure, and they don't know what is on the other side of the door. What

we run into is people leave stuff open to view in their cars, and it makes it an inviting thing for the burglar."

Sean Duggan, managing director of University Housing Services, said non-police security patrols continued around the dormitories during the break, which may have helped prevent any possible break-ins. Also, his department has been working to improve lighting outside residence halls to further discourage any mischief.

"We have our own housing guards that patrol, even through the holidays," he said. "Seven days a week, we have people out there every night from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. keeping an eye on the campus. I think that helps quite a bit."

Housing administrators encourage students to take certain precautions before they leave their on-campus residences to help safeguard their belongings during the break, Duggan said.

"We do try to communicate with the students to take home anything of value," he said. "We just try to communicate with them about their safety and that kind of thing. We take safety and security very seriously."

With the semester getting under way, Duggan said, students should be sure to be alert and careful with their possessions. Most precautions students can take, however, can be attributed to common sense.

"Always lock your door. Always close your door, because even when you're down the hall, it may not take somebody but 10 seconds to go into your room and grab your wallet off your sink," he said.

During the semester, Hoffman said, students should be sure to remember to be careful about the things they leave in their cars to decrease their chances of being the victim of a thief.

"Keep your car door locked," he said. "Any valuables inside the car, they need to either take it with them, or lock them in the trunk."

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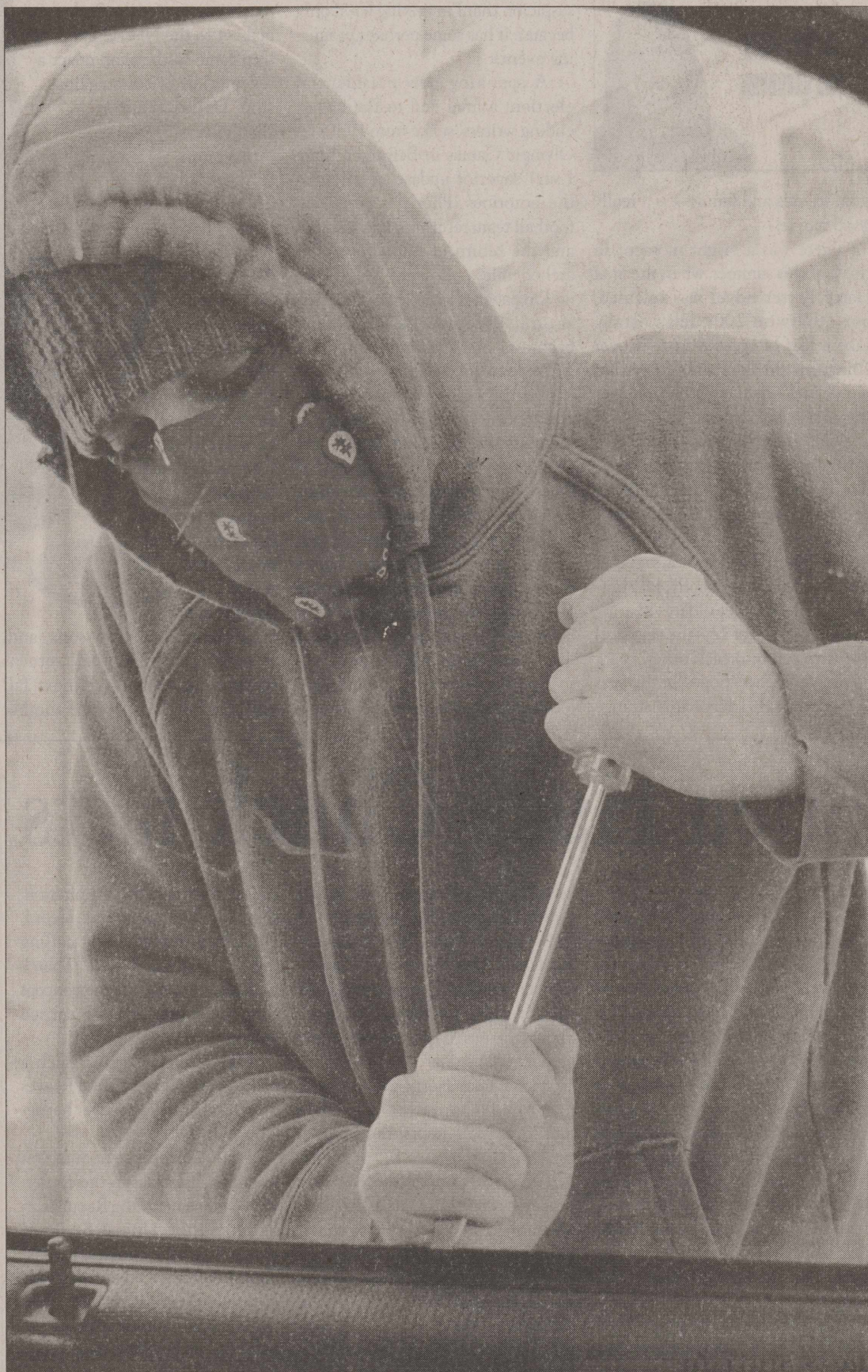


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## U.S. Diplomats disagree with Bush Iraq policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly half of U.S. diplomats unwilling to volunteer to work in Iraq say one reason for their refusal is they don't agree with Bush administration's policies in the country, according to a survey released Tuesday.

Security concerns and separation from family ranked as the top reasons for not wanting to serve in Iraq. But 48 percent cited "disagreement" with administration policy as a factor in their opposition, said the survey conducted by the American Foreign Service Association, the union that represents U.S. diplomats.

In addition, nearly 70 percent of U.S. diplomats who responded to the survey oppose forced assignments to Iraq, a prospect that sparked a storm of controversy last year when the State Department announced it might have to require such tours under penalty of dismissal in the largest diplomatic call-up to a war zone since Vietnam.

The results suggest the State Department may be facing a far more serious revolt over Iraq among its ranks than previously thought, and call into question its ability to fully staff diplomatic missions in Iraq, as well as those in Afghanistan and other dangerous posts deemed critical to the administration's foreign policy goals.

The survey was conducted late last year among the 11,500 members of the U.S. diplomatic corps and found deep frustration among more than 4,300 respondents over Iraq, safety and security issues elsewhere, pay disparities and the leadership of Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and her top deputies.

"The results of this survey raise serious questions about the long-term health of the Foreign Service and, with it, the future viability of U.S. diplomatic engagement," said union President John Naland.

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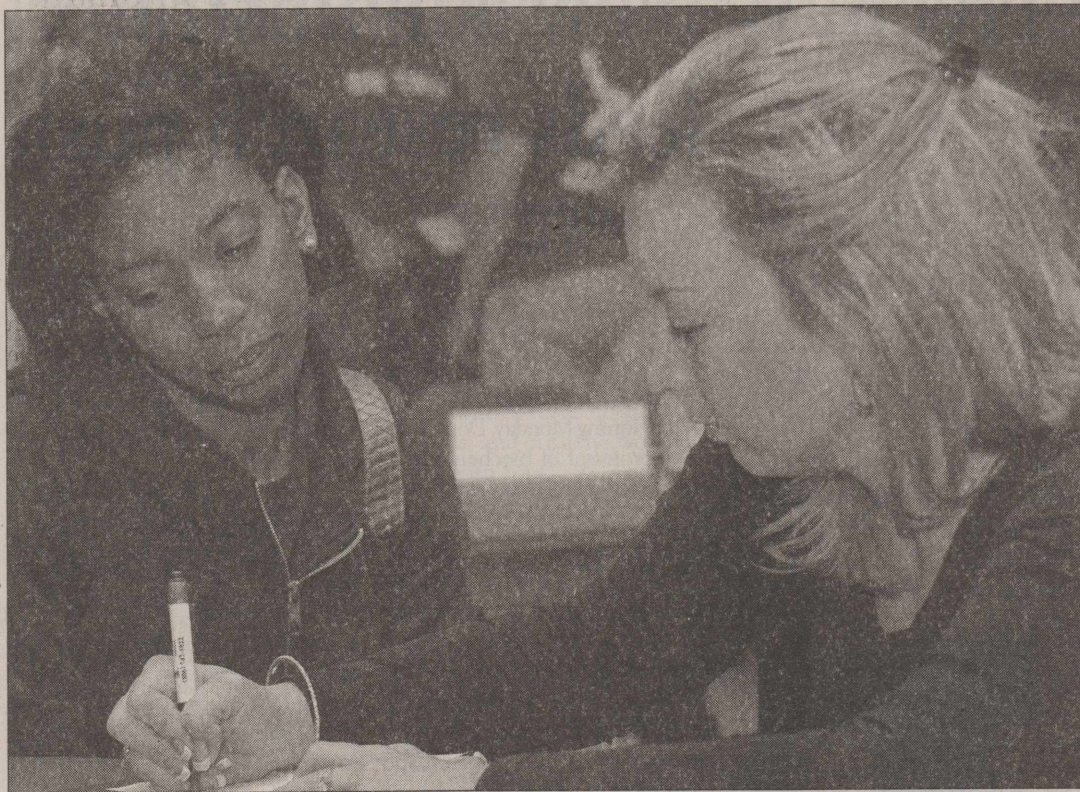


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LAUREL BUSH, A senior communication studies major from Plano, sets up a schedule with TECHniques Center tutor Rachel Ruffino, also a senior communication studies major from Houston. The TECHniques Center staff met Tuesday afternoon in the ballroom of the Student Union Building so that the tutors and students could meet and plan for the upcoming semester. There will be 116 students receiving tutoring.

## Accreditation

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assessments and submitting it to the SACS, and plans to enlarge Tech's Office of Strategic Planning and establish a SACS Re-accreditation Task Force chaired by the Provost's office.

"Administratively, it is a serious matter that Texas Tech is going to put at the very top of its priority list for addressing," she said.

While Lutherer said she could not comment on the specifics of why the competency report was not submitted in September, she said the Office of the Chancellor at Tech has organized a panel to evaluate the issue.

Though Wheelan said Tech's failing to meet the requests over the two-year period automatically

prompted probation, another factor preventing the university from losing its accreditation through the SACS is that the university "had the intentions of implementing the plans and the committee felt that they were making progress, they just had not totally come into compliance yet." To meet the organization's September deadline to submit the competency data report, the university plans to collect the necessary data during the Spring semester, analyze it this Summer and report it to SACS by September 2008, according to the release.

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## Soldier questions whether military's policy on gays, lesbians shifting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even if no one is asking, Army Sgt. Darren Manzella has been telling anyone who'll listen that he's gay — without serious retribution so far from the military.

Manzella, a medic who served in Iraq and Kuwait, has acknowledged his sexual orientation in national media interviews and again on Tuesday in a Washington news conference.

"This is who I am. This is my life," said Manzella, who received a combat medical badge for his service in Iraq. "It has never affected my job performance before. I don't think it will make a difference now. And to be honest since then, I don't see a difference because of my homosexuality."

Aubrey Sarvis, executive director of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, said Manzella's case dem-

onstrates the military is arbitrarily enforcing its "don't ask, don't tell" policy now that the country is at war.

The "don't ask, don't tell" policy prohibits active-duty service members from openly acknowledging whether they are gay or lesbian.

Manzella still could be investigated now that he has left the battlefield. Every time he has said he is gay publicly can be counted as a violation of the policy, one of his attorneys said.

Manzella first told a military supervisor about his sexual orientation in August 2006 while he was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, and working in division headquarters. Three weeks after Manzella made the revelation, his battalion commander told him an investigation had been closed without finding "proof of homosexuality."

## Bush says he's watching economy closely to see if short-term boost needed

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Tuesday that he is watching very carefully to see if the struggling U.S. economy needs a short-term boost from the federal government.

"We're listening to different ideas about what may or may not need to happen," he said. "We'll work through this. We'll work through this period of time."

He wouldn't comment on any specific ideas he is considering, such as tax cuts aimed at lessening the chance of a recession. "We'll look at all different options."

On Monday, Bush talked about recent indicators that have been "increasingly mixed," a new recognition of the challenges now facing the economy, primarily resulting from a severe housing crisis. Previous Bush statements have paid attention to the financial fears of many American families and the effects of the housing slump, but focused on what he calls the strong fundamentals underpinning the economy.

"It's going to take awhile to work

through the downturn," he said Tuesday of the housing crisis. He spoke in response to a question, during a Rose Garden event on Iraq.

Bush regards his State of the Union address to Congress at the end of the month and the release of his new budget proposal shortly after as a sort of deadline for making the call about whether to propose a stimulus package. Aides say he wants to analyze more economic data before making a final decision.

On Friday, the government reported that hiring practically stalled in December, driving the nation's unemployment rate up to a two-year high of 5 percent. With such reports fanning fears of a recession and more Americans growing anxious, Bush has taken to talking about the economy often.

As before, he spoke on Tuesday of his confidence in the American economic system and the ability of it — and his administration — to weather even severe shocks.

"I'm optimistic, as I've seen this

economy, you know, go through periods of uncertainty," the president said. "I like the fundamentals, they look strong, but there are new signals that should cause concern. And one of the signals is the fact that the housing market is soft."

On Capitol Hill, Democrats promised action on the economy.

"Congress is committed to early action to stimulate and strengthen the economy on behalf of the majority of Americans who know the economy is headed in the wrong direction," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. "We will work to make sure this effort is bipartisan and urge the president to join us."

No decisions have been made on the size and shape of any congressional economic package, though speculation mounted that it could include a tax rebate similar to the \$300-\$600 rebate checks sent out in 2001 as part of Bush's big tax bill. At the time, Democrats were more enthusiastic about the idea than many Republicans.



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# New lanes open on Marsha Sharp Freeway

By **JOSH HULL**  
MANAGING EDITOR

During the Holiday Break, new lanes on the Marsha Sharp Freeway were opened up as part of Phase 3A of the construction project.

According to a press release from the Texas Department of Transportation, main lanes on US Highway 62/82 were opened between Milwaukee Avenue and Belmont Avenue. The new lanes made it possible for traffic to travel between Slide Road and Milwaukee Avenue with only one traffic signal for both eastbound

and westbound traffic.

Traffic heading eastbound on the frontage road will encounter lane reductions between Belmont Avenue and Chicago Avenue to make room for traffic exiting the freeway, according to the press release.

The changes are consistent with the plans for the \$32-million Phase 3A part of the Marsha Sharp Freeway project, which will create an east-west freeway corridor in Lubbock. The construction of Texas Tech Parkway, Fourth Street north of Texas Tech and on 19th Street southwest of campus are part of

Phase 2 of the project.

Penny Mason, public information officer with TxDOT, said Tech commuters can expect some traffic changes in the coming months at the intersection of Quaker Avenue and 19th Street while bridge beams are placed and concrete on the bridge is poured. Engineers estimate progress will be made on the overpass at the rate of 30,000 square feet a month.

"Pretty much what that means is they're going to have most of the bridge deck poured on Phase 2 of the Marsha Sharp Freeway," she said.

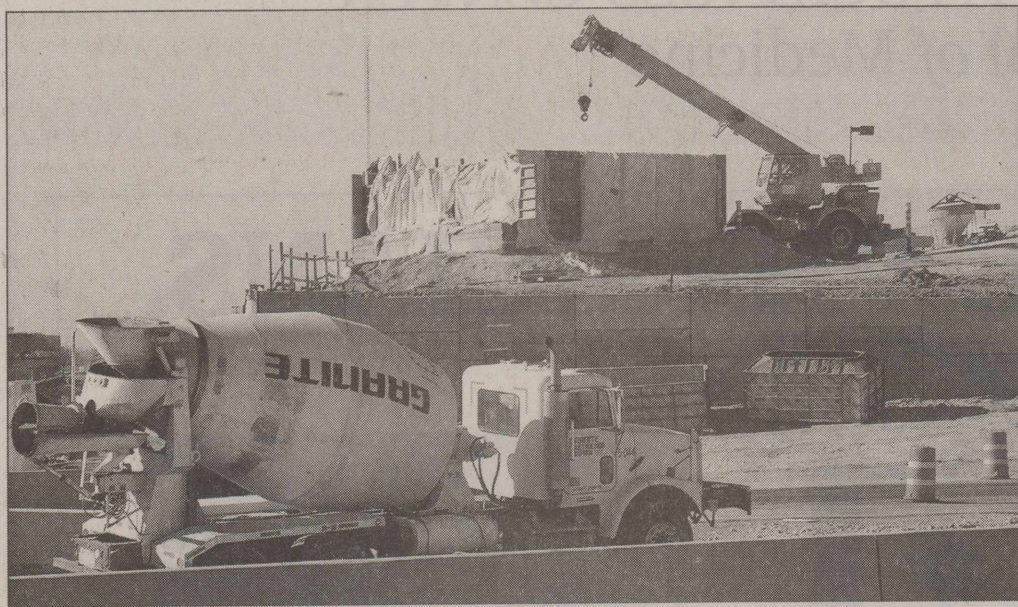
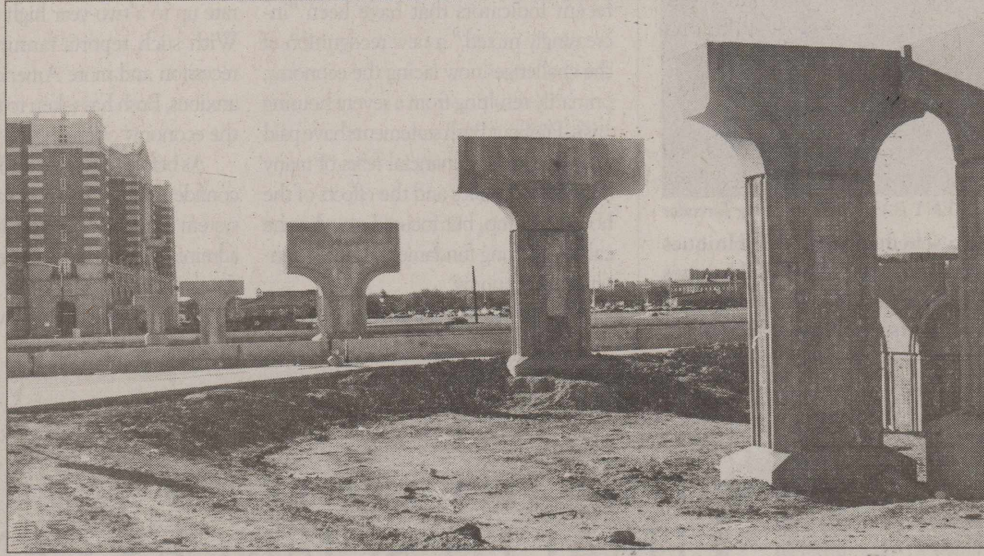
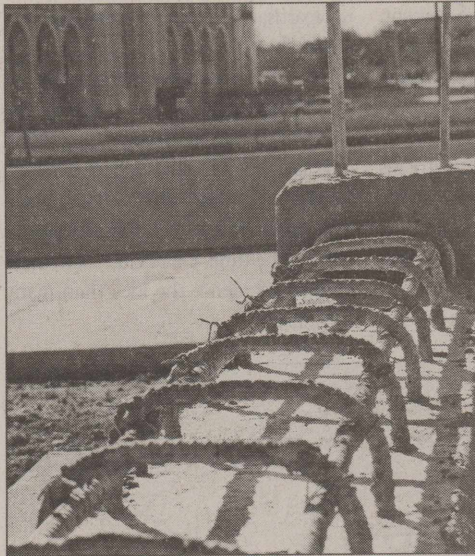
Phase 2 is about 65 percent com-

plete, Mason said, and is scheduled to be completed in early 2009. Completion for the project as a whole has not been determined yet, though early estimations place completion some time in 2013, depending on the amount of funding received by TxDOT from the federal government.

Phase 4 of the construction is tentatively scheduled to be the final step of the project.

"We're thinking it will probably be a delay of a couple of years before we let that last project," she said.

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CONSTRUCTION ON THE Marsha Sharp Freeway surrounding Texas Tech has created traffic difficulties for those commuting to campus. Phase 2 of the project is expected to be completed in early 2009, alleviating much of the traffic delays and improving traffic flow to campus.

Check out an exclusive slideshow at <http://www.dailytoreador.com>

# New administrator leads research push

By **GLENYS BOLLS**  
COPY EDITOR

With a new administrator in charge, the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center will have a new focus on research this semester.

Beginning Monday, Doug Stocco, a professor of biochemistry at the Health Sciences Center, will be the new executive vice president for research.

"He will focus on recruitment, space and getting financial resources," said Dr. John Baldwin, Health Sciences Center president. "He's also going to work on enhancing our national recognition. We have an emphasis on new research and peer-reviewed research funding."

Stocco has received numerous awards and distinctions for his research efforts. According to a press release from the Health Sciences Center, one of Stocco's largest research achievements was his identification and characterization of the Steroidogenic Acute Regulatory protein.

"My role is to bolster the research at the Health Sciences Center," Stocco said. "Dr. Baldwin understands the necessity of research as a part of a university's function. We're looking at a new era. We really want to pay more attention to increasing the profile of Texas Tech."

To further the center's new goal, one task is to bring in more faculty members who will focus on

research, Baldwin said.

"We're really focused on recruiting top-flight scientists who can bring top-flight research in," he said. "We're trying to make opportunistic recruitments of people who want to leave where they are now, because the more researchers you (have), the more you get."

Stocco said he agrees with the expanded focus on research because it weighs heavily upon the university's reputation.

"The prestige of the university is based almost entirely on the academic achievements of its faculty," he said. "Research is a wonderful thing; without it, we don't advance as a species."

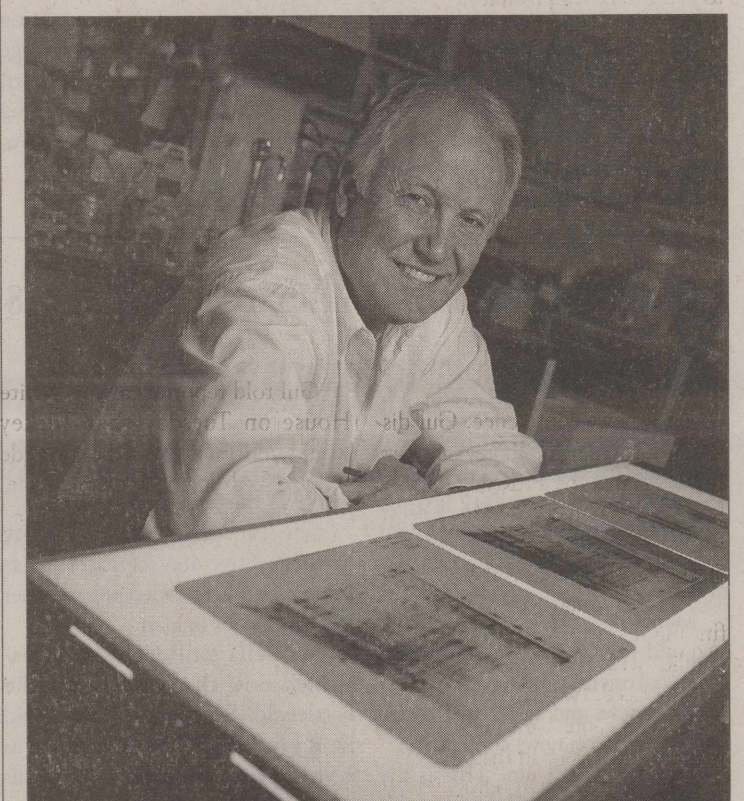
The focus on research will span all of the Health Sciences Center's campuses, Baldwin said. As such, so will the faculty recruitment.

"We're recruiting several distinguished new faculty here and in Amarillo, El Paso and the Permian Basin," he said. "We've been able to do that faster than I'd anticipated. You just have to recruit at the right rate to accommodate the new people. I'm encouraged by the level of interest from around the country."

Baldwin said he hopes the Health Sciences Center will be able to make great strides in one particular area during the coming semester.

"Our biggest room for improvement is in basic research," he said. "I hope that will be a salient achievement over the next six months."

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DOUG STOCCO, A professor of biochemistry at the Health Sciences Center, will be the new executive vice president for research.

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# New center focuses on commercializing bio-medical research

By GLENYS BOLLS  
COPY EDITOR

During the next five years, the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center will spend approximately \$4.5 million to develop its new Center for Immunotherapeutic Research.

The center, which will operate out of Tech's School of Pharmacy in Abilene, will conduct research related to the detection, diagnosis and treatment of many diseases, including cancer.

"We study the immune system and then try to find ways to control it," said Jon Weidanz, an associate professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the director of the Center for Immunotherapeutic Research. "We're trying to affect the immune system, because it relates to almost every disease that affects humans."

In addition to Tech's funding, the center will be paid for by a \$3 million donation from the Development Corporation of Abilene

and by grants the center's leaders are applying for.

"I commend the city of Abilene," said F. Scott Dueser, Tech Board of Regents chairman and president and chief executive officer of First Financial Bankshares in Abilene. "The DCOA worked very hard to get Jon (Weidanz) and his team to Abilene. He had been in Amarillo with his researchers there. He had opportunities to go to other universities, and Abilene worked out a deal with him."

In November, Gov. Rick Perry met with the chairmen and chancellors of Texas's major universities to discuss ways to bring research efforts into the commercial market. Following the governor's lead, the Tech Board of Regents approved the plan for the new research center December 14.

"It's extremely important to focus on getting research commercialized," Dueser said. "You research, design a product and take it to market. That way, the

university has some ownership in the product and gets some money back from it. The more money that comes in, the higher level of education we can give to students. I think Gov. Perry is right on board with that."

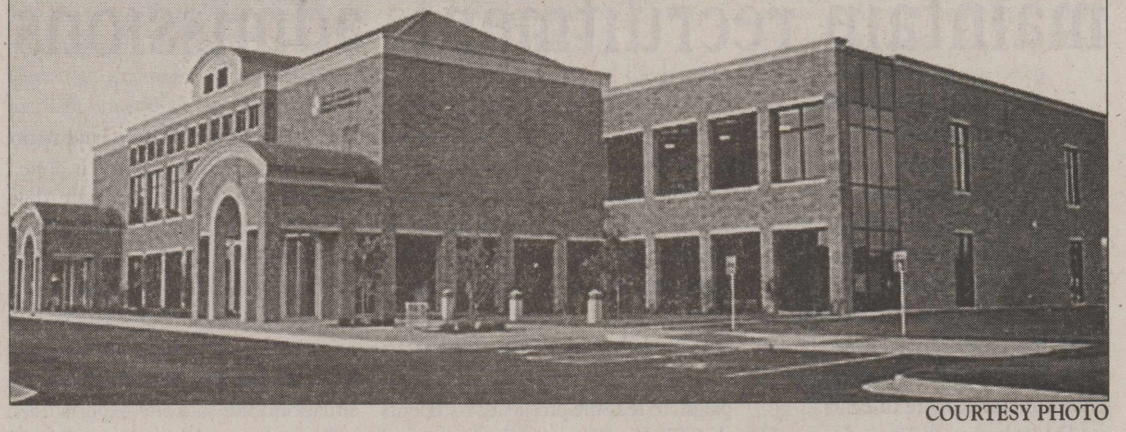
Increased research brings in more money, but it also brings in more people to do research, Dueser said.

"Anytime you get additional dollars in research, that adds value," he said. "It brings people to Tech that want to teach and do research. It brings the upper echelon of people to the university."

Kim Powell, regional dean of the Abilene School of Pharmacy, said she believes having new researchers will benefit the Health Sciences Center.

"We have key scientists bringing a new piece to the pie," Powell said. "We're really moving toward our goal of having internationally recognized research."

Having multiple researchers in



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THE HEALTH SCIENCES Center's new Center for Immunotherapeutic Research operates out of the School of Pharmacy in Abilene. Its research focuses on studying and controlling the body's immune system.

the same field often allows for faster developments, Weidanz said.

"It's important to bring investigators together that share common interests but look at the problem very differently," he said. "With a center like this, you can do that. By bringing in different pieces to the puzzle, you can accelerate that growth of knowledge."

Dueser said he believes the new

center will strengthen the relationship between Tech and cities around the state.

"We have a presence in Abilene, El Paso, Midland, Odessa and Dallas," Dueser said. "That presence makes us that better known."

Tech and Abilene both will win through the collaboration involved in the new center, Powell said.

"(Abilene) is a place where

biotech research can just grow," she said. "It doesn't need water, and dirt doesn't bother it, you might say. The symbiosis is great. We're an important player in their economic model, and this is the first major step for the Health Sciences Center moving into this area. Tech is benefitting by the investors wanting to move this forward."

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## Bush endorses Turkey's bid to join EU, calls it 'constructive bridge' between West, Islam

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush gave Turkey's bid to join the European Union a glowing endorsement on Tuesday and called the Islamic nation a "constructive bridge" between the West and the Muslim world, offering a much-needed boost to U.S.-Turkish relations.

"I think Turkey sets a fantastic example for nations around the world to see where it's possible to have a democracy coexist with a great religion like Islam and that's important," he said.

Bush spoke to reporters following a meeting with Turkish President Abdullah Gul. The two appeared together on the South Lawn, where Bush said he supported Turkey's efforts to fight the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK rebels, in northern Iraq.

Bush called the PKK an enemy to Turkey, Iraq and "to people who want to live in peace."

At a news conference, Gul dismissed any easing of Turkey's military strikes against the PKK. He said the Iraqi government is not able to constrain the group as it targets civilians and security forces in Turkey.

Asked if he and Bush had discussed finding a political solution to the conflict with the PKK, the Turkish president said, "We did not discuss this issue in that context and neither would we discuss this issue in that context."

Speaking at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Gul rejected any suggestion that Muslim fundamentalism was on the rise in Turkey.

"It is not in the mainstream in Turkey," he said. "The young people are more interested in modernity."

He said Turkey and the United States are partners in Iraq. Asked about Iran, he said Turkey seeks good relations with countries on its borders.

Gul's visit to the White House is seen as a major sign of improved relations between the two NATO allies after five years of acrimony over the Iraq war and U.S. policy on Turkey's fight against Kurdish rebels.

It follows a visit by Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan two months ago that resulted in a commitment by Bush to share intelligence on PKK and not to object to Turkish airstrikes against the Kurdish guerrillas' installations in northern Iraq.

White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said that a key item on Bush's agenda was encouraging Turkish leaders to pursue a "long-term political

solution" to the PKK problem, cooperating with Iraqi leaders who also are concerned about the group's activities. She said that the U.S. doesn't have any particular solution or process in mind, but wants to play a constructive role in ending a long-standing dispute.

"We are just going to encourage an open dialogue, which they have had over the past couple of months. And it's sometimes been in fits and starts, but overall, a good cooperation," Perino said. "This has been going on for so long that it's time to try to put a stop to it."

The PKK has been fighting for two decades to win a Kurdish homeland in Eastern Turkey.

The meeting with the Turkish leader comes as Bush prepared to leave later in the day on his first major trip to the Mideast to try to build momentum for peace in that troubled region.

Gul told reporters at the White House on Tuesday that Turkey would continue to work alongside the United States toward peace,

stability and prosperity.

"We share a common vision," he said.

In the months leading to Erdogan's Nov. 5 White House appearance, however, U.S.-Turkish relations were at their lowest point in many years.

In 2003, during the buildup to the Iraq war, the Turkish parliament rejected U.S. requests to send troops into Iraq through Turkish territory. And a poll last summer showed just 9 percent of Turks saw the U.S. favorably.

Despite pleas from the Bush administration and personal appeals from Gul, then foreign minister, and other prominent Turks, the House Foreign Affairs Committee passed a nonbinding resolution last year that described as genocide the World War I-era deaths of Armenians during the final years of the Ottoman Empire. Turkey reacted by withdrawing its ambassador from Washington.

Despite the improved situation since the Erdogan-Bush meeting, the situation remains touchy.

### ACLU of Texas and The Women's Studies Program at Texas Tech University Present:

#### Embracing Our Neighborhoods: The "War on College Kids" & Fourth Amendment Rights

In response to local events which the media has termed the "War on College Kids" and to complaints of alleged police misconduct by the "Party Patrol," as well as in recognition that the Citizens of Lubbock neighborhoods may have been victimized by possible noise violations and disruptions caused by late-night parties, the ACLU of Texas and the Women's Studies Program of Texas Tech University will be co-sponsoring a public forum. The goals of this educational panel will be to open dialogue among interested groups, to increase awareness of applicable local laws, and to review the legal protections of the Fourth Amendment for the information of those attending. The sponsors encourage both men and women students, faculty and staff, as well as community members from throughout Lubbock to come to this open event.

Date: January 10, 2008

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 pm

Place: Texas Tech University, Human Sciences Room 169

Moderator: Randy Sanders, Host of 'Fox Talk in the Morning'

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Panel Participants will include local Criminal Defense Attorneys and members of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Neighborhood Association Representatives and student representatives have been invited to participate.

For more information about the event, contact Vince Gonzales, President of the Lubbock Chapter of the ACLU, at 214-354-2337, or via e-mail at [dpmittigation@hotmail.com](mailto:dpmittigation@hotmail.com), or Dr. Laura Calkins, Director, Women's Studies, TTU, via email at [laura.calkins@ttu.edu](mailto:laura.calkins@ttu.edu).

## Freshman student 'loved Texas Tech'

By GLENYS BOLLS  
COPY EDITOR

Feb. 15, 2006, at Texas Children's Hospital.

"It was incredibly stressful, but

Tierney Elise Becan, a freshman from Fort Worth who was pursuing a degree in restaurant, hotel and institutional management, died Dec. 7 in a Lubbock hospital after her body rejected a transplanted heart.

The 18-year-old received the transplanted heart two years ago after tests showed she had restrictive cardiomyopathy, a rare heart condition, which her pediatrician detected during a routine physical exam, said Sheryl Becan, Tierney's mother.

Born March 16, 1989, Tierney Becan attended Catholic schools until beginning her freshman year of high school at Paschal High School in Fort Worth. She was diagnosed with her condition Oct. 7, 2005. In January 2006, she and her father, Anthony Becan, moved to Houston to await the heart transplant that would occur

keep pulling for it."

After the transplant, Tierney

Becan recovered well enough to return to Fort Worth and complete her senior year of high school at Paschal, graduating in May 2007.

Out of concern for their daughter, Anthony and Sheryl Becan urged Tierney to attend Texas Christian University in Fort Worth — a decision that would have kept her closer to home. Tierney Becan, however, came to Texas Tech.

"We had the initial 'what ifs,' then we shut those down because she loved Texas Tech," Sheryl Becan said. "I'm happy she was there, doing what she loved. Her whole heart was with Lubbock and Texas Tech. She was proud and loyal and strong. If that's what we can be doing when we go, that's a life well-lived."

The Tech flag in Memorial Circle will fly at half-staff Jan. 14 in her memory.

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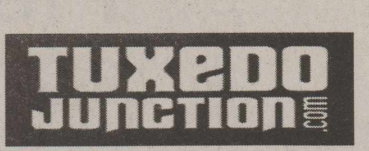
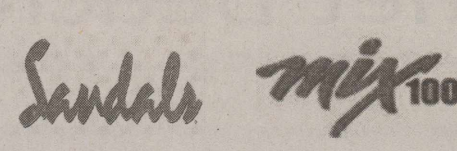
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# Administrators confident Tech will maintain recruitment, admissions

By **MATT MCGOWAN**  
STAFF WRITER

With Texas Tech now under accreditation probation, the university's public persona and recruitment efforts may be in jeopardy, but university administrators and accreditation officials agree the probation most likely will not be devastating for the university's efforts to recruit more students.

December's probation is not particularly worrisome in regards to recruitment and admissions, said Margaret Lutherer, executive director of Tech's Office of the President.

Apparent concern from the community, alumni and parents pales when compared to that from other issues the university has dealt with in the past, she said.

"This one just doesn't rank up there with issues that are perceived as more detrimental by the general public," she said. "I've heard from three parents who were confused about the issues of accreditation and thought that perhaps we had lost accreditation. Of course, we have not."

Although there has not been much anger expressed by those associated with the university and by the greater community, Lutherer said, the probation is still a cause for concern and must be addressed by university administrators.

"I'm not trying to say that it's not serious," she said. "Administratively, it is a serious matter that Texas Tech is going to put at the very top of its priority list."

Robert Shindell, associate vice president of Tech's Office of Admis-

sions, said his department has sent letters to high school counselors across the state to reassure them the accreditation probation only reflects on the administration's inability to assess educational levels, not the institution's ability to adequately educate its student body.

Shindell said he does not believe there is a need to launch future campaigns to reassure prospective students that Tech still is a competitive and recognized university, because the probation is not a significant issue when it comes to admissions and recruitment.

"It becomes a non issue because it has nothing to do with the quality of coursework, it has to do with our ability to report it effectively," Shindell said.

He said the department has received calls from teachers, parents and guidance counselors of prospective students who are concerned about repercussions of the probation.

Once administrators explained the actual nature of the probation, however, the concerned parties realized it does not reflect poorly on Tech's academic curriculum.

"We've had a couple of phone calls from parents and guidance counselors," Shindell said, "but when we send them information about the probation, about what the probation actually means, they see it has nothing to do with the coursework."

The accreditation probation most likely will not impact university recruitment efforts because Tech still is fully accredited, said Belle Wheelan, president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the accreditation body that placed Tech on proba-

tion in December.

"They know what they have to do, and they're planning to get it done," she said, "so I don't anticipate that, after December, they're going to have a problem."

Tech is not alone in its probation, Wheelan said. Other schools also have been on similar probations and have not had problems rectifying the situation. She said she expects Tech will overcome the probation, fulfill its assessment requirements and subsequently return to non-probationary status.

"Most institutions in their position are able to come off probation, and I can't imagine why Texas Tech wouldn't work as far and make sure the same thing happens to them," she said.

The probation likely will not dissuade students from attending Tech, Lutherer said, because Tech's reputation as a respected educational institution overshadows any temporary accreditation issues it may be facing.

She said she believes public relations campaigns reminding prospective students of that reputation will resonate loudest as they look to choose a university.

"I think that students are still hearing that message and still wanting to come to Texas Tech," Lutherer said.

Application rates to the university have continued to rise, Shindell said, and are up 20 percent. Applicant SAT scores are also on the rise. He believes these trends indicate Tech's admission and recruitment efforts have not suffered noticeably from the accreditation probation.

"We're looking forward to the largest freshman class in Texas Tech history," he said.

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## ODDBALL DAILY

### Town proposal would ban swearing in bars

ST. CHARLES, Mo. (AP) — What the ...? A St. Louis-area town is considering a bill that would ban swearing in bars, along with table-dancing, drinking contests and profane music.

City officials contend the bill is needed to keep rowdy crowds under control because the historic downtown area gets a little too lively on some nights.

City Councilman Richard Veit

said he was prompted to propose the bill after complaints about bad bar behavior. He says it will give police some rules to enforce when things get too rowdy.

But some bar owners worry the bill is too vague and restrictive, saying it may be a violation of their civil rights.

Marc Rousseau, who owns bar R.T. Weilers, said he thinks the bill needs revision.

"We're dealing with adults here once again and I don't think it's the city's job or the government's job to determine what we can and cannot play in our restaurant," Rousseau said.

The proposal would ban indecent, profane or obscene language, songs, entertainment and literature at bars.

A meeting to discuss the proposal is set for Jan. 14.

### Cat blamed for cutting electricity to 12,000

NAMPA, Idaho (AP) — A cat picked the wrong place to come in from the cold, and caused a power outage that blacked out more than 12,000 homes and businesses.

The cat entered an electrical substation, snuggled up to a warm transformer and contacted a live circuit, causing a short that blew out

nine feeder lines Monday afternoon, Idaho Power officials said.

Service was restored in less than three hours to most customers, including City Hall where the lights came on in time for a City Council meeting, utility spokesman Dennis Lopez said.

The outage also disabled traffic

lights in the city of about 77,000 people. Temporary stop signs were set up at affected intersections and about 15 police officers were assigned to direct and monitor traffic. Police Lt. Eric Skoglund said he didn't know of any accidents that could be blamed on the outage.

The short circuit killed the cat.

### Mexico boy glues hand to bed to avoid school

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A 10-year-old Mexican boy dreaded returning to school after Christmas break so much that he glued his hand to his bed.

Sandra Palacios spent nearly two hours Monday morning trying to free her son Diego's hand with water, oil and nail polish remover before calling authorities, police chief Jorge Camacho told The

Associated Press from outside the northern city of Monterrey.

"I didn't want to go to school because vacation was so much fun," Reforma newspaper quoted the boy as saying.

Palacios said Diego sneaked into the kitchen in the early morning to get the industrial glue, which he then slathered on his right hand. She didn't hear him

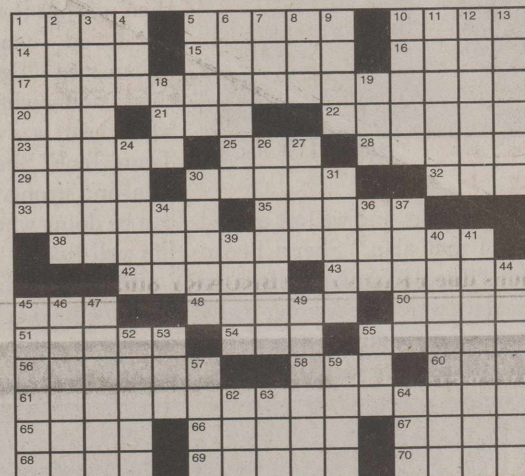
get up, but later awoke and found him watching TV with his hand stuck to the bed, she told Mexican newspaper El Universal.

"I don't know why he did it," she told Reforma. "He's a good boy, but mischievous like all kids."

Diego's hand was fine, and paramedics managed to unstick him in time for class.

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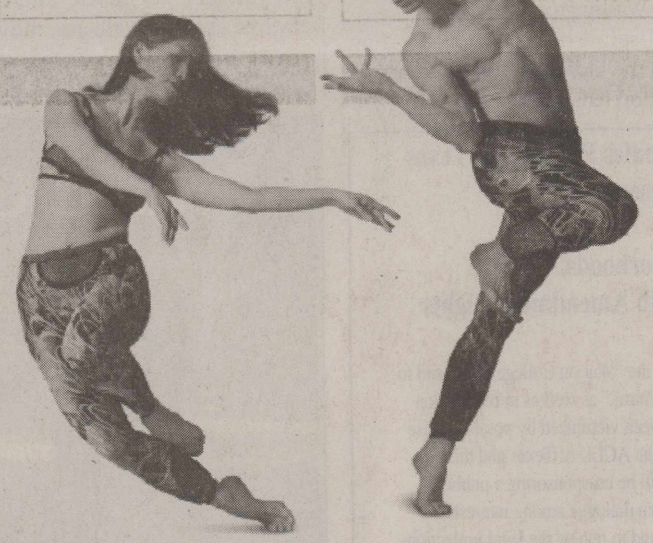
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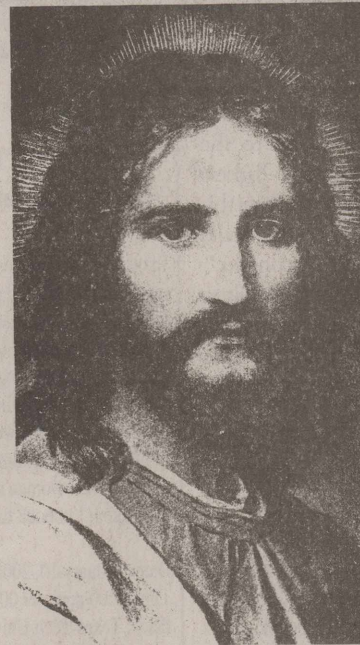
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# Tech police blotter: Multiple vehicle break-ins during break

By ERIN GREGG  
STAFF WRITER

**Dec. 15**  
An officer investigated a traffic accident that occurred in the 100 block of Texas Tech Parkway. No injuries were reported.

An officer responded to an emergency call in Section 112 of the United Spirit Arena. Emergency Medical Services transported a female visitor suffering from chest pains to Lubbock Heart Hospital.

An officer responded to the University Medical Center emergency room to document a medical call. A female visitor attending a graduation ceremony had fallen in the C13 parking lot.

**Dec. 17**  
An officer arrested a male student for public intoxication in the Z5-C parking lot. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

An officer investigated an incident of tampering with a government document at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. A staff member altered a Texas Department of Transportation handicap placard.

An officer arrested a male student for public intoxication in the R2 parking lot. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

**Dec. 18**  
Officers documented an abandoned vehicle in the 300 block of Texas Tech Parkway. The vehicle subsequently was towed.

A male non-student was arrested after an officer discovered his license was invalid during a traffic stop in the 3400 block of 20th Street. The man was transported to the Lubbock County Sheriff's Department, and the vehicle was towed.

An officer investigated a report of harassing phone calls at the United Spirit Arena.

An officer documented a Code of Student Conduct violation reported by the Department of Petroleum Engineering. A student reportedly sent inappropriate e-mails to a course instructor after his final semester grade was issued.

**Dec. 19**  
A male non-student was arrested after an officer discovered his license was invalid during a traffic stop in the 1800

block of Texas Tech Parkway. The man was transported to the Lubbock County Jail, and the vehicle was released to his girlfriend.

Officers documented information concerning a student's mental stability after being told that he was being placed on academic suspension.

Officers documented information concerning a student whose employment was terminated at the Texas Tech University Library. The student had to be escorted out of the building because of her actions after news of the termination.

An officer documented information on text messages sent to an Electrical Engineering faculty member in reference to purchasing prescription drugs.

**Dec. 20**  
A male student was arrested after an officer discovered his license was invalid during a traffic stop in the 900 block of Akron Avenue. The man was transported to the Lubbock County Jail, and the vehicle was released to his mother.

A traffic stop in the 1800 block of Flint Avenue resulted in the arrest of a male non-student after an officer discovered his license was invalid. A citation was issued for possession of drug paraphernalia. The man was transported to the Lubbock County Jail, and the vehicle was impounded and towed.

An officer investigated the burglary of a vehicle in the C15 parking lot. The passenger side window was shattered, and the stereo was taken.

An officer investigated the burglary of a vehicle on the second floor of the Flint Avenue Parking Facility. The back window was open, and a stereo and speakers were taken.

**Dec. 21**  
An officer documented information about a former employee of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center after the

person stated that two current employees were in danger.

An officer investigated a traffic accident in the R13 parking lot. No injuries were reported.

**Dec. 22**  
A male non-student was arrested after an officer discovered he had an outstanding warrant during a traffic stop in the 3400 block of 4th Street. The vehicle was impounded and towed.

An officer documented property damage at the Engineering and Technology Laboratory walkway. A light pole was damaged by high winds, breaking the light fixture and creating an electrical hazard.

**Dec. 23**  
A female non-student was detained after a traffic violation resulted in a traffic stop in the 1700 block of Texas Tech Parkway. The woman was released pending the filing of charges with the Lubbock County District Attorney's Office for driving with an invalid license.

**Dec. 26**  
An officer documented property damage in the breezeway of the Administration building. An exterior ceiling lamp was broken.

An officer documented information concerning a student's schedule containing personal information being used as packaging material.

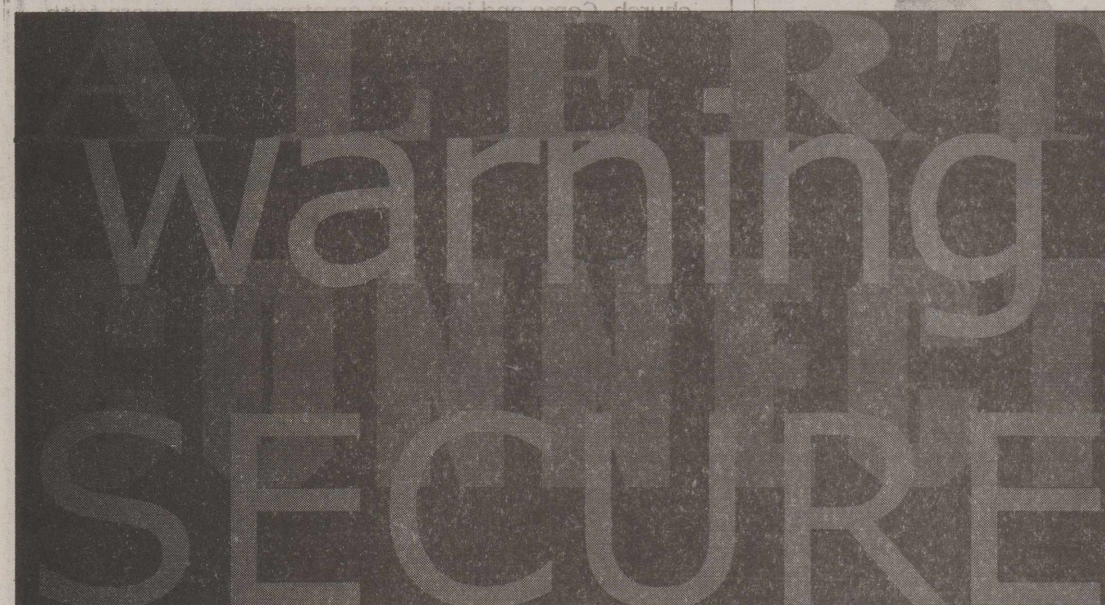
A female non-student was detained after a traffic violation resulted in a traffic stop in the 1000 block of Joliet Avenue. The woman was released pending the filing of charges with the Lubbock County District Attorney's Office for driving with an invalid license. The vehicle was impounded and towed.

**Dec. 27**  
An officer investigated a traffic accident in the 3600 block of 10th Street. No injuries were reported.

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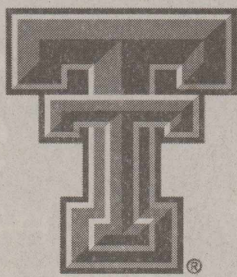


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**Dec. 28**  
An officer investigated a vehicle burglary that occurred in the Z4N parking lot. The driver's side window was shattered, and a CD player was taken.

**Dec. 29**  
A female non-student was arrested in the 2500 block of 15th Street for possession of drug paraphernalia. The woman was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

**Dec. 30**  
An officer investigated property damage in the 3600 block of Erskine Avenue. An unknown vehicle struck the fence at The Rawls Course.

An officer was dispatched to investigate the theft of a cellular phone occurring on Dec. 29 at the United Spirit Arena.

**Jan. 1**  
Two non-students were arrested during a traffic stop in the 2500 block of 4th Street. The driver was detained for driving while intoxicated, and the passenger for public intoxication. They were transported to the Lubbock County Jail,

and the vehicle was towed.

**Jan. 2**  
An officer investigated the burglary of a vehicle on the first floor of the Flint Avenue Parking Facility. The driver's side window was shattered, and a stereo was taken.

**Jan. 3**  
An officer investigated a traffic accident at the intersection of 10th Street and Knoxville Avenue. No injuries were reported.

**Jan. 4**  
An officer investigated a traffic accident in the B3 parking lot of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. No injuries were reported.

**Jan. 5**  
An officer investigated the theft of an Apple iPod in Chitwood Residence Hall.

**Jan. 6**  
Officers investigated the burglary of a vehicle in the Z4-P parking lot. The front passenger side window was shattered, and several electronic items were taken. Officers investigated the burglary of

another vehicle in the Z4-P parking lot. The front passenger side window was shattered, and a stereo was taken.

**Jan. 7**  
An officer investigated information about a domestic assault that occurred at the Student Union Building. A female employee suffered minor injuries after being punched in the face by her husband.

An officer documented information about property damage to a vehicle in the Z3-K parking lot, which occurred Dec. 7. The vehicle was scratched with an unknown object.

An officer investigated a theft in the Administration building in which a wrapped package was taken from a desk.

**Jan. 8**  
An officer arrested a male student in Weymouth Residence Hall for evading arrest or detention, public intoxication and possession of alcohol by a minor. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

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## FAR EAST COMES TO TEXAS TECH



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WEST TEXAS MEETS the Far East. Zi is coming this Spring to the Union Plaza food court in the Student Union Building. It will include sushi, traditional Asian entrees and freshly tossed wok creations. The expected opening is in early March.

## Intern

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According to Institutional Research and Information Management, out of the 4,546 graduate students enrolled in the fall of 2007, 1,010 of them were international students.

Not only is there a need for graduate student housing, but Crosier said there also is a need for visiting scholar housing.

"As lower-cost housing gets pushed further and further away, that puts a premium on transportation, and we are not able to provide adequate transportation," he said.

The closing of The Intern and other lower-cost housing facilities, Crosier said, also will affect the university's ability to recruit undergraduate international students.

Gorenc said he had not received any complaints from his constituency of graduate students concerning the closing of The Intern.

"If there are any complaints, we can definitely work with the (International Cultural Center) to get a listing together of housing by prices and things like that," he said.

Former residents of The Intern were notified in the early summer about the closure of the complex. McDougal said there were no complaints made by former residents about not having enough time to

move out.

"We didn't anticipate having any problems," he said. "We started this process so early, and we helped a lot of them find a new place to live at other McDougal properties."

The Edge, which is set to open in the late spring of 2009, will comprise 205 apartments in five different buildings. Most of the apartments will be one bedroom while some will be two bedroom. There will be no three or four bedroom apartments available. Rent for a one bedroom tentatively is set at \$875 a month while rent for a two bedroom will be \$1,325 a month. Rent at The Intern was \$450 for a one bedroom and \$595 for a two bedroom.

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## Orientation

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lot of students now are shopping around."

More students are beginning to attend more than one orientation in order to make a final decision, Bernal said, which makes the event important as it often serves as the first impression Tech can leave with prospective students and their families.

"We recruit them, then we admit them, and then they come to New Student Orientation, and then we get them registered," he said. "Throughout all three of those processes, they're all still a recruiting prospect. Just because we admit them so far, doesn't mean we're done."

Bernal said in order to make a student's orientation experience enjoyable, the admissions office partners with other offices and departments across campus to ensure everyone works together.

Robert Shindell, associate vice president for the Office of Admissions, said he believes the results of the spring orientation prove Chancellor Kent Hance's enrollment goal is attainable.

"The big push obviously is for each fall class to grow because that is the natural progression for students," he said. "So the ability for us to attract and engage students at a mid-year level like right now is great, and if those numbers keep going up, it is icing on the cake."

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## Kenya's president appoints half his Cabinet, further inflaming opposition angry over election

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Kenya's president named half his Cabinet Tuesday, angering opposition leaders who accuse him of stealing the recent election and undermining mediation attempts for a power-sharing agreement to end violence that has left more than 500 dead.

In the hours after President Mwai Kibaki announced his Cabinet appointments, police fired over the heads of youths who set up a roadblock of burning tires in the western town of Kisumu, according to a resident there. In Nairobi's oldest slum, Mathare, a witness reported hearing the first gunshots in three days just an hour after the announcement.

Political violence in some areas since the East African nation's

disputed Dec. 27 presidential election had deteriorated into clashes between other tribes and Kibaki's Kikuyu, which has long dominated Kenyan politics and the economy.

Salim Lone, a spokesman for opposition leader Raila Odinga's party, repeated the party's call for no demonstrations, saying it did not want to undermine African Union-mediated talks expected to begin Wednesday.

"We think that the announcement of the Cabinet was a slap in the face for all the effort that Kenyans and the international community is making to avoid the crisis," Lone said.

Earlier Tuesday, Odinga rejected an invitation from Kibaki for talks, calling it "public relations gimmickry" and charging the president

with "trying to deflect attention from and undermine" international mediation.

One proposed solution has been for Kibaki and Odinga to share power. But the Cabinet members announced by Kibaki, among them his vice president, included no portfolios for members of Odinga's party.

Most posts went to members of Kibaki's party, although Kalonzo Musyoka, a minor presidential candidate who won just 9 percent of votes, was named vice president and another member of Kalonzo's party was named information minister.

According to a Kenyan government Web site, Kibaki won 4,584,721 votes or 47 percent of the ballots cast, against Odinga's

4,352,993, or 44 percent.

However, even the chairman of the country's electoral commission has said he is not sure Kibaki won. The top American envoy to Africa, Jendayi Frazer, said this week that the vote count at the heart of the dispute was tampered with and both sides could have been involved.

Odinga's party won 95 out of 210 parliament seats and Kibaki's party won 43 in legislative elections held the same day as the presidential vote, meaning it will be difficult for Kibaki to govern without making some overture to Odinga.

Martha Karua, reappointed as justice minister Tuesday, said the opposition should take its complaints to the courts.

"I am certain they have no evidence upon which a credible court can nullify a Kibaki win," she said.

Diplomatic efforts continued. The chairman of the African Union, Ghanaian President John Kufuor, arrived on a mediation mission, and President Bush and British Prime Minister Gordon Brown offered support to the AU effort.

In the U.S., Robert Gibbs, a spokesman for Sen. Barack Obama, said the Democratic Party presidential candidate spoke by telephone with Odinga for about five minutes Monday before going into a campaign rally in New Hampshire.

Odinga said on British Broadcasting Corp. radio that Obama's father was his maternal uncle. He

said Obama called twice "to express his concern and to say that he is also going to call President Kibaki so that Kibaki agrees to find a negotiated, satisfactory solution to this problem."

Kenya is an ally in the United States' war on terrorist groups and has turned over dozens of people to the U.S. and Ethiopia as suspected terrorists. The country allows American military forces to operate from Kenyan bases and conducts joint exercises with U.S. troops in the region.

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## McNeill's interim tag will not be removed, yet

By ADAM COLEMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech defensive end Rajon Henley's forced fumble in the fourth quarter of the Gator Bowl was more than just a big play.

It marked the end of a battle the Tech defense had been in since allowing 49 points to Oklahoma State, as Tech interim defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill helped turn the defense around midway through the season.

"I think he did a tremendous job," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "I think because we started at the bottom of the conference defensively, at the end of the year, yards per game we were first in the conference. I think he was a huge part of that. We led the conference in pass defense. He

was hugely responsible for that. And then also, he had huge games in rushing defense, third down conversions and how many first downs we gave up, which I think he did a tremendous job."

McNeill's replacement of former defensive coordinator Lyle Setencich brought many highlights for the Tech defense to build on. Tech's defensive performance against Texas A&M was key in the Red Raiders' 35-7 win. The pass defense allowed 133 yards through the air with no passing touchdowns.

The Red Raiders did the same against Virginia in the Gator Bowl, allowing 96 passing yards on their way to a 31-28 comeback win.

There were times when the Tech defense struggled in 2007. The Red Raiders' game against Texas statisti-

cally was the worst under McNeill, with the defense allowing 522 yards of total offense from the Longhorns.

McNeill said there were highs and lows during his tenure as defensive coordinator, but the end result for his defensive players was impressive, considering how they started the season.

"I felt good about the kids' progress," McNeill said. "There were some low spots during the year. For the most part, if you look at what the kids accomplished, I think people would be surprised. For instance, since the Oklahoma State game — combined all teams in the (Big 12 Conference) since that game — if you add all the yardages from that game on, these kids finished first in the conference in total defense per average."

With the 2007 season at an end,

the Red Raiders are faced with the decision to take the interim tag off McNeill.

This decision will not be addressed right away, as the Red Raiders will wait until the coaching staff returns to campus and deals with its off-season tasks. Leach has the final say on if the interim tag can be taken off McNeill.

"We're waiting to get through recruiting, and then we'll go from there," Leach said.

Tech safety Joe Garcia is pleased with the strides the defense made in 2007 and its performance in the Gator Bowl.

Garcia said he enjoyed playing under McNeill this season with his words of encouragement to his players and his coaching philosophy.

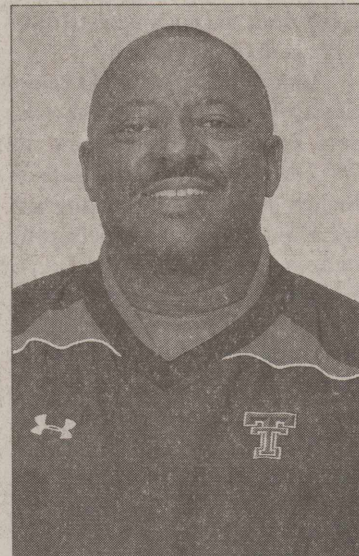
"Everybody loves (McNeill),"

Garcia said. "(He is) like a father. He can love you, but, whenever it's time to get down to business, it's business. I really liked his coaching message and his assistant coaches. They're a big part of what made Ruffin, Ruffin."

McNeill hopes the interim tag will be taken off, but more importantly, he looks forward to spending the off-season with the players he has built relationships with.

"I would very much like to have the interim tag taken off," he said. "I would love to go through the offseason training, as well as spring practice, as well as summer, as well as two-a-days with this group. That's about four sessions we get a chance to spend with these guys. Not just me, as coaches we'd love to go do that with the guys."

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TEXAS TECH INTERIM defensive coordinator, Ruffin McNeill took over for Lyle Setencich Sept. 23.

## Leach needs to remove interim tag from McNeill's title

Texas Tech football coach Mike Leach said he hasn't started his search for a permanent defensive coordinator yet.

That's OK. I've done the search for him, found several qualified candidates and selected one for him.

When Lyle Setencich resigned as defensive coordinator of the Texas Tech football team, I immediately wrote down a list of six potential candidates to replace him. I quickly narrowed the list to three. The list included TCU defensive coordinator Dick Bumpas and LSU linebacker coach Bradley Dale Peveto. Last on the list as my wild card was Ruffin McNeill.

Bumpas has seen success with the Horned Frogs, and his defense is nationally ranked. This would be a move up for Bumpas as he would be moving from the Mountain West conference to the Big 12 Conference. If he could maintain that success, he would help Tech earn its first Bowl Championship Series game. This would not be much of a gamble because TCU has had victories over Oklahoma and Tech under his watch.

Peveto, fresh off his national championship team, knows what it takes to win on the defensive side of the ball. He has worked as a linebacker coach at Arkansas and a co-defensive coordinator at Houston.

He would bring in a defensive plan that has been proven to work in the Southeastern Conference, arguably the toughest football conference in America.

Ben Maki



While those two may be quality candidates for the job, Tech already has the man they need in McNeill.

Before coming to Tech in 2000 with Mike Leach, McNeill served as a defensive coordinator for UNLV and defensive line coach at Fresno State. He also served as defensive coordinator at Appalachian State from 1993-1996.

Despite his experience, I was skeptical of what he could do with this team as interim defensive coordinator. McNeill inherited a squad that gave up 610 yards of offense to Oklahoma State, including 366 yards on the ground, and he did not have time to change the defense. How much could he actually do?

Well, in his third week on the job, his defense held Texas A&M to just one score, which came on the opening drive. Then, against Oklahoma, the defense held the Sooners to just 13 points through three quarters.

How did he manage to help improve the team? He simplified the defense, by reducing the number of reads the players had to make and just encouraged them to run to the ball and make sure-handed tackles.

McNeill also brought tackling drills back to practice. Tech did not

focus on tackling under Setencich, and it showed on the field.

Despite hiccups against Missouri and Colorado, and then being subject to some questionable calls against Texas, McNeill brought the defense together to the point where the play-

ers described the defense as a family, with McNeill being the father.

The players began flying to the ball and became really fired up to play for their father.

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# Goose Gossage elected to baseball's Hall of Fame after ninth attempt

NEW YORK (AP)—On his first day as a Hall of Famer, Goose Gossage tossed some high, hard ones at Roger Clemens and Barry Bonds.

"I think that if you did do performance-enhancing drugs, you need to come clean and put an end to this," Gossage said. "Just fess up."

After falling short eight times, Gossage received 85.8 percent of the vote Tuesday, easily surpassing the 75 percent threshold for baseball's highest honor and becoming just the fifth reliever in Cooperstown's bullpen.

Angry that the Steroids Era has skewed statistics, Gossage said Bonds and Clemens were in the same situation as far as he was concerned. Both have been accused of using steroids.

"Now we've got to figure out who's telling the truth, and I think that some day we will know the truth," Gossage said.

Gossage said players shouldn't be afraid of admitting they used performance-enhancing drugs. He cited Clemens' close friend, Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte.

"Pettitte came clean. There's been other guys that said they did it," Gossage said. "Life is going to go on."

Mark McGwire, his image in shreds since telling Congress in 2005 that he wouldn't talk about the past, received 128 votes from 10-year members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America—matching the total from last year, when he was eligible for the first time. His percentage was 23.6 percent.

"I don't think this steroid thing is over by any means. I'm sure that most of you guys, the writers, don't really know how to approach this," Gossage

during a BBWAA conference call.

Known for his overpowering fastball, fiery temperament and bushy mustache, the Goose received 466 of 543 votes.

"It was very emotional I'll tell you, off the charts. I can't describe the feeling," he said after learning the news. "I can't lie. There's been some frustration and some disappointment."

Jim Rice was passed over yet again in his next-to-last year on the ballot, getting 392 votes (72.2 percent), up from 346 (63.5 percent) last year but 16 short of the 75 percent needed.

"Today's results are obviously a disappointment," Rice said in a statement. "I believe my accomplishments speak for themselves, and a majority of the voters seem to agree. It is tough to come this close, but I remain hopeful for the 2009 results."

Gossage, who fell short by 21 votes last year, was on just 33.3 percent of the ballots when he appeared for the first time in 2000. He joins Hoyt Wilhelm (1985), Rollie Fingers (1992), Dennis Eckersley (2004) and Bruce Sutter (2006) as the only relievers in the Hall.

Gossage was sitting in a recliner in his living room overlooking the Rocky Mountains in Colorado Springs, Colo., when he received the call. He turned to reporters in the room and said, "Oh my God, I've been elected."

"A shock wave went through my body like an anvil just fell on my head," Gossage said. "I think having to wait makes it that much more special."

His mother died in 2006, Gossage said with tears welling up in his eyes, and he had hoped she would live long

enough to see him inducted.

Gossage was a nine-time All-Star who pitched for nine major league teams from 1972-94 and had 310 saves—52 of them when he got seven outs or more. By comparison, Mariano Rivera has one and Trevor Hoffman two.

"It was go as hard as I could for as long as I could, and the jams that I came into were always so exciting," Gossage said. "I felt the more difficult the situation, the better I was."

He spent six seasons with the New York Yankees and is likely to go into the Hall wearing a Yankees cap. He won his only World Series title with them in 1978.

"The biggest game that I ever pitched in on any team by far was that '78 playoff game with the Red Sox," he said. "It seemed like the playoffs after that and the World Series were kind of anticlimactic because of the pressure that was in that one-game playoff."

Rice, who flied out with runners on against Gossage in the eighth and ninth innings of that game, will appear on the writers' ballot for the 15th and final time next year, when career steals leader Rickey Henderson will be among the newcomers. The highest percentage for a player who wasn't elected in a later year was 63.4 by Gil Hodges in 1983, his final time on the ballot.

The last player elected in his final year on the BBWAA ballot was Ralph Kiner in 1975.

"I think Jim Rice does belong in the Hall of Fame," Gossage said. "No hitter scared me, but Jim Rice came the closest."

look at keeping taking the interim moniker from his title.

Would I be in favor of Bumpas or Peveto being brought in to take over this defense? Yes, but my wild card is a better fit for the Red Raiders because he already knows the personnel and has an established relationship with the players. He can make subtle

adjustments with the team while putting in his own defensive strategies.

No need to thank me, coach, just send me a small compensatory check, and we'll call it even.

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# Seniors take different paths after football season comes to close

By ADAM COLEMAN  
STAFF WRITER

In a season of challenges, the Texas Tech football team's seniors helped the team to a second-straight bowl comeback win and a finish among the Top 25 at No. 22.

This senior class for the Red Raiders will be contemplating its next step, whether school, the workforce or the NFL.

"They've graduated," Tech interim defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill said. "Kellen (Tillman) has his degree, Paul (Williams) has his degree, Chris Parker has his degree. Those kids usually have finished school by now for us here at Tech. The ones that don't are here, and they're always around the fieldhouse, which tells you something when your kids hang around the practice facility like our kids do, they must like the environment and the family atmosphere that we provide and have here."

For some seniors, before they head into the workforce, they try their hand at the NFL when Pro Day or the NFL Combine arrives.

One of those seniors is receiver Danny Amendola.

Amendola said he plans to use the next few months to train for Pro Day or the NFL Combine and pursue his goals of playing football on another level.

"I still (have) another semester left

prepare," Garcia said. "Always try out for the combine. don't al- (have) s o a s I and then a little bit more," Amendola said. "In order for me to try to make it to the next level in football, I'm going to have to take off and go and do that."

To train for his shot at the NFL, Amendola will continue to work on his own, but soon return to campus

to train with Tech strength and conditioning coach Bennie Wylie.

"Of course Bennie has priority with the team," Amendola said. "He's gotta get these guys bigger and stronger. I kind of (have) a different program so I (have to) go train for the (NFL) Combine with somebody else. I'll be back here in a couple months working out and getting back in his little deal and working out with him."

Safety Joe Garcia also plans to work out for pro scouts at Pro Day and the NFL Combine, but with his degree in Computer Science and Engineering, Garcia also will look for opportunities in his field of study.

"I'm going to go ahead and just

interviewing and just see where this semester takes me. There's like three roads (I could take)."

Some seniors in the past have stayed around the team to help out or even make a move to become graduate assistants.

Whatever road Tech seniors decide to take, having many make the step into more school or a career is common for the Red Raiders to see, since so many graduate every year.

"We have an awful lot that graduate," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "We have the second-highest graduation rate of any public institution for football. Some of them go on to do their jobs, or finish up bachelor's or even con-

tinue



working on a master's degree, and then some of them workout and prepare for the NFL or something after college."

The 2007 senior class' impact on the season was an important one with the team battling to make the Gator Bowl.

There were many senior standouts, including Alex Trlica who capped off his senior season by kicking the game-winning field goal to allow the Red Raiders to win the Gator Bowl.

Amendola is the only starter on offense who will not return next season, while Garcia, Parker and Williams are the three leaving on defense.

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## Ruffin

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While I believe Tech should be diligent in their mission to find a new coordinator, McNeill has done enough with a defense in a system that is not his own to merit a stronger

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# Miles celebrates LSU's national title, looks ahead for more

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Flanked by his team's four gleaming national championship trophies, LSU coach Les Miles was already looking for more.

"I have the next year plan right here," Miles said, drawing laughs from reporters and LSU hangers-on at a morning news conference. "The next year plan, OK, first of all, we expect to be a very strong football team."

Next year can wait. On Tuesday, Miles and most of this city celebrated LSU's second Bowl Championship Series title, earned the night before in a decisive 38-24 victory over previously top-ranked Ohio State in the Superdome.

At an early morning celebration, Miles stood on the balcony of a French Quarter hotel and raised a replica of

the BCS trophy to delirious fans on Bourbon Street.

At about 9 a.m., Miles answered his cell phone and heard an unfamiliar female voice.

"She said, 'Please hold for the president of the United States,'" Miles said. "I went, 'OK.'"

"He was just very kind, very complimentary of our team. He just said, 'I watched your team, your team overcame hurdles.'"

Miles will soon be making a few important calls of his own. He'll be on the recruiting trail, looking for talent to keep the Tigers among the national elite.

"I can promise you that it's a little early to say we have it all figured out," Miles said. "But the goals will be the same. The goals will be 100 percent

graduation rate and a national championship. And I suspect this team will fight like heck to get that done."

LSU's passionate legions expect the Tigers to win the national title every year. Reality is harsher, but LSU (12-2) has become the first two-time champion in the 10-year history of the BCS and the first to lose two games in a championship season.

There are many reasons to believe the Tigers will be in the hunt again in 2008. Although they lose quarterback Matt Flynn, tailback Jacob Hester and defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey, the Tigers have plenty of players eager to step in.

A trio of sophomores helped lead the charge against Ohio State — tight end Richard Dickson, who caught two touchdown passes; wide receiver

Brandon LaFell, who also caught a touchdown pass; and defensive tackle Ricky Jean-Francois, named the game's Most Outstanding Defensive Player after blocking an Ohio State field goal attempt.

The Tigers overcame an early 10-0 deficit, reeling off 31 unanswered points in a little more than 23 minutes.

"They understand what being pinned down means," Miles said. "They understand what it takes to come back and fight and overcome hurdles. I think this game was not unlike other games we played all year long."

Some would say the Tigers have taken on the coach's feistiness. Miles is the new king of the bayou, a position held by Nick Saban after he led

the Tigers to the 2003 BCS title.

Saban became reviled among many LSU followers when he bolted for the NFL's Miami Dolphins. Miles' stature grew when he passed on a chance to coach at Michigan, his alma mater.

Now he's given LSU fans another reason to revere him.

"I have to be honest, it's not sunk in yet," Miles said.

Miles replaced Saban after the 2004 season. In his first two years at LSU, Miles thought the Tigers were good enough to contend for the national title. Both times they went 11-2 and fell short.

LSU lost two games again this year. But as a wild college football season played out and other contenders fell, the Tigers found themselves with an

unexpected shot at the national title, and they didn't waste it.

Miles brushed aside talk that other teams — including USC and Georgia — also deserved a chance to play for the title.

University of Georgia president Michael Adams released a proposal for an eight-team college football playoff on Tuesday. Miles said he thought his team would fare well in such a scheme, but he didn't have to indulge in what-ifs. He had plenty of actual hardware to tote back to Baton Rouge.

"It's nice that there's no indecision," Miles said. "There's one national champion."

"I don't know if there's not more talented teams. But I can promise you this: this by far and away is the finest football team this year."

# Women's indoor track team begins season ranked Top 10 in nation

By BRAD DUFF  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Lady Raiders track and field team start the indoor season ranked No. 7 in the nation, led by a corps of veterans including five-time national champion, Sally Kipyego.

"We are excited to get started," said track coach Wes Kittley. "Expectations are high this season, especially after the success we've had recently."

Since the 2006-07 school year, the Tech track program has had 74 athletes earn All-Big 12 Conference honors, including 16 Big 12 Champions in their respective events. Also, in the past two years, Kittley has produced 26 All-American athletes, bringing his total to 70 while coaching at Tech.

Kipyego has won five national championships: twice in cross country, with the indoor 3,000M and 5,000M and in the outdoor 10K. To go with her two All-Amer-

ican titles, Kipyego also clocked a school, personal and NCAA record of 31 minutes 56.72 seconds at the Payton Jordan Cardinal Invitational in the 10K.

The women's team also is led by Irene Kimaiyo who, in the 2007 season, was named All-American in the 5,000M.

Kimaiyo said she takes a positive approach to her training and her school work.

"Stay disciplined and believe in yourself," she said. "It just becomes

a habit."

Other returning athletes for the Lady Raiders include senior Julianne Kennedy who was named both Academic All-American and All-Big 12 while placing a school and personal record of 5,306 points in the heptathlon.

Louise Cox returns from a season in which she received All-Big 12 honors in the 400M and ran an NCAA regional qualifying time in the 400M at the Texas Tech Open.

Kittley said the best way to represent Tech at Nationals is to win the Big 12 Championship, but that goal is not without obstacles.

"(Texas) A&M is the team to beat," he said. "Big 12 teams are starting to hire good coaches and spend more money on their programs. Last year, there was only a one-point difference between second and third, between us and Texas, so it's definitely picking up."

Texas A&M and Texas join

the Red Raiders in the pre-season rankings, coming in at 8th and 11th, respectively.

The Red Raiders begin the indoor track season Jan. 18 in the Texas Tech Invitational.

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# Clemens' ex-trainer lied during '01 rape case, police records say

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)— Detectives believed the former New York Yankees trainer who says he injected Roger Clemens with steroids lied to them during the 2001 investigation of a possible rape, according to

documents released Tuesday by police.

Police said Brian McNamee denied having sex with a possibly drugged woman in a hotel pool, even though security guards and other witnesses said they

saw him.

McNamee hired a New York attorney, who called detectives to arrange an interview.

"I explained to him that his client did talk with me once, and he lied to me," St. Petersburg Po-

lice Detective Donald Crotty wrote in a report.

The state attorney's office, however, decided not to press charges.

Clemens cited the incident as an example of McNamee's dishonesty in a defamation lawsuit filed Sunday in Texas.

The seven-time Cy Young Award winner says his former personal trainer lied to baseball investigator George Mitchell

to avoid prosecution when he said he injected Clemens at least 16 times with steroids and human growth hormone in 1998, 2000 and 2001. Clemens acknowledged receiving injections from McNamee but said they were vitamin B-12 and the painkiller lidocaine.

"The significant thing is, when this guy's rear end is in trouble, does he lie?" said Rusty Hardin, Clemens' attorney.



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MIKE LEACH HOLDS the championship trophy on New Year's Day after the Konica Minolta Gator Bowl game against the Virginia Cavaliers. Texas Tech won by a field goal 31-28.

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# 16 THE DT'S BIG 12 RANKINGS

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

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### 1. KANSAS

This is a team some predict to have an appearance in the Final Four. The Jayhawks have four players averaging double figures, helping them to be the highest scoring offense heading into conference play. Two players, guards Mario Chalmers and Russell Robinson, are in the top five in assists in the Big 12 Conference this season. Guard Brandon Rush is expected to continue to be one of the team's best players.

### 2. TEXAS

The loss of Kevin Durant seems to have no effect on the Longhorns so far in the 2007-08 season. Guard D.J. Augustin may be one of the best guards in the nation, averaging 20.5 points per game. Forward Damion James' 10.8 rebounds per game also is impressive. Although the Longhorns suffered losses to Michigan State and Wisconsin, their win over UCLA proves they have the ability to defeat high-ranked teams, like Kansas.

### 3. TEXAS A&M

The Aggies head into conference play on a seven-game winning streak, their best since the 1920s. Forwards Joseph Jones and Josh Carter have stepped up as the team's leading scorers with the loss of Acie Law. This team is undefeated at home, but with two of its first three conference games on the road against Texas Tech and Kansas State, the Aggies could run into trouble early.

### 4. OKLAHOMA

Wins over West Virginia and Gonzaga are impressive, but two 10-point losses to USC and Memphis leave the Sooners with a little more work to do. Center Longar Longar's defensive presence helps, as he is tied for the team lead in blocks with 13. Forward Blake Griffin leads the team in rebounds, steals and points per game. But a date with Kansas State at home and Kansas on the road is not an easy way to start conference play.

### 5. KANSAS STATE

Kansas State's 2007-08 season could be summed up with one name: Michael Beasley. Mentioned as one of the top freshmen in the country, Beasley leads the conference in scoring, averaging 24.2 points per game. He also leads the conference in offensive and defensive rebounding. With Beasley being one of two players scoring double figures this season for Kansas State, the Wildcats may go as far as the freshman can take them. If conference play does not hinder Beasley, the Wildcats could emerge as a legitimate contender.

### 6. TEXAS TECH

The Red Raiders are riding a three-game winning streak into conference play. The theme in 2007-08 for Tech is inconsistency. The Red Raiders' most notable win of the season is against Gonzaga, but losses such as one to Centenary leave the Red Raiders with unanswered questions heading into Big 12 play. Guard Alan Voskuil has been key behind the 3-point line with Martin Zeno leading the team in scoring. Younger players such as John Roberson, Mike Singletary and D'Wayn Roberts have to continue playing well in order to help Tech against the top teams in the Big 12. A win over Oklahoma State in the conference opener will give Tech coach Bob Knight his 900th career win.

### 7. BAYLOR

Starting the 2007-08 season with 11 wins stands out, but the Bears need bigger wins to be taken seriously. This is a team that defeated Notre Dame and lost to Washington State only by three. But while other Big 12 teams have more credibility, Baylor has to work for its. The Bears are second in scoring averaging 81.4 points per game. Guard Aaron Bruce continues to be an anchor for the team. The two-time Big 12 honorable mention member is averaging 10.5 points per game this season. Starting conference play with Iowa State, Oklahoma State and Nebraska could put the Bears in a good position for some wins early, but can they keep up with teams such as Oklahoma, Texas, Texas Tech or Texas A&M?

### 8. NEBRASKA

The Cornhuskers did not have much of a non-conference schedule, which does not help in preparing to open conference play against Kansas. Their most impressive win is over then-ranked No. 16 Oregon. Leading the team in scoring and rebounding is Aleks Maric. Ultimately, Kansas State and Kansas are ahead of the pack in the Big 12 North, leaving no room for the Cornhuskers.

### 9. MISSOURI

Steffon Hannah helps power this team to nine wins. Last season, the Tigers were the third highest scoring offense behind Texas and Kansas. So far, the Tigers have retained that spot. The Tigers do not have many significant non-conference wins, but they claim close losses to Michigan State and Illinois. Two of the Tigers' first conference games are against Texas and Kansas at home. With Nebraska and their starts, the Tigers' battle will be much tougher than the Cornhuskers.

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### 11. IOWA STATE

The Cyclones non-conference schedule may be the weakest out of all the Big 12 teams. They claim losses to teams such as Bradley, Drake and Northern Iowa. The Cyclones are entering conference play with one more win than they had last season, but a 6-10 finish in 2006-07 in Big 12 play does not add credibility. Jiri Hubalek is fifth in the conference in rebounding, but the Cyclones' problem lies in scoring points. Iowa State is 10th in scoring offense in the conference heading into conference play.

### 12. COLORADO

If Nebraska and Missouri will be fighting to catch up with Kansas and Kansas State, there is no room for the Buffaloes to compete. Texas and Texas A&M will be in the sight for the Buffaloes as they start conference play. Another match-up with Kansas State can only hinder Colorado from getting a good start in conference play. Richard Roby leads the team in scoring with 15.8 points per game. Marcus Hall and Xavier Silas join him as the other players on the team averaging double figures. The Buffaloes are the lowest scoring offense in the Big 12 and scoring points against teams such as Kansas or Kansas State is key.



MARTIN ZENO  
TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

PHOTO BY TRENT BARNES/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH GUARD Martin Zeno leads the Red Raiders into Big 12 Conference play on Saturday at Oklahoma State. Tech has a 9-5 record in non-conference play this season and is attempting to make the NCAA Tournament for the second year in a row. *The Daily Toreador's* sports staff has ranked the Red Raiders at No. 6 in the Big 12 because of their inexperience and the growing pains that come along with playing three freshmen regularly. Those freshmen are D'Wayn Roberts, Mike Singletary and John Roberson.

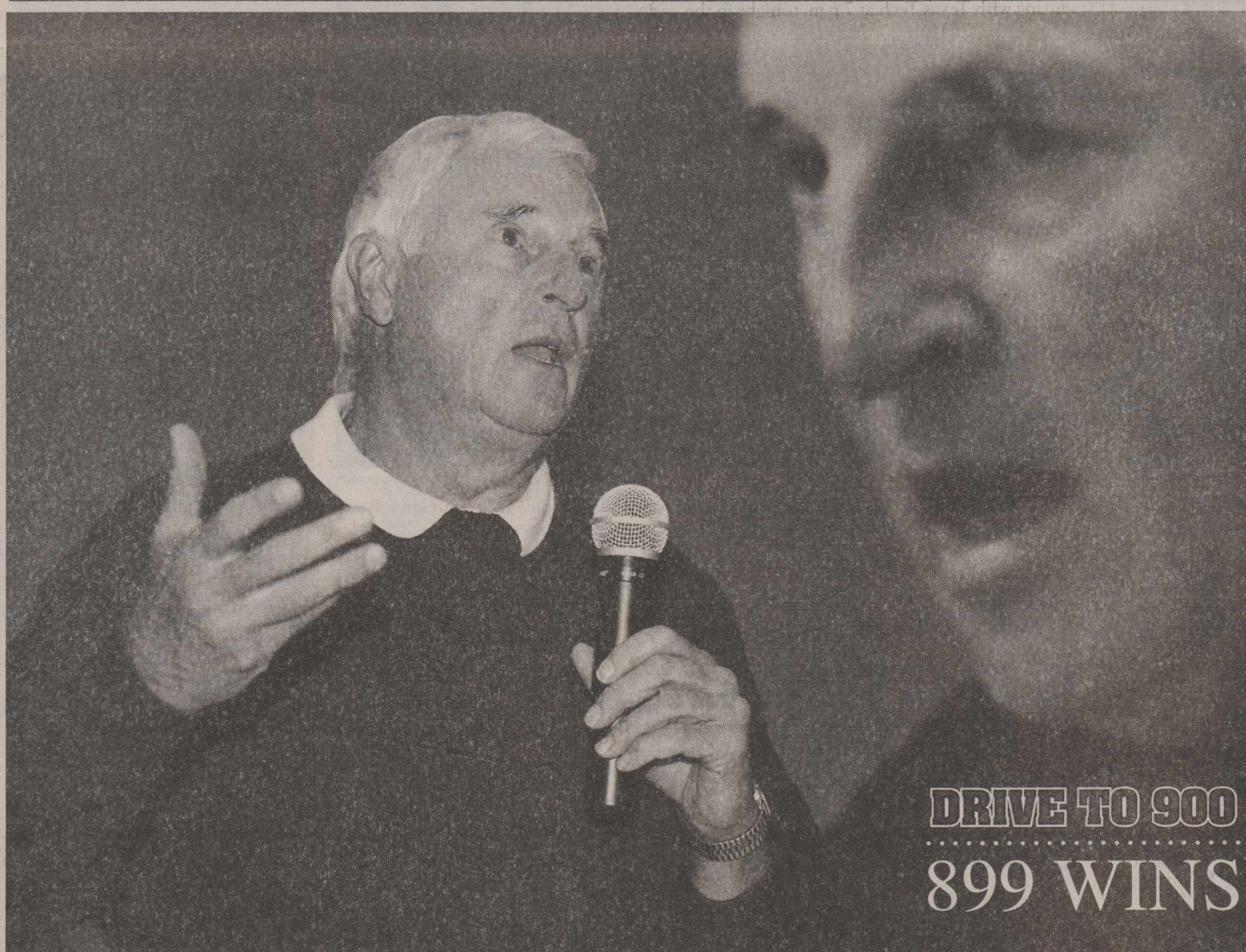


D.J. AUGUSTIN  
TEXAS LONGHORNS

COURTESY PHOTO/University of Texas Athletics

GUARD D.J. AUGUSTIN leads the Longhorns into conference play. He averages more than 20 points per game and has helped the Texas faithful get over losing Kevin Durant to the NBA.

## MILESTONE COUNTDOWN



DRIVE TO 900  
899 WINS

PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

## Knight 900th win has less impact on players than 880

By ADAM COLEMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Expect no celebration if the Texas Tech men's basketball team defeats Oklahoma State and gives Tech coach Bob Knight his 900th win.

This achievement is the least of concerns for the Red Raiders.

"Who cares about 900?" Knight said. "Those players don't even know that."

The Red Raiders are focused more on their opponents in 2007-08 than coming across another Knight milestone.

Tech also is enjoying a season without the extra attention Knight's 880th win brought during the 2006-07 season.

"(Bob Knight) never brings it up," Tech head coach designate Pat Knight said. "The only people that bring it up is the media. After what happened last year, all the hoopla

with break the record, this is mild."

The Red Raiders' attitude toward Bob Knight's 900th win is a natural one for the team.

Guard Charlie Burgess said players who were a part of the team that helped Bob Knight gain his 880th win had no interest in their coach's 900th win since the beginning of the season and there was no common knowledge of Bob Knight's potential achievement.

"To be honest, I didn't even know that he was coming up to 900," Burgess said. "We just take it on as an everyday thing. We don't pay (any) attention to it because it's just basketball. A win is a win. So we just play every game on the schedule. We don't count on 800th, 900th win. Regardless of what the number is, we just go out there and play."

The Red Raiders feel any achievement they are a part of is something they can look back on rather than focus on this season.

"We know it's (going to) happen," Tech guard Martin Zeno said. "We (are) just going out there and (have to) get the wins. Just go out there and play the games the best that we can. I guess when I'm done, I'll realize that I'm really part of history."

Pat Knight said defeating Oklahoma State is of higher importance to the Red Raiders, as they are in the middle of doing what they know best.

"I think it's something that, when it's all said and done, it'll be nice to reflect upon," he said. "Hey, I was with the guy when he got the record, he got 900.' Right now, we're in the middle of doing our job, and so it's more important to get a win for the team. We're more worried about getting our 10th win per se than having to beat No. 900."

Bob Knight is the winningest active coach in front of Arizona coach Lute Olson and former pupil

and Duke coach, Mike Krzyzewski. His 899 wins are 109 wins ahead of Olson and 113 wins ahead of Krzyzewski.

Bob Knight was the third fastest coach to 800 wins, and, with one more win, he will be the only coach with 900. He will continue to add more wins as the winningest coach in the history of NCAA Division I men's basketball.

Bob Knight's longevity also continues to grow, with 1,267 games coached in his career. The total is good for second most all-time in NCAA history, behind Jim Phelan's 1,354 games coached.

The Red Raiders will begin conference play with Oklahoma State, when Bob Knight will get his first attempt at win No. 900, 12:30 p.m. Jan. 12 at Gallagher-Iba Arena in Stillwater, Okla. on CBS.

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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### 1. OKLAHOMA

The No. 6 Sooners (9-2) are led by the 2006-07 Associated Press National Player of the Year junior center Courtney Paris, who has recorded 72 consecutive double-doubles since Dec. 5, 2005. Paris averages 16 points and 16 rebounds per game this season while facing constant double and triple teams. She averaged 23.5 points and 15.9 rebounds per game in 2007, leading OU to a 28-5 (13-3 in Big 12 Conference play) record and the Big 12 Championship. However, for the second straight year, the Sooners left the big dance early, losing in the Regional Semifinals of the Women's NCAA Tournament. The loss prompted coach Sherri Coale to schedule a scary non-conference schedule, beginning the 2007-08 season against No. 4 Maryland and No. 2 Tennessee, both ending in losses. On the bright side, OU has won nine straight games as conference play begins today. The only team in the Big 12 that gave the Sooners problems in 2007 was Texas A&M, who beat them twice in regular season play. Oklahoma will be looking for redemption this season as Courtney Paris tries to fuel her team to another Big 12 Championship.

### 2. TEXAS A&M

Texas Tech graduate Gary Blair has made the women's program just as successful as the men's program in College Station. The No. 13 Aggies (12-2) went 25-7 (13-3 in Big 12) in 2006-07 and was the only team to knock off the Sooners twice, earning them a share of the Big 12 Championship and reaching the second round of the NCAA Tournament. With all five starters returning this season, they are a good pick to hold the Big 12 Championship title all to themselves. The Aggies bring a talented group of players with junior Takia Starks, senior A'Quonesia Franklin, junior Danielle Gant and senior Morenike Atunrase. Starks leads the team in scoring with 17 points per game while shooting 38 percent from behind the three-point line. Atunrase missed most of the non-conference schedule recovering from a stress fracture in her leg. While the Sooners will strive for redemption against Texas A&M, the Aggies want validation, proving that last season was no fluke.

### 3. BAYLOR

Only senior guard Angela Tisdale remains from the 2005 national championship team, and she leads the Bears potent offensive attack with 14.9 points per game. The No. 8 Bears (12-1) share the ball extremely well on offense with five players averaging double digit scoring. Baylor finished third in the Big 12 last season going 26-8 (11-5 in Big 12) and has continued to play sound defense allowing only 51.8 points per game this season, good for seventh in the nation. Baylor will need to figure out a way to beat the top two teams if it wants a Big 12 championship. Four of the team's conference losses in 2006-07 came at the hands of Texas A&M and OU. With All-Big 12 forward Bernice Mosby gone to the WNBA, the Bears needed someone to step up and provide the post play Baylor has been known for since Kim Mulkey's arrival. Junior forward Rachel Allison has stepped in nicely thus far this season, putting up 14 points and 7.8 rebounds per game. Baylor's only loss this season came at No. 7 Stanford, 87-63. Expect Mulkey to have her team prepared every night, starting with Texas Tech at 7 p.m. tonight in the United Spirit Arena.

### 4. TEXAS

Coach Gail Goestenkor's debut season in Austin has gotten off to a good start. She has filled the shoes of former coach Jody Conradt by going 12-2 and most likely will get No. 15 Texas back to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in two seasons. Goestenkor spent 15 years in the Atlantic Coastal Conference and led Duke to 10 straight Sweet 16 appearances and four Final Fours. After starting 2-2 this season, including a 92-67 loss at Tennessee, the Longhorns head into conference play on a 10-game win streak. With star center Tiffany Jackson gone, the team needed a new identity, which resulted in a more all-around offense populated by role players such as sophomore forward Earnesia Williams and freshman forward Kathleen Nash. Sophomore guard Brittainey Raven paces the team with 16 points per game and junior forward Ashley Lindsay has done a good job filling the vacancy down low with 11 points and six rebounds per game. Goestenkor's revamped Longhorns will shake things up this season after finishing last season 18-14 (6-10 in Big 12).

### 5. OKLAHOMA STATE

The depth of the Big 12 continues with the No. 25 Cowgirls (12-1). Oklahoma State's non-conference schedule did not feature many tough match ups with its only loss at TCU, but the team has shown it will compete in conference play. The No. 2 scoring offense in the nation has won every game by an average of 30 points, led by sophomore guard Andrea Riley's 20 points per game with guard Danielle Green adding 14 points per game. A team that went winless in the Big 12 in 2005-06 went 8-8 in conference last season on its way to a 20-11 record. The Cowgirls are by no means gun shy and will put up points in a hurry. They will find out more about themselves as the competition gets tougher beginning tonight at Kansas.

### 6. IOWA STATE

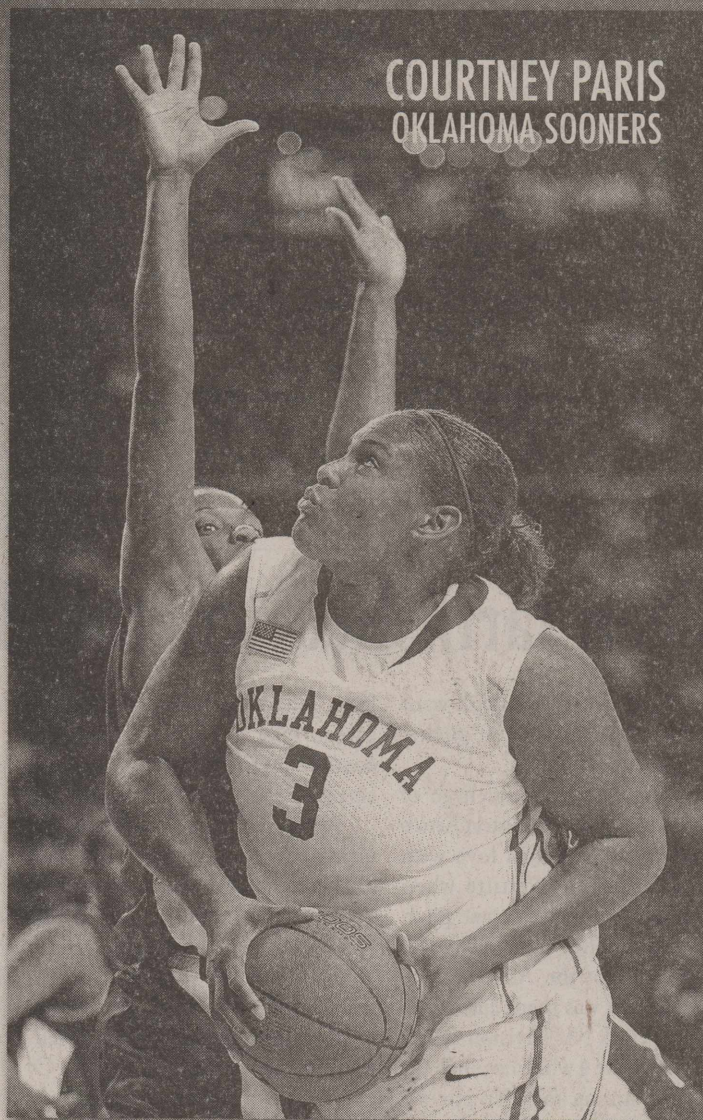
Coach Bill Fennelly's Cyclones will open up the Big 12 season in Ames, Iowa against No. 6 Oklahoma, a rematch of the 2006-07 Big 12 championship game. The Cyclones return three starters from a team that went 26-9 (10-6 in Big 12) a season ago and reached the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Junior forward Nicky Wieben and sophomore guard Alison Lacey provide the scoring for Iowa State, averaging 13 points per game. Iowa State's only senior, Toccara Ross, tore her ACL in a game against Minnesota and will miss the remainder of the 2007-08 season.

### 7. TEXAS TECH

Texas Tech Coach Kristy Curry has her new-looking team ready to open conference play against Baylor tonight at the United Spirit Arena. The Lady Raiders missed out on putting all teams in the Big 12 South into the Top 25 by going to Arkansas and losing 80-57. The loss to the Razorbacks could be an eye opener before what Curry calls the "second part of the season." Junior forward Dominic Seals leads the team in scoring with 13 points per game. With nine newcomers this season, Tech is still learning about itself each game. In her second year at the helm, Curry looks to get Tech back in the NCAA Tournament for the first time in two seasons after going 15-16 (6-10) a year ago. There is no reason this team, which is a much faster and talented team than last season's, should not finish above .500 at the end of the Big 12 regular season schedule.

### 8. COLORADO

The fact that Colorado is sitting at No. 23 in the national polls with an 11-2 record would shock many after last season's 13-17 (6-10 in the Big 12) record. Four starters return from the 2006-07 squad including senior forward Jackie McFarland, who leads the team with 17 points per game. Brittany Spears is second on the team in scoring with 13.5 points per game. The Buffaloes will continue to improve and build on this season's early success.



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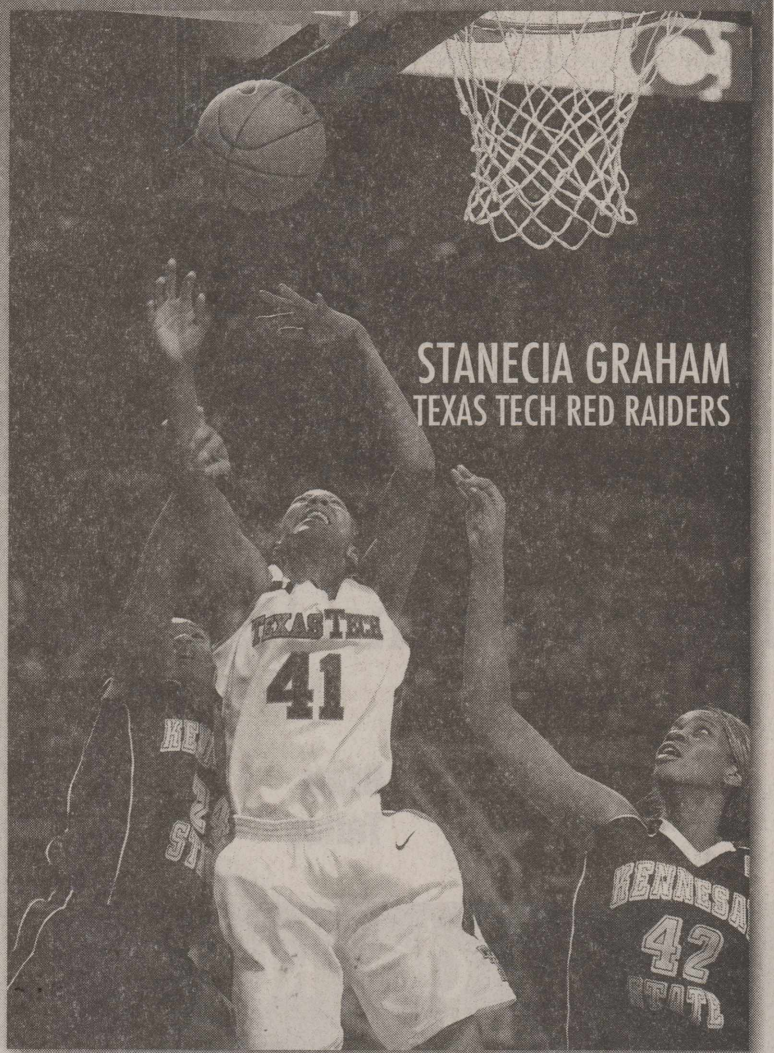
OKLAHOMA CENTER COURTNEY Paris is the returning National Player of the Year and will try to help deliver the Sooners an NCAA Championship.

### 9. NEBRASKA

The Cornhuskers reached the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2000 and finished in the top four of the Big 12 going 22-10 (10-6). With only one starter returning in junior forward Kelsey Griffin, the Cornhuskers will have a difficult time trying to repeat last year's breakthrough season. Senior forward Danielle Page leads the team with 12 points and 7.7 rebounds per game. Nebraska will need players to step up and replace the experience they lost in order to match some impressive wins in 2006-07 against Texas, Iowa State and Baylor.

### 10. KANSAS

With seven freshman on the squad in 2006-07, the Jayhawks went 11-20 (4-12 in Big 12), but the experience of the season obviously helped. In Bonnie Henrickson's fourth year of coaching at Kansas, the team is off to its best start with an 11-2 record, but, to win some Big 12 games, the Jayhawks will need to put up better offensive numbers than they did in during the non-conference schedule, which was 67 points per game. Sophomore forward Danielle McCray leads the Jayhawks with 16.8 points per game and 7.3 rebounds per game. The Jayhawks will need Taylor McIntosh and Nicollette Smith to have some big offensive games in order to pull off upsets against OU, Baylor or Texas A&M and reach the NCAA Tournament.



STANECIA GRAHAM  
TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador

TEXAS TECH FORWARD Staneicia Graham is one of nine new faces to the Lady Raider roster for the 2007-08 season. Graham and company will attempt to give Tech a winning record after a 15-16 record in the 2006-07 campaign.

### 11. KANSAS STATE

The Wildcats (8-5) reached the WNIT semifinals last season after beginning 14-2 and finishing the rest of the season 5-13. Kansas State ended up 19-15 (4-12 in Big 12) and returns six players that started at least 15 games in 2006-07. Senior guard Kimberly Dietz started all 34 games last season and is averaging 13 points per game this season. Kansas State is looking for an NCAA Tournament bid, and, to get there, the Wildcats will need to elevate their level of play against the top tier teams in the Big 12.

### 12. MISSOURI

The Tigers (7-6) competed in the 2007 WNIT after finishing the Big 12 regular season at 5-11. However, the Tigers lost four starters, including their top two scorers, but junior guard Alyssa Hollins returned and leads the team in scoring with 16 points per game. Stepping up along with Hollins is sophomore forward Jessa Johnson who also averages 16 points per game and freshman forward Shakara Jones has complemented with 12 points per game. Although the Tigers, who have no seniors on the team, lost more than any other team in the Big 12, it seems like they have the talent to replenish their roster and finish the Big 12 regular season with more than five wins.

## Lady Raiders open Big 12 play against No. 8 Baylor

By ALEX YBARRA  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Lady Raider basketball team will be tested again when it plays No. 8 Baylor at 7 p.m. tonight at the United Spirit Arena.

Tech (12-2) looks to bounce back from an 80-57 loss it suffered at No. 20 Arkansas (15-0) Jan. 5, which Tech coach Kristy Curry said was better sooner than later.

"If it had to happen, I guess that was a good time," she said. "It seems like we have to have a bump in the road to get our attention. It seems like we can't concentrate for very long periods of time."

Tech will need its concentration against Baylor (12-2). The Lady Raiders lost both meetings to the Bears in 2006-07, but this season's team brings new talent to go along with a new style. With nine newcomers on the team, the Lady Raiders will receive their first taste of what it's like to play against a top-tier team in the Big 12.

"They do have a lot of experience," junior forward Staneicia Graham said, "so what we're going to do is use the experience that we have in the short amount of time and use it to our advantage."

The teams in the Big 12 won an all-time high 80 percent of their non-conference games combined, proving the Big 12 is one of the top conferences in the nation.

Graham acknowledged that the Lady Raiders know what it's like to beat a ranked opponent, mentioning

the win against then-ranked Arizona State Dec. 13.

"We've beat a top 25 team, and we've lost to one, so now we know what competition is like," she said. "We know some teams can be quick, some teams can be strong and physical, so we just have to go out there and try to win."

All five of Baylor's starters average double figures in scoring, led by senior guard Angela Tisdale who averages 14.9 points per game. Behind Tisdale is junior forward Rachel Allison, who has received more touches this season because of Bernice Mosby's graduation. Mosby averaged 17.6 points per game and 9.1 rebounds per game in 2006-07, and Allison's numbers of 14 points and 7.8 rebounds per game fill the void nicely.

"That's not nothing to us, because we have about six or seven people that could easily get in double figures as well," Graham said of Baylor's balanced offensive attack.

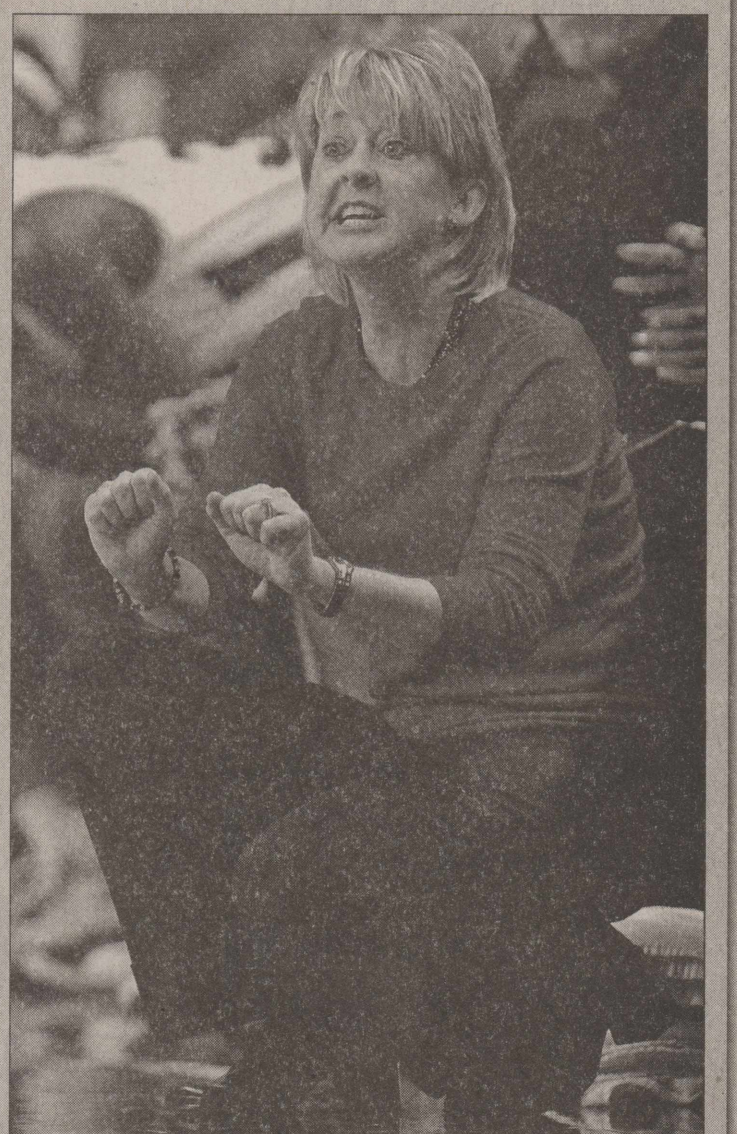
Point guard Maria Moore said Curry has pressed the issue of getting the ball inside more, in hopes of leading to more productive kick-outs to the perimeter, and the loss to Arkansas has motivated the team to work hard for a big win against the Bears.

Baylor's team defense has caused problems for its opponents this season.

They allow only 51.8 points per game and are second in the nation when it comes to the opposition's field goal percentage, holding teams to 32 percent from the field, while

*So what we're going to do is use the experience that we have...and use it to our advantage.*

— STANECIA GRAHAM  
TEXAS TECH  
JUNIOR FORWARD



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TEXAS TECH COACH Kristy Curry is in her second year leading the Lady Raiders. In the 2006-07 season, the team finished 15-16. This season she brought in nine new players and the team is 12-2 heading into conference play.

shooting 49 percent on the offensive end.

Curry, who has a close relationship with Baylor coach Kim Mulkey and her family, said the veteran leadership makes the Bears a formidable opponent, and she realizes the gap in experience between the two teams could mean the difference.

"I think as Tisdale goes, Baylor goes, she's a senior point guard,"

Curry said. "She's starting her fourth year, any time you have that kind of experience on the perimeter, and Jessica Morrow is a junior, they understand what it takes, what it's about, they've got it figured out. We're still trying to figure it out, hopefully (tonight) for 40 minutes we can figure it out."

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# New age of Cowboys fans need team to call their own

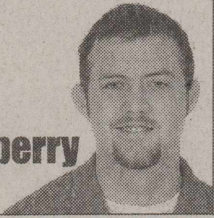
The Dallas Cowboys fans of this generation — myself included — are ready for success.

It's been a while since the boys in blue have been near the top of the NFL, long enough that most of us were too young to really appreciate America's team.

The last Super Bowl won by Dallas was in 1995, and the team has only one playoff victory since: a 40-15 smashing of the Minnesota Vikings in the Wild Card round in 1996. In other words, the Cowboys haven't won a game in the playoffs since I was 9 years old. Give or take two years on each side of that, you have the age range of the majority of students at Texas Tech.

While I probably looked cute for

**Eric Quisenberry**



my third-grade class picture with a hand-me-down Cowboys sweater, grasping the depth of professional football was about as difficult for me as trying to spell my last name in cursive — which I think is just another test to see how far teachers can bend our brains, because I don't know anyone that uses cursive in college.

On Sunday, the Cowboys face off against an NFC East rival in the

New York Giants, a team Dallas beat twice in the regular season with scores of 45-25 and 31-20, respectively. Advantage Cowboys, right?

Well, take into consideration that Dallas wide receiver Terrell Owens is coming off an injury and is unlikely to be completely healthy for the game. Owens caught four of his 15 touchdown receptions this year against the Giants in the regular season, two in each game. Production from Tony Romo and Marion Barber III slumped during the end of the regular season as well, leaving Dallas with a lot of question marks going into Sunday's contest.

The Giants, on the other hand,

possibly have more momentum and positive energy than any other team in the playoffs. After securing a wild card to reach the postseason, they played the undefeated New England Patriots to one of their closest games of the season, a true moral victory if ever there was one. Defeating Tampa Bay 24-14 Sunday — an upset according to all the predictions made by the experts prior to the game — allows New York to come into Texas Stadium with a full head of steam and a chance for revenge.

Giants quarterback Eli Manning is coming off two games where he played above his season average with six touchdowns and only one interception. This, however, is

where the news turns better for the Dallas faithful. Manning is one of the most inconsistent quarterbacks in the NFL. One game he will vaguely resemble his brother Peyton as the model of success, then the next week confirm my suspicion that he was adopted and plastic surgeons added a family resemblance after the fact.

Two strong showings back-to-back from Manning normally mean an abysmal showing the following week. Still, he did notch a playoff win last week against Tampa Bay, something that Dallas quarterback Tony Romo is still lacking and the Cowboys haven't done in 11 years.

Dallas needs this win. More importantly, young Cowboys fans

need this win. I'm not talking about the bandwagon kids that jumped on when the Cowboys won eight consecutive games to start the season, but the ones that grew up learning to love the NFL while the team learned to love the term "rebuilding year."

**THE CALL** — Dallas wins 31-24 as the game starts off with offensive fireworks and settles into a defensive struggle late. Eli Manning plays well for three quarters but throws two interceptions, including one late that seals the deal for the Cowboys to advance.

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# Roger Clemens' legacy has been tarnished whether he used enhancers or not

I want to believe Roger Clemens.

I want to think his former trainer, Brian McNamee, lied about injecting Clemens with steroids because he was pressured to do so. I wish none of this

**Brett Talley**



had ever happened, and I still want to believe he is the greatest pitcher baseball has ever known.

Clemens is a personal hero of mine. Being a lifelong Houston Astros fan caused me to fall in love with Clemens and Andy Pettitte when they took less money to come pitch for my team. They made my team relevant and got the Astros to the World Series. I was there during the legendary 2005 NL Division Series 18-inning Game 4 when he pinch hit in the 15th inning and then pitched the final three to earn the win. Seeing Clemens on the mound in person in an Astros uniform is something I will never forget.

I will love him forever because of those three years in Houston, but I cannot ignore the claim that he used steroids. As much as I want to believe him, it would be both naive and hypocritical. Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa have been guilty from day one in my book and to label them as guilty and ignore the accusations against Clemens would be wrong.

Barry Bonds is a documented steroid user and someone who benefited

from steroids in the latter part of his career. Like Bonds, Clemens' production improved in years that were considered to be past his prime.

From 1986 to 1992, Clemens was in his prime and arguably the best pitcher in baseball. He won three Cy Young awards with the Boston Red Sox and finished in the top 6 in Cy Young voting all but one season, a season in which he won 17 games. But in the following four years Clemens won only 40 games, received no Cy Young votes and often was injured. At this point, he was 33 years old, and the Red Sox assumed he had nothing left in the tank and let him leave via free agency to the Toronto Blue Jays.

In 1997, Clemens hired McNamee, the man who allegedly injected him with anabolic steroids. In that year, Clemens recorded the highest strikeout total of his career, the second highest win total of his career and won the Cy Young decisively. To be fair, the Mitchell Report states that Clemens began using steroids a year later, in 1998. However, it would again be naive to exclude the possibility, if not probability, that Clemens'

resurgence was legitimate.

Unfortunately for Clemens, his stats in 1998 are damning as well. The Mitchell Report claims that McNamee injected Clemens in his apartment in the Skydome sometime around the 1998 All-Star break. Before the All-Star break Clemens was 9-6 in 18 starts, threw 119<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings, had a 3.55 ERA and struck out 120 batters. After the break and alleged steroid injections, Clemens went 11-0 in only 15 starts, threw 115.2 innings, had a 1.71 ERA and struck out 151 batters.

In case nothing about those splits stand out to you, it should be obvious that ERA dropped dramatically in the second half, innings pitched were almost the same, wins were higher and strikeouts considerably increased despite the fact Clemens started three fewer games.

In addition to his sudden resurgence, Clemens went on to win another Cy Young at age 38 in 2001, the last year he was reported to have used steroids. Although no steroid use was reported after 2001, one has to question Clemens' continued dominance

at ages 41 through 43 in those seasons he spent in Houston.

Some of his success can be attributed to making a move to a weak National League, but it must be noted that McNamee was still Clemens' trainer during that time period.

Perhaps the most convincing piece of evidence against Clemens is that of all baseball players accused of using performance enhancers, none — not one — have been exonerated. Either by documentation (Bonds, Rafael Palmeiro), a verdict in the court of public opinion (McGwire, Sosa) or admission (Brian Roberts, Pettitte), no one named has shed the accusations.

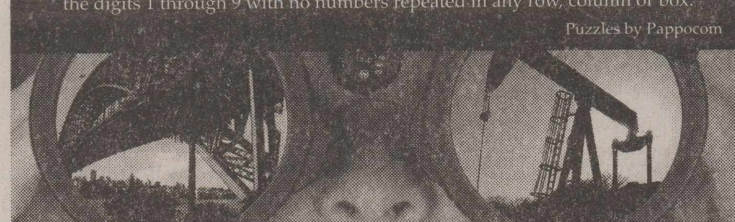
Again, I would love nothing more than for Clemens to have his name cleared, but, whether he is innocent or not, clearing his name may be impossible at this point. He was named as a steroid user in the Mitchell Report — a fact that never can be reversed.

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# Vick leaves Virginia to serve prison term in Kansas

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Michael Vick left Virginia on Monday to enter a drug treatment program at a Kansas prison, a move that could reduce the former NFL star's 23-month sentence on a federal dogfighting conviction.

The suspended Atlanta Falcons quarterback is now at the U.S. Bureau of Prisons minimum security facility in Leavenworth, his attorney, Billy Martin, said.

"Mr. Vick hopes to participate

in programs offered at that facility, including the Bureau of Prisons drug treatment program," Martin said in a statement.

Vick tested positive for marijuana in September while he was on supervised release following his guilty plea. The residential drug treatment programs at Bureau of Prisons institutions take place in units set apart from the general prison population, lasting at least 500 hours over six to 12 months,

according to Bureau of Prisons policy.

Upon successful completion of the program, nonviolent offenders may be granted up to one year of early release. Staff members review the inmates' records and behavior to determine if they are eligible for early release.

If Vick was granted early release, he could be ready to play in the 2009 football season, though he is currently suspended without pay

by the NFL.

"Mr. Vick looks forward to being reunited with his family upon completion of his sentence," Martin said. "He is hopeful that following his release he will have the opportunity to resume his career as a professional football player."

Vick was accompanied by U.S. marshals when he left the Northern Neck Regional Jail on Monday morning, said Maj. Ted Hull of the Warsaw, Va., jail.

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# Joe Gibbs resigns as coach of Washington Redskins

ASHBURN, Va. (AP)—After the toughest season of his Hall of Fame career, Joe Gibbs knew he needed to walk away from his Washington Redskins family to be closer to his wife, children and grandchildren.

He resigned as coach and team president of the Redskins on Tuesday, three days after a playoff loss ended an inspirational late-season run that followed the death of safety Sean Taylor.

The 67-year-old Gibbs said Redskins owner Dan Snyder tried to persuade him to stay on during a conversation that lasted until about 2:30 a.m. Tuesday.

"My family situation being what it is right now, I told him I couldn't make the kind of commitment I needed to make," Gibbs said during a news conference at the Redskins' practice facility, standing a few feet from the

three silver Super Bowl trophies he won during his first tenure with the team.

Speaking about his family, Gibbs added: "I felt like they needed me."

Gibbs did not go into specifics. But one of his grandsons, Taylor, was diagnosed with leukemia a year ago at age 2. Gibbs frequently talks lovingly about his "grandbabies," and he made an overnight trip to North Carolina on Sunday to be with his family, interrupting the postgame routine of meetings that usually follow the final game of the season.

"I had real good visits with everybody, and at that point when I started back to D.C. and got on the plane that afternoon, I kind of had a real strong feeling in my heart of what I felt like I should do," Gibbs said.

He had one season left on the five-year, \$27.5 million deal that lured him

out of his first NFL retirement and away from his second career as a NASCAR owner.

Now, instead of coaching, Gibbs will shift into a role as an adviser to Snyder, saying: "I feel like this is my home, also."

"I tried very, very hard to try to convince Joe not to retire," the owner said. "This is something none of us wanted to see happen. But all of us respect it and understand it."

Gibbs went 31-36, including 1-2 in the playoffs, in his second stint with the Redskins, always maintaining he intended to fulfill the contract.

"I hate to leave something unfinished. I made an original commitment

of five years. I felt bad about that," Gibbs said, his voice occasionally choking with emotion.

"It's one of the few times in life I felt like I walked away from something. But I also felt like ... 'Hey, I need to be in a different situation.'"

The news startled players, who left Sunday's final team meeting certain Gibbs would return for the final year of his contract.

"That's part of this business — it's full of surprises," safety Pierson Prioleau said. "Most of us suspected he would be back, and he'll definitely be missed."

Gibbs called this his hardest season, making reference to Taylor's shooting in November, but pointed to his family

as the chief reason for his resignation.

Among the candidates to replace him will be two former head coaches who have been members of his staff, Gregg Williams and Al Saunders. Former Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher also could be a candidate. The team will have to interview at least one minority to comply with the NFL's "Rooney Rule" as it seeks the sixth coach since Snyder bought the team in 1999.

Snyder said the process to find a replacement hadn't started and that he hasn't spoken to Cowher about the job.

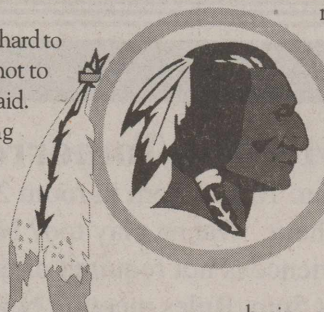
Several players on Tuesday immediately endorsed Williams, the fiery coach Gibbs hired to run the defense in 2004.

"Coach Williams is a great coach," fullback Mike Sellers said. "The players love him. It would be sad to see him not get it."

Williams was 17-31 as head coach of the Buffalo Bills from 2001-03, but has put together solid defenses in three of his four seasons in Washington. His in-your-face style would be a marked contrast to Gibbs' more measured approach.

"Coach (Gibbs) has that granddaddy effect on you," cornerback Fred Smoot said. "And Gregg, he gives off a mad scientist-type vibe. You've got to love that if you're a football player."

Tuesday's announcement brings an end to a coaching career in which Gibbs twice raised the Redskins from mediocrity into the playoffs, although he failed in his goal of bringing the team back to the Super Bowl during his second stint. Gibbs led the Redskins to four Super Bowls and won three NFL championships from 1981-92; he took the team to the postseason in two of his four seasons when he returned.



# Nike to release 23rd Air Jordan; not saying whether it will be last one

BEAVERTON, Ore. (AP)—It's gotta be the shoes, right?

No other basketball shoe has changed the face of business, athletics and marketing like the Air Jordan. This month, Nike releases the 23rd edition, and it is expected to be just as venerated as its predecessors.

The sleek design and link to Michael Jordan's jersey number make

it a touchstone in the line. It's also Nike's first basketball shoe designed under its "Considered" ethos, which aims to reduce waste and use environmentally friendly materials wherever possible.

The Air Jordan XX3 will be released in three hyped-up rounds from January to February, starting with a limited edition to be sent to

only 23 retailers to be sold for \$230 and concluding with the national launch at \$185.

There had been talk at Nike about retiring the shoe at No. 23, because of his iconic jersey number. But company officials won't say whether this will be the last of the line. Neither will Jordan.

"You'll just have to wait and see,"

Jordan said in an e-mail to The Associated Press, responding to questions about the upcoming release.

Before launching the first shoe in 1985, Nike had just signed Jordan for \$2.5 million over five years. Nike won't say what Jordan's current contract with the company is worth.

Jordan's deal with Nike opened the door for sneaker manufactur-

ers to chase after athletes, signing them up — sometimes just out of high school — for multimillion-dollar contracts in hopes of being able to cash in on the next superstar. It sent sneaker prices to new heights, which has since generated a backlash against selling pricey shoes to basketball-loving kids.

"The Air Jordan franchise created

the most coveted basketball footwear in the world and changed the basketball landscape forever," said Nike Brand President Charlie Denson.

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15 words or less \$5.00 per day <b>Bold Headline</b> 50¢ extra (max. one line)	Help Wanted Furnished Rentals Unfurnished Rentals Tickets for Sale Miscellaneous Lost & Found Clothing/Jewelry	There is a 15-word minimum on all classified ads. The first two words (max. one line) are bold and capitalized. All ads will appear on dailytoreador.net at no additional charge.	Classified Line Ads: Placed and paid for by 11 a.m. one day in advance. Classified Display Ads: 4 p.m. three days in advance. Please call for rates for display advertising.	All classified ads must be prepaid prior to publication by credit card, cash or personal check. Checks should be made payable to <i>The Daily Treador</i> .

Placing Your Ad

[www.dailytoreador.com](http://www.dailytoreador.com)

For the fastest and easiest service, place and pay for your ad online! Click on the "Classifieds" link on our Web site to get started!

E-mail: [dawn.zuerker@tu.edu](mailto:dawn.zuerker@tu.edu)  
Remember to include a contact number!  
Phone: 806.742.3384  
Call us to place your ad by credit card.  
Fax: 806.742.2434  
Call and confirm pricing and payment.

## TUTORS

**PRIVATE MATH TUTOR**  
One-on-one tutoring, 40 years experience. Math 0301-2350. 698-0713 seven days a week.

## HELP WANTED

**BEST COLLEGE JOB**  
Apply in store or online at [www.getasupertan.com](http://www.getasupertan.com)  
SuperTan 3 locations in Lubbock.

**BLESS YOUR HEART** now hiring cashier positions. Apply at 3701 19th, between 2 & 4 Monday-Friday.

**BOOKKEEPER NEEDED** part time at Director's Choice. Acc/Fin majors preferred, QuickBooks knowledge helpful. Please submit resume to [jodortz@directorschoice.travel](mailto:jodortz@directorschoice.travel) or call 762-2923.

**CAKE DECORATORS** needed. Tuesday/Thursday preferred. Art experience helpful. 785-1331.

**CARL'S CORNER** Liquor Store looking for part time workers. Come to 98th & MLK Mon-Fri, 10-6 to fill out application. 745-8674.

## CHILD CARE

Come join the team at Stepping Stones Nursery & Preschool. Located just down the street from Tech, on the corner of 26th and University. (806)-747-6688.

**CHILD CARE** providers and gymnastics instructors, part time. Flexible hours. Must be fun and enthusiastic! Call TEGA 866-9765.

## CHURCHWELL PLUMBING

needing clean cut, energetic individuals to help licensed plumbers. Learn an honest, respectable trade today. Please contact office for interview appointment. Call 806-744-4939 or fax resume to 806-745-7059.

## CLEANING, STOCKING, SALES!

Flexible hours. Shifts available: Morning, afternoon, and weekends. Apply in person only. Specialty store. Coffee, gifts, Godiva. Otto's Grainery 4119 Marsha Sharp Freeway (Brownfield Hwy between El Chico and La Quinta).

## HELP WANTED

**GREAT PART-TIME OPPORTUNITY**  
available. Very flexible with school/work schedules. And awesome discounts. Contact Chris at Abercrombie 796-2404.

**JIMMY JOHN'S** is looking for in shoppers and delivery drivers for both our 4th Street and Broadway locations. We have numerous shifts available (days/nights/weekdays/weekends). Please come by 5510 4th Street or 2413 Broadway and fill out an application today. You can call Reagan at 806-445-3232 for more info.

**JOIN THE BEST** Work with older or disabled clients in their homes. Rewarding work, call Griswold Special Care, 687-7474.

**LAWN MAINTENANCE** worker needed 2 - 3 days per week. Be available from at least 11am on. Must be available summer. Pick up a plus. 866-2390.

**LITTLE GUYS MOVERS** seeking part/full time employees. Apply in person 4713 W. Loop 289.

**LOCAL CHURCH** in need of dependable childcare workers Friday mornings once a month and/or Sunday evenings weekly beginning January 11. References required, background check conducted. Contact Melinda 777-4937, [melinda.clingman@yahoo.com](mailto:melinda.clingman@yahoo.com).

**LOOKING FOR** a fun job working with kids? YWCA after school counselor. M-F. 2:45-6 PM. Apply now at 35th & Flint.

**MAMARITAS HIRING** counter staff & line cooks. Flexible hours. Apply at 6602 Slide Road.

**NEEDED ARTMARKETING** major. Art agent assistant for artist confined to wheelchair. Max Courtney 495-1207.

**NEEDED: DELIVERY** person \$7.00/hr. M-F 1:00 - 5:00 PM. Delivery of toner cartridges and office supplies. Vehicle furnished. 806-740-0844.

## HELP WANTED

**PART TIME NANNY NEEDED**  
Tuesday/Thursday, 9am - 5pm. Experience with children preferred. Please call 780-7397.

**PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST**  
needed. 15hrs/wk with opportunity for full-time. Knowledge of Microsoft Office suite a must. M-F 3:30-5:30 Sat 9am-2pm. Call Kelly (806)283-6964.

**SECRETARY/PERSONAL ASSISTANT** needed. Must have vehicle. Flexible hours, part time. For information call 831-9325.

**SERVERS AND CASHIERS** apply now! Great part time work. Flexible hours. Apply in person only. El Chico Restaurant 4301 Marsha Sharp Freeway (Brownfield Highway). Behind La Quinta hotel. Business hours 11am to 10pm daily.

**STONELAKE APARTMENTS** seeking leasing consultant. Applicant must be outgoing and have positive attitude. M&W 9-4, Sat 10-5 and Sun 1-4. Drug screen and background check a must. Apply in person or send resume by email or fax. 7414 Elgin Ave., 748-1602 (fax) [stephaniedodson@tnt-online.net](mailto:stephaniedodson@tnt-online.net).

## Need a great job?

Work for Student Media!

Delivery jobs and office assistant positions available.

Applications: 103 Student Media Bldg.

## FURNISHED

AFFORDABLE COLLEGE apartments. 3205 35th. 1 bedroom \$350, efficiency \$310. 806-777-7825.

**SAVE \$40 MONTHLY.**  
Sublease a Gateway apartment (Available March 1st). Furnished 2/2. One bedroom available. \$450/month. Contact Judson ([judson.vasconcelos@ttu.edu](mailto:judson.vasconcelos@ttu.edu)).

## UNFURNISHED

\$600 (2 people) or \$450 (1 person). Great 2 bedroom back house. Remodeled. 2316 15th. Private Properties 512-695-2002.

## UNFURNISHED

\$860. ALL bills paid. Huge 2 bedroom home. Like new. High ceilings. Garage. W/D furnished. Shady lawn kept. No pets. 2301 14th. 765-7182.

**1/1+LOFT**, 2216-17th Rear, CH/A, Range, Refrig, Lawn Maintained. No Pets. \$400 mo. \$400 Deposit. 806-789-7756.

**2 BEDROOM**, large kitchen, garage. Fenced. Clean. Near Tech & hospitals. 3409 25th. 795-3810.

**2/2 DUPLEX** Very nice, close to Tech, Central H/A, \$600/month, \$500 deposit. 1808 Ave. V. Joe 441-0611.

**2/2 CENTRAL H/A**, W/D connections, large fenced yard. Close to Tech and downtown. \$350/mo. Please call 368-9152 or 773-0701

**2118 93RD ST.** 2/2 with garage. \$700/mo, \$350 deposit. Pet friendly. For information call 687-7228.

**2607 30TH.** 4/2/1. Fireplace. Newly built. \$1295/mo, \$250 deposit. 749-3355, 778-1847 after 5.

**3103 33RD ST.** 4/4. \$990/mo, first month free. W/D included, dishwasher, security gate. 441-6886.

**3103 110TH ST. #A.** 3/2, 2 car garage, \$850/mo, \$400 deposit. For information call 687-7228.

**3109 110TH ST. #B.** 3/2, 2 car garage, \$900/mo, \$400 deposit. For information call 687-7228.

## FOR SALE

100% LEATHER sofa and love. No vinyl. Never used. List \$2749. Asking \$680. 549-3110.

**5 PC bedroom set.** Still boxed. Worth \$1300. Take \$550. Can deliver. Mattress available. 549-3110.

**ADJUSTABLE BED.** Wall hugger base and mattress. List \$2770, sell \$1290. New. 549-3110.

**BRAND NEW double/full size mattress set.** \$105. Twin set. \$95. Both new. 549-3110.

**CALIFORNIA KING 3 piece pillow top mattress/foundation.** Never slept on. \$230. 549-3110.

**CHERRY DINING table & chairs.** Deep, rich finish, boxed. List \$600. Take \$199. 549-3110.

**CHERRY SLEIGH bed, new.** \$250. Iron canopy bed, \$150. Must move. 549-3110.

**MATTRESS, FURNITURE**  
Ask about student discounts. 5127 34th Street (34th & Slide). 785-7253.

**MEMORY FOAM mattress.** Never opened. Flame resistant. Can deliver, will take \$470. 549-3110.

**NEW KING 6 pc bedroom suite.** Bed, dresser, mirror, nitestand. Sell \$980. Can deliver. 549-3110.

## ROOMMATES

**ROOMMATE WANTED:**  
All bills paid, \$375/mo. Satellite, internet included. 4BR, 2B. 940-357-1893 or 940-357-1842.

**ROOMMATES NEEDED!**  
2 females for Spring. \$379/mo. All bills paid! Briana 682-472-6345.

**ROOMMATES WANTED** - Beautiful 5-bedroom house on 2 acres, close to Tech, all amenities \$375 per room, including utilities. Call Jimmy at 602-770-5168.

## SERVICES

**\$5000 PAID EGG DONORS**  
plus expense. Non/smoker, ages 19-29 SAT-1100/ACT>24, GPA>3.0. Contact: [info@eggdonorcenter.com](mailto:info@eggdonorcenter.com) if qualified.

**EZ DEFENSIVE DRIVING.**  
Free Chicken Fried Steak Included! Only \$26.95. Cell 781-2931. More Information LubbockClass.com

**MIP?**  
Need an alcohol awareness class for minors? Classes on Tech campus. DB Education 637-6181.

**OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN**  
A safe place to bring concerns and find solutions. Ombudsman for Students - Kathryn Quilliam, 742-4791; Ombudsman for Staff - Nathanael Haddox, 742-4722. 237 Student Union. M-F 8-5. Walk in visitors welcome.

## WAXING

Brazilian, \$35. Bikini, \$20. Lip & brow, \$15. Camille, 797-9777x245, @ Lindsey's 3307 83rd.

## LOST & FOUND

**RUIDOSO LOST** 1-2-08. Small, male, tan Chihuahua. Collar was off. Reward. Call (806)781-7100 or (806)745-3075.

## TRAVEL

**GET READY FOR SPRING BREAK!**  
**ACAPULCO or SAN JUAN**  
(no passport needed)  
**from \$499!**  
All-Inclusive from \$679!  
**800-235-TRIP**  
[WWW.STUDENTTRAVELAMERICA.COM](http://WWW.STUDENTTRAVELAMERICA.COM)



# EXPERIENCE Rec Sports

Welcome Back! The Rec Center has everything you need to keep that New Year's resolution going! Let us help you with a personal trainer or a massage when you get sore!

Phone: 742-3351

Website: [www.rescsports.ttu.edu](http://www.rescsports.ttu.edu)

Box 2151

### Heartbeats

A quick pulse around the Rec Sports World...

#### Circuit Room - Help is Now Available!

Looking for effective, efficient resistance training? Learn proper techniques on machine weights to maximize your workout. Stop by the Circuit Room for hours of attendants.

#### Raider X Fitness Classes

All of your favorite Raider X classes are back and ready to roll! All of the free Raider X classes start today, and won't end until the last week of school! Schedules are posted in the Rec Center and online at [www.rescsports.ttu.edu](http://www.rescsports.ttu.edu)

#### Outdoor Pursuits Center Bike Tech

It's been a beautiful January, so why not get out on a bike? The OPC has free bikes to rent out for up to three days to any student! Stop by the OPC and ask about Bike Tech, your source for free wheels!

#### Ski/Snowboard Rentals

Going Skiing, but don't want to pay those outrageous rental fees at the mountain? The OPC has a full ski and snowboard shop for you to use to rent all of your skiing and snowboarding needs. Our prices are lower, and you can get what you need before you go!

### Intramurals

#### Basketball Official's Meeting Tomorrow Night!

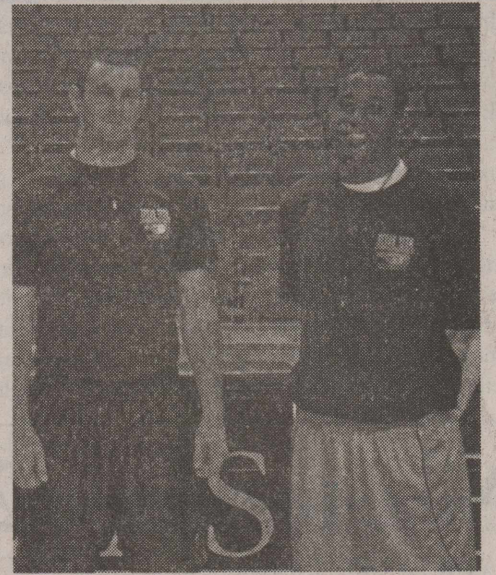
The 1st meeting is this Thursday, Jan. 10th at 5pm in room 201 of the Student Rec Center. Students who officiate earn \$9 per hour. Wanna play too? No problem, we will schedule around that. Prior officiating experience is not required or expected. Knowing the game is a big help. NOTE: Intro meeting at 5pm, Rules meeting begins at 5:20. All interested students should attend the 5pm intro if possible. If you can't show up tomorrow, there is a last chance meeting on Monday, Jan. 14 at 5pm in Rm. 201 of the Rec!

#### Intramural Basketball Sign-up start next Tuesday!

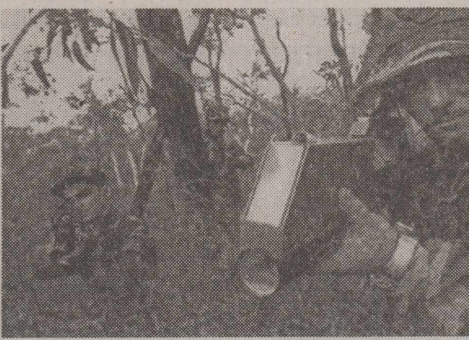
Sign-up dates for basketball are January 14-16. Leagues include Mens, Womens, and Co-Rec. The earlier you sign-up, the better game time your team will get! Don't forget about the \$50 forfeit fee for all team intramural sports this year!

#### Don't forget about Innertube Water Polo!

Sign-ups for Innertube Water Polo start on Jan. 22 and last until Jan. 24. We only have limited spots for this sports league, so get in the water and score today!



### Laser Tag!



### LASER TAG AT THE REC CENTER!

This Friday, Jan. 11 at 7:00pm, the Rec Center will have Laser tag for free for all Tech Students and SRC Members. Games will be team based with matches of team slayer, capture the flag, escort the VIP, and regain the base. All the equipment is provided and it's all free! Games will be on a drop in basis. No sign-up is required. Just show up!

FREE!! FREE!! FREE!! FREE!! FREE!! FREE!!

### Fitness/Wellness Center



BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR OUR NEW FIT/WELL LOGO!

#### Raider X2 Fitness Class Demo Schedule

Here is your chance to try out all of the Raider X2 Fitness classes for free. From today until Jan. 18, all X2 classes are free and open to all student. For a schedule of classes, stop by the Rec Center or get online at [www.rescsports.ttu.edu](http://www.rescsports.ttu.edu) and print out your own copy!

#### We aren't done yet! We've got specials just for you!

Sign-ups for Raider X2 Classes start next Monday, Jan. 14. with a great special for signing up for both sessions of Raider X2 at the same time! You get \$10 off the total price of the class for the semester! You can't beat that! We also have a new Sports Pass, which gets you into Military Challenge and Boxing Techniques for one price. These great prices only last until Jan. 18 and have to be for the same class. For more information, please stop by the Fit/Well or call 742-3828.

### Aquatics Center



#### PURE FIJI

#### Spring 08 Wet Set: Fiji

Set your own swimming goal for the semester and swim around the islands of Fiji, this semesters destination for Wet Set! Set your own distance goal for the semester as you have a great time and get into shape!

#### Stroke Mechanics/Flip Turn Clinic Sunday, Jan. 13 1:00 - 3:00pm

Is there something wrong with your swimming stroke? Cannot quite get that flip turn but do not know why? Looking to develop better, more effective stroke techniques? Come to our stroke mechanics clinic and let our instructors help you



#### Have you ever wanted to be a Lifeguard?

This semester the Aquatics Center will have 5 different opportunities for you to become a Red Cross Certified Lifeguard. And if you are already one, but need to get recertified for the summer, we have 10 challenge nights for you to come in and get recertified without taking the class over again! Check the website for all of the dates and times of these great classes!

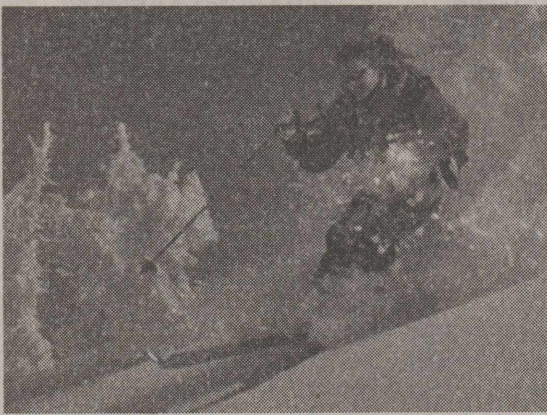
### Outdoor Pursuits Center

#### Wilderness First Aid

Deadline: Jan. 18 \$215 Jan. 19 - 21

Wilderness First Aid is a complete training session hosted by Outdoor Pursuits that will prepare you to deal with emergency situations when you are away from immediate medical help. For more information, please contact Jordan Messerer at 742-2949 or check out this website:

[www.wildmedcenter.com](http://www.wildmedcenter.com)



Colorado Ski and Snowboard Trip  
Deadline: Jan. 24 \$260  
Trip Dates: Feb. 1 - 3

You love to ski, right? But haven't put together a trip this year yet, right? Well, we did all of the hard work, and you just have to go and ski! This is a great trip at a fantastic price! Sign-up early! Spots are limited and will fill fast!

## student union

coming together in the union

welcome back to  
texas tech

come check out the  
student union

#### Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday  
7am - 11pm

Saturday  
8am - 11pm

Sunday  
12noon - 11pm



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
Student Union & Activities  
Division of Student Affairs

## activities

whats coming up at the union

#### Movie - 3:10 to Yuma

Thursday, January 10  
Student Union Allen Theatre | 8 pm

#### Poster Sale

January 14 - 18  
Student Union Red Raider Lounge | 9 am - 6 pm

#### Matinee Movie - 3:10 to Yuma

Monday, January 14  
Student Union Escondido Theater | 3pm

#### Homecoming Committee Applications Available

Monday, January 14  
Student Union Main Office, rm 203 | on-line at [www.homecoming.ttu.edu](http://www.homecoming.ttu.edu)

#### Mr. Gatti's Pizza - Free Buffet and Tokens

Friday, January 18  
Mr. Gatti's Pizza at 50th & Slide | 7 pm

for more information visit [www.ttb.ttu.edu](http://www.ttb.ttu.edu)

don't forget...

#### Student Organization Registration Meeting

Wednesday, January 9, 2008 2pm SUB Traditions Room