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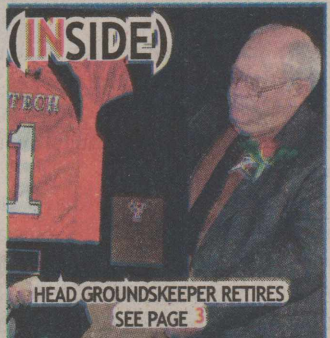
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(INBRIEF)

STATE

Questions surround state meth program

AUSTIN (AP) — A \$2 million state program that offers an obscure medical therapy touted as a cure for methamphetamine addiction has yet to get off the ground, and some experts question whether Texas should be involved in an unproven treatment.

The \$1 million-per-year pilot treatment program was added to the Texas budget last year with little notice and no objection.

NATION

MLK called 'champion of peace' at service

ATLANTA (AP) — More than 2,000 people crowded Ebenezer Baptist Church on Monday to honor the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s commitment to peace and equality and note the importance of his legacy in this election year.

"He understood that life is not about self. Life is about service — and service to others," said Georgia Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle.

Former President Bill Clinton, Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee and Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin were among those attending the service.

WORLD

Israel's premier approves easing hold on Gaza

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel said Monday it will ease a blockade of Gaza imposed in retaliation for militant rocket attacks, allowing some food and fuel in for one day. The announcement followed a U.N. warning that international food aid to the impoverished territory may have to be suspended by the weekend.

The closure imposed after a spike in rocket attacks last week cut off fuel supplies. On Sunday, Gaza's Hamas rulers shut the strip's power plant, leaving one-third of the 1.5 million people without electricity.

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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Iranian bomb attacks decrease in Iraq

By KIM GAMEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — The U.S. military worried Sunday about "mixed messages" from Iran, listing a dramatic drop in Iranian-made weapons reaching Iraq but no reduction in the training and financing of Shiite militants.

The report card further muddles U.S.-Iranian relations as Washington ratchets up its anti-Tehran

rhetoric in the shadow of a recent intelligence report that the Islamic Republic halted a nuclear weapons program four years ago.

A second suicide bombing in two days, meanwhile, killed six people in Anbar province, birthplace of the Sunni movement against al-Qaida in Iraq that has been a major factor in a recent downturn in nationwide violence.

The apparent target near Fallujah was a U.S.-backed Sunni tribal sheik

who escaped harm, but the bombing reflected the difficulty in routing insurgents led by al-Qaida in Iraq even in areas where the military has made major gains.

Rear Adm. Gregory Smith, a U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad, said attacks using powerful Iranian-made bombs known as explosively formed penetrators, or EFPs, have fallen off in recent days after a sharp but brief increase in the first half of the month.

Late last year, the military said the

flow of EFPs into Iraq had slowed, but Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander, said last week that attacks with the weapons had risen by a factor of two or three in the first half of this month.

Smith said the increase fell off again last week.

"The number of signature weapons that had come from Iran and had been used against coalition and Iraqi forces are down dramatically except for this short uptick in the EFPs in the early

part of January," Smith said at a news conference.

"There was an increase, we don't know why precisely," he added. "There was an increase clearly of that weapon and now they've returned to normal levels."

Smith said the U.S. is trying to understand the various ways in which Iran exerts influence inside Iraq, including training of and financial support to militias as well as the smuggling of weapons.

A day to Remember



PHOTO BY JESSICA RIVERA/The Daily Toreador

ANTONIO REED, A senior music education major from Tyler, recites the famous "I Have a Dream" speech Monday afternoon on Memorial Circle to help celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The event was hosted by the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Tech fraternity remembers MLK Day with candlelight vigil

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By CHINELO IKPEAMA
STAFF WRITER

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Texas Tech's Eta Upsilon chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. hosted a candlelight vigil honoring Martin Luther King Jr. Monday at Memorial Circle.

The candlelight vigil commenced as Alpha member Chukwudum Dike, a junior biology major from Houston, led the singing of the Black National Anthem as members of the fraternity gathered to honor King by remembering his legacy.

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Lubbock's airport provides travel opportunities to students, sees increase in passengers

By MATT MCGOWAN
STAFF WRITER

Driving from Lubbock, it is more than a six-hour drive to Austin, five hours to Dallas and approximately 10 hours to Houston. Flying from Lubbock, however, it is approximately one hour to Dallas or Austin and 90 minutes to Houston.

Considering these numbers, it is no wonder Texas Tech students fly often, but getting from point A to point B quickly can be expensive, stressful and difficult.

During 2007, more than 584,000 people boarded airplanes at the Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport, a 2.7 percent increase from 2006, according to statistics from the airport.

Three airlines — American Eagle, Continental Express and Southwest — offer a total of more than 20 daily flights from Lubbock to destinations mostly in Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico.

James Loomis, director of aviation at the airport, said almost all travel to and from the airport is intrastate.

Business travel comprises the majority of air travel to and from Lubbock, he said. Tech, with its students, faculty and medical facilities, also generates a significant amount of travel to and from the airport.

"Tech is really a great generator for this region," he said. "Not just for the airport and air travel, but just with the com-

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PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador

DESPITE INCREASING RATES for airlines at the Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport, officials are reporting increased passenger activity.

Travel

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munity in general."

Recent increases in traffic, Loomis said, do not indicate a need to expand operations at the airport. The airport, itself, is operating well below its capacity. The three airlines that fly out of Lubbock seem to be fulfilling local travel needs.

"Right now we are served by three airlines that are healthy," he said, "and it's better to have three airlines that are healthy than three airlines that are healthy and one that's not healthy."

During 2007, Southwest Airlines, with approximately 65 percent of Lubbock's market share, carried more than twice as many passengers as the next-highest shareholder, American Eagle, according to the statistics.

Southwest Airline's flight schedules work well with small markets like Lubbock because the airline uses a different business strategy than the other two Lubbock carriers, said Chris Mainz, a spokesperson for Southwest Airlines.

"Thirteen daily nonstop flights — that's not very large for us, but I know that it's very significant to Lubbock," he said. "It certainly serves Lubbock's needs, and it's a great market for us, so it's a win-win."

While Continental Express and American Eagle only offer direct flights to their hub airports in Houston and Dallas, respectively, Mainz said Southwest offers more variety in direct flights from Lubbock because it does not use the hub system.

"We don't route aircraft into one huge operation and then dish them out," he said. "That works well for whom are willing to drive a little farther to that airport so they can get on that discounted flight."

Because Southwest typically offers service from smaller, alternative airports, Mainz said, it is able to offer cheap tickets for students, many of whom are willing to drive a little farther to that airport so they can get on that discounted flight.

"We find, for college students especially, where we have service — maybe if they live 45 minutes, or 60 miles away — because we offer low fares, they'll drive to our airport and fly home," Mainz said.



AN AIRPLANE FLIES in the Lubbock sky during the weekend. PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador

Direct flights definitely are preferable to those with stops, said Ronnie Miller, manager at National Travel Systems in Lubbock. The nature of Southwest's business strategy — its dispersed flight plans, which bypasses the hub system — and its competitive fares give that airline an edge in smaller markets like Lubbock.

"We always try to find the non-

stop flights," he said, "because you have less hassles with connecting flights, less chance of running late for the connecting flight, less chance of luggage getting lost, things like that."

One problem with smaller markets, Miller said, is the limited availability of flights and space on those flights. Students who want to get the

best deals and reservations should book their flights well in advance. Also, flexibility is essential to getting the best deals.

"If you have some flexibility, that's the key," he said. "Book early because availability is pretty limited nowadays as far as air tickets go, especially out of Lubbock. It's a limited market. You have, you know, three airlines."

Students often wait until January or February to begin planning for spring break, he said, which greatly restricts them because the best booking for spring break usually is done in October or November of the previous year.

Budgeting trips too tightly, another mistake students often make when planning for travel, Miller said, repeatedly comes up when he sits down with students to plan. Often, they just want too much bang for their bucks.

"We see a lot of college students wanting to do Cancun and those kinds of things, but they're wanting to do six or seven people in a room, or they're wanting to do Europe in the summer, but they're wanting to do hostels," he said. "A lot of those things we just don't recommend."

With a recent announcement by American Airlines' parent company, AMR, that the company will be spinning off its American Eagle franchise early this year, and because American Eagle currently holds 25 percent of Lubbock's market, change could be on the horizon for that airline's ser-

vance in the Hub City. Loomis said.

However, it is highly unlikely, he said, that American Airlines and American Eagle both would discontinue service to Lubbock. The airline's considerable market share will keep at least one of the two companies around.

"We can't anticipate," Loomis said. "We just have to wait and see what shakes out of that business decision that AMR has made."

Looking toward the next year, flying may get significantly more expensive, he said, because of rising fuel prices and a financially shaky, post-9/11 airline industry.

"Airlines still are not healthy financially, overall," Loomis said. "The airline business itself is still volatile."

Southwest Airlines may have to raise its ticket prices, but only as is necessary, Mainz said. Because it is a budget airline, it is very careful about adjusting its prices.

"We look to raise fares as a last alternative," he said. "While you may see some increases throughout the year, industry wide, I wouldn't expect a huge spike there, especially, in the Lubbock market."

With three gates in Lubbock from which the airline operates, Mainz said, Southwest has the capacity to expand if necessary, but there is no need, currently, to do so.

"When we see an opportunity and the demand is there, we take advantage of it," Mainz said.

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Grounds maintenance director retires after 41 years of beautifying Tech campus



PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Treador
DEWEY SHROYER RECEIVES a Texas Tech jersey in honor of his retirement at a banquet Friday at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

By **MAGGIE KIELY**
STAFF WRITER

Things may look a little different around campus after the man who has put in 41 years worth of grounds maintenance retired Friday.

Family, friends and administrators gathered in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion to celebrate Dewey Shroyer's years as the director of grounds maintenance at Texas Tech.

Shroyer began his work at Tech in 1966 as superintendent of grounds maintenance. In 1974, he was named director.

Shroyer said many things have

changed during the years, especially the campus.

"There was not hardly anything west of Flint; they were building the Wiggins complex when I started," he said. "We had about less than 30 folks working about 300 acres. There weren't as many buildings, so there was a lot more green space."

Since taking over as director, Shroyer said his department has earned numerous awards including four Professional Grounds Management awards, four Texas Nursery and Landscape Association awards and three awards from the Texas Community Forestry Service.

Keeping the campus beautiful is something Shroyer said he takes pride in, and it would not be possible without the 106 men who work under him.

"It's important to Texas Tech, it is important to me, it is important to most that serve me; we all take ownership for our work," he said. "The main thing students see when they come visit campus is the campus itself, the beauty of the campus."

Bess Haley, associate vice chancellor and dean emeritus, said the attractiveness of the Tech campus often plays a role in recruiting students.

"I think sometimes we all take it for granted," she said. "If we could get potential students here we could usually get them to stay and part of that was because of the campus."

Haley said she always has known Shroyer to be good to his word. She said he often went beyond his job duties to see that students were happy and even went so far as to search for an arguing, engaged couple's ring in a grassy area where the future bride had thrown it.

Joe MacLean, the managing director of recreational sports, said if it had not been for Shroyer's consistent help, projects like the soccer fields west of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center would not have been built.

"One thing I came to learn about Dewey (Shroyer) is if it's for students,

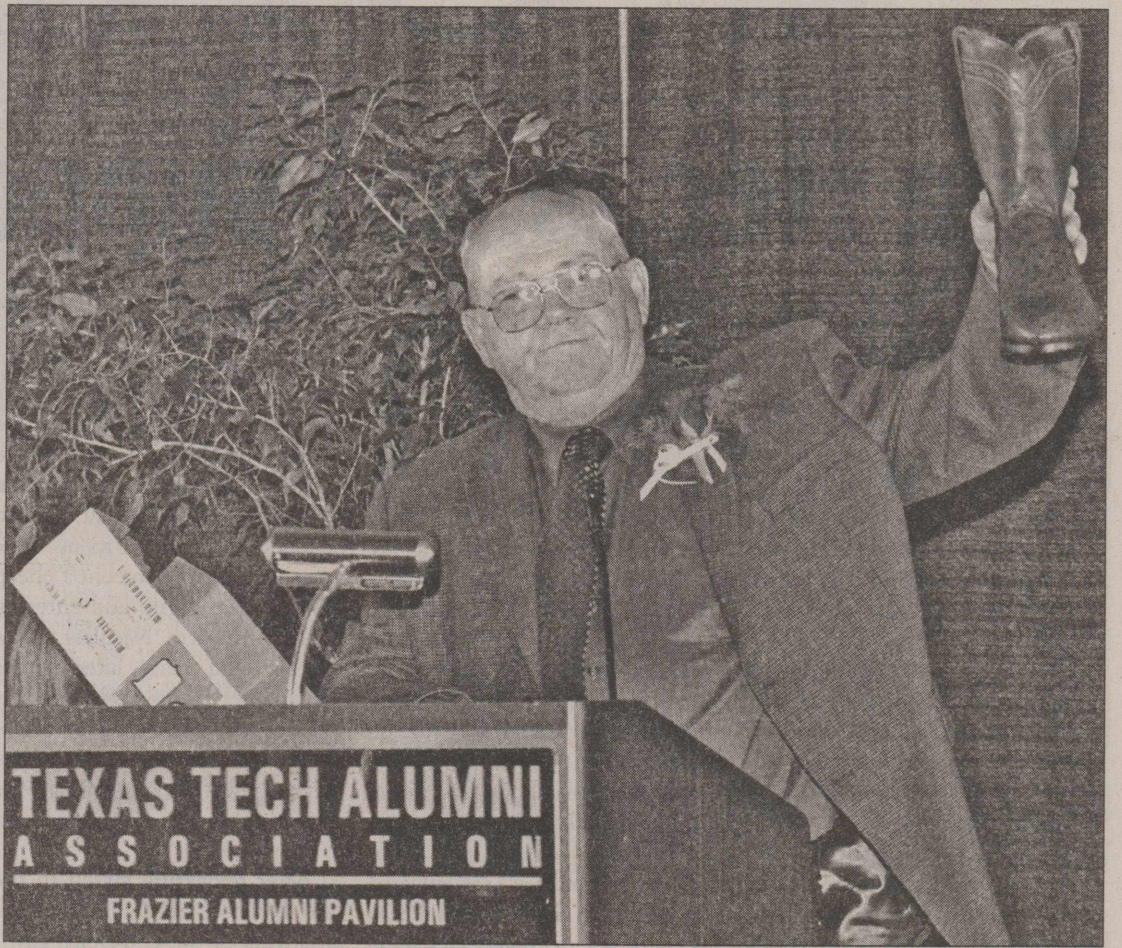


PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Treador
DEWEY SHROYER SHOWS off the new boots he received in honor of his retirement at a banquet Friday evening at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

it's going to happen," he said.

Shroyer's successor will be Gene Gibson, assistant director of grounds maintenance, who has worked in the department for 29 years.

As for retirement, Shroyer said he already has made some plans. He and his wife are looking forward to an Alaskan cruise and are thinking about building on some land they

own west of the Hub City.

"I decided, after 41 years, (it) was probably time for a change," he said.

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Hazed & Confused?

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All of the following are examples of hazing:

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Kidnapping

Forced physical activity

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Calisthenics

Errands for active members

Introductions

Sleep deprivation

Forced labor

Did you know?

- In 2005, a men's social fraternity was suspended from Texas Tech University for multiple counts of hazing new members.
- In the last 5 years, 16 student organizations have been referred to Student Judicial Programs for hazing allegations.
- Anyone can be hazed, including active members.
- The entire organization is responsible even if alumni are the individuals who are hazing students.
- The activity does not need to include alcohol to be considered a hazing incident.

- Hazing is not limited to physical activity, but includes activities that could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of a student.
- Failing to report hazing to Student Judicial Programs violates the *Code of Student Conduct*.
- Students and student organizations who commit hazing offenses are subject to legal action and/or prosecution.
- Students and student organizations are required to comply with the regulations and/or standards set forth in the *Student Handbook*, and are subject to university disciplinary action accordingly.

According to the *Code of Student Conduct* and the Texas Education Code, hazing is defined as follows:

Hazing is any intentional, knowing or reckless act, directed against a student by one person alone or by more than one person occurring on or off the premises that endangers the mental, physical health or safety of a student for the purposes of associating with, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, seeking and/or maintaining membership in any organizations whose members are or include students. For complete hazing definitions please refer to the Texas Education Code website at <http://www.legis.state.tx.us> and Part IX of the *Code of Student Conduct*.

Don't Be Confused: If you have to ask if it's hazing, then it probably is!
Have questions? Want to find out more? We can help!

Texas Tech University is required to distribute a summary of the Texas Education Code hazing provisions (Subchapter F, Chapter 37) and provide a list of organizations that have been disciplined or convicted of hazing on- or off-campus during the last three years.

The following registered student organizations have been found responsible for hazing within the last three years:

- Delta Sigma Theta
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The Rec is not supposed to be glamorous

In my quest to get back into shape after the long holiday season and total apathy about being in shape, I decided to start going to the Robert H. Ewalt Recreation Center again.

The first few days, I was able to drag myself out of my warm and cozy bed sheets to make it to the Rec Center before my classes. However, I soon slipped and decided to go after my class.

Driving myself to the Rec turned out to be a very bad idea. I know it's ironic that I would drive to the Rec considering I never did quite grow-up and move off campus — I also have a pretty sweet job that ties my living arrangements to the halls — but it is freezing outside now, and I do not want my frost bitten corpse to be found a week later near the Biology

Melissa Medley



building while I am dressed in my unflattering workout clothes. After circling the parking lot for two hours, I was able to find the perfect spot, the only open one in a sea of F-150s.

Upon entering the Rec, I decided to put my transportation issues aside and start to run on the only available treadmill in the building. Part of me secretly wished others did not take their "Get back in shape" resolutions so seriously, but then I remembered the obesity of others only adds to my medical costs and my increasing

insurance costs, as well as the costs of treatment, but again, I digress.

After running for what seemed like hours but was actually only three minutes, I began to notice an unpleasant odor. It was not the stench of rotten garbage or even the acceptable body odor scent that can be found in the locker rooms. This was the scent of someone's cheap cologne heating up and entering my nasal passages. Needless to say, I hardly could breathe after another five minutes of this, and this effect was not due entirely to my out of shape lungs. The cologne had the unpleasant effect of closing my airways because of my near-allergic reaction to the stench.

After relocating myself to the next available treadmill out of the air stream of the Old Spice guy, I

pondered what would make someone think wearing fragrance to a place where people sweat is acceptable. But my thoughts were interrupted by the faces of the other females running next to me. Several of them had kept the eight layers of mascara and who knows how much other makeup on their faces while they did what I can only assume was their version of an aerobic workout with cell phones in tow.

The next day, I was determined to not waste two hours looking for a parking space, and I left bright and early from my room to lift weights. I was very glad to find a spot so I could focus on my workout. However, upon entering the weight room and starting my sets, I suddenly was distracted by hair-gel man. Even though it was 6:15 in the morning, and he was sup-

posedly working up a sweat, he still had taken the time to gel and mold his hair into perfection.

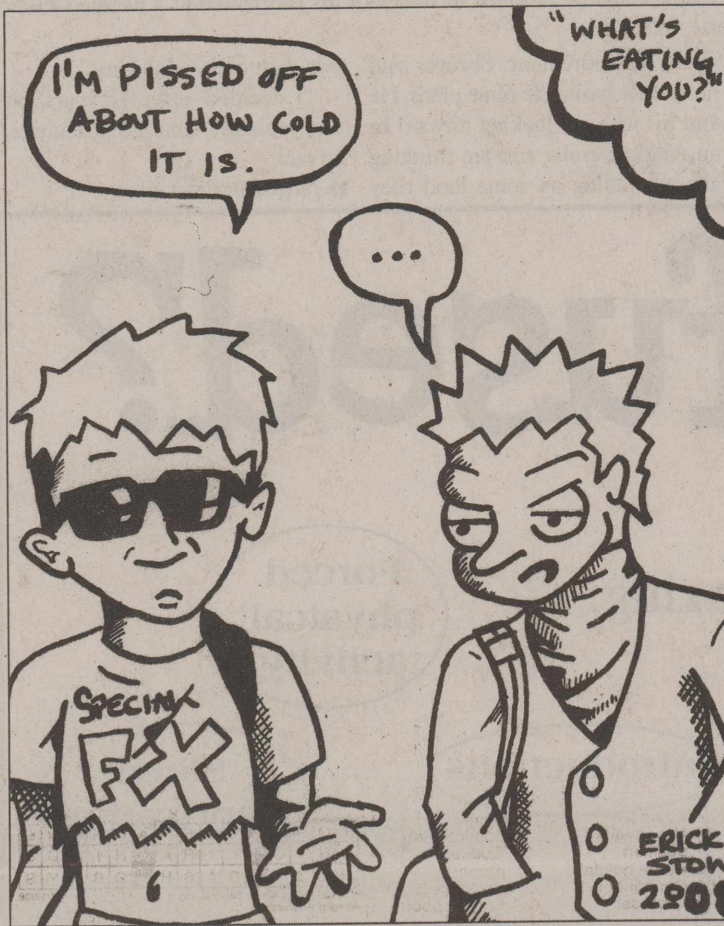
Now I understand the Rec is a primo spot to pick-up a date. It beats the bar scene hands down for several reasons. There is no alcohol to cloud the judgment, the person being asked out seems to have the dedication to workout and thus is not a total flake, and most importantly, because people at the workout scene have a decent body. But why do people feel the need to get ready for the Rec like they are going out to the bars and clubs?

For me, the primary purpose of the Rec center to work off the stress of a long day and improve my general health. If I happen to get noticed by Mr. Nice Pecs, it just happens to be a bonus. So I have a hard time

understanding why someone would put forth the effort to smell or look exceptional when, theoretically, he or she is going to sweat off most of the fragrance or mascara.

I think a better solution to seem attractive to people at the Rec would be to actually workout. At least if no one will notice your killer bod in class or at whatever off-campus activities you engage in. Perhaps wearing a cute pair of sweat pants would be a better decision. Whatever you decide about the Rec center, if you must wear cologne or perfume, could you run a few treadmills away from me?

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Grandma's secret recipe for disaster

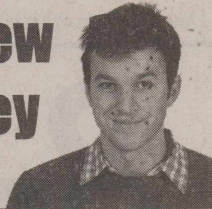
During the days of my youth, my parents always coerced my sister and me to travel during the holidays.

They always wanted to trek to the town where my dad was raised. Now, I am not quite certain what the exact definition of a town is, but this place was hanging onto it by a thread. The town had to be represented by the tiniest of all dots on the map. This place had a population of around 400 folks. When I say folks, I mean folks. It seemed more of a retirement home than a town. The town was a congregation of grandparents.

The main incentive of going was that my grandmother resided there. Sure, she has all the great characteristics of a typical grandma. Her love, her hair and her knack for cooking a great meal gave her that warmth that only grandmas can have.

When I look back, there is a prominent memory of what I always would think about during the five-hour road trip to this destined ghost town. Besides

Andrew Cotney



the random present my grandmother picked up at the local drug store for me, she knew my heart lay with her delicious chicken-fried steak.

Her chicken-fried steak was a staple to the trip, and to this day, I never have tasted anything like it. It was her niche. This was her "secret grandma recipe."

Then, bless her heart, my grandfather died, and she halted cooking of all types. It's a sad story in more ways than one, but my point is to emphasize that her secret recipe died when her husband did.

At first, it didn't bother me that I wasn't able to enjoy her strong suit in cooking as I once did a few times a year.

Then, as time progressed, I realized these cooking talents are diminishing as more and more women find it burdensome to cook.

"I can't cook!" It's an all too familiar phrase I hear among girls from my generation. It seems to be a challenge to find a girl that knows how to cook these days. Everyone seems geared toward convenience for food instead of putting their stamp on it. Maybe it's just that I'm in college and no one has the time to cook up a good meal. However, I concoct an interesting and busy schedule every semester as a premed accounting major, and even I find the time to add a little zest to a simple recipe. I think the real problem is that some people don't have the patience or the time to learn a little bit about the culinary arts.

With the trend for women in the work force getting more pronounced, it produces a society with fewer mothers who are able to stay at home during the day. There is an increasing lack of moms with free time for cooking. Ap-

parently, work horse mothers do not feel obligated to make their marks on a meal. These moms don't have the time to perfect a recipe of their own. They would rather throw some frozen prepackaged dish in the oven to suffice their family's hunger.

As a consequence, these routine actions translate into younger generations. This social tragedy has bled into my generation and has left me wondering where all the Rachael Rays are. It seems they all have disappeared.

The subject matter here is that mothers with a talent for cooking are a dying breed, and sooner or later, these mothers will succumb to the effects of time. They will become grandmothers. When this happens, there will be no more edible incentives to go to grandma's house. It sounds like a recipe for disaster to me.

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Promising first impression doesn't hold up well for Republican candidate

Once loved former Gov. Mike Huckabee of Arkansas. In fact, one year ago Wednesday, I wrote a column for *The Daily Toreador* in which I predicted Huckabee would be a major contender. For the next eight months, while Huckabee barely was registering at 1 percent in polls, I secretly hoped he would be the Republican nominee so I could vote for him.

What was it that made me scream "I like Mike!" with my liberal bleeding heart? Perhaps it was his Southern sense of humor and affection for the Rolling Stones. Maybe it was his eloquent reminder to conservatives that protection of life should not end with birth. Certainly it was that we finally saw a Republican who was for the middle class. Huckabee often said, "I'm a conservative; I'm just not angry about it."

I had a problem with his tax plan, which is based on the Fair Tax. The Fair Tax is a stupid idea that involves eliminating the federal tax system and placing a 23 percent sales tax — or 30 percent, depending on how you look at it — on all new goods. I knew there would be no chance this would pass

Chris Kellerman



if he were elected, though, because both liberals and conservatives know how bad it is.

He supported the Iraq war but strongly criticized George W. Bush's foreign policy. Huckabee is, of course, a gun-toting redneck, but he talks about increasing art and music in public schools. I couldn't believe it.

As much as I would love to change aspects of the Democratic party, I would love even more to change the Republican party, and Huckabee seemed like the guy who would do it. Suddenly, other Americans begin to catch Huckabee fever, he placed second in the Iowa straw poll and had a good shot at the nomination. However, as a candidate's popularity increases, so does media scrutiny.

As I discovered more about Hucka-

bee, my heart sank faster than the RMS Titanic. Really, it only took me an hour to dislike him. It took three hours for the Titanic to sink. Not only was it apparent that Huckabee wasn't as great as I first thought, it turned out to be much worse: he is absolutely crazy.

The first thing that alarmed me was a 1992 Associated Press questionnaire Huckabee answered when he ran for Senate. On the question of AIDS, Sweet Ol' Mike complained about AIDS being treated as a civil rights issue. "If the federal government is truly serious about doing something with the AIDS virus, we need to take steps that would isolate the carriers of this plague."

Isolate AIDS victims? How did he think the disease is spread, through the air? Everybody knew in 1992 how AIDS is spread, or at least anybody running for public office should have known.

It gets worse. Huckabee complained about federal funding for AIDS research, too. "An alternative would be to request that multimillionaire celebrities, such as Elizabeth Taylor, Madonna and others who are pushing for more AIDS funding be encouraged to give out of their own personal treasuries increased amounts for AIDS research."

Asked about those comments,

Huckabee refused to apologize for them. He didn't even back away from his statements about isolation. If there's one good thing to come out of the Bush presidency, it has been the president's and Laura Bush's unparalleled advocacy for AIDS funding and awareness. I'd hate to see Huckabee become president and ruin all of it.

This Baptist preacher not only has warped views on AIDS but also on Christianity. In 1997, Huckabee appeared on a Christian talk show in which a caller asked him how a Christian could support capital punishment. Huckabee's response? "Interestingly enough," Huckabee said, "if there was ever an occasion for someone to have argued against the death penalty, I think Jesus could have done so on the cross and said, 'This is an unjust punishment and I deserve clemency.'"

I'm confused. Does Huckabee think crucifixion was a just punishment for Jesus, or is he just ignorant? Perhaps if Preacher Huckabee would open up his Bible to 1 Corinthians 15:3, he'd find that "Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures," not for the sake of the future Republican platform.

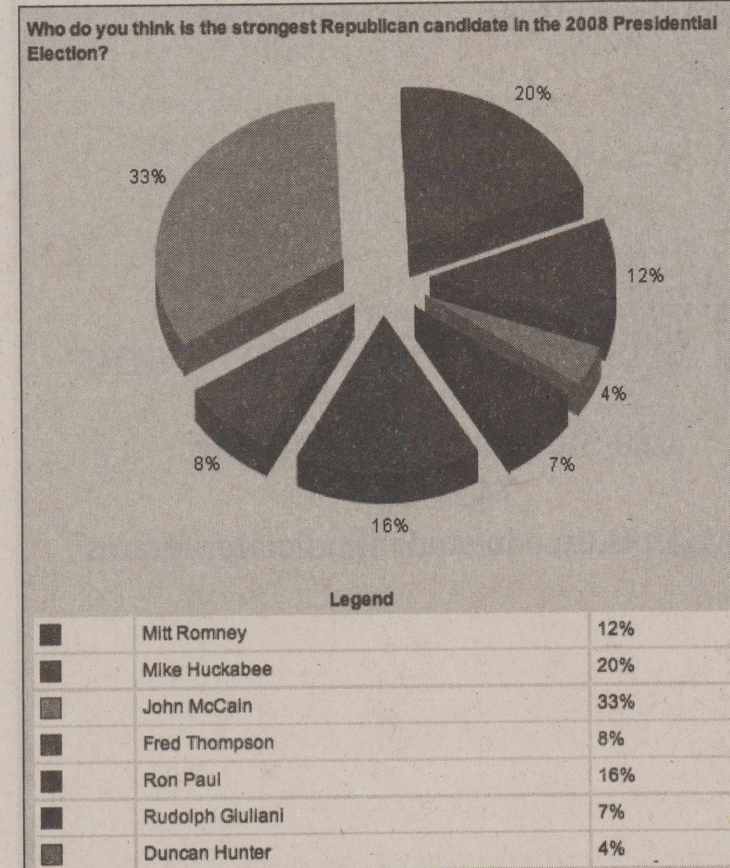
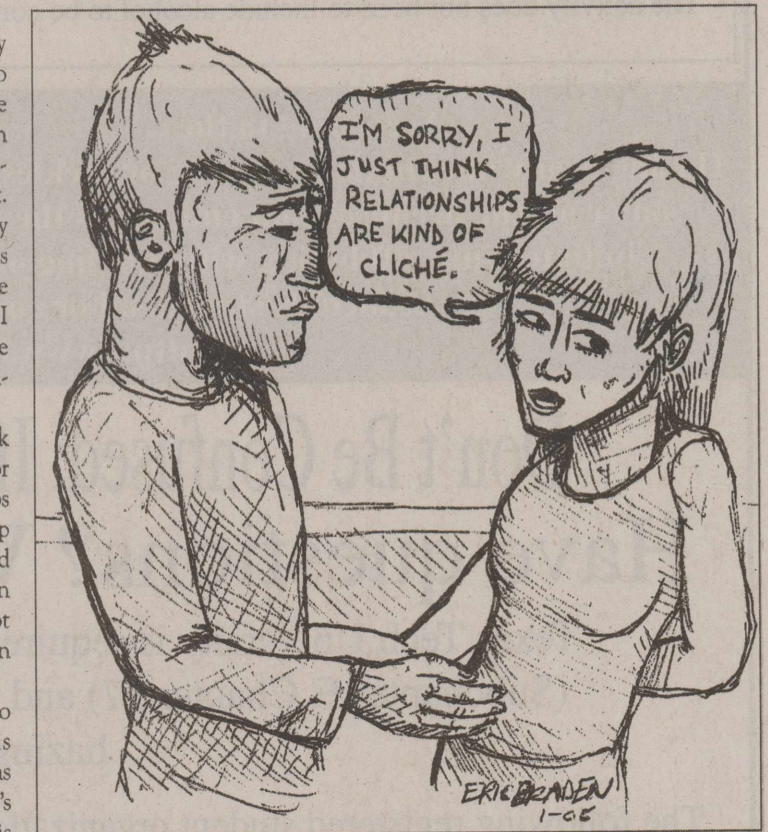
I know, we aren't supposed to judge a candidate based on his religious views, but Huckabee has made a huge issue of religion. If he's going to use the crucifixion for his

own political gain and attack Mitt Romney's faith by craftily asking reporters shady questions about Mormon doctrine, I have every right to call him out.

I'm glad Huckabee is losing the primary elections. He's the worst candidate for president since Rudy Giu-

liani. He would ruin the country. Sorry, Chuck Norris. I don't hear Huckabee.

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PEOPLE GATHERED IN Memorial Circle Monday to help celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day with the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

MLK Day

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"He is a great man who opened up doors for a lot of African-American people," said Asia Diaz, a junior psychology major from Garland.

King is one of Alpha Phi Alpha's most famous members, joining the fraternity during his tenure at Morehouse College, a historically black university in Atlanta.

"I am honored that Dr. King is my fraternity brother," said Alfred Ford, a junior electrical engineering major from Houston.

Benjamin Walker, a senior business major from Celina and president of the Eta Upsilon chapter at Tech, said the vigil is an important program in his chapter because he wants to keep King's memory alive.

"We have a candlelight vigil ev-

ery year on King's holiday to remind our fellow college students of what King did for this nation," Walker said. "Lately a lot of younger generations have forgotten just how important King was to the civil rights of this country."

Robert Cavazos, a senior business marketing major from San Antonio who attended the event, said he tries to participate in the candlelight vigil every year.

"This reminds me of the struggle that once happened in this nation," he said. "Dr. King not only helped African-Americans, he paved the way for all minorities to get a better chance at life."

Alpha member Christopher Flores, a senior graphic design major from Fort Worth, spoke about recent civil rights issues during his opening speech about the late civil rights activist.

"We remember Dr. King on his holiday and also realize that we have a ways to go," he said. "The events of Jena 6 and Katrina are still fresh on our minds."

Antonio Reed, a senior music education major from Tyler, a member of the organization and an assistant pastor at Good Shephard Worship Center, delivered part of King's

"I Have a Dream" speech during the vigil.

"I just wanted to recreate the atmosphere that Dr. King presented," he said. "He did a lot of great things for this nation, and his speech still lives on today."

Flores said it took 15 years after King's death to create the federal Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, and a number of states initially resisted celebrating the holiday because it was close to winter holidays. Some states tried to celebrate the Confederate flag during King's holiday. Opposition to the holiday, however, eventually was overcome.

Alpha Phi Alpha finished the candlelight vigil by singing its fraternity song.

Alpha Phi Alpha historically was the first black fraternity in the United States, according to the Web site. It was founded in 1906 in an effort to bring black students together during a period when racism and discrimination were rampant within colleges. The Tech chapter was founded in 1972.

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I am honored that Dr. King is my fraternity brother. I never had a chance to meet him, and this vigil enables us to recognize him as a leader.

— ALFRED FORD JUNIOR ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING MAJOR



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CHUKWUDUM DIKE, A junior biology major from Houston, sings the Alpha Phi Alpha song Monday afternoon in the Memorial Circle after the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration the fraternity led.

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Over-hyped: 'Cloverfield' is pure garbage

Apparently producer J.J. Abrams thought the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, would have been way cooler if al-Qaida had been a giant sea monster. Don't believe the hype. "Cloverfield" is nothing more than a stupid monster movie that cashes in on post-9/11 fears, "Blair Witch"-style.

Chris Kellerman



"Cloverfield" begins with camcorder shots of a party for Rob, everybody's favorite guy. We learn Rob, who soon will depart for Japan, slept with his best friend, Beth, who is dating another man. We never get to know the characters, though, because all they do is offer lame testimonials to our dorky cameraman, Hud, and spread gossip worthy of deleted scenes from "The Hills."

After 10 minutes of the boring introduction, I asked my friend, "When are they going to start blowing up crap?" Thankfully, Rob and his friends soon are interrupted by a series of explosions and the head of Lady Liberty rolling down the street. Hud decides to document the chaos as the group of friends try to evacuate Manhattan while saving Beth. Mean-

while, the scary monster sheds lice that bite people and cause the victims to have Ebola-like symptoms.

Hud, perhaps the only 20-something at the party who doesn't look like he jumped out of a Gap ad, is supposed to be an idiot. Unfortunately, more annoying than his stupidity is his filming style, which is reminiscent of my middle school cousin taking pictures for her MySpace page.

The handheld camcorder effect is distractingly unrealistic. So many moments provoke questions which beg to be answered: if Hud claims he's filming everything to document the destruction, why won't he keep the camera on the monster for more than a second at a time? Why does he, at least a dozen times, find it more appropriate to film his friends being killed rather than try to keep them

from being killed? And most importantly, what kind of a jackass would film his best friend weeping over the death of his brother?

Sure, there are some scenes with spectacular special effects, though none of them are original. I already saw the Statue of Liberty get pulverized in "The Day after Tomorrow," which somehow managed to be a better film than "Cloverfield."

Writer Drew Goddard must have taken the director's advice and also visited my cousin's MySpace. The lines are so stupid they're hilarious. I would not have been shocked if Rob had sent Beth a text message which read, "omg this monster is sooo scary r u ok l8r <3." Why am I supposed to care about any of these characters, Goddard? Because they dress well?

If this movie were meant to be harmless fun, I'd have had no problem with it. Unfortunately, it takes itself way too seriously, and it's quite offensive. The film constantly reminds us of 9/11. Smoke floods the streets; people confusedly stumble around covered in ash; one character cries, "Maybe it's another terrorist attack!"

A helicopter crash is filmed identically to the last scene in "United 93," but in this crash, they survive. Did I mention Rob and Beth run around and make-out after Beth gets impaled by a metal rod?

This isn't "Snakes on a Plane," which gently poked fun at society's post-9/11 fears. "Cloverfield" exploits them. It attempts to remind us of a real tragedy while its stronger-than-life hotties run through the devastation making jokes about Superman and Garfield.

I'd have walked out of the theater if I didn't have to review the film. Admittedly, I hoped the end would contain some final, exciting twist. Big surprise: it sucked. It's the first time I've been to a movie in quite a while where the audience actually booed during the closing credits.

If J.J. Abrams had written and directed this movie, it would have succeeded. His other projects have been much better. Perhaps Abrams should delegate responsibility no longer, as "Cloverfield" slightly was more ludicrous than the presidential campaign of Ron Paul.

Go ahead, see "Cloverfield," but don't blame me if you leave the theater saying, "We should have stayed home and watched that movie where Sinbad pretends to be a dentist." Then again, I think 84 minutes of

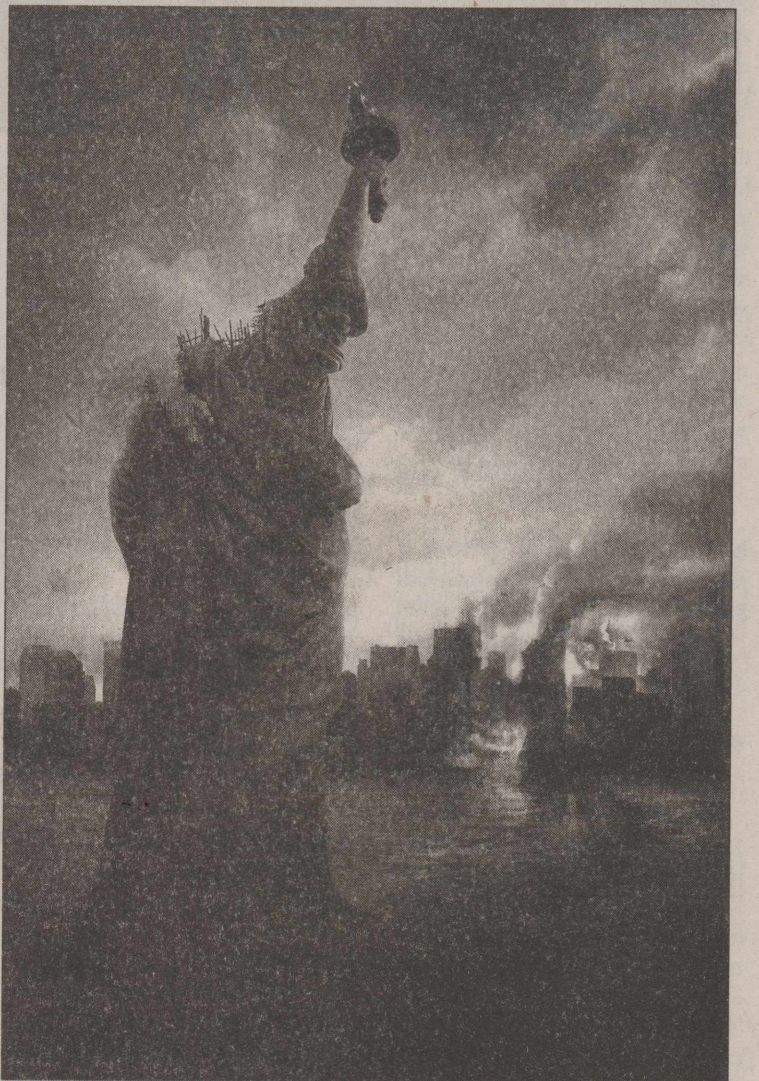
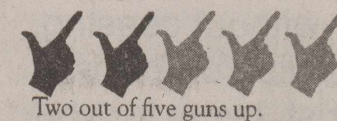


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watching your clothes dry would have been more entertaining than this over-hyped kitsch.



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Taylor Griffin helps Sooners in 63-61 comeback win over Texas Tech

By **ADAM COLEMAN**
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Without one Griffin, the other Griffin stepped up to help Oklahoma defeat Texas Tech 63-61 Saturday.

It was the older brother, Taylor Griffin, whose performance helped a Sooner team without its leading scorer and leading rebounder, Blake Griffin, beat the Red Raiders.

"I don't want to take anything away from Oklahoma, because the one thing that really hurt us was (Taylor) Griffin," head coach designate Pat Knight said. "We were backing off him to let him shoot, and the kid hit shots. He did what he had to do, so you gotta give them some credit too. It wasn't just our inexperience. (Taylor) Griffin, I thought, was the big difference in the game."

The Red Raiders (10-7, 1-2 in Big 12 Conference) led for most of the game. The Sooners (13-5, 1-2) had one lead early in the first half and did not regain it until the 4:56 mark of the second half. A free throw made by Taylor Griffin put the Sooners up by one, and Oklahoma never looked back.

Taylor Griffin finished with

a career-high 16 points and a season-high 12 rebounds.

"He was huge," OU assistant coach Mark Cline said. "What he ended up doing this past weekend was he slowed himself down, took the shots he steady practices everyday. Just made simple plays. I think sometimes he just gets in a hurry at times, but I think against Texas Tech he slowed down, especially in the second half, and just made simple basketball plays. He's a good basketball player when he does that."

Taylor Griffin kept Oklahoma in the game for the last nine minutes of the second half by grabbing defensive rebounds, steals, gaining assists and getting to the free throw line.

The Red Raiders did have a chance to send the game to overtime or steal the win.

Oklahoma guard Austin Johnson's layup was blocked by Trevor Cook with nine seconds left in the game, putting the ball in the hands of Tech guard Alan Voskuil.

A pass to guard John Roberson gave the freshman a chance to tie the game, but the shot missed, and OU's Longar Longar sealed the Sooners' victory by grabbing the rebound.

"(It was) pretty much inexperience," Knight said. "Not being able to hold on to the lead. Made some mistakes inside, giving the baseline to Longar that we worked on all

week. At the end of the game, you gotta get a three. We work on that stuff in practices. Getting the ball up quick and then a two or three. We hesitated with the ball and then finally got it up. (Martin) Zeno's wide open for

a three. We make the drive and so it was just, I think, a little bit of inexperience and also just not having some leadership out on the floor."

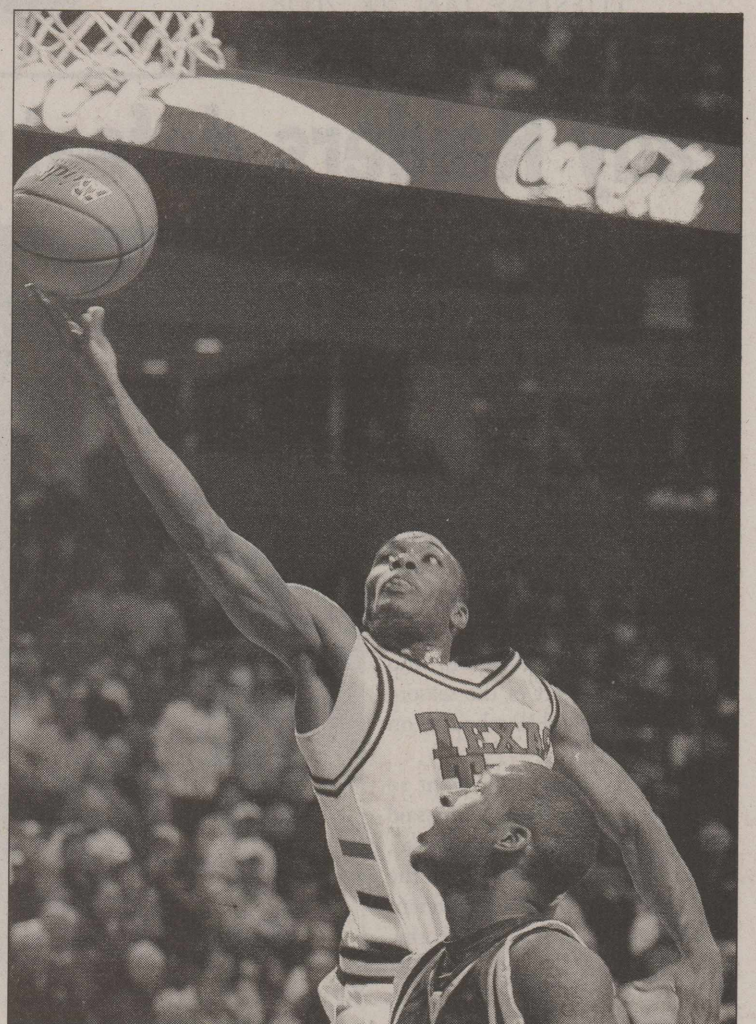
Tech's three leading scorers Zeno, Roberson and Voskuil finished with double-digit points for the Red Raiders. Zeno continued his surge from the Texas A&M game, scoring 17 points. Voskuil's 14 points marked his 12th double-digit game of the season; he had nine in all of last season. Roberson put up 14 points, as well.

The Sooners had three players, along with Taylor Griffin, score in double figures in the absence of their leading scorer. Guard Tony Crocker finished with 15 points. One of the key plays for Oklahoma was Crocker's 3-point shot that gave the Sooners a six-point lead, their largest of the game, with just more than three minutes left in the game.

Longar had three blocks to go along with his 16 points, while guard David Godbold had 11 points.

The Red Raiders' next game is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena against Missouri.

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FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
TECH GUARD MARTIN Zeno goes in for a layup in Wednesday's game against Texas A&M.

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Lady Raiders defeat No. 23 Texas, end four game losing skid

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Lady Raider basketball team found the win it was searching for.

Junior forward Dominic Seals recorded her eighth double-double of the season, scoring a career-high 27 points and grabbing 14 rebounds, leading the Lady Raiders to a 70-58 victory against No. 23 Texas Sunday at the United Spirit Arena and snapping a four game losing skid.

Forward Ashlee Roberson, who made her third start of the season, added 13 points and 10 rebounds on 4-of-7 shooting.

"I just thought they fought so hard," Tech coach Kristy Curry said of Seals and Roberson. "They clawed, they scraped, I mean they did all the dirty work today in a lot of different ways besides rebounding and scoring points."

The win gave Tech (13-5, 1-3 in Big 12 Conference play) its first win in the Big 12, creating a seven-way tie for sixth place in the conference.

This was the fifth time Texas (13-5, 1-3) has lost in Lubbock since the Longhorns reached the Final Four in 2003.

Tech led by 15 points early in the second half but UT's full-court and half-court traps forced four quick turnovers, enabling the Longhorns to come within single digits, 41-32.

"With our defense, I thought we did a good job changing things up causing some turnovers," Texas coach

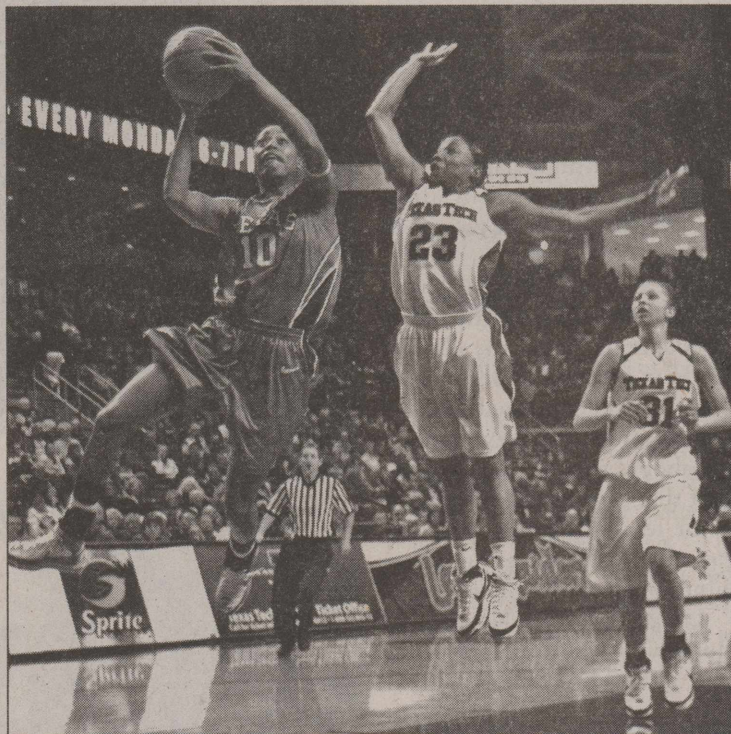


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JUNIOR GUARD TINY Henderson goes for the block against Texas guard Brittainey Raven Sunday in the United Spirit Arena. Tech won 70-58.

Gail Goestenkors said, "but we didn't take advantage of the turnovers. Against good teams, you have to take advantage of every opportunity you're given. We didn't, and we paid for it."

The Longhorns forced 26 turnovers, stealing the ball 16 times, but scored just 17 points off turnovers.

Many of the turnovers came from the Longhorns' trap defense, which gave Tech point guard Maria

Moore fits.

Moore finished the game with 12 turnovers but tied a season-high nine assists.

Tech showed improvement offensively; the Lady Raiders shot 49 percent from the field and made 5-of-15 shots from behind the 3-point line. In its last four losses, Tech had a 3-point shooting percentage of 25 percent or lower.

"It was important to get the big

lead at first," Roberson said. "We've come out slow at times, but I think we did a good job of coming out strong and hitting the shots that we needed to hit."

The combined effort of Roberson and Seals made up for the absence of senior center Erin Myrick, who fouled out with four points and no rebounds at the 6:25 mark in the second half.

With 2:59 left in the game, UT chipped away at Tech's lead, closing it to 57-53 after three points from Longhorn Brittainey Raven.

Raven and UT forward Ashley Lindsey finished the game with 15 points each.

Tech junior guard Tiny Henderson played opposite of her nickname all game long. The Lubbock Estacado High School product scored four consecutive points to put Tech up 61-54 with 1:52 remaining in the game.

Henderson finished the game with eight points and tied season highs with three assists and three rebounds.

Curry said Henderson was the perimeter player her team needed during pressure-packed situations.

"I think (that is) the biggest factor, when you look at (Henderson's) experience," Curry said. "I think she gets it. She may not always make the right decision, but nine times out of 10, she's going to calm us, settle us, communicate and talk and do all the little things that may go unnoticed."

The Lady Raiders closed out the game on a 9-3 run, going 7-of-10 from the free throw line during the final two minutes.

The Lady Raiders controlled much of the first half, holding the Longhorns to 10-of-28 shooting, while hitting 50 percent of their shots.

"Mainly we played smart throughout the game," Seals said. "We knew we couldn't allow ourselves to get down anymore so we played smart and kept our heads up this game."

With the game tied at 11, Tech

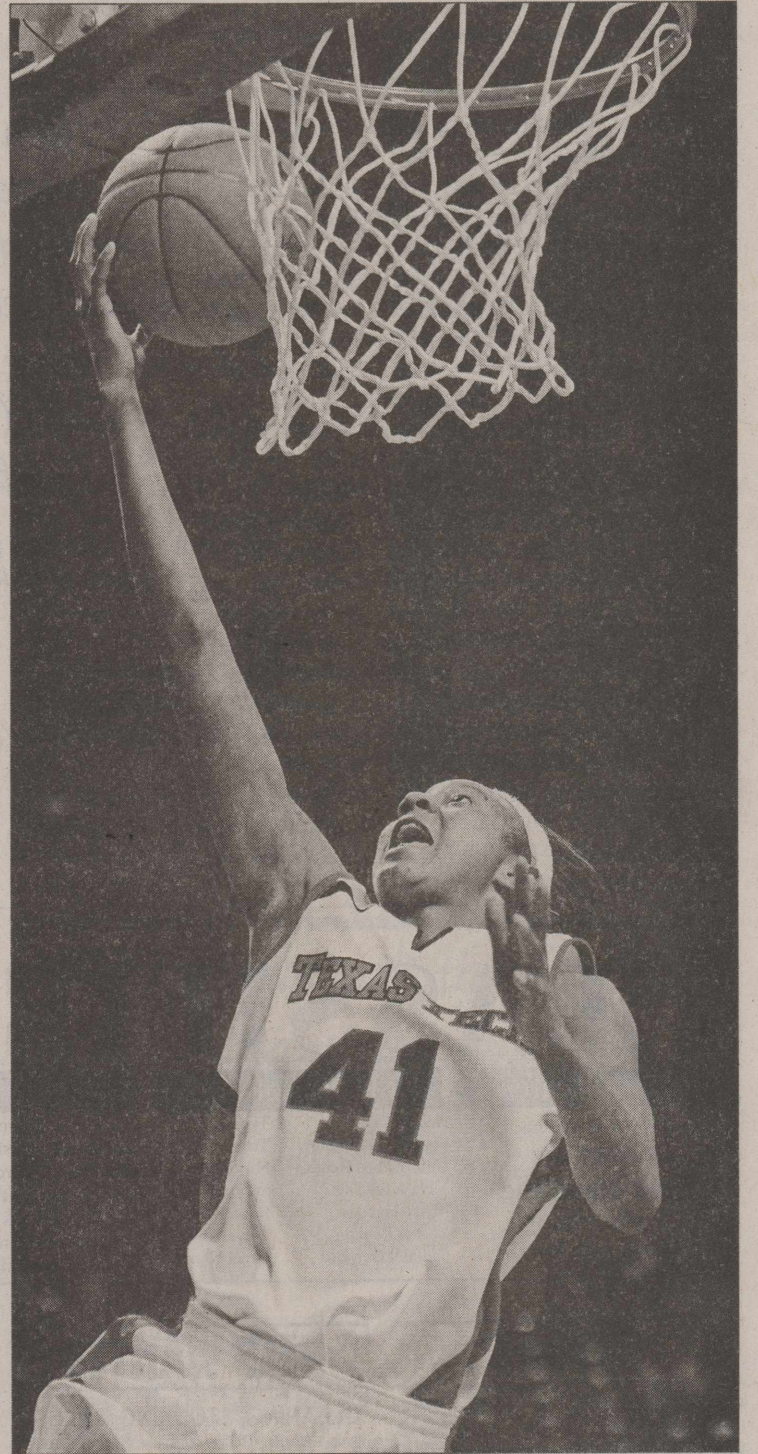


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JUNIOR FORWARD DOMINIC Seals scores the final two points of the game during the Lady Raiders' 70-58 win over Texas Sunday at the United Spirit Arena.

guard Raquel Christian, who finished the game with nine points on 3-of-5 shooting from the 3-point line, sparked a 14-5 run for the Lady Raiders when she nailed a quick three from the left side.

Christian was not done yet; with the Lady Raiders holding onto a 34-24 lead with seconds remaining, Christian rolled off a screen and banked in her third three at the buzzer, giving Tech a 37-24 advantage at halftime.

"The biggest difference (Sunday) was just I thought our kids really fought hard, and scraped and clawed," Curry said. "We needed

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