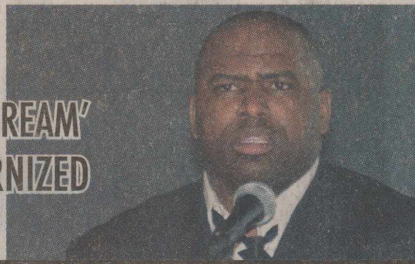


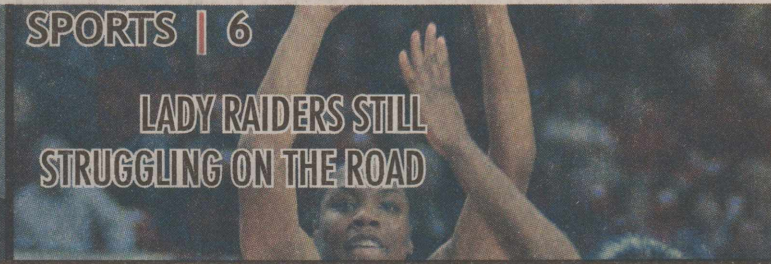
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STATE

Republican Janek  
resigns from Senate seat

AUSTIN (AP) — Sen. Kyle Janek, a Houston Republican who helped create Texas' new high steroids testing program, said Tuesday he will resign his seat in June, citing a desire to spend more time with his wife and three young children.

Janek, an anesthesiologist, spent eight years in the state House before he was first elected to the Senate in 2002. He won re-election in 2006.

Janek was instrumental in the 2007 passage of the high school steroids tests bill first routed by fellow Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst. The \$6 million program is expected to begin next month.

NATION

Avalanche warnings as  
snow heads Northwest

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Avalanche centers in the West issued warnings Tuesday as new storms lined up following a system that buried many areas in heavy snow, closing government offices, causing havoc on roads and even shutting down one ski resort.

WORLD

Gunmen flee bank with  
5 hostages in Venezuela

ALTAGRACIA DE ORITUCO, Venezuela (AP) — Gunmen who held more than 30 hostages inside a Venezuelan bank for over 24 hours negotiated their getaway in an ambulance Tuesday and sped off with five captives, freeing the rest.

Under the deal with police, the four gunmen were permitted to leave with five hostages who agreed to accompany them, and they slipped into an ambulance that backed up to the entrance. As the gunmen and hostages stepped out, they concealed their faces with file folders and paper bags.

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## House passes economic recovery package

By JULIE HIRSCHFELD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House, seizing a rare moment of bipartisanship to respond to the economy's slump, overwhelmingly passed a \$146 billion aid package Tuesday that would speed rebates of \$600-\$1,200 to most taxpayers.

The plan, approved 385-35 after little debate, would send at least some rebate to anyone with

at least \$3,000 in income, with more going to families with children and less going to wealthier taxpayers.

It faced a murky future in the Senate, though, where Democrats and some Republicans backed a larger package that adds billions of dollars for senior citizens and the unemployed, and shrinks the rebate to \$500 for individuals and \$1,000 for couples. That plan, written by Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, would deliver checks even to the richest taxpayers, who are

disqualified under the House-passed measure.

Both versions would provide tax breaks to businesses to spur equipment and other purchases.

President Bush and House leaders urged the Senate to take the bipartisan agreement and pass it quickly, even as Baucus, D-Mont., planned a Wednesday vote in his committee on a larger package that could face a slower path.

"We need to get this bill out of the Senate and on my desk," Bush said in

the Oval Office.

Congressional leaders are aiming to send the measure to Bush by Feb. 15. But the divergent plans — and bids by Senate Democrats and Republicans to swell the package with more add-ons — could drag out that schedule.

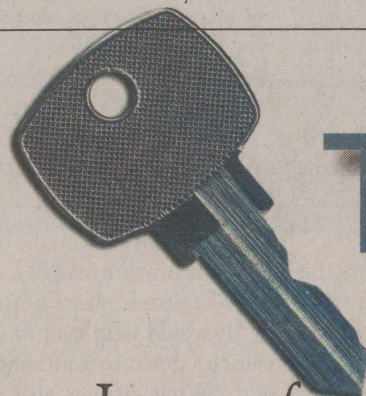
House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said she hoped the Senate would "take this bill and run with it."

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said that was unlikely

in the freewheeling Senate, where members have elaborate wish-lists for adding to the bill, including food stamps, Medicaid and heating assistance for low-income people and spending on infrastructure projects, among other things.

"I think that there's 51 Democratic senators without exception who believe this package can be made better," Reid said, adding that he also expected to have enough GOP sup-

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## TO PREVENTION

Law enforcement officers suggest ways to keep auto theft down

By MAGGIE KIELY  
STAFF WRITER

Though temperatures and vehicle thefts have declined in Lubbock, public officials are reminding residents not only is warming an unattended vehicle up in your drive way illegal, it helps thieves.

Kat Anderson, crime prevention coordinator for the South Plains Auto Theft Task Force, said auto theft in Lubbock decreased by 19 percent from 2006 to 2007.

The South Plains Auto Theft Task Force is a Lubbock county entity working to prevent auto thefts in 28 counties including Lubbock County.

Anderson said the decrease in thefts probably is due to several factors including the state's "Lock It or Lose It" radio and TV campaign ads encouraging drivers to lock their car doors and the Help End Auto Theft state-wide program.

The HEAT program allows "any vehicle owner in Texas (to) obtain decals for his/her car or truck that authorizes law enforcement officers to stop the vehicle and verify ownership between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. anywhere in Texas," according to the program's



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THOUGH AUTO THEFTS in Lubbock decreased in 2007, local law enforcement are recommending vehicle owners take precautions, such as not leaving keys in unattended vehicles.

Web site, records.txdps.state.tx.us/heat.

To further reduce auto theft, Anderson said a law that has been

in existence since 1995 is being enforced more strictly.

"You can't leave your car running and leave your keys in the ignition,"

she said. "Nobody's really enforced (the law) but they're showing if you

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## Tech's endowment fund ranks 118th in nation, sees nearly 20 percent growth

By MATT MCGOWAN  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's endowment fund ranks 118th out of 785 participating colleges and universities in the United States and Canada, according to a January report compiled by the National Association of Colleges and University Business Officers.

The report accounted for a total of \$411.2 billion in participating university endowments as of the close of fiscal year 2007.

Tech's \$641.6 million endowment fund indicates an 18.8 percent increase from the \$540.2 million totaled after fiscal year 2006, according to the study. On average, participating colleges and universities reported a 17.2 percent return rate, 1.6 percent less than Tech's growth in assets.

As an accumulation of money donated to the university is reinvested to generate revenue, two primary factors account for the approximate \$100-million growth in Tech's endowment fund, said Jim Brunjes, Tech's chief financial officer. The return on invested money, alone, even exceeded 20

percent, which is "an incredible return on our investments."

This year's \$641-million endowment fund will generate approximately an additional \$27 million for the university, he said, which will then go toward scholarships, endowed chairs for professors and professorships.

Working with approximately 40 outside brokers, Brunjes said, university administrators diversified investments from the fund to balance its portfolio. Much of the endowment is invested in both domestic and international equities — or stocks — and other alternative investments.

Roughly, a sensible investment portfolio consists of 60 percent equity and 40 percent other investments, such as bonds, said Brett Hammond, chief investment strategist at TIAA-CREF, which co-produced the report. Although investments in stocks have the

potential for higher returns, they are more volatile, unlike bonds, which have less return potential but involve less risk.

Over the last 10 years, endowments have done very well, he said. Realistically, good return rates for 10-year periods fall between 8 percent and 9 percent, putting national return averages for college endowments in a healthy range.

The report's participating institutions collectively allocated more than 57 percent of their assets to equities, according to the survey.

According to the annual NACUBO report, participating colleges and universities spent, on average, 4.6 percent of their endowment funds in fiscal year 2007, meaning they drew 4.6 percent of the money from the investment pool to pay for operational costs.

Tech's spending rate was 4.5 percent dur-

ing that year, Brunjes said, though he did not know exactly how much of that spending rate went to financial aid for students.

Institutional grants that have gone to students from endowments have increased, on average, 6.4 percent above inflation since 1997, according to the report.

"We give as much as we can to the students while maintaining the endowment and making sure that it increases with inflation," Brunjes said.

Hammond said a formula often dictates what investors — in this case, universities' endowment fund managers — safely can spend out of their total funds.

Considering an approximate targeted return rate of 8 percent over the long run, he said, fund managers often are careful not to "eat into" the base fund by factoring in a 3-percent inflation rate and a 0.5-percent cost to manage the money. Subtracting this from the 8 percent leaves 4.5 to 5 percent of the returns for spending.

In light of the NACUBO report's findings, Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., and Sen.

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# Students and faculty encourage study abroad

By LAYLA KHOSHNOUDI  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students and faculty members gathered to promote study abroad programs at the biannual Texas Tech Study Abroad Fair Wednesday in the Student Union Building Ballroom.

Elizabeth McDaniel, unit coordinator in the Office of International Affairs who arranged the event, said she believes it is important for students to know about the more than 400 study abroad opportunities in more than 60 countries available at Tech.

"No matter what your major is or what you'd like to study, we can probably find a program for you and fit it into your curriculum so you can graduate on time," McDaniel said.

Some study abroad programs will make their debut this summer.

Christopher Bains, a professor of Classical Modern Language Literature at Tech, said he will teach the first French study abroad program this summer in Montpellier, France.

Bains said the program will last roughly five weeks, four of which will be spent in Montpellier and the rest touring various cities in France, including the wine making region Bordeaux, Le Mont-Saint Michel, Normandy and the final three days in Paris.

He said it is an ambitious itinerary that took several months to develop,

but believes it will be a great experience for the students involved.

Two new programs will be offered in Mexico this summer.

The College of Mass Communications and the College of Engineering are offering programs at Tecnológico de Monterrey, or Monterrey Tech, this summer.

Engineering students have the opportunity to take an Industrial Engineering course as well as an intensive Spanish language course in Mexico during the first summer session.

Shelli R. Crocker, director of Career Services and Study Abroad in the College of Engineering, said she believes engineering experience in Mexico is beneficial, especially from Monterrey Tech, which is considered the Latin equivalent of MIT.

"It's good for the students to study in Mexico because, in this region, we work a lot with Mexican companies," Crocker said.

The College of Mass Communications is offering an international advertising course at Monterrey Tech, said Marijane Wernsman, the career center director and study abroad coordinator for the College of Mass Communications.

Wernsman said she believes the advertising program will provide students with hands-on experience and include several field trips to agencies, media companies and radio and television stations in Mexico.

The international advertising program is unique because it is one of the few at Tech that houses students in international dorms rather than with a family, she said, a feature that enables students to meet people more easily.

Some study abroad programs offered through Tech are considerably larger and offer a variety of programs, such as the School for International Training Study Abroad Program and Australearn.

SIT offers study programs all over the world, including non-traditional locations such as Africa, Switzerland and the Middle East, which focus on four key components: language, thematic seminars, field research and independent studies, according to information provided by the SIT program.

Australearn is a program designed to provide study abroad and internship opportunities in more than 30 universities in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific, according to the Australearn Web site, www.australearn.com.

Derrick Plunk, a junior management and information systems major from Dumas, said he studied information technology for two semesters at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia.

Plunk said the experience was invaluable for the self-confidence and independence it taught him.

"I'm a small-town Texas boy,"



PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador

DERRON JACKSON, A freshman political science major from Frisco and Audrey Batista, an international public relations major from Roswell, N.M. fill out information at the Semester at Sea booth during the Study Abroad Fair inside the Student Union Building Ballroom Tuesday afternoon.

he said. "I didn't experience much culture growing up, but when you're out there, so far from everything you know, you have to be strong."

McDaniel said she believes the study abroad experience is important

because it allows students to see how others view America, forcing them to view places from a fresh perspective.

"If we could make it mandatory, we would, but there's a cost issue,"

McDaniel said. "In the scheme of your life though, that cost makes so much difference in your employment opportunities, the way you view the world — it will change your life."

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## Thefts

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do, insurance rates and auto thefts go down."

According to Texas Trans-

portation Code 545.404, "an operator may not leave the vehicle unattended without: stopping the engine; locking the ignition; removing the key from the ignition; setting the parking brake effectively; and if standing on a

grade, turning the front wheels to the curb."

While the decrease in vehicle thefts may be encouraging for Lubbock residents, Anderson said, auto thefts for the entire state are up 11 percent.

"The bigger metro cities are getting hit really bad on the F-250s and F-350s," she said. "Immigrant smugglers are stealing them to go off-roading to smuggle drugs."

Anderson said she believes the smugglers eventually will come to Lubbock, which is the reason she is working to prevent auto theft before it becomes a major problem.

"(It) all starts with the owner," she said, "just taking two seconds to take your key out of the igni-

tion."

Cpl. Darren Lindley, with the Lubbock Police Department, said residents need to be aware of the risks involved in leaving keys in the ignition.

"It does help to write the citation because, during the winter time, people go to warm up their car and go back inside, and when they come out, it is gone," Lindley said. "Sometimes those vehicles are then used later to commit some other crime."

Leaving keys in the ignition of an unattended vehicle is a class C misdemeanor and can cost vehicle owner up to \$500.

Though Lindley said it is common to see unattended running

vehicles at gas stations, he often offers a warning instead of a citation to make people aware of the law.

"It would help keep the stolen vehicles down to a minimum," he said. "What citizens also need to understand is that some insurance companies won't cover the damages of a stolen vehicle if they leave the key in the ignition. It is a leading cause of why vehicles are stolen."

Cpl. Jack Floyd, the Tech Police Department's crime prevention officer, said Tech police do not enforce the law on campus because Tech does not have a major problem with auto theft.

Though Tech police do not patrol campus for keys left in the

ignitions of unattended vehicles, Floyd said the act is still illegal and doing so increases one's risk of having his or her vehicle stolen.

"I do it at my house; you just take a chance," he said. "It's cold; I'd rather be in a nice warm car."

Even in cold weather, Anderson said, leaving keys in the ignition to warm up a car is not OK if the vehicle is unattended.

"Take your key," she said. "Over 50 percent of the cars stolen in Texas had the keys in them — usually in the ignition. People think they're safe, but they'll steal them right out of the drive way. No neighborhood is safer than another."

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# Endowment

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Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, leaders of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee, sent letters to 136 universities with more than \$500 million in endowments, according to a Thursday press release on the committee's Web site, www.senate.gov/~finance.

Through the letters, the legislators hope to inquire further about what the universities are doing to increase student financial aid.

However, Hammond said university officials probably are not to blame for rising college costs. Although some universities may be culpable, simplifying endowment returns without accounting for their economic complexity and then cor-

relating those returns to financial-assistance rates may be risky.

"When things get reduced to sound bites, it may leave out some of the nuance," he said. "What you have to look at when people are saying, 'How come they don't cover more tuition?' — it's a legitimate question — but what you have to do is bring in all the factors that go into the cost of educating a student."

Harvard University, with more than \$34.6 billion in endowments, and Yale University, with more than \$22.5 billion, top the list of endowments, according to the report.

With \$15.6 billion, according to the report, the University of Texas System ranks fifth in endowments, while Texas A&M University is 10th with \$6.5 billion. Rice University, another Texas university, ranks 19th on the list with \$4.6 billion.

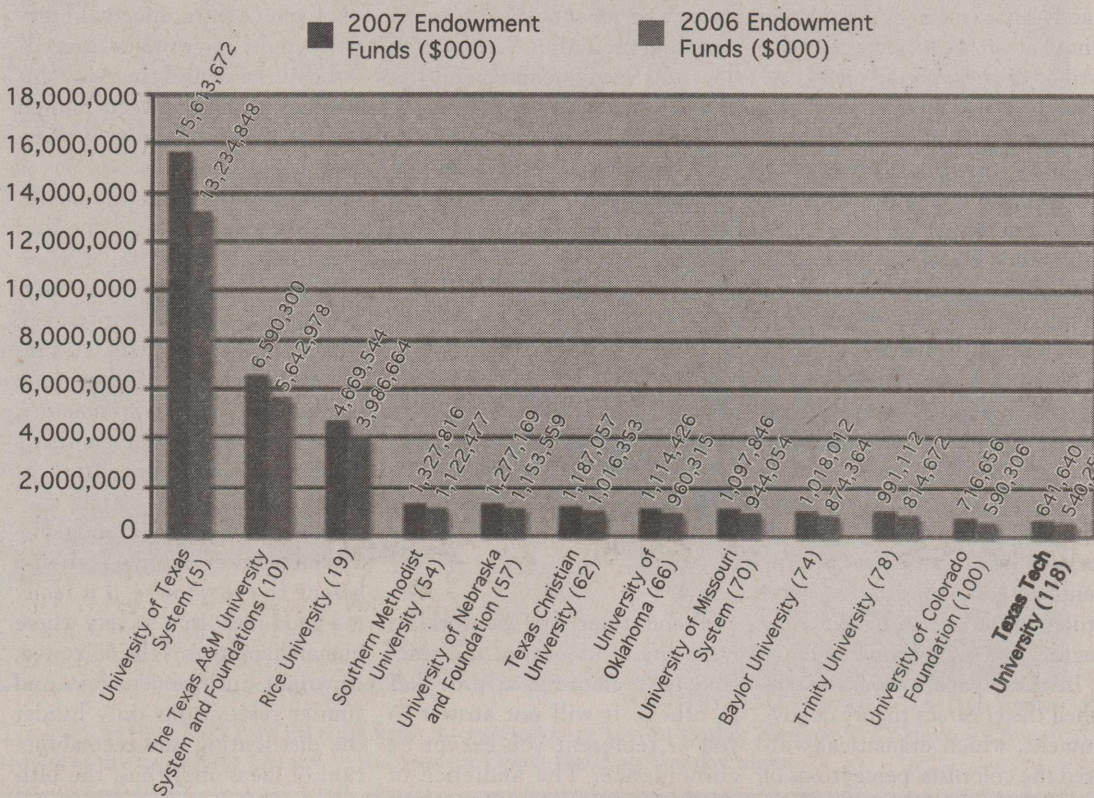
The size of an institution's endowment fund depends on many factors, said Jessica Shedd, director of research and policy analysis at NACUBO, such as donations to that school and how long it has been in existence, with older universities having more time to accrue money from their funds.

Tech's endowment fund has grown to such an extent that it is within range of other Big 12 universities, such as Baylor and the University of Colorado, Brunjes said.

"Endowments really, really help fund an institution," Shedd said. "They're extremely important. In the short term, (endowments dictate) how it would help the current fiscal year's operating budget, as well as how it will help fund the institution into the future."

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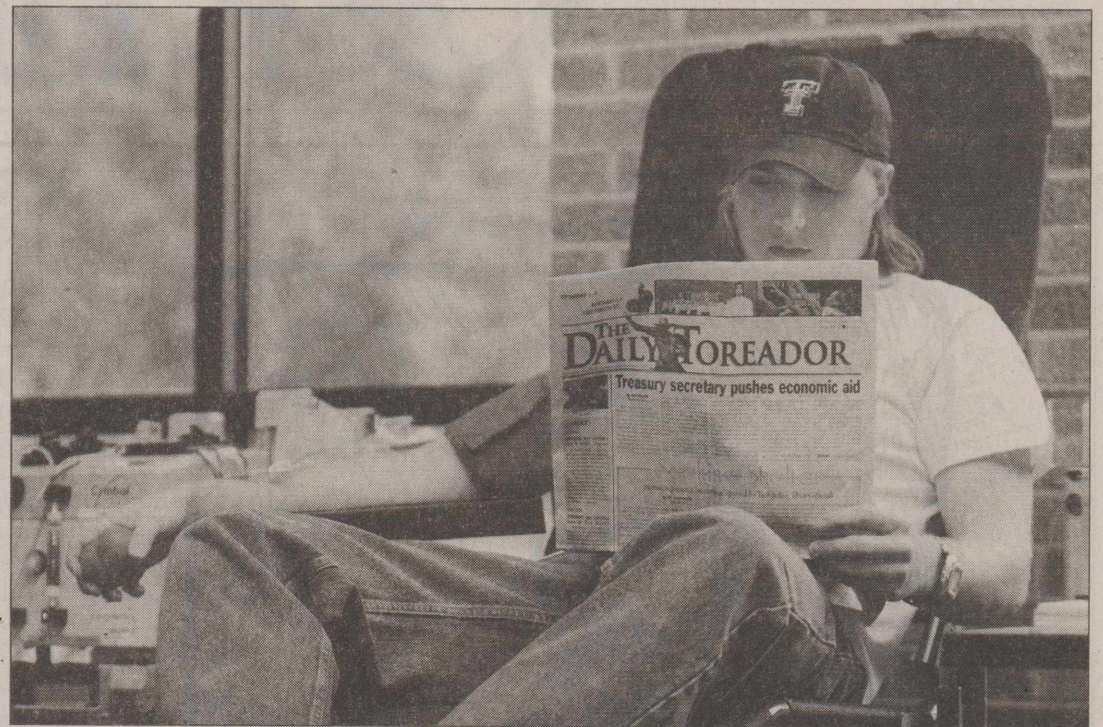


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JOSH BRITT, A junior range management major from Wheeler, donates blood to United Blood Services Monday in the Hulen/Clement Residence Hall lobby.

## Signs point toward pause or halt to troop withdrawal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is sending strong signals that U.S. troop reductions in Iraq will slow or stop altogether this summer, a move that would jeopardize hopes of relieving strain on the Army and Marine Corps and revive debate over an open-ended U.S. commitment in Iraq.

The indications of a likely slowdown reflect concern by U.S. commanders that the improvement in security in Iraq since June — to a degree few had predicted when President Bush ordered five more Army brigades to Iraq a year ago — is tenuous and could be reversed if the extra troops come out too soon.

One of those extra brigades left in December and the other four are due to come out by July, leaving 15

brigades, or roughly 130,000 to 135,000 troops — the same number as before Bush sent the reinforcements.

Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, is scheduled to report to the president and to Congress in April on possible additional cutbacks and any recommended changes in strategy. Petraeus recently said it would be prudent to "let things settle a bit" after the current round of troop cuts is completed in July before deciding whether and when to reduce further.

Majority Democrats in Congress have pressed unsuccessfully to wind down the war quickly, in part out of concern that more firepower should be transferred to

Afghanistan, where the security situation has deteriorated. Reluctance by Bush to continue the troop drawdown beyond July is likely to trigger a new round of conflict with the anti-war Democrats, especially with the November elections looming.

Petraeus seems at this point to be inclined to declare a pause in troop reductions after July, although no decisions have been made and there are competing pressures from within the Pentagon. The Army in particular wants additional reductions to enable it to shorten Iraq tours from 15 months to 12 months. The longer tours are among pressures that Army leaders fear could break the force.

# Economy

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port to change it.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the minority leader, said reopening the deal would be inappropriate.

"This is not a time to get into some kind of testing of wills between the two congressional bodies. This is a time to show we can rise above partisanship, do something important, and do it quickly," McConnell said.

The House plan brought together Democrats and Republicans, both of whom surrendered cherished proposals to reach a deal.

Pelosi cautioned against adding items that could hinder an economic recovery

or scuttle the bipartisan agreement.

"It's important that this bill not get overloaded. I have a full agenda of things I would like to have in the package, but we have to contain the price," Pelosi said. "We made a decision, because that's where we could find our common ground."

Republican leaders, too, described the measure as an imperfect compromise that would provide a needed jolt to the economy.

Americans "expect us to find ways to work together, not reasons to fight with each other," said Rep. John A. Boehner, R-Ohio, who forged the agreement with Pelosi in consultation with Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulson.

"The sooner we get this relief in the hands of the American people, the

sooner they can begin to do their job of being good consumers," Boehner said.

The measure would send rebates to some 111 million people, including roughly 35 million families who don't make enough to pay income taxes. Individuals with adjusted gross income of \$75,000 and couples making \$150,000 would get rebates equal to the taxes they paid, up to \$600 for individuals and \$1,200 for couples. Those making more than that would see their rebate go down by 5 percent of every

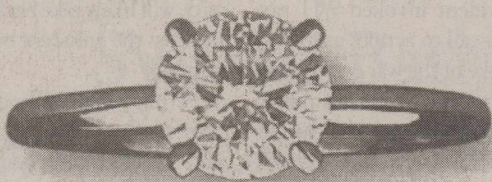
dollar of income over the limits.

Taxpayers would get at least \$300, even if they paid less than that in taxes — or \$600 for couples. That's also the case for those who don't pay income taxes but earn at least \$3,000.

All eligible people would get an additional \$300 per child.

In the Senate, Baucus' proposal removes the income caps and would send rebates to some 20 million senior citizens not covered by the House plan because they don't have income.

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9 AM	Big World	Word	The Price Is Right	Divorce	Temptation	The View (HD)	The Morning Show
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## Plagiarism is not a sin

In last week's column, I talked about the pitfalls surrounding intellectual property — the concept that essentially states that thoughts and ideas are things to be possessed and protected. I also brazenly stated that plagiarism is a potential solution to several of the problems that have arisen concerning intellectual property rights. Now, I will attempt to follow through and cast plagiarism in a new — and hopefully helpful — light.

Right off the bat, I will define exactly what I mean by plagiarism. What I mean is the "recontextualization" of pre-existing elements. What I do not mean is students buying papers online or people blatantly copying a previously written paper and turning it in for an assignment.

I am not talking about plagiarism in a context of laziness — I am talking about it in the context of an achieved understanding of the work. You aren't likely to say anything useful or interesting if you merely parrot those around you.

Now, to start off, I recently learned in a history class that John Locke's "Two Treatises on Government" actually consisted of ideas "stolen" from a man named Harrington... or something like that.

In these papers, Locke established the contract theory of government, which dramatically altered the colonists' perceptions of how to deal with those ruling them and their entire situation. It in turn formed the foundation upon which our ancestors later would rebel against England and create the country we have today.

What has Harrington lost here, other than credit for the idea or concept? Is credit really that important? Did Harrington go to the grave, forever cursing the name of John Locke?

Ty  
McDonald



The name on the idea does not affect the idea itself in any possible way other than how people might perceive it. If there was no name on the idea, people would be forced to take the idea at face value, with a noticeable absence of preconceived notions regarding the author. They would, hopefully, truly comprehend the message itself.

To address the authorship issue further, once you create something

*"You aren't likely to say anything useful or interesting if you merely parrot those around you."*

and send it out into the world, it has a life of its own in the reactions and emotions it provokes in others. It will not answer to you or represent you except by coincidence. The audience of your work will apply the elements of the work to his or her own experiences and will interpret them in an entirely different way than you would think.

For the creator of a thought, a song, a painting, a book or whatever, the true significance of the work is in the act of creation itself — in the rearranging and shaping of his or her own emotions and experiences. In that way,

the signature on a painting or the name on a book becomes even less important.

Plagiarism also provides other benefits. It makes it possible to combine the best or most relevant parts of a number of texts, thus creating a new text with many of the virtues of the older ones as well as some new virtues resulting from the combination of material from different sources.

Plagiarism is the "reappropriation" of ideas. When an individual plagiarizes a text — which those who believe in intellectual property would have held "sacred" — he or she denies there is a difference in rank between himself and the thinker the text is taken from.

He takes the ideas for himself, to express as he sees fit, rather than treating the thinker as an authority whose work he is duty-bound to preserve as intended. He denies, in fact, there is a fundamental difference between the thinker and the rest of humanity, by appropriating the thinker's material as the "property" of humanity.

After all, a good idea should be available to everyone — should belong to everyone — if it really is a good idea. In a society where human happiness is the objective, copyright infringement laws and similar restrictions only hinder the distribution and recombination of ideas and, thus, the ultimate goal.

Ultimately, if there truly is "nothing new under the sun," act accordingly. Take what seems relevant to your life and your needs from the theories and doctrines of those who came before you.

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## Tech needs intellectual diversity

Not all Texas Tech students are conservative, but I would guess the majority of them would classify themselves as such.

When most people think about college students, they think of large groups of liberal-leaning people protesting at schools like Cal Berkeley. When they think of a typical college professor, the image is quite similar.

Over time, the political views of college students are changing. More schools are finding the protesting groups to carry a conservative message. There are students marching for the rights of unborn children and defending traditional marriage.

There are groups like the College Republicans springing up on college campuses all over the country, spreading messages about strengthening our borders and stopping illegal immigration. Patriotic groups on campuses are protesting the burning of the American flag instead of burning them in protest.

There are conservatives using the rights of the First Amendment provides to defend the Second Amendment. With both sides of issues now being represented on campuses, the face of college students across the nation is changing from that of a one-dimensional group to a politically diverse, free-thinking body of informed citizens.

This diversity of thought came about not by the ideas being forced on students, but by them being well informed on issues and then forming their own opinions and stances.

While the political views represented by students are broadening, the fair representation of ideas by professors in a classroom setting is not progressing. Liberal professors pushing their ideas on unwilling and unknowing classes is not just a thing of the past; it's still going on today.

It's OK for professors to have opinions, but they should be discussed in appropriate settings. The only way for students to identify their own stances on a topic is for them to have knowledge of both sides of an issue and to be well

Brian  
Ridley



informed of the facts surrounding it.

When professors only show one side of a topic — or interject their own opinions in lieu of facts — a student does not have the ability to form his or her own opinion.

Oftentimes, liberal professors are not the only the ones to blame, but predominantly they are the ones who inject indoctrinations into their teaching and hold their own opinions as more relevant than the conclusions students might draw from a balanced class. In fact, some students are afraid their grades will suffer if they express their own opinions in class discussions or in written assignments and tests.

As the American Association of University Professors set forth in its 1915 General Report, it is fundamentally wrong and anti-academic to "[take] unfair advantage of the student's immaturity by indoctrinating him with the teacher's own opinions before the student has had an opportunity fairly to examine other opinions upon the matters in question and before he has sufficient knowledge and ripeness of judgment to be entitled to form any definitive opinion of his own."

University professors should be held accountable to give students enough knowledge to form their own opinions. Standing in front of a classroom of knowledge-thirsty students chanting personal mantras and accepting no other viewpoints doesn't do the students any good.

That is not what students are paying for when they enroll in classes at Tech, and a professor's impromptu speech on the global war on terror has no place in the middle of a Calculus III class.

If the university will do nothing to stop these rogue professors, then it

should at least warn students of the tactics before the students realize too late what kind of class it really is. Maybe professors speaking to an empty room will persuade them to teach a subject, not a viewpoint.

Many students, if given the option, would not take a class from a professor who uses these tactics. Too often though, students have no idea of the teaching style of their professor until they already have started attending the class, and then they have no way out.

One organization on campus intends to change that. The Young Conservatives of Texas, a student organization here at Tech, is launching a Professors Watch List. The purpose of this list is to help students at Tech select classes taught by professors who will conduct a fair class. While objectivity is a valuable method of teaching, the Watch List is not intended to single out professors who express political opinions.

Rather, professors are singled out for an unwillingness to tell both sides of the story or a propensity to saturate their course material with one-sided propaganda that is designed to create a predetermined mindset in the student. To see the Professors Watch List or submit a professor you think should be on it, check out the Web site for the Young Conservatives of Texas, [www.orgs.ttu.edu/youngconservativesoftexas](http://www.orgs.ttu.edu/youngconservativesoftexas).

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## President Bush's awkward goodbye

By CHUCK LIPPSTREU  
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(U-WIRE) LINCOLN, Neb. — Everyone could see the raincloud over George W. Bush's head during last night's State of the Union address.

Sure, he went through every bit of pomp and circumstance that these things demand. He put on a suit, walked to the "rostrum" (his word, not mine) and defended his legacy as best as a man in his unenviable situation could.

We even saw some of the fire that rocketed him to victory in election after unlikely election over the years. Bush managed to maintain his trademark "my way or the highway" style, for example, in threatening veto after veto should the Democratic Congress not cut earmark spending.

He made some strong policy-specific demands to lower taxes. He touted the recent bipartisan decision to hand out free money, and he managed to take a cute little shot at Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, whom he roundly despises.

But frequent references to, and defenses of, his past policy made most of the speech feel like an awkward cross between heartfelt farewell and "Hey, I tried, don't blame me," apology.

Bush defended the No Child Left

Behind Act, one of the most controversial and utopian pieces of legislation ever concocted, as a major reform for which he should be remembered.

He lamented the fact that his fantastically conservative nominees to the judiciary are being "unfairly" stalled in Congress. But he focused just as much on his legacy, emphasizing that he has always "submitted judicial nominees who will rule by the letter of the law."

The president invoked 9/11 not so much as a call to action, as in past years; he spoke of the war on terror in a more philosophical tone, seemingly as a reminder to America that he has had a lasting impact on terrorism. He wants everyone to remember, on Inauguration Day in 2009, that we're actively "spreading the hope of freedom" as a legacy of George W. Bush.

The president wants to be remembered for all of these things and more. This is not historically unprecedented for an American president, nor is it unusual to human nature.

But everyone knew Monday that Bush's time in the spotlight has passed. As he wrapped up his address with a call to the "confidence in freedom's power and trust in the people" — a summary statement of the neoliberal policy that has shaped his administration — it was impossible not to think of the people who have already

wrested American politics from this president's arms with a year left in his tenure.

Sen. Teddy Kennedy and Rep. Patrick Kennedy made more political waves at American University on Monday morning than Bush could have done with a three-day State of the Union speech. Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, whose ongoing feud has spelled an incredible and dramatic rift in the Democratic Party, will likely take back every headline from the president by Wednesday morning.

Perhaps most telling of all, Sen. John McCain skipped Bush's final State of the Union address to campaign as a front-runner in Florida for a nomination that should have been McCain's eight years ago.

George W. Bush had one of the most riveting presidencies the world has seen, for better or for worse, but his time in has come to an end.

His political capital is squandered. His approval rating continues to hover just above 30 percent. He faces a hostile Congress for the last few months he'll enjoy in office.

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## MLK speech recited, discussed for modern day meaning

By ANN LUU  
STAFF WRITER

The Escondido Theatre on Tuesday night was taken back to 1963 during a celebration of the works of Martin Luther King Jr.

Since September, Student Diversity

Relations, University Housing Services and the Multicultural Student Association have been working on a program that exhibited the works of King.

The program welcomed T. Leon

Williams, director of intercultural affairs from Buena Vista University in Iowa, a motivational speaker who visited Texas Tech previously for an MLK event.

This time, Williams came to Tech to offer an addendum to King's "I have a dream" speech.

In his version, "Shattered dreams,"

Williams provided a modified version of the famous speech for the new climate of the United States.

The impassioned speech drew nods and mumbles of agreement from the audience as he proclaimed the words of King in today's vernacular.

Williams' words were a reality check as he said most people today know more about the TV shows "Fear Factor," "Desperate Housewives," and "America's Next Top Model" than they do about the Declaration of Independence and the Civil Rights Movement.

Williams' powerful message received a standing ovation as he emphasized that the soul is the root of comprehension for in-depth learning.

"Graduate from being dreamers," he encouraged, "and become believers. In order to find ourselves, we must lose ourselves. We must lose ourselves in service of others."

President of the Multicultural Stu-

dent Association Tiffany Kamuche said the organization got involved to pay tribute to a man who affected people all over the world.

"It really means a lot to me because it's about upward mobility," she said. "We took the dream and moved forward with it."

Kamuche said she knows the dream is for all people.

Allen Sutton, assistant director for Student Diversity Relations, said he considers the updated version to be more than just for African American students.

"Its focus was on all of the students," he said. "The speech was made to better America as a whole. You can't better all races by focusing on one."

The theme, "The Dream 2.0: REFLECTING on our past, while EMPOWERING our future," represented the importance to remember the past and to move the future.

"Dr. King was a great man with a great vision," Sutton said. "In this generation, we just need new people to advance the vision."

Although Black History Month is just around the corner, beginning Friday, Sutton emphasized that the two events are not correlated.

"It's a chance for our campus to be together and get together to celebrate freedom," he said. "Here is a man who epitomizes freedom and joins us under a common dream and goal. He's an American symbol."

Sutton said this celebration was important to Tech because, with the anticipated student increase to 40,000, there is bound to be a diversity.

"Some people might see this as a negative thing," he said, "but the goal was to help everyone see each other as fellow Red Raiders and understand that we are still different behind the mask."

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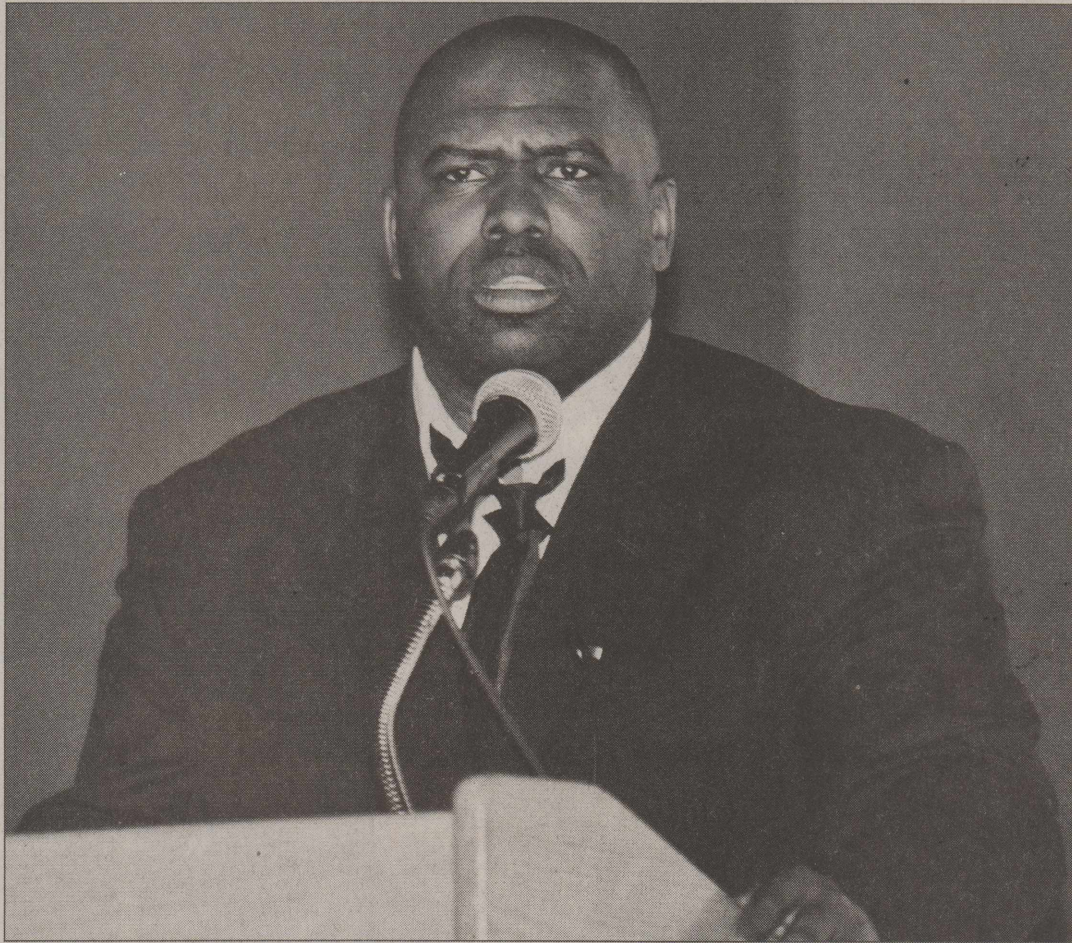


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## Growing pains: Inexperience hinders Lady Raiders' success on road

By ALEX YBARRA  
STAFF WRITER

For whatever reason, the Lady Raiders play like a different team on the road than at home.

Tech (14-6, 2-4 in Big 12 Conference play) has lost four consecutive road games, including three Big 12 contests by an average of 24 points.

During this span, Tech lost 78-39 at Oklahoma, the most lopsided loss for the Lady Raiders since 1990.

In Tech's non-conference schedule, the team played nine games at the United Spirit Arena, but Tech coach Kristy Curry said in a conference that

holds the highest RPI, a calculation determining strength of schedule, in the nation, she believes it is important that a team gains enough wins before league competition starts.

"I think when you look at everybody's schedule across the league, they're doing the same thing," Curry said. "I can't say that's the reason (for what is) happening. If we're sitting there at 6-8 going into Big 12 play, is that going to help? You can always sit around and say, coulda, woulda, shoulda, but I would continue to do what we did this year as far as scheduling."

Tech forward Stanecia Graham

said a team with eight newcomers and no Big 12 experience needs to learn from the losses as soon as possible.

"Personally, I feel that it's just a growing process," she said. "You just don't come in and be so dominant in the Big 12 all of a sudden, but I think that we've had enough losses now to be smart enough for what we need to do. Next year we'll be even better, but we're definitely understanding now what the Big 12 is about."

At home, Tech is 2-1 in the Big 12, with a close five-point loss to Baylor Jan. 9.



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TEXAS TECH FORWARD Stanecia Graham is one of several new players on the Lady Raiders' roster. The team has played well at home but has struggled on the road this season.

*"We need to understand that the best kind of motivation has to be self-motivation."*

— KRISTY CURRY  
LADY RAIDERS  
COACH

In their last three home games, the Lady Raiders produced 142 rebounds, 42 assists and 203 points. During its four game skid on the road, Tech compiled 146 rebounds, 32 assists, and 200 points.

"I think they're extremely strong at home," Colorado coach Kathy McConnell-Miller said after a 66-42 loss to Tech. "I wouldn't say they're two different teams but watching them on film, there's no doubt they jump higher, shoot better, (are) quicker, (are) faster (and just have) more energy when they're in this arena as opposed to on the road."

The Lady Raiders will play No. 23 Texas A&M (14-6, 2-4 in Big 12 play) at 7 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

This time, Tech returns home without a limp.

With Tech's win against Colorado

in Lubbock Saturday, Curry said her team does not have a difficult road loss to rebound from, such as her team's struggles at OU or at Kansas State, so she said she may need to create some extra motivation.

"If I need to upset us on Wednesday to have something good happen

on Saturday, maybe I should do that some way or another," Curry said. "We need to understand that the best kind of motivation has to be self-motivation. It can't be because of an unpleasant experience, and they can't get anymore unpleasant than what we had in Norman (Jan. 23)."

McConnell-Miller said every team in the Big 12 faces a challenge on the road.

"You also got to know that it's very, very difficult to play on the road in this conference," she said. "It's very difficult no matter where you go."

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## Cowboys bring back Campo to be in charge of secondary

IRVING (AP) — Former Cowboys coach Dave Campo rejoined the staff Tuesday, returning to his roots as the secondary coach.

While Campo carries the dubious

distinction as the only coach never to get Dallas into the playoffs, he got that job because of his success working with the defense.

Having started as a defensive assistant

under Jimmy Johnson, he moved up to secondary coach then became defensive coordinator under Barry Switzer. He was calling the defensive plays when the Cowboys won the Super Bowl following the 1995 season.

Campo remained defensive coordinator when Chan Gailey followed Switzer, then he replaced Gailey in 2000.

Dallas went 5-11 in each of Campo's three seasons, yet he was somewhat a victim of bad timing — his first season ended up being Troy Aikman's last, which then left the Cowboys in dreadful shape under the salary cap.

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TEXAS TECH COACH Kristy Curry's team has lost four consecutive games on the road, including three in Big 12 Conference play.

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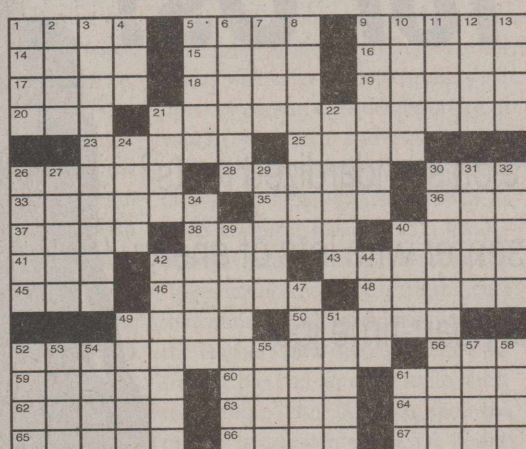


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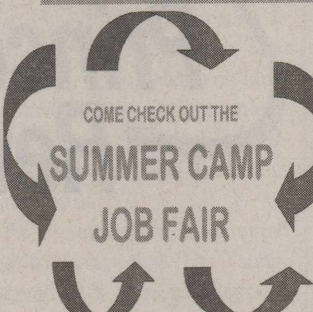
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| 9 Cat or Ray                 | ESS                           | DITSY                       | APRON    |
| 10 Dutch flower              | MATT                          | SIP                         | ASA      |
| 11 Indigo plant              | PUSH                          | THE                         | ENVELOPE |
| 12 Genuine                   | ERA                           | LEO                         | EVER     |
| 13 Sea eagle                 | CANNA                         | SLEWS                       | EAR      |
| 14 Swiss capital             | USA                           | CAP                         | ALERTS   |
| 22 Be in turmoil             | SHIF                          | T                           | THE      |
| 24 Actress Garr              | TOLL                          | SIRE                        | LOATH    |
| 26 Writer Zola               | OREO                          | ENGR                        | OTTIER   |
| 27 "Rouen Cathedral" painter | MERIE                         | AXON                        | MESAS    |
| 29 Subarctic forest          |                               |                             |          |
| 30 Place for pitcher Cy?     |                               |                             |          |
| 31 "Seascapes" playwright    |                               |                             |          |
| 32 Alcoholic honey beverages | 44 Dumbfounded                | 54 Etta of the comics       |          |
| 34 Indian                    | 47 Gives one's address?       | 55 Nastase of tennis        |          |
| 39 Apparent                  | 49 French income colonialists | 57 Singer Guthrie           |          |
| 40 Study                     | 51 Earthenware crocks         | 58 Witticism                |          |
| 42 Beginner                  | 52 Crimson Tide, to fans      | 61 choy (Chinese vegetable) |          |
|                              | 53 Turkish titles             |                             |          |

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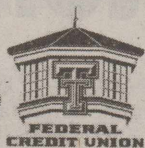
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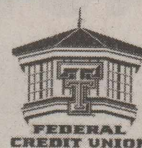
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### Heartbeats

A quick pulse around the Rec Sports World...

#### Intramurals

**Team Bowling Sign-ups** are will go on til Friday! Sign up in Rm. 203 for this great intramural sport!

#### Fit/Well

We are still taking people for our Raider X2 Classes. Sign up in the Fit/Well for your favorite X2 class! There only a few select spots left!

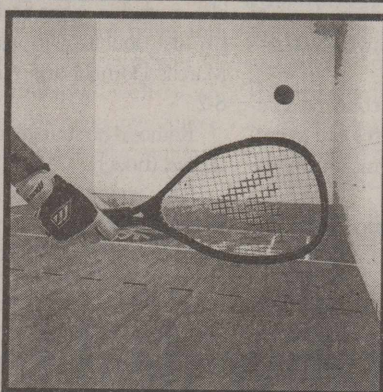
#### National Girls and Women in Sport Day

Playday for Elementary-Aged Girls and their moms Saturday, February 2 8:45 - 11:45 am FREE but registration is required. Call 742.3828 for details.

#### Outdoor Pursuits

Sign up today for the Vertical Plains Climbing Competition and Telluride Mountainfilm Festival! The sign-up deadline is Feb. 8! Tickets for the Film Festival are \$5 for students, and there are 3 different climbing skill levels for the Vertical Plains Climbing Competition on Feb. 15!

### Intramurals



#### Intramural Bowling Sign-ups til Friday!

Looking for an inexpensive outing with three of your friends? The Intramural Bowling tournament is a great option. You get 3 games and shoes for \$6 a person; that's only \$24 per team! Sign your team up for intramural Bowling in rm. 203 of the SRC this week! We have one bowling date left to fill: Monday, Feb. 4! Once those spots are gone, you'll be left out in the cold!

#### Intramural Racquetball Sign-ups Approaching!

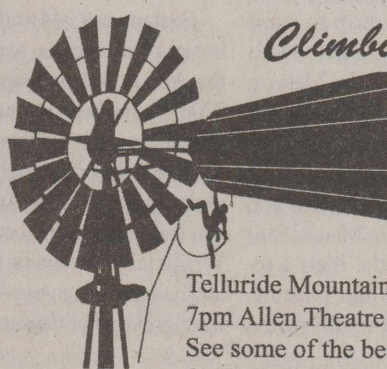
Starting Monday, you can sign up for Intramural Racquetball! This is a fun way to add a little competition to your life and have a great time doing it! Registration starts Feb. 4 and continues until Feb. 13. Get signed up Monday for a fun and competitive time!

### Outdoor Pursuits Center

#### Vertical Plains

#### Climbing Competition

VP Climbing Competition Register by Feb. 8 in the OPC! Competition is on Feb. 16 all day! Registration forms available online at [www.rescsports.ttu.edu](http://www.rescsports.ttu.edu)



Telluride Mountainfilm Festival 7pm Allen Theatre See some of the best films from the Telluride festival! From Conservation to exhilaration! Admission is \$5 or free for VP competitors. Contact the OPC at 742-2949 for more info!

#### Colorado Ice Climbing Trip

Deadline: Feb. 21  
Cost: \$280  
Trip Dates: Feb. 28 - Mar. 2

Are you rady to challenge yourslef with a new adventure? Colorado Ice Climbing might be for you! This trip has two and a half days of climbing guided by an ice climbing guide. The trip is at a waterfall near Creede, Co! For more information, call 742-2949.

### Aquatics Center



#### Lifeguard Challenges

Are you currently certified and about to expire? Are you certified by another agency other than American Red Cross? We have a challenge system especially for you! Update your certification by taking this Red Cross challenge course. The cost is \$75 (\$40 for CPR/AED only). These challenges take place on the following dates/times:  
Sunday Feb 17th 1-4pm

#### Swim Fit

Train with an experienced instructor and improve your technique and endurance. Sign up in the Aquatics Center! Students \$30, TTU \$40, Community \$50  
Thursdays February 14th - April 22nd 7-9 pm

#### Adult Beginner Swim

This course is for those adults who have always wanted to learn how to swim. Participants will be taught basic swimming and safety skills. \$25 for TTU students/SRC Members; \$35 for others.  
Session I: Feb 18th - March 5th; Mon/Wed; 6:30-7:30 pm

### Fitness/Wellness Center

## Valentine's Week

*Heart Healthy and Wallet Friendly*

**Valentine 1 Mile/5K Run-Walk**  
Saturday, February 9  
Register 12:00 - 1:00pm at North ID  
Free T-shirt to the first 90 student runners!  
(Must show ID) FREE to participate!

**Heart Healthy Valentine Lunch**  
Wednesday, Feb. 13 12:00 - 1:00pm  
Register by Feb. 12  
Think eating well is expensive and time consuming? Enjoy a great chicken lunch while learning how to cook it!  
Located in Human Sciences Building Rm. 258  
\$8/person! Cash or check only!

**Partner Yoga/Couples Massage**  
Sunday, Feb. 10  
Bring a friend and learn self care techniques to re-energize, loosen tense muscles, increase your flexibility, and plain 'ol relax!  
Partner Yoga: 6:00 - 7:15 pm  
Couples massage 7:15 - 8:30 pm  
\$10/Couple per activity or \$15 for both!

**Salsa Dance Party**  
Friday, Feb. 15 7:00 - 9:00 pm  
Indoor Soccer Court  
Learn the latest Latin moves from a master teacher from Houston for FREE!

Register/pay in the Fit/Well  
E-mail: [fitwell.rec@ttu.edu](mailto:fitwell.rec@ttu.edu)  
Phone: 742-3828

#### FitTech 4 is coming

What is FitTech?—It's an 8 week program to motivate Tech students, faculty and staff to increase activity and improve nutritional intake. How does it work? Get your team of 6 together and log onto [www.ttu.edu/fittech](http://www.ttu.edu/fittech) for registration materials. Teams set their minute goals so highly active folks are not competing against those who are just beginning to exercise. Weekly prizes, weekly seminars and walks and overall prizes are involved.  
Registration: Jan. 28-Feb. 9  
Kickoff (optional): Sat., Feb. 9, 1 pm at Rec Center  
FIT Tech IV dates: Feb. 9 - April 5  
Cost (includes T-shirt): Students \$8  
Faculty/Staff \$10

#### Iron Man Triathlon Challenge

Entries are Due by Feb. 8  
Can you swim 2.4 miles, cycle 112 miles, and run 26.2 miles in 15 days? Challenge yourself!  
Entry fee is \$10 (\$12 xxl shirt)  
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Entries due Feb. 8—Challenge runs Feb. 9 - 24.



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## activities

whats coming up at the union

- Marijuana Debate**  
Wednesday, January 30  
SUB Allen Theatre | 8:00 pm
- Ice Skating**  
Thursday, January 31 & Friday, February 1  
City Bank Coliseum | 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- Mud Room Pottery Painting**  
Monday, February 4  
SUB Ballroom | 11:00 am
- Movie - Hitman**  
Tuesday, February 5  
SUB Allen Theatre | 8:00 pm
- Matinee Movie - Hitman**  
Wednesday, February 6  
SUB Escondido Theatre | 3:00 pm

For more information about activities in the Student Union visit [www.tab.ttu.edu](http://www.tab.ttu.edu)

#### student organization update...

**S.O. Registration Meeting**  
Wednesday, January 30 & February 6  
SUB Playa Room | 2 pm  
Don't miss the opportunity to register your student organization for 2007-2008.