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STATE
Gov. Perry presents Texas Medal of Honor

EDINBURG (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry presented the Texas Medal of Honor on Monday to the mother of a U.S. Marine who was killed 40 years ago to the day in Vietnam.

Perry came to the hometown of Alfredo "Freddy" Gonzalez to bestow the state's highest honor on Edinburg's most revered war hero.

No less than a street, an elementary school and an American Legion post bear his name in Edinburg, as well as the guided missile destroyer, the USS Alfredo Gonzalez.

NATION

Candidates to Super Tuesday showdowns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Buoyed by cheering crowds and bolstered by more than \$1.3 million a day in TV ads, Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton raced through the final hours of a Super Tuesday campaign across 22 states. Mitt Romney made a late, possibly last appeal to conservatives to derail Republican front-runner John McCain on the busiest day in primary history.

WORLD

Thousands flee oil-rich Chad's capital

N'DJAMENA, Chad (AP) — Thousands of people fled Chad's capital Monday as government troops and rebels battled for a third day. Gunfire and explosions were heard throughout the city, a U.N. official said.

The U.N. Security Council condemned the rebel offensive and authorized France and other nations to send troops to help defend President Idriss Deby's government.

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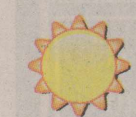
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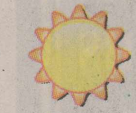
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Super Tuesday may not decide candidates

By GLENYS BOLLS
COPY EDITOR

With 24 states participating in the Super Tuesday primaries today, there is uncertainty about Texas' role in determining the final presidential candidates, but many people agree college students could make a major impression on the elections.

Joshua Nunez, president of the Tech Democrats at Texas Tech, said he believes Texas will be a deciding state in the primaries although the

Texas Primary does not occur until Mar. 4.

"I think the biggest impact will have to do with Texas," said Nunez, a senior biochemistry and math major from Levelland. "Potentially, Texas can play a big role in determining who the nominees are."

However, Tim Nokken, an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science, said Texas historically has not been important in this decision.

"By having a late primary, Texas never really has much say in who gets nominated,"

Nokken said. "It goes a long way to depress turnout. People want to feel that they have an impact on the election, but if the parties have whittled the field down to one candidate each, it decreases interest."

Because some candidates drop out of the running after performing poorly in the early-primary states, the field of candidates usually is reduced — making the presidential candidate fairly obvious — by the time Texas residents get to vote.

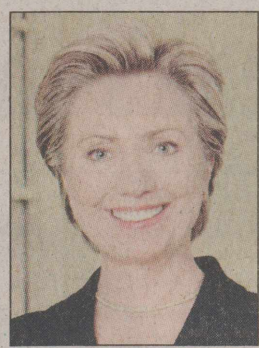
However, in a race as tight as this year's is

expected to be, Texas' 228 Democratic and 140 Republican delegates could make a difference.

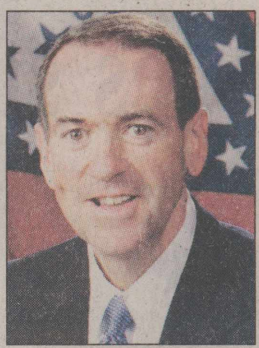
"(Texas' number of delegates) will make a difference if there's still a race going on at that point," Nokken said. "If there is, then the likelihood that Texas takes on more importance will go up."

Eric Levy, a member of the Tech Democrats and a freshman electrical engineering major from Houston, said this year's presidential election is

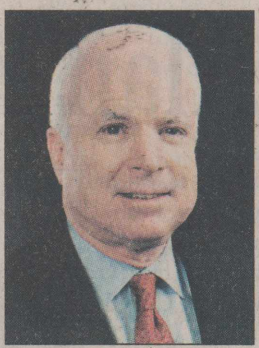
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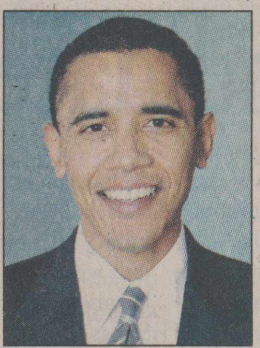
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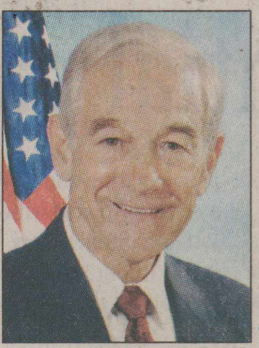
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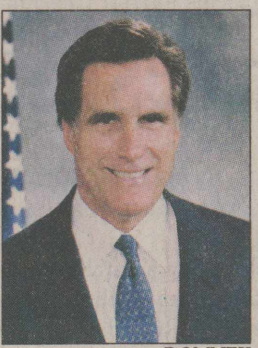
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THE GENERAL CALLS IT A NIGHT

BOB KNIGHT RETIRES, LEAVING SON AS TECH HEAD COACH

By MICHELLE CASADY, ADAM COLEMAN & BEN MAKI THE DAILY T O R E A D O R



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Treador

The Bob Knight era at Texas Tech officially has come to an end. Walking into "The Market" at Stangel-Murdough to a standing ovation, Pat Knight confirmed on his weekly radio show that Bob Knight resigned Monday morning because he was "tired."

Pat Knight, who has been head coach designate, will replace him as head coach, effective immediately.

"We had a meeting (Monday) morning," Pat Knight said. "He went and saw coach (Gerald) Myers early (Monday) morning and then he came down, grabbed my brother and I. He's ready. He's tired. It's been coming for a while. I think he had thoughts about maybe he should've ended it last year. But what kept him going: He didn't want people to think that he retired just because he got the record. He kind of pushed himself to go one more year. I saw it coming. It's hard on him. He's been doing it for so long. He's just tired."

Though Bob Knight is retiring from his position as coach for Tech, he intends to remain in Lubbock and will be affiliated with the university, said Tech Chancellor Kent Hance.

"I look forward to him having some association with us," he said. "He said he would continue to work with me on fundraising for the university."

Hance said he took Bob Knight with him

to Washington, D.C., in September to help raise funds for the university.

"He's a big draw," Hance said. "We got more money for Tech than we have in a long time."

Hance said Bob Knight's role with the university would be one where he works part-time, one-on-one with the chancellor for fundraising purposes and has the option of setting his own schedule.

Hance said Bob Knight's announcement did not come as a shock to him.

"Bob's always been a guy who's done things his way," he said. "He said, 'I'm tired; I want to do it this way.'"

Hance said he offered Bob Knight some time off, and he declined.

The announcement of Bob Knight's retirement comes less than a week after the high-profile resignation of Tech President Jon Whitmore. Hance said he does not believe the resignations of the two university figureheads will have a negative impact on the public perception of the university.

"He has contributed mightily to Texas Tech," Hance said. "If people saw him and Bob Stoops and Mack Brown walking through an airport together, everyone would stop and ask 'who are those two guys with Bob Knight?' He has definitely helped

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"He's ready. He's tired. It's been coming for a while... Today is the most relaxed and relieved that I've seen him in a long time."

— PAT KNIGHT
TEXAS TECH
HEAD COACH



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902 CAREER WINS — 3 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS — 28 NCAA TOURNAMENT BERTHS

U.S. military says it accidentally killed 9 Iraqi civilians

By LAUREN FRAYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — The U.S. military said Monday it accidentally killed nine Iraqi civilians during an operation targeting al-Qaida in Iraq — the deadliest known case of mistaken identity in recent months.

In northern Iraq, Turkish warplanes on Monday bombed some 70 Kurdish rebel targets, the Turkish military said. It was the fifth aerial attack against Kurdish rebel bases there in two months.

Also Monday, 15 suspected militants were killed in U.S. raids targeting a possible hideout for a senior al-Qaida in Iraq leader northeast of Baghdad, the military said.

The Iraqi civilians were killed Saturday near Iskandariyah, 30 miles south of the Iraqi capital, Navy Lt. Patrick Evans told The Associated Press.

Evans did not say exactly how the civilians died, but said the killings occurred as U.S. forces pursued suspected al-Qaida in Iraq militants. The incident is under investigation, he said.

Iraqi police said the victims, including two women, were in two houses in the village of Tal al-Samar, which was bombed by American warplanes late Saturday. They were all Sunnis, an officer said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

The U.S. planes struck after an American convoy came under enemy fire in Tal al-Samar and soldiers called for air support, the Iraqi officer said.

"We offer our condolences to the families of those who were killed in this incident, and we mourn the loss of innocent civilian life," Evans said in a statement e-mailed to the AP.

The Turkish bombings early Monday hit the Avasin-Basyan and Hakurk regions of northern Iraq, the Turkish military said on its Web site.

Turkey has frequently targeted members of the Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, in cross-border raids into Iraq, where thousands of the rebels are based. The PKK has been fighting for autonomy in southeastern Turkey for more than two decades.

Since Dec. 16, the Turkish military has confirmed five cross-border aerial raids into Iraq, though Iraqi Kurdish officials have reported other airstrikes. Turkey's military says the raids have killed as many as 175 PKK rebels.

Adem Uzun, a member of the rebel command, said 15 to 20 Turkish jets bombed rebel areas in northern Iraq, according to Firat, a Kurdish news agency. Uzun told a Denmark-based Kurdish television station

that the rebels had not suffered casualties, the agency reported.

The United States — which like Turkey and the European Union considers the PKK a terrorist organization — has cautioned Ankara against a large incursion into Kurdish areas of northern Iraq, fearing it could disrupt one of Iraq's more stable regions.

U.S. and Iraqi officials said Monday they will meet later this month to negotiate future relations and the long-term presence of American forces in Iraq. The U.S. currently has about 160,000 troops in Iraq under a United Nations mandate that has been extended on a yearly basis since the 2003 invasion, but Iraqi officials have said they will not renew it after 2008.

In the raids targeting a possible al-Qaida in Iraq hideout northeast of Baghdad, the military said it had no information about whether the

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Law school arbitration team wins national championship

By MATT MCGOWAN
STAFF WRITER

One Texas Tech team won a national championship not because its members can run faster, jump higher or hit harder, but because they could present a better argument.

The arbitration team representing Tech's School of Law took first place Jan. 26 at a national arbitration competition near Tampa, Fla., which marks the school's fourth national championship title under the direction of Murray Hensley, the team's head coach and adjunct professor at the law school.

Heading into the final round of the competition and having defeated 14 other contending schools, Tech's four-student team faced a familiar opponent for the final match: Stetson University Law School, the home team and the competition's reigning champions after having defeated Tech in last year's finals.

Going into this year's finals, however, the team had a special feather in its cap, Hensley said: It held the position of the No. 1 seed.

For each arbitration match, three

judges each cast one vote for the team they believe deserves the win, he said. Acquiring six votes in the competition's two preliminary matches is quite a feat, especially considering the subjective nature of the judging. Going into the finals with such a record gave the team a boost of confidence.

"As the No. 1 seeded team, you feel like you've really hit the nail on the head when you're coaching the teams," Hensley said. "When all the preliminary judges like them, we must be doing something right."

Tech's arbitration team, called the National Arbitration Team, won November's regional competition in Houston, which qualified it for the National Championship at Stetson University.

This year's victory comes after approximately 40 hours of team preparation leading up to the competition, said Sherylynn Kime-Goodwin, a local assistant federal public defender who helped Hensley with this year's coaching. Additionally, team members spend countless hours preparing for the competition individually.

The key to this year's success, she said, was the team members' abilities to think on their feet and adapt to

the unpredictable nature of legal arbitration.

"The key to having a good team is that it's not just rote memorization," Kime-Goodwin said. "They have to develop advocacy skills sufficient to be able to react to at a competition. This team, as far as their advocacy skills, they were able to get their skills down to a level where they were on a level above everybody else."

With the help of Hensley and Kime-Goodwin, the team obtained every advantage and insight necessary to win the competition, said Jesse Blakley, a law student from Missouri City and member of the team. He believes the coaching was superb in that the coaches offered good insights into the best strategies.

Effective oratory and technological presentation of information gave the team its biggest edge, he said. Also, the team's cohesion greatly added to its success.

"I think that it is really that, as long as you have a group of four people who really buy into it and work hard together," Blakley said, "then the sky is the limit."

This year's championship reflects

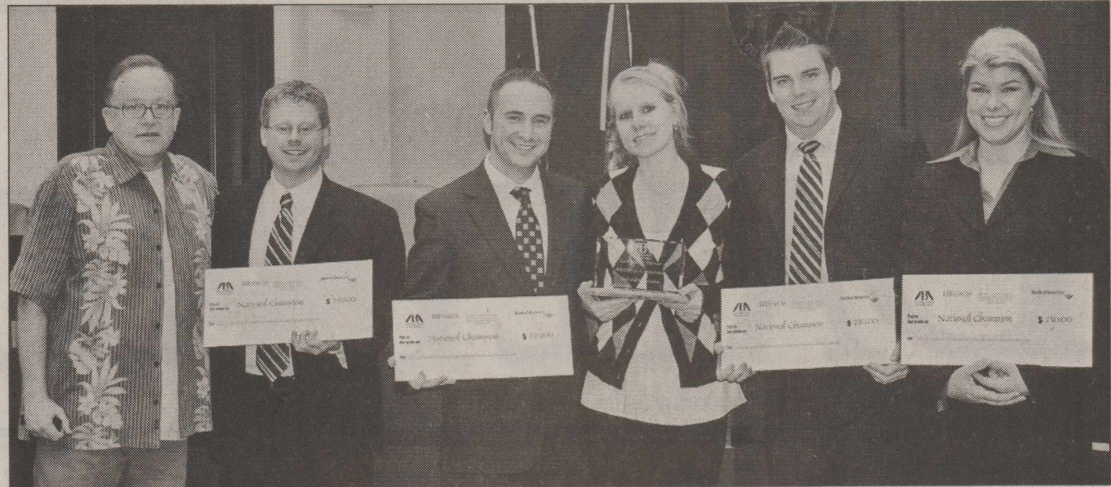


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FROM LEFT: MURRAY Hensley, Jesse Blakley, Michael Davis, Sherylynn Kime-Goodwin, Joseph Putnam and Tiffany McDuff present their awards after winning the National Arbitration Championship Jan. 26 in Florida.

well on the law school as a whole, said Hensley, because these competitions really help to get the school's name out there. With 200 law schools across the country vying for a spot at the nationals, a championship bodes well for the law program.

"Think about that," he said. "That's a huge accomplishment: To win the national championship when you have that kind of competition

— you're talking about very fine law schools with great professors and very intelligent students all across the country. It's a nice thing to say that our students came out on top."

For the individual team members, a national title indicates a preparedness for the legal profession after graduation, said Walter Huffman, dean of the law school. Competitions such as these are excellent gauges of

how well students are prepared for their coming careers.

"We feel that that's why law schools should exist," he said. "When we have one of our teams demonstrate that what we are trying to accomplish at this law school is, in fact, being accomplished, it makes us all feel good about what we're doing here. It's sort of a validation, I guess."

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Presidential candidate Alan Keyes speaks in Lubbock

By MATT MCGOWAN
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Weaving a patchwork rhetoric of conservative politics and biblical allegories, Republican presidential candidate Alan Keyes urged Lubbock residents Monday evening to consider their religious morals the next time they exercise their rights to vote.

During his speech at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church in south Lubbock, Keyes addressed his political and moral beliefs concerning, among other things, taxation, immigration, abortion, health care and governmental spending to an audience of parishioners and local residents.

Democracy, he said, is best conducted by those who are willing to acknowledge that the inherent power of God rests at the heart of a democratic society. The democratic process works because God grants voters their voice.

Democratic voice, Keyes said, exists "on the authority of the almighty God." The line between politics and religion has divided the two for too long, and the United States suffers because of voters' reluctance to apply their morals to their political beliefs.

The key to immigration reform, he said, lies in the biblical teachings that boundaries help define the

people within them and gives them a sense of place, which is a notion lost in contemporary North America. Without secure borders and the boundaries they produce, safeguarding American people from terrorism cannot be accomplished.

"(If you) don't respect the boundaries, (you) don't respect the very prerequisite of our existence," he said. "It appears to a lot of people that our elites decided we don't need boundaries."

Illegal immigrants, furthermore, bring with them communicable diseases and moral turpitude, Keyes said, which is a result of voters' inability to express their need for definitive boundaries. Upon arriving in the United States, illegal immigrants do not seek economic opportunities alone. Regarding immigration, Americans are "losing control."

Rampant abortion, he said, attests to the morally inept state of the country. The constitutional rights of children in the womb are neglected each time they are aborted. Unborn children are not "stones in the road" that can be "kicked aside and pulverized."

Supreme Court justices who granted the legality of abortion in Roe v. Wade overstepped their bounds as judges, Keyes said, because they established an unconstitutional precedent.

Later in his speech, Keyes called Barack Obama a "champion of baby killing." Criminalizing abortion not only will protect mothers and babies, but also the moral state of the United States.

Income tax also is a violation of personal liberties, he said, because it takes money from workers without their say. If elected president, Keyes said he would abolish the Federal Income Tax, which would restore the people's right to their own earnings. The U.S. income tax system is "incompatible" with the notion of liberty.

"The government doesn't have any money that doesn't belong to us in the first place," he said.

The loss in revenue would not be too detrimental, he said, because welfare programs also exemplify the government's overstepping of its bounds by deciding how much money is donated to what cause.

Unnecessary government welfare programs even restrict Christians from donating on their own accord by taking that extra income from them before they have the opportunity to give it to others, Keyes said.

"When the money is coerced out of your pocket," he said, "we are deprived of the opportunity to do this charity."

Acknowledging the unlikelihood of his election, Keyes said he is calling upon the people of Texas to stand up for their morals, vote for him and allow God the chance to perform a "miracle."

Through his grassroots campaigning, he said he is giving voters another option that will not leave them bereft of morality because they voted for the lesser of two evils.

Tim Garbett, a graduate student from Plano who attended the speech, said he has been following Keyes' political career through his candidacy in the last two presidential elections. Though he said Keyes probably will not win, the United States would be a better place with him in office.

"To me, the primary issue are the Supreme Court justices and the pro-life issues," he said. "I think he



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PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE AND former U.S. Ambassador Alan Keyes speaks to parishioners at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Lubbock Monday evening. Keyes, who visited the church as part of his effort of grassroots campaigning in the 2008 presidential election, urged the church's parishioners to take religious values into account when voting.

would greatly contribute to the pro-life efforts. There is good reason to believe that."

Lawrence D'Souza, a parishioner at Holy Spirit and an acquaintance of Keyes who helped organize Monday's

"revival rally," agreed with Garbett in that Keyes would make this country a better place if he were to be elected.

Concluding his speech, Keyes asked audience members to use their prayers, work and lives toward the implementation of a "Godly, conscientious vote."

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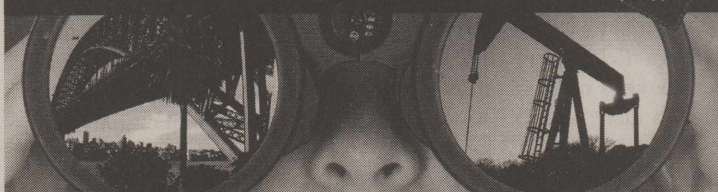
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PIMP MY BIKE

Tech students work with middle school on low-rider engineering project

By LILIANA GONZALEZ
STAFF WRITER

Fifty students from Atkins Middle School kicked-off their journey of assembling and creating their own low-rider/dream bikes, with help from Texas Tech's School of

Art and the university's Texas Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Center on Monday.

Future Akins-Tillett, an assistant professor of art, said this is the fifth year since the art school began working with low-riders, the third year working with schools and the

first year T-STEM is involved.

Becy Hambright, program coordinator for T-STEM Center, said middle school students will modify bikes using engineering models during the program.

She said students will be guided by their teachers and student teachers from the art school in assembling and designing the bicycles.

Akins-Tillett said this year, all participants of the program received their own bike because Tech's T-STEM Center contributed 50 bicycles for the students.

John Chandler, director of Tech's T-STEM Center, said T-STEM is one of seven in the state working with public schools, with T-STEM focusing on a teacher-training curriculum in engineering.

Chandler said because engineering education is decreasing in the United States, the program provides students in kindergarten through 12th grade with a curriculum that will help teachers implement more engineering lessons in the classrooms.

"There is no tradition for engineering in public schools," he said. "There is a shortage for engineers, and we are trying to turn this around, and the best way is to train teachers to engage kids in learning and learning about math and science."

He said more than half the students going into engineering at the university level change majors by their sophomore year, a time when they are working on pre-



PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador

AT THE LOW-RIDER/Dream Bike Kick-Off, Bryan Martin, a senior sculpture major from Austin, jokes around with a seventh grader from Atkins Middle school about creating a bike with high handles. The event was hosted in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion Monday afternoon.

requisites.

"By the year 2010," Chandler said, "more than 90 percent of the engineers will be in Asia."

Todd DeVriese, director of the School of Art at Tech, said the program Monday was designed to get the ball rolling and get all the students and their mentors introduced to each other before beginning the low-rider/dream bike project.

He said the project is a way for the school to fulfill its mission to work with students and help them understand the importance and significance of art in their lives.

"It is important for people to

have moments in time where their imagination can be captured and their dreams can be brought to reality," DeVriese said.

Lyn Brown, art teacher from Atkins Middle School, said the students selected were those who were in her seventh period as well as those in a seventh-grade science class.

Kyle McQuilkin, a doctoral student in fine arts, said his doctoral research is on low-rider bicycles.

He said he put some low-rider bicycles in exhibit in the art school and the attention it received is what initiated the project.

"We are not just about math, science and history, but art and custom cars and low-riders," McQuilkin said, "and that is more relevant to the community."

William Cannings, associate professor of sculpture, said he spent most of his youth in Great Britain riding bikes.

"I always had bikes in the back of my mind," he said. "When I started working at Tech, my idea of bikes and art came together, and that was around the time Kyle (McQuilkin) started to talk about low-riders."

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AT THE LOW-RIDER/Dream Bike Kick-Off Event Monday afternoon in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion, art professor Will Cannings speaks to the sixth and seventh graders in attendance about how much bicycles were part of his childhood. The children attending this event will be paired up with art school graduate students to design and build their dream bikes.

Super Tuesday

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quite different than past elections.

"It's so close," he said. "For all we know, it may come down to Texas."

This year's Super Tuesday illustrates the characteristic impatience of the U.S. primary process, Nokken said.

"It's the first week of February, and we're already talking about who can win the presidential election," he said. "We want to see it done as soon as we can, so states push their primaries forward in order to have more of a role to play."

Hugh Brasher, a member of the College Republicans, said he believes Super Tuesday will have a large role in deciding the final candidates.

"The elections have been so unpredictable," said the senior psychology major from Houston. "For the Democrats, it's kind of the same old thing, but for the Republicans, it's a big deal. I think it depends on who gets California."

Because the outcome of this year's presidential election is less easily determined than previous elections, Levy said he believes this election is the most important in modern history.

"There's so much riding on it," he said. "It's so important to college students today. There are so many issues that affect college students: health care, the economy, the War in Iraq."

Although college-age voters typically are not well-represented at the polls, Nokken said people in this age group could make their mark on the election.

"It can be very important," Nokken said. "The more mobilized a group is, the more likely we are to see attention paid to issues of importance to that group. Younger voters traditionally are the least likely to turn out, while older voters are the most likely. That's why we see a lot of concern about things like Medicare that affect the older voters."

To bring college-age voters into the political spectrum and give them the opportunity to make a difference in the election, a variety of Tech organizations have been working outside the Student Union Building to sign people up as registered voters.

"The people who have never voted before will have big ramifications," Nunez said. "Based on the number of people we've registered, it's going to be huge. Definitely big enough to make a difference and cause change."

Between the College Republicans, the Tech Democrats and other groups including the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, group members estimate several hundred people have registered to vote in the last few days.

"It's so important to get involved,"

States holding primaries on Super Tuesday

Primaries for both parties:

Alabama
Alaska
Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
Georgia
Illinois
Massachusetts
Minnesota
Missouri
New Jersey
New York
North Dakota
Oklahoma
Tennessee
Utah

Democratic primaries:

Idaho
Kansas
New Mexico

Republican primaries:

Montana
West Virginia

said Dezirae Hood, secretary of the Tech Democrats and a sophomore geography major from Dallas. "You have to realize: If everyone voted who thought their vote didn't matter, it would matter."

Nunez said he believes this year's presidential election is paving the way for a more enlightened society.

"The best thing I've seen about it is that there's been more conversation created between Republican and Democratic students here at Tech," Nunez said. "It's really enjoyable to me because, no matter what perspective or ideology you have, that's what democracy's about."

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Suicide attack underscores Israel's fears

DIMONA, Israel (AP) — A Palestinian bomber blew himself up Monday in this desert town near Israel's nuclear reactor, killing an Israeli woman and wounding 11 people in the first suicide attack inside Israel in a year.

Police killed a second attacker after a doctor found a suicide vest while treating him for wounds suffered in the blast.

The attack fueled Israel's fears that Gaza militants would exploit a border breach with Egypt to sneak into Israel. Militants claimed the bombers entered Israel through the porous Egyptian border, about 35 miles from Dimona, and said more militants were inside Israel waiting to strike.

In Gaza, gunmen fired in the air and relatives of the bombers passed out sweets to celebrate the bombing.

An offshoot of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah movement claimed responsibility, threatening to complicate recently revived peace talks.

Abbas condemned the violence from his West Bank stronghold. Israeli officials said peace talks with Abbas would continue, but vowed to push forward with the country's military campaign in Gaza, which is controlled by the Islamic militant Hamas. Hours after the bombing, an Israeli aircraft attacked a car in Gaza, killing a senior militant who was involved in rocket attacks on Israel.

Speaking to parliament, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Israel is facing a "constant war" against Gaza militants. "This war will continue. Terrorism will be hit. We will not relent," he said.

While Palestinian militants have carried out dozens of suicide bombings since 2000, Monday's attack was the first in Dimona,

a working class town of 37,000 in the Negev desert that houses Israel's nuclear reactor. The explosion took place in a shopping center about six miles from the facility.

Israeli officials dismissed suggestions the reactor might have been the target. The facility, where atomic weapons are believed to have been developed, is heavily guarded, enclosed by a 10-foot tall barbed-wire fence and located a mile and a half down a road that is closed to the public. Israel neither admits nor denies it has nuclear arms.

The force of the blast left a surreal scene of strewn flesh and scattered clothing and furry slippers from a bombed-out store. A large bloodstain smeared a wall, rising 20 feet above the ground.

"There was a great explosion and a great ball of fire came toward me," said David Dahan, 58, who was wounded in the blast. Dahan, who uses a walker because of a hip injury, had just finished his morning coffee at a cafe when the bomb went off about 6 feet away.

"I saw him (the bomber) fall. I was hit, but I held on to my walker ... My clothes were covered with his flesh," said Dahan, speaking at a hospital in the nearby city of Beersheba. A bloody bandage covered his eye, and ball bearings were lodged inside his chest and the swollen left side of his face. A leg and arm were also injured.

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targeted leader was among those killed or captured. Eight suspected militants were detained in the raids.

Separately, 14 al-Qaida linked militants were detained in other raids Sunday and Monday in northern Iraq, including four suspects seized during an operation targeting the leader of a suicide bombing cell in the volatile city of Mosul.

Iraqi police said at least five Iraqis died in separate attacks elsewhere, including a Foreign Ministry attaché, Waleed Hattam, when gunmen opened fire on his car in the western Baghdad neighborhood of Mansour.

Two policemen were also killed when a roadside bomb exploded on their patrol in northeast Baghdad's Azamiyah

area. And gunmen opened fire on a bus east of Baqouba, killing two passengers, police said.

An al-Qaida front group said in a statement posted on the Web that it was launching its own campaign in Mosul, and urged volunteers to carry out suicide attacks on U.S. troops, Iraqi Shiites and Kurdish troops.

The Sunni militant group, known as Mosul's regional command of the Islamic State of Iraq, said its campaign would be a "vengeance raid" but gave no details.

Iraqi officials have said a military push to clear al-Qaida-linked insurgents from Mosul is imminent.

Also Monday, criticism mounted among some Sunni lawmakers over a new law that will allow thousands of Saddam Hussein-era officials to return to government jobs. One Sunni bloc's leader predicted the legislation would have a "short life."

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DT COLUMNIST FIRED FOR PLAGIARISM

On Jan. 31, *The Daily Toreador's* editorial board was made aware by a Texas Tech faculty member of an instance of plagiarism.

Columnist Ty McDonald took direct statements, ideas and content from "Plagiarism and intellectual loot," a post on Christiana Briggs' Weblog located at <http://last-straw.net> for two of his articles: "A new way to think about thoughts" and "Plagiarism is not a sin."

As a student-run publication, it is the responsibility of *The DT* to inform its readers of instances that compromise the integrity of the newspaper and the academic institution it serves.

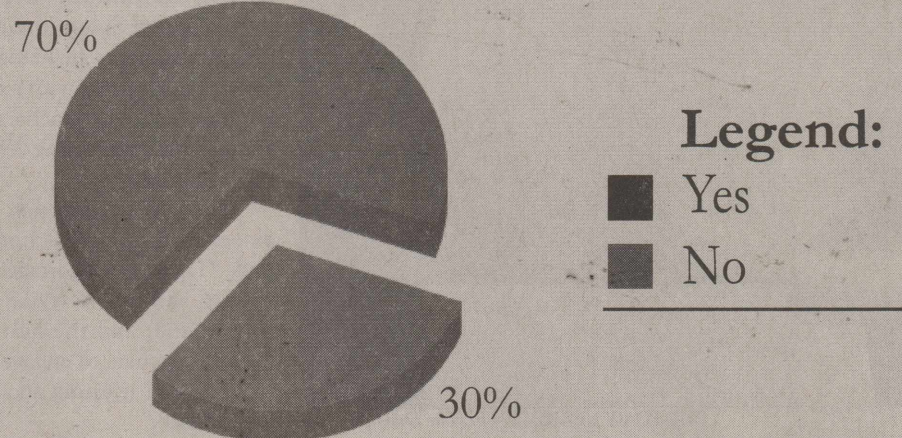
Plagiarism is a serious offense in any forum and is also a very serious problem within our society. Such occurrences take place in professional publications and are just as prevalent in the educational system — but in no way, shape or form should they ever be tolerated.

Because of his actions, McDonald has been removed from his position with *The DT*. The policy of the editorial board for a plagiarism offense is immediate termination, a printed statement informing readers of the incident and a report of the violation being sent to Student Judicial Services.

We would like to formally apologize to our readers for this transgression and also to express our gratitude to the associate professor who brought the incident to our attention.

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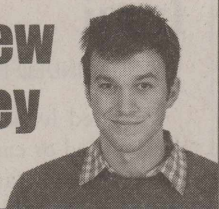
Are you going to watch the Primary Elections on Super Tuesday?



Health care situation leads to questionable outcomes

With all the new technological and medical advances we have had and continue to have, the average lifespan seems to keep increasing. We can save people from illnesses we thought to be incurable at times. Our bodies can now stay healthier longer.

Andrew Cotney



People in our society are now becoming much more health conscious about their diets. Everyone seems to be stuck on health habits of this and that. They make sure to eat their vegetables or exercise so many times a week. It seems great that people are trying to get fit and live better, but I think there may be some serious consequences to these healthy decisions.

relates to more people living longer. People who live longer will have more years to live after they retire. This means people will have longer periods of time to contract diseases or hurt themselves in their elderly period of life. They will have more time to visit their doctor for treatment or medicine. If we have the cure for an illness, people will want to use it.

I am basing my thoughts on some simple assumptions. An increasing average lifespan cor-

Now, the people who live longer may be healthier and not need as much medical attention as the elderly generation of today,

but one can not be sure of that. Cancer was not a worrisome topic many years ago, because people did not live long enough to develop it. There could be a whole new skew of diseases and problems that arise with an increasing age. The fact is, no one knows what kind of diseases and illnesses extended lives will entail.

Let's say the average lifespan increases to the age of 100 years old. This could happen easily with enough advancement in medical technology, though it could only happen with enough advancement. This would not be a cheap venture, and there would be high costs associated with this new technology and research.

The costs would flow through our system and fall upon the patient as always. Payments for

these new treatments may only be affordable by the wealthier people unless we do not deny the right of access to these new treatments. However, doctors already have to deny certain patients from certain treatments because they do not qualify for insurance. There may be even more people who do not qualify for health insurance than with our current situation.

The population will increase from both sides of the spectrum. We will have too many babies and too many old people. With the ever-increasing population, diseases will be more abundant than ever. Health care costs will skyrocket — though I haven't even reached the main problem.

It is a combination of all things promoting longer lives. The problem will be when the

government has to impose an age limit on living. Okay, so maybe

"The fact is, no one knows what kind of diseases and illnesses extended lives will entail."

you're saying the government never will impose an age limit and start "vaporizing" the older population (as George Orwell would say).

But, I think the government

already allows it to happen with our health care system. If you can not afford treatment, surgery or prescriptions, many people have no choice but to die. Health care is not seen as a mandatory service like other governmental institutions.

Well, maybe the average lifespan will not rise after all. There may not be enough people to afford the medical attention to live longer. Even if the average lifespan does continue to increase, something will happen to bring it down. There will be epidemics, and our technology may be rendered as useless. It has happened before, and I do not doubt that it will happen again.

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Is it possible that Barak Obama is the Antichrist?

By **CHRIS JONES**
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(U-WIRE) AUSTIN — Nobody's quite sure, but it seems possible that Barack Obama may be the Antichrist.

At least, that's what's been thought in various dark corners of the Internet for nearly two years, ever since Obama started rising in prominence as a Democratic presidential contender. Of course, considering what's expressed on the Internet, that's not particularly remarkable. But the closer Obama gets to the Democratic nomination, the louder the speculation seems to get, showing up in more and more places: comments on CNN Blogs, Yahoo! Answers and YouTube.

Historically, Antichrist theorizing involved a patchwork of various disparate Bible verses that Christian "scholars" such as John Nelson Darby, Hal Lindsey and, most recently, Tim LaHaye (co-author of the "Left

Behind" series), sew into a Christian narrative.

The practice has been continually debunked as logically bogus and intellectually suspect. But that does not stop the significant number of people who take theorizing about the Antichrist extremely seriously. Tens of millions of copies of the "Left Behind" series have been sold. If even a tiny fraction of those people — one in 100 — actually believe the books, then possibly hundreds of thousands of people look out for the Antichrist daily.

But why would anyone believe Obama is the Antichrist? Seen through the mix-and-match lens of "Left Behind"-style prophecy, the Antichrist is supposed to be a charismatic figure who rises to great political prominence, appeals to many and promises peace and prosperity. Such a description is vague enough to cover dozens, if not hundreds of leaders, from JFK to George W. Bush. But given the decades-long marriage

between Christian evangelicals and political conservatives, it's not surprising that one of the Democrats' most important candidates in decades should be tarred with outrageous accusations.

Of course, such accusations don't end there. Anonymous e-mail campaigns have dogged Obama throughout the race, suggesting that he's a Muslim with intent to eventually impose Sharia religious law on the entire country once elected. And while such accusations can be quickly disproved with a modicum of research, they're still likely to haunt Obama — swift-boat-style — through the rest of his campaign.

Even in the face of these ridiculous smears, there are two silver linings that Obama supporters can take solace in. First, it's worth pointing out that the more unhinged the attacks on Obama become, the more foolish they make the attackers and their associates look. As bad as the

accusation that Hillary Clinton killed Vince Foster made fringe Republicans look, an insistence that a Democratic candidate is literally the Antichrist is much worse.

Second, it's a good, noteworthy thing that these accusations have largely eclipsed any attacks on Obama because of his race. Fifty years ago it was unimaginable that a black man could have a real shot at being elected president of the United States; today the bigger issue is whether said black man might actually be the devil in disguise. Social and political dysfunction may go on forever, but at least we as a society are collectively transcending the old insanity and letting those on the fringes develop brand new types of craziness.



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Mud Room Pottery comes to Tech just in time for Valentine's Day

By ANN LUU
STAFF WRITER

Forget the macaroni necklaces and glitter-covered cards.

The Texas Tech Activities Board invited The Mud Room to campus to host an arts-and-crafts session Monday in the Student Union Ballroom.

Students were able to decorate and paint a 4-inch by 4-inch tile for a Valentine's gift or simply a souvenir.

Noelle Dragisic, a junior marketing major from Midland and the daytime program coordinator for TAB, said there were 300 pieces available for students to paint.

"We asked the students to be courteous and think of the other students when making the pieces," she said.

Two long tables were set up in the ballroom, and students filled the chairs, asking their friends what they should draw and carefully sketching their desired pictures.

Dragisic said the students let their imaginations go while using the 12 colors of paint.

Patrick Yu, a sophomore biochemistry major from Plano, said he enjoyed himself and had fun.

"It's pretty cool," he said. "It's something I can keep as souvenir or it could be for anyone since it's around Valentine's Day."

Yu had his Chinese dictionary next to him as he intently concentrated on drawing on his tile.

"I chose to draw the Chinese character for 'love,'" he said, smiling. "Valentine's is coming up, so someone call me!"

The finished tiles lined the walls of the ballroom, each with a unique and personal design.

Tech alumna Jackie Jennings, owner of The Mud Room, said once the event is over, the tiles will be taken back to the store, glazed and

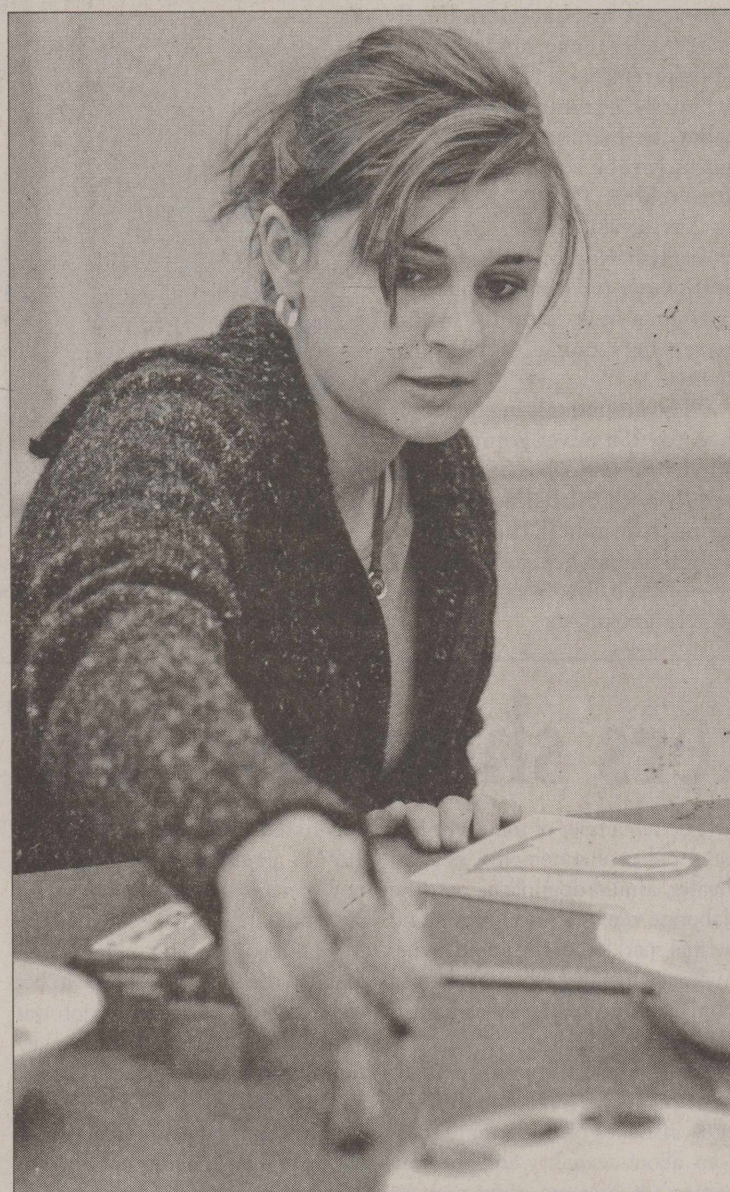


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JUNIOR AGRICULTURE COMMUNICATIONS major Kasie Pigg from Pueblo, Colo. enjoys painting ceramic tiles for Valentine's Day provided by TAB in the Student Union Ballroom Monday afternoon.

be placed in three kilns.

"We will then fire it up for 24 hours," she said. "It can get as hot as 1,800 degrees."

Jennings said this was the business's first interaction with TAB.

"It went great," she said, looking

at the tables full of students. "It was a good turnout."

Students who painted a tile may pick up their tiles after Monday at The Mud Room, located at 82nd Street and Quaker Avenue.

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'The Eye' better than average modern horror film

By BEN BURR
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(U-WIRE) DEKALB, Ill. — Alba plays Sydney Wells, a concert violinist who has been blind since childhood. She appreciates the beauty of the world with her remaining senses but still feels alienated by her handicap. At her sister's (Posey) urging, she reluctantly undergoes a cornea transplant and unwittingly receives a paranormal pair of peepers. Wells struggles as she witnesses a world of troubled specters and, with the help of her doctor (Nivola), seeks resolution with her donor's haunted past.

The Good: Absent is the gratuity and "torture-porn" that has become a staple of the horror-genre recently. Nor does "The Eye" rely heavily on computer-effects to hawk its horror. Rather, the thrills are founded in fast-cut hallucination sequences and ghostly performances. The story unfolds steadily and reliably, though not predictably. Nivola's Dr. Faulkner is edgy, somewhat unsympathetic and a refreshing departure from the predictable supporting player in a horror flick.

The Bad: Alba's nothing to write home about. Her character is suddenly introduced to sight after many years without it ("I probably wouldn't even recognize myself in a mirror," she said), and one would expect her to be more visibly shocked by the events she sees. Instead, she keeps a dull, resolute expression through most of the frights.

Posey is miscast as Alba's sister,

wasting her time in a less-than-vital role. The story is a knock-off of a Hong Kong horror film "Gin gwai," which wouldn't be that bad if it weren't just the most recent in a trend of Asian plot-roberies. The unoriginality issues hit closer to home when the audience watches Alba struggle to keep from uttering, "I see dead people."



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Super Bowl Sunday with Skoob and the Gang

By CHELSEA ROE
STAFF WRITER

It was Sunday night, the beer was flowing, the Giants had just won the Super Bowl and the parking lot at Jazz was nearly full. It wasn't the game that encouraged the sea of familiar faces to venture out; Dr. Skoob and the Gringo Sol of Lubbock were back in town, and this time, they brought friends.

Members of the Lubbock native band "Cellus and the Loose Crip" — Josh Brandenburg from Garland and Mike Burnall from Plains — also recently made the move to Austin when their music became more widely recognized. They made no qualms about driving in to visit this Doctor for an extra-large dose of soul medicine. After Skoob's 2007 release of the album "Dr. Skoob's Gringo Sol," not many have passed up on the opportunity.

"It cures cancer. It cures gingivitis. Our joints have never been this good. That's how good our album is. It's like Aspercreme for the soul," claims band member Doug Haines of Lubbock.

At 10:30 p.m., the band welcomed each other home with a sweet slow song. Shadd Daugherty from Lubbock took us back to days of sitting on the back porch swing with grandpa and his guitar.

"Shadd Daugherty is self indulgent, but he's glad to be home," Haines jokes. Minutes later the blues began to unravel as the band offered us "Vegan Interior," an ode to those who "conform by not conforming." Immediately

Daugherty blew us out of the water with his electric touch.

"I feel good tonight," Daugherty said.

Daugherty wasn't the only one feeling good. The ladies of Jazz were swooning as Haines serenaded them with the lyrics, "Maybe baby, I'll have you someday" from the classic song "Maybe Baby."

"I haven't played that song in 10 years," Haines exclaimed.

The evening could not pass without mention of the big game. Haines was impressed by the half time show and the decision to employ Tom Petty.

"People that like football like to rock," he said.

"Next year they should have the Black Crowes play, but Shadd says they aren't popular enough."

It was the moments like those, when Haines would spontaneously break to offer the crowd humorous anecdotes, the audience enjoyed the most. Fans found themselves roaring with laughter when Haines, clearly impressed by Daugherty's face-melting riffs chided him for showing off.

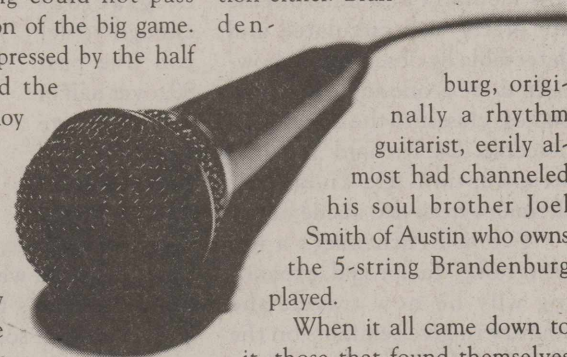
"Don't clap for Shadd, he'll get a big head," Haines joked, but this was not the favorite comment of the evening. During a Kinky Friedman original, Haines offered an explanation of what the Doctor had to deliver. "You know what ACDC does? They do cocaine off strippers' butts. You know what we do? We bring the funk!"

They brought the funk.

Though the fire burned underneath his fingers, Daugherty was only one-fourth of what made the chemistry so explosive.

"Shadd's okay but ol' Mike B is freaking killing it," exclaimed Andy Eppler of Lubbock. Burnall, a drummer quite obviously influenced by the blues, flawlessly found every pocket available that night.

The driving sounds of the bass guitar should not pass without mention either. Brand-



den- burg, originally a rhythm guitarist, eerily almost had channeled his soul brother Joel Smith of Austin who owns the 5-string Brandenburg played.

When it all came down to it, those that found themselves at Jazz on Super Bowl Sunday were lucky witnesses to a moment each person surely will keep with them for months to come. It was a moment when handfuls of Lubbock's most prized talents joined together to entertain us all, and entertain us they did.

The lyric "I once heard a story, but the facts just never felt right," from the song "Two Trains" could not ring more true here. Stories of Dr. Skoob and the gang have been told, but the fact of the matter is you have to see it yourself to believe it.

Get a second helping of Dr. Skoob and the Gringo Sol of Lubbock at 10 p.m. Wednesday at Lonestar Oyster Bar. I'll definitely take another dose.

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'Over Her Dead Body' lifeless

By JULIE ENGLER
DAILY EGYPTIAN (SOUTHERN ILLINOIS U.)

(U-WIRE) CARBON DALE, Ill. — "Over Her Dead Body" should go back to the graveyard of terrible movies from which it came.

The movie's humor never quite draws out a laugh, the characters aren't lovable at all and the plot is so low-grade it will have audiences wishing to be buried before the end.

Eva Longoria Parker, known for her "Desperate Housewives" role, plays Kate, the most superficial... eh, jerk,

who is about to be married to veterinarian Henry (Paul Rudd). But in her mask of complaining about everything on their wedding day, she throws a fit because her ice sculpture doesn't have wings, so she tells the maker to take it back.

And then it falls on her and

she dies. Everything is great until, sadly, she comes back.

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Forget-me-nots: Alzheimer's from the inside out

By **JORDAN EICHER**
STAFF WRITER

Even the strongest mind has no immunities to its dangers.

Clinical signs of Alzheimer's disease include progressive cognitive deterioration, together with a declining ability to perform activities of daily living and neuropsychiatric symptoms or behavioral changes. Alzheimer's has no known cure. The ultimate cause of Alzheimer's is unknown.

These common details of this mentally disabling disease are pretty well circulated and detectable by observation, however, there is one angle not even doctors closest to the disease can perceive. Dr. Richard Taylor is an exception. He knows Alzheimer's from the inside out.

"I've had Alzheimer's a few years now," Taylor said, explaining why he now travels the country to give seminars on the disease. "If we don't speak up

about having Alzheimer's, who will know what it's like to have it other than the people who do? No one."

At his most recent seminar Thursday night in the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, Taylor gave the statistics of those who will be affected by disease.

"If God is gracious enough to let you live past 80, over half of you will have some form of Alzheimer's," he said, bringing a new quiet to the audience. "And of those who don't have the Alzheimer's form, about a quarter will get some other form of dementia."

Those who have heard Taylor before said he really does have an impact of substantial worth on his audiences.

"Dr. Taylor was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease about eight years ago," said Jessica Hallmark, outreach coordinator with the Alzheimer's Association. "We all get a perspective from a caregiver, but we don't often get that perspective as personal experience. I think this program really offers people a chance to learn about the disease and realize that Alzheimer's doesn't take away

who they are."

Members of Taylor's audience said his words really hit home.

"It's stressful because you don't know what decision to make," said Cathy Flory, whose mother was diagnosed with dementia four years ago. "How he answered my questions really made sense to me, about why we should reminisce about the past when she's trying to remember what she had for breakfast, so I guess it took someone who has it to tell me."

Taylor said he hopes to accomplish not only a state of self-worth for himself, but also a chance at it for those whose caregivers come to hear his words.

"I go around talking to people because I'm never going to be a shell," he said. "No one in your family with Alzheimer's is ever going to be a shell, they're going to be a human being every single day of their life."

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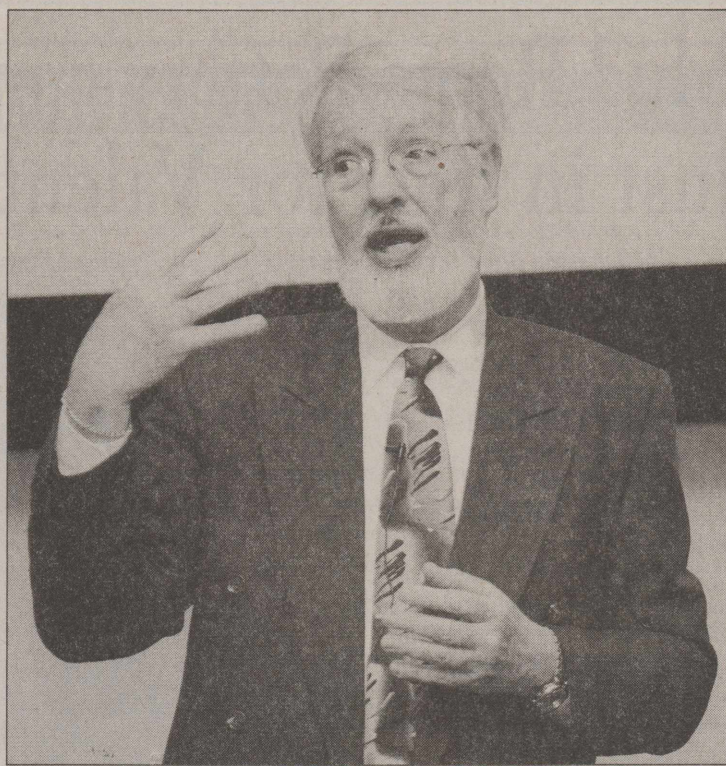


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RICHARD TAYLOR, A retired psychologist and professor at Rice University, talks about his personal experiences with Alzheimer's Thursday in the Health Sciences Center.

"If God is gracious enough to let you live past 80, over half of you will have some form of Alzheimer's."

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Joiner to perform

At 8:30 p.m. today in Hemmle Recital Hall, Texas Tech will welcome the talents of Lauren Joiner who will present a solo concert of Irish traditional music on timber flute, tin whistle and voice.

Joiner is the inaugural recipient of the Vernacular Music Center's Scholarship in Traditional Music and currently studies Irish traditional music with Chris Smith, an associate professor, chair of musicology and director of the Vernacular Music Center and Tech's Celtic Ensemble.

Joiner also has studied with traditional flautists Kevin Henry, Joanie Madden, Skip Healy and

John Skelton.

Joiner presently is pursuing a master's degree in ethnomusicology and is an active member of Tech's Celtic Ensemble as a flautist, whistle player and vocalist.

She has presented workshops on Irish Traditional flute playing at the Midsouth Flute Festival, the Texas Tech Flute Festival and the National Flute Association's National Convention.

For more information on tonight's performance, contact Smith at 806-742-2270 ext. 249 or at christopher.smith@ttu.edu. ja.eicher@ttu.edu

Sex workers showcase 'art' at Duke

By **CHRISY DINICOLA**
THE CHRONICLE (DUKE)

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — Some Duke University students may be familiar with watching sex workers bare all — but probably not through poetry.

The Sex Workers' Art Show — a cabaret-style collection of performances by current and former prostitutes, adult-film stars and exotic dancers — riveted a crowd of students and community members in the Bryan Center's Reynolds Theater Sunday night.

Hot pink-haired host and show founder Annie Oakley kicked off the show by leading the audience in a chant of "naked ladies."

The remainder of the event featured political statements, musical theater, a mild dominatrix act, the elaborate removal of clothing and an anal sparkler for the grand finale. Audience member reactions ranged from rowdy cheers to awkward silences.

Junior Martha Brucato spent 11 months raising funds for the free show in hopes of initiating discussions about sexuality and the way women's bodies are often seen as commodities — issues she said are rarely brought up on campus.

"When people are exposed to something so different from what they are used to, it will get them talk about these things," Brucato said.

The Sex Workers' Art Show

originated in Olympia, Wash., in 1997 as an annual local event. It is now on its sixth tour, planning to hit 36 venues in 42 days.

Oakley, a former sex worker, founded the show in response to her reactions that her previous job was antifeminist and degrading — assumptions she described as sexist and classist.

Although the performances usually feature more nudity and explicit content, the show was toned down so that a tape could be sent to the College of William of Mary, a future venue, as proof that it does not include obscenity, Brucato said. The anticipation of the show has aroused controversy, according to media reports.

Brucato added that she was disappointed that she did not see the show in its typical form but said she hopes it will become an annual event at Duke.

Audience member Susan Davis, a junior, said she was impressed by the display of talent. "I liked how it was funny but also introspective," she said.

Abbie Turiansky, a graduate student in public policy, also had a positive reaction to the show, noting that it brought something out of the ordinary to the University.

"Things like this were more common when I was an undergraduate, but it's something Duke students aren't exposed to as much," she said.

'L-word' creator discusses lesbians in media at packed NYU talk

By **CORINA MARITESCU**
WASHINGTON SQUARE NEWS (NYU)

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK — In 2001, after her film "Dirty Pictures" won a Golden Globe, a little birdie told her to try again. The pilot for "The L Word" premiered Jan. 18, 2004.

Four seasons later, more than 180 New York University students packed the Cantor Film Center for an advanced screening of the fifth season premier and a Q-and-A session with Chaiken herself. The event was hosted by the office of LGBT student services and CampGrrl, a student club for lesbian, bisexual and

transgender women. Cantor opened the doors at 5:45 p.m. and by 5:55, people were being turned away amid yells of "but we're die hard fans" and "we'll stand in the back, we don't care!" Such is the dedication this drama inspires.

"I'm going to say the L-word," Tom Bourdon, the program administrator for the LGBT office, announced. "Lesbians," he continued. "Is everyone excited to see some hot girl-on-girl action?" The response was deafening.

"The L Word," which portrays the lives of a group of lesbian and bisexual women, is often credited with challenging traditional lesbian stereotypes. Some contend that Chaiken, who also

co-produces the show, has become an icon for lesbian teens everywhere. During the Q-and-A, one member of the audience asked Chaiken for the advice she would give a girl going through her first lesbian breakup. The answer: "Get out there and have a good time."

Steinhardt junior Simone (who declined to give her last name) believes that Chaiken and "The L Word" are helping portray the lesbian community more accurately than other media outlets.

"Lesbians don't get a lot of exposure," she said. "People usually just think 'Oh, they're just curious, experimenting with their sexuality.' But there are the die-hard lesbians, like myself, and she is representing them."

The idea of representation was a recurring theme in the audience's questions. They asked why all the lesbians in the show are unrealistically attractive and why the characters come from such an affluent community. Chaiken's response was

honest. She said there are elements of the show that cannot be realistic and urged fans to remember that "The L Word" has to go by the rules of television like any other show.

"Take 'Grey's Anatomy,' for example. How many doctors are really that good looking?" Chaiken asked. "The idea is that TV has got to be aspirational [to keep people watching]. The characters have to be a bit more glamorous than the people you know." She said that her obligations as a writer are to make a good show, write good drama, entertain and keep people watching.

CAS junior Emily Rinaldi agreed. "There was some controversy here. It is TV; it needs to be hot for me to watch it," Rinaldi said.

Other students who attended the event, like CAS sophomore Sophie (who also declined to give her last name), said that while the show is an enjoyable first step and she's curious about the new season, people expect too much.

'Lost' returns for a fourth season

By **EMMA DESSAU**
CAMPUS PRESS (U. COLORADO)

(U-WIRE) BOULDER, Colo. — After a nine-month hiatus, the hit ABC show "Lost" returned with the premiere of its 4th season on Jan. 31.

"Lost" is infamous for its addictive quality that keeps millions of viewers excited about seeing if the survivors of Oceanic flight 815 will ever be rescued. Each episode brings up more questions about the mysterious island that keeps its viewers watching and guessing. This leads to viewer frustration over the lack of answers the show provides.

For those who do not watch "Lost" and have managed to escape the bombardment of promotions and commercials that ABC launched over the past two months, here is a recap on how season three ended: The survivors are under the impression that they are going to be rescued, but there is evidence that the people triumphantly coming to the island claiming to be rescuers are not the people who were originally sent out to look for survivors.

Like every episode, season three's finale left fans, many of which are CU students, guessing and speculating about what would happen next.

Then, finally, the new season arrived.

The new episode opened right where the last one left off. A call has been made to the people who claim they are there to rescue the survivors, and they say they are on their way.

While some new cliffhangers are brought up in the first episode, the storyline remains somewhat linear. The addition of "flash-forwards" opposes the past three years of flashbacks, which adds an interesting twist. Now viewers know where the characters eventually end up, and the show serves as the journey toward that point.

The writers are commendable for not falling into some of the most typical long-awaited premier pitfalls. All the characters are accounted for immediately, so the viewers don't have to wonder what happened to everyone for the first three weeks of the season.

However, like all episodes, the premiere leaves burning questions that fans will not learn the answers to anytime soon. "Lost" has stuck to its cruel ways of making fans think they might see the light at the end of the tunnel, then as always, revealing the light to be nothing but an illusion.

For people interested in learning more about "Lost" or for fans who want a recap, all three seasons are available on DVD as well as for download on iTunes. Some episodes are even available for free online at ABC's Web site.

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with name recognition for the university."

Bob Knight is ending his coaching career after 45 years.

He earned a couple of milestone wins as the coach of the Red Raiders.

Bob Knight obtained his 880th win against New Mexico Jan. 1, 2007, making him the all-time winningest coach in Division I men's basketball.

He became the only men's coach with 900 wins by defeating Texas A&M Jan. 16. Tech's 68-53 win came when the Aggies were ranked No. 9 in the nation.

Pat Knight said some players were fully aware Bob Knight might not be coaching for much longer.

"I sat down with Burgess and Zeno since they're our two captains," he said. "We talked with them after we talked to the team. They really felt bad themselves. They kind of felt they let coach down. If they would've won a few more games or weren't so hard to deal with sometimes. (The kids were good. They kind of saw it coming.)"

Bob Knight is leaving the Red Raiders before their game against Baylor Wednesday. On the season, the Red Raiders are 12-8 and 3-3 in Big 12 Conference play.

With Pat Knight becoming the head coach, he said not much will change. This is mainly because the Red Raiders are in the middle of the season and preparing for a road trip against Baylor and Nebraska.

Pat Knight said making a change would hinder the team in a time where the Red Raiders do not need it.

"Nothing's really going to change," he said. "You can't make a lot of drastic changes right now in the middle of

the season. We just can't add a press or something like that. We have to go with what we have."

Bob Knight has the full support of Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers, who said he understands the reasons for Bob Knight retiring and agrees fully on the idea of Pat Knight taking over the team.

Myers said although he is in agreement with Bob Knight retiring, he was expecting him to retire closer to the end of the season.

"He came in and explained why he was ready to retire now," he said. "I accept that. At the same time, he felt that it was a good opportunity for him to step aside and let Pat take over the head coaching position for this team for the rest of the year. (He felt) that it would be a great experience for Pat to work with the team and make the decisions that have to be made by a head coach, evaluate the team as well as have the rest of this season to watch the junior college and the high school games and evaluate the talent that he might want to recruit himself."

Myers said this was not a move signaling that the Red Raiders are throwing in the towel.

"It's not that anybody is giving up on this year," Myers said. "We're not giving up. We're going to go out and compete and try to win every night."

Bob Knight made the Red Raiders a winning program in his first season at Tech. The Red Raiders went from a nine-win team in 2000-01 to a 23-win team in 2001-02.

He took the Red Raiders to the NCAA Tournament four times in his six complete seasons, including one Sweet 16 appearance. During those six complete seasons, Bob Knight also took Tech to the consolation game in the 2003 NIT Tournament.

Bob Knight won three national championships at Indiana, includ-



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

FORMER TEXAS TECH men's basketball coach Bob Knight turned in his resignation Monday morning, officially making Pat Knight Tech's new head coach.

ing a 32-0 campaign in the 1975-76 season, the last undefeated season in Division I.

Pat Knight is taking over a position that he said has been a goal of his since childhood.

Pat Knight grew up being familiar with other well-known coaches and pupils of Bob Knight like Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski.

"It's kind of surreal right now," he said. "I don't think I'll see it for a couple of days because it came up all of a sudden. It's always been a dream of mine, even as a kid. That's all I (have) been around is coaches. I wake up in the morning, (and) guys like Mike Krzyzewski and those guys would be having breakfast at the breakfast table. It's always something I wanted to do. Now I have the chance, thanks to Gerald Myers and Chancellor Hance."

Pat Knight said he views being

placed at the head coaching position at this time of the season as an advantage rather than a disadvantage.

This way, he said, the players can spend the rest of the season getting used to their new coach.

"Instead of getting a standing start, I'm getting a running start into it," Pat Knight said. "I got a good couple of months to get a feel for these guys. This is my team: That's what he told me. He's done. It's my team, but I'm not stupid. When your father's a Hall of Fame coach, you want him around."

The following people were not available for comment as of press time: Tech players Martin Zeno, Alan Voskuil, Damir Suljagic, Mike Singletary, D'Walyn Roberts, Charlie Burgess, as well as assistant basketball coach Steve Robinson and Tech President Jon Whitmore.

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Giants-Patriots game makes Super Bowl the second most-watched TV show ever

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Giants' thrilling win over New England was the most-watched Super Bowl ever with 97.5 million viewers, a total that is second only to the "M-A-S-H" finale audience, Nielsen Media Research said Monday.

The game eclipsed the previous Super Bowl record of 94.08 million, set when Dallas defeated Pittsburgh in 1996. The final "M-A-S-H" episode, which drew 106 million viewers in 1983, is the only other

Sunday's game had almost all the ingredients Fox could have hoped for: a tight contest with an exciting finish involving a team that was attempting to make history as the NFL's first unbeaten team since 1972.

But the Giants ended New England's bid for perfection, 17-14. Throughout the game, the teams were never separated by more than a touchdown.

Giants quarterback Eli Manning, who was to appear on David Letterman's "Late Show" on Monday, also won bragging rights over his brother: Last year's win by Peyton Manning's Indianapolis Colts was seen by 93.2 million people, now the third most popular Super Bowl.

Fox, a division of News Corp.,

charged \$2.7 million for 30 seconds of advertising time on the game.

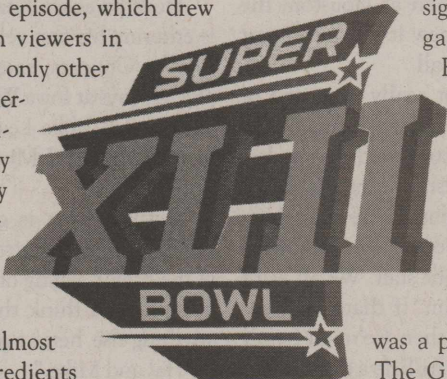
An eye-popping 81 percent of all TV sets on in the Boston area Sunday were tuned in to the game. In New York, the audience share was 67 percent.

The audience peaked between 9:30 and 10 p.m. ET — the fourth quarter — with 105.7 million people watching, Nielsen said.

There were signs even before gametime that Fox could be headed for a record. The opportunity for a team to make history with football's first 19-0 record was a powerful draw. The Giants and Patriots also had a tight contest in late December that drew strong ratings.

The Giants' underdog run had also captivated the nation's largest media market, making up for the only potential weakness in the event as a drawing card: the lack of geographical diversity in the competing teams.

There were past Super Bowl games with higher ratings, topped by the 1982 game between San Francisco and Cincinnati (49.1 rating, 73 share). That indicates that a larger percentage of homes with televisions were watching the game. But since the American population has increased, along with the number of people with TVs, the actual number of people watching this year was higher.



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Holgorsen departure surprises players, not coaches

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

When Texas Tech offensive coordinator Dana Holgorsen left for the same position at Houston, the Red Raiders knew it was just a part of college football.

"(I am) not really surprised or anything," Tech running backs coach Seth Littrell said. "Dana has to do what's best for him. He's done a great job around here for a long time. Well-respected here. I know we have a very tight staff. We all want the best for him. If that's the best place for him, then we're all happy for him. I think he'll do a tremendous job down there."

According to an article on Holgorsen's hire in the *Houston Chronicle*, Holgorsen's offensive mind and experience attracted the Cougars to make a hire.

Houston coach Ken Sumlin, who is entering his first year at the helm for the Cougars, said Holgorsen's playing days at Iowa Wesleyan under Tech coach Mike Leach and then-head coach Hal Mumme impress him the most.

"I think this is great for us," Sumlin said in the article. "He's one of the bright, young offensive minds in football. I think that more than anything else, here's a guy who played for Hal and Mike."

Holgorsen did more than coach

his players, as he helped some receive scholarships at Tech when others overlooked them. One of those players, Tech receiver Eric Morris, said it is disappointing to see Holgorsen leave considering their relationship, but it is common to see coaches leave in college football today.

"Me and Dana have been close since I've been here," Morris said. "He's the one who kind of gave me the opportunity to play here. (He) kind of went to bat for me with the rest of the coaching staff as far as getting me a scholarship and getting me in here. We've been really close for I guess for years now. I guess it's mixed emotions. I hate to see him leave my senior year. That's just a part of what

coaches do — you move on from time to time."

Morris is coming off a 2007 season where he caught 66 passes for 690 yards and nine touchdowns, all career-highs.

Holgorsen has ties with Leach dating back to 1990.

Leach said with knowing Holgorsen for this long, he felt he would make a move like this sooner or later.

While some of the Tech coaches expected to see Holgorsen leave, some players said it was unexpected news to hear Tech was in search of another offensive coordinator.

Tech receiver Detron Lewis said the news caught him by surprise, but

no blame should be placed on Holgorsen for chasing his goal.

"We all thought it was a little unexpected, so we weren't ready for it," Lewis said. "He wants to be a head coach in the near future so I'm pretty that'll help him. He taught us a lot, and we can better ourselves from what he taught us. It's a loss, but we can better ourselves by him leaving."

Lewis caught eight passes for 101 yards and two touchdowns. Both of his touchdown catches came against Northwestern Louisiana State.

Holgorsen's departure also deals with his pursuit of more control over the offense.

"I knew it would happen some

day, and I knew it would happen eventually," Leach said. "But it's an exciting opportunity for him. He got a raise. He has the opportunity to dictate the game plan himself, but that's exciting for him. He's always liked Houston. He's not from there, but he's the type of guy that would get on the road and recruit for three weeks and then pick up the kids and go vacation in Houston."

Holgorsen was unavailable for comment on his hire as of press time.

Leach said the search for a new offensive coordinator probably will not start until the team's offseason is in full swing.

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Tech softball opens season Friday during West Coast road trip

By ALEX YBARRA
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The Texas Tech softball team could not face a more difficult task to open the 2008 season.

Tech will travel the West Coast beginning Friday and ending March 5 playing against teams such as No. 14 Washington, No. 1 Arizona and No. 2 Arizona State within the first week.

"We'll be tested as much as anyone could be tested that first weekend out," Tech coach Teresa Wilson said. "(We'll) see where we stand and take each weekend one at a time and see if we can get a little better every weekend."

In 2007, the Red Raiders lost eight of their first nine games against ranked opponents in non-conference play.

Wilson said her players needed to spend some time on the road so new changes to Rocky Johnson Field can take shape.

Changes include new dugouts, covered batting cages and converting the outfield chain link fence to an outfield wall, Wilson said.

"All of those things are on the

horizon," she said, "and because of that we do a lot of traveling early on."

Sophomore pitcher Ashly Jacobs, who went 17-15 in 2007 with a 2.84 ERA, said extensive traveling does have its advantages.

"I love it; it's really fun," Jacobs said. "You get to go to all kinds of places and play a whole bunch of different people. It's always nice to come home, but it's also nice to go out and see new places and play new people."

Expectations are higher for Tech than in past seasons.

The Red Raiders were voted No. 7 in the Big 12 Conference preseason ranking, their highest under Wilson and the highest for Tech softball since 2001.

"The preseason rankings are great conversation pieces in Starbucks," Wilson said. "Above that, I'm not sure what good they do a lot of the time. I think if you really want to break it down, I think it probably speaks to the strength of our conference. Everyone ranked ahead of us, I believe, made it to post season last year."

Wilson said this team may present her strongest to date, partly because her players understand the philosophy she has instilled within the program.

The execution of that philosophy was apparent when Tech reeled off three-straight wins in the Big 12 Conference Tournament to become the lowest seed in Big 12 history to reach the championship game.

Although Tech lost to OU, 6-3, senior catcher Robyn Wike said the late-season success left her team wanting more.

"I think that everyone on the team finally got that feeling of winning," she said. "I think that winning is something that you have to learn. We finally got a taste of that, so none of us want to go back to where we were before."

Tech returns a total of 13 players from a season ago, led by seniors Jennifer Corkin and Wike.

Corkin, a Second-Team All-Big 12 performer, batted .348 with a .622 slugging percentage in 2007, and Wike was named to the All-Big 12 Tournament team.

The pitching staff brought back three integral pieces in Ja-



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH Texas pitcher Kristina Fowler, right, wins as Texas Tech infielder Jennifer Bowers, left, makes the last out of the third inning during the game against UNT at Rocky Johnson Field last season.

cobs, senior Sarah Losleben and junior Alex Watkins.

Losleben went 7-11 with a 3.97 ERA in 31 appearances last season, and Watkins pitched 16 innings in nine appearances compiling a 4.38 ERA.

Jacobs said with the progression of new players such as freshman pitcher Tye Coats, the team presents a slew of options on the mound.

"We're a tough staff," Jacobs said. "We can contradict each

other very well. It will be tough to hit any of us."

Tech is scheduled to begin play against No. 14 Washington at 2:15 p.m. Friday at the UNLV Tournament in Las Vegas.

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Pettitte speaks to House committee investigating Mitchell Report

WASHINGTON (AP) — New York Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte spoke under oath for about 2½ hours Monday with lawyers from a congressional committee looking into drug use in baseball.

After the deposition, Pettitte did not take questions from reporters as he walked out of the offices of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. Wearing a pinstriped gray suit and bright striped tie, Pettitte was accompanied by his wife and three lawyers.

His interview is part of preparation for a Feb. 13 public hearing expected to focus on Roger Clemens' denials of allegations about his use of performance enhancers made in the

Mitchell Report by former personal trainer Brian McNamee.

"At the committee's request, Andy Pettitte voluntarily met with representatives of the committee this morning, and fully answered all of the inquiries made of him in a sworn deposition," two of Pettitte's lawyers, Jay Reisinger and Thomas Farrell, said in a statement. "Out of respect for the sensitive nature of these proceedings, and out of deference to the committee's request for confidentiality, we, on behalf of Mr. Pettitte, will not comment on the nature or specifics of his testimony."

Staff members for the committee either declined to comment or did not respond to requests for comment.

Clemens is scheduled to give a

deposition to committee lawyers Tuesday, followed by McNamee on Thursday.

"Roger is not going to take the Fifth Amendment," one of Clemens' lawyers, Rusty Hardin, said in an e-mailed statement sent by spokesman Joe Householder. "He is going to answer the committee's questions truthfully under oath."

Pettitte lent credence to former Senate majority leader George Mitchell's findings by acknowledging in December that he tried human growth hormone for two days in 2002 to help deal with an elbow injury.

A former Yankees teammate of Pettitte and Clemens, Chuck Knoblauch, spoke to committee staff Friday.

The day before, an employee of the sports agency that represents Clemens and Pettitte went to Capitol Hill to be interviewed.

McNamee said he injected Clemens with HGH and steroids in 1998, 2000 and 2001. The seven-time Cy Young Award winner has denied the allegations repeatedly and in various settings — but not under oath.

The 35-year-old Pettitte, who won four championships with the Yankees then helped the Houston Astros reach their first World Series, returned to New York last season and went 15-9. This offseason, he put off retirement and agreed to a \$16 million, one-year contract to play for the Yankees in 2008.

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