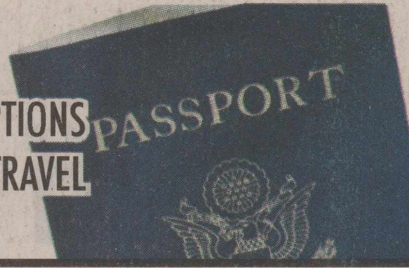




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### Astronaut's illness forces NASA to delay

HOUSTON (AP) — The astronauts aboard the linked shuttle and space station geared up Sunday to inspect a damaged thermal blanket on Atlantis after their main job — installing the Columbus lab — was delayed a day because of a crew member's illness.

German astronaut Hans Schlegel was pulled off the first spacewalk of the mission shortly after he arrived at the international space station Saturday aboard Atlantis. Managers bumped the spacewalk and Columbus' hookup to the space station to Monday.

NATION

### Search for 3 workers continues in Ga.

PORT WENTWORTH, Ga. (AP) — Sugar that was still burning three days after a refinery explosion killed at least five people hampered the search Sunday for three other workers missing since the blast leveled portions of the plant.

Crews used construction cranes to shore up three badly damaged, 80-foot storage silos that rescue workers want to search for the missing men. One of the silos blew up late Thursday, possibly after combustible dust ignited.

WORLD

### Norway closes embassy in Kabul after threats

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Norway closed its embassy in the Afghan capital Kabul Sunday because of "terror threats," a Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said.

Kristin Melsom said the embassy had been closed until further notice. She would not elaborate on the nature of the threats or how long the embassy would remain closed.

"It is too early to comment on that," she said.

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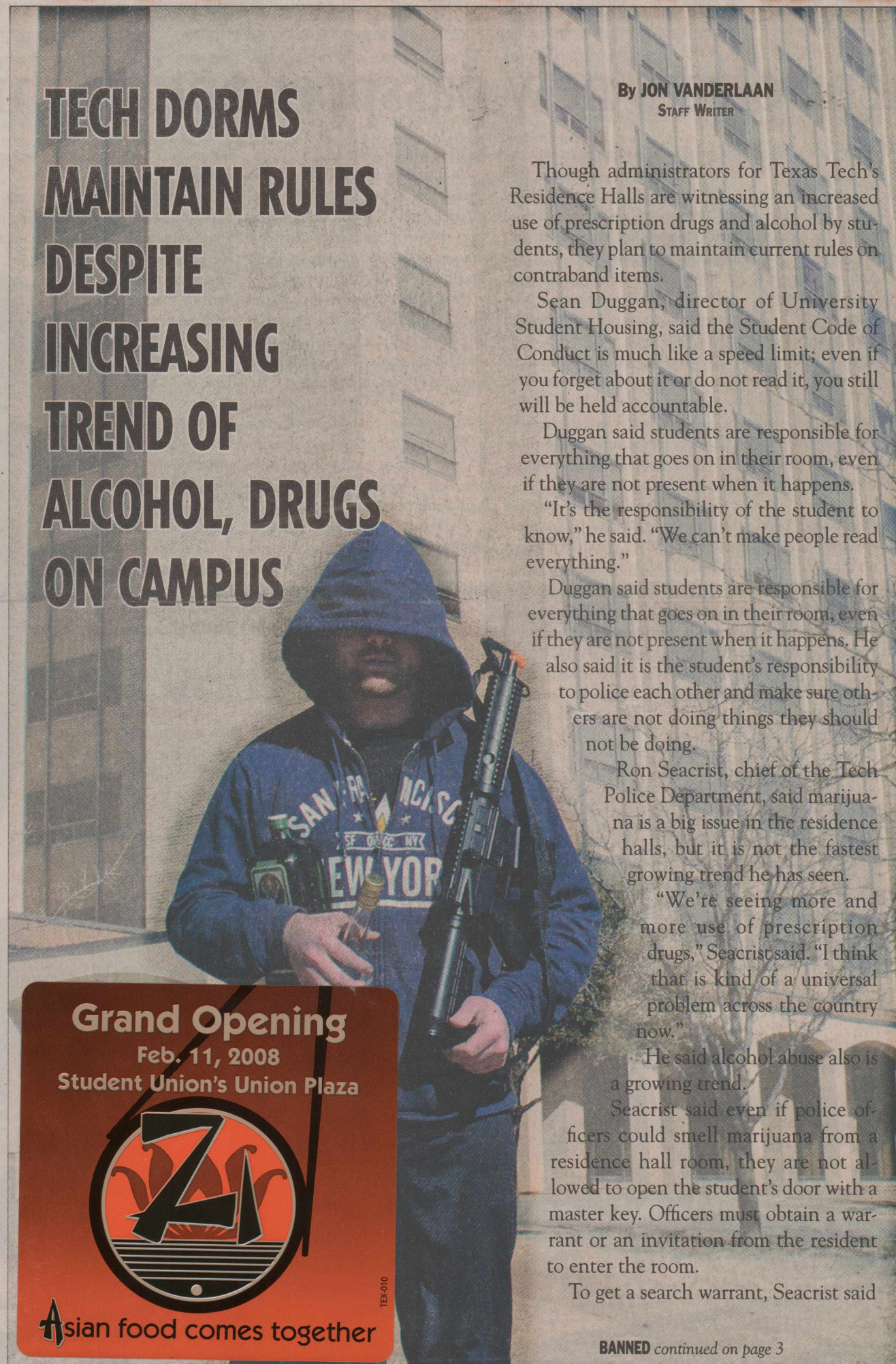
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# BANNED ON CAMPUS

## TECH DORMS MAINTAIN RULES DESPITE INCREASING TREND OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS ON CAMPUS

By JON VANDERLAAN  
STAFF WRITER



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND air guns are examples of items banned from Texas Tech Residence Halls. Despite an increase in alcohol use in residence halls, administrators do not plan to change residence hall policies.

Though administrators for Texas Tech's Residence Halls are witnessing an increased use of prescription drugs and alcohol by students, they plan to maintain current rules on contraband items.

Sean Duggan, director of University Student Housing, said the Student Code of Conduct is much like a speed limit; even if you forget about it or do not read it, you still will be held accountable.

Duggan said students are responsible for everything that goes on in their room, even if they are not present when it happens.

"It's the responsibility of the student to know," he said. "We can't make people read everything."

Duggan said students are responsible for everything that goes on in their room, even if they are not present when it happens. He also said it is the student's responsibility to police each other and make sure others are not doing things they should not be doing.

Ron Seacrist, chief of the Tech Police Department, said marijuana is a big issue in the residence halls, but it is not the fastest growing trend he has seen.

"We're seeing more and more use of prescription drugs," Seacrist said. "I think that is kind of a universal problem across the country now."

He said alcohol abuse also is a growing trend.

Seacrist said even if police officers could smell marijuana from a residence hall room, they are not allowed to open the student's door with a master key. Officers must obtain a warrant or an invitation from the resident to enter the room.

To get a search warrant, Seacrist said

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## Car bomb kills 23 north of Baghdad

By LAUREN FRAYER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — A car bomb exploded Sunday near an Iraqi checkpoint in an open-market area north of Baghdad, killing at least 23 civilians and wounding 25, the U.S. military said.

Iraqi police said the attack was a suicide bombing targeting U.S.-allied fighters and Iraqi security forces at a checkpoint in the village of Yathrib near the city of Balad, about 50 miles north of Baghdad. The U.S. did not confirm it was a suicide bombing.

Police and members of an anti-al-Qaida group opened fire as the attacker sped toward a joint U.S.-Iraqi checkpoint. But the bomber managed to detonate his explosives near some stores about 20 yards away, according to provincial police. The police said eight civilians were killed and 20 wounded.

The differing casualty figures could not immediately be reconciled.

The attack was one of a series in northern Iraq on Sunday.

Iraqi police said four civilians were killed when a tanker truck exploded near an Iraqi Army checkpoint south of Mosul, about 225 miles northwest of Baghdad.

Iraqi soldiers opened fire on the approaching tanker when it was about 30 yards from their post in an attempt to avert a suicide attack, an officer said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to media. The tanker exploded, killing four civilians and damaging six cars nearby, he said.

The explosions came hours after suspected al-Qaida-linked insurgents stormed two villages in northwestern Iraq. They were repelled by U.S.-allied fighters and Iraqi security forces in clashes that left at least 22 people dead, according to Sheik Fawaz al-Jarba, a Sunni lawmaker and the head of an anti-al-Qaida group in Mosul.

The attack began about 5 a.m. when about 25 carloads of heavily armed gunmen drove into the villages of Khams Tlol (Five Hills) and al-Madina, about 50 miles west of Mosul, al-Jarba said.

He said villagers fought back against the militants, who were wielding rocket-propelled grenades, mortars and assault rifles. Clashes broke out that lasted about five hours.

An Iraqi army officer in Mosul, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to disclose the information, confirmed the attack and said the fighting ended after Iraqi soldiers joined the battle.

The 22 killed included 10 militants, six members of the area's awakening group that has joined forces with the Americans against al-Qaida in Iraq, as well as four women and two children, the officials said. Ten civilians in all were wounded, they said.

The U.S. military confirmed that an attack

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## Obama wins Nebraska, Washington, Louisiana; Huckabee takes Kansas

By DAVID ESPO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Barack Obama swept the Louisiana primary and caucuses in Nebraska and Washington state Saturday night, slicing into Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's slender delegate lead in their historic race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The Illinois senator also won caucuses in the Virgin Islands, completing his best night of the campaign.

"Today, voters from the West Coast to the Gulf Coast to the heart of America stood up to say 'yes we can'" Obama told a cheering audience of Democrats at a party dinner in Richmond, Va.

He jabbed simultaneously at Clinton and Arizona Sen. John McCain, saying the election was a choice between debating the Republican nominee-in-waiting "about who has the most experience in Washington, or debating him about who's most likely to change Washington. Because that's a

debate we can win."

Clinton preceded Obama to the podium. She did not refer to the night's voting, instead turning against McCain. "We have tried it President Bush's way," she said, "and now the Republicans have chosen more of the same."

She left quickly after her speech, departing before Obama's arrival. But his supporters made their presence known, sending up chants of "Obama" from the audience as she made her way offstage.

Obama's winning margins ranged from substantial to crushing.

He won roughly two-thirds of the vote in Washington state and Nebraska, and almost 90 percent in the Virgin Islands.

Nearly complete Louisiana returns showed Obama with 57 percent of the vote, to 36 percent for the former first lady. As in his earlier Southern triumphs in Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina, Obama, a black man, rode a wave of African-American support to victory in Louisiana. Clinton won the white vote overwhelmingly.

In all, the Democrats scrapped for 161 delegates in the night's contests.

In incomplete allocations, Obama won 72, Clinton 40.

In overall totals in The Associated Press count, Clinton had 1,095 delegates to 1,070 for Obama, counting so-called superdelegates. They are party leaders not chosen at primaries or caucuses, free to change their minds. A total of 2,025 delegates is required to win the nomination at the national convention in Denver.

McCain flunked his first ballot tests since becoming the Republican nominee-in-waiting. He lost Kansas caucuses to Mike Huckabee, gaining less than 24 percent of the vote. Huckabee, the former Arkansas governor, got nearly 60 percent of the vote a few hours after saying, "I majored in miracles, and I still believe in them." He won all 36 delegates at stake.

Huckabee also won the Louisiana primary, but fell short

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# Rec. center kicks off exercise programs

By LAYLA KHOSHNOUDI  
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Members of the Texas Tech community of all ages and shapes congregated at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center before pouring into the campus streets for a 5 kilometer run, marking part one of a four-part Valentine's Week Fun Run to kick off FIT Tech Saturday.

Betty Blanton, associate director of recreational sports at Tech, showed enthusiasm as she listed the Valentine's week events: a 5 kilometer run, a massage-yoga class for couples, a heart-healthy lunch and a master salsa dance class and party.

"January's over," Blanton said. "Our New Year's resolutions, hmm, where did they go? We're talking February, we're talking Valentines, we're talking heart-healthy."

Ruffin McNeill, Tech football defensive coordinator, later hyped up the crowd as he spoke about the importance of physical fitness and shared tidbits of his own personal experience.

After a period of weight gain

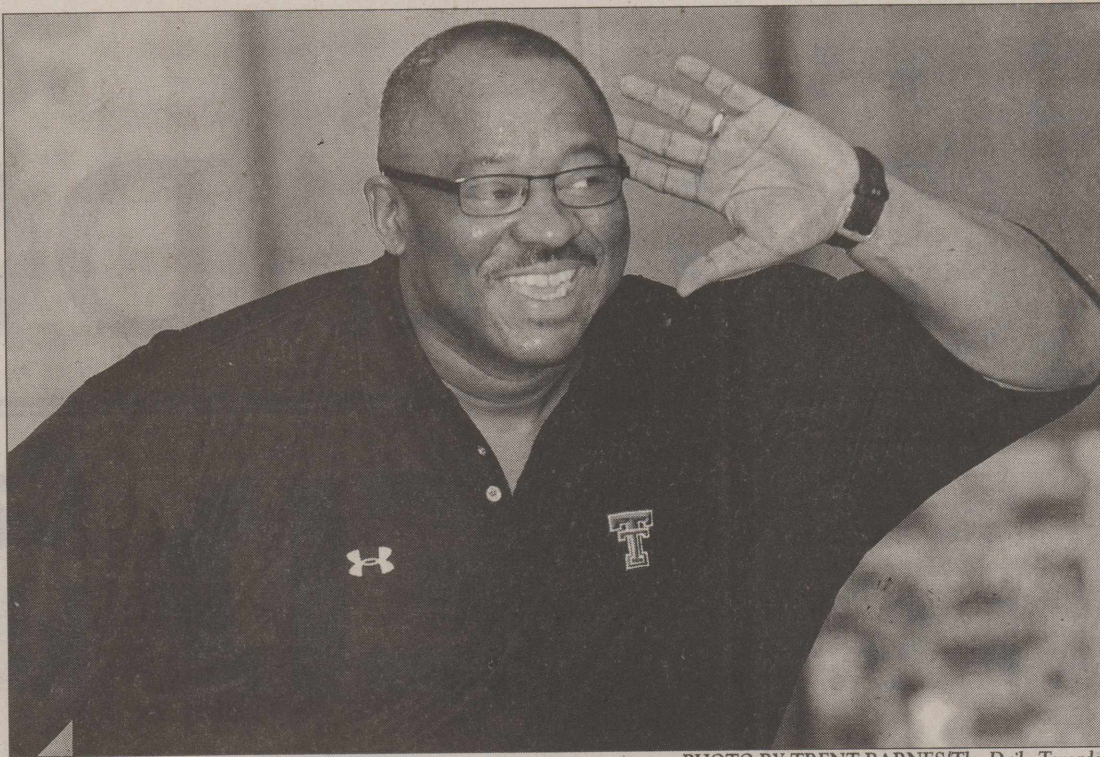


PHOTO BY TRENT BARNES/The Daily Toreador  
COACH RUFFIN MCNEILL encourages the audience before a 5K run Saturday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center to kick off the Fit Tech event.

resulting from a back injury, McNeill said a reality check came when his

doctor told him he needed to get in shape if he wanted to continue

watching his daughter play basketball.

"It was the biggest shock to me ever," McNeill said. "He said 'If you don't do it, you won't see her very long,' so I started."

McNeill said the key to starting a fitness regime was easing into it, not taking on too much right away.

"I didn't go out the first day trying to train for the Olympics," he said. "Today, some of you came here to run, but you know what, it's all right to walk too."

McNeill said he has lost 100 pounds and has no intentions of quitting.

"I made a decision to myself: This is not a 6-week, 8-week or a 4-week plan; it's a lifetime plan, so I'm not in a hurry," he said. "A little something is better than nothing."

McNeill excited the crowd at the event, leading them in a "Raider Power" chant before sending them off to begin the run.

Saturday's event also marked the kickoff of FIT Tech, a program in which Tech students, faculty and staff join in teams to get fit and have fun doing it, according to the program's Web site, www.ttu.edu/fittech.

Blanton said she encourages runners to sign up for FIT Tech if they had not already done so.

"The goal is to try to get the entire Texas Tech students, faculty and staff up and moving, increasing their activity level and also improving what they are eating," Blanton said.

Jennifer Scaramuzzo, a senior nutritional science major from Clyde and student coordinator for FIT Tech, said the program, which is having its fourth run this year, is unique because it unites a variety of people.

"It's not just a student organization or a staff organization," Scaramuzzo said. "It involves students, faculty and staff, so it really reaches all perspectives of the TTU campus."

According to the FIT Tech Web site, teams of six participate in physical activities, together or individually, with the option of attending seminars on healthy food choices and fitness information.

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# State department offers new passport option this summer

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For students who plan to travel to Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean or Bermuda by land or water this summer, there may be a cheaper alternative to a traditional passport.

The U.S. Department of State announced the introduction of a passport card, an alternative designed for people living along the borders of Canada and Mexico.

Beginning Feb. 1, U.S. citizens could apply in advance for a passport card that will allow entry at U.S. land and sea ports-of-entry when arriving from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda. Although it cannot be used to travel by air, it still will carry the rights of the U.S. passport, now called a passport book, according to

the U.S. State Department Web site, www.state.gov.

Elizabeth McDaniel, the unit coordinator for Texas Tech's study abroad program, said the U.S. Department of State plans to issue the first passport cards in April or May, and they will look more like a driver's license than a passport book.

Currently, U.S. citizens must show proof of citizenship to cross the border to Canada or Mexico, which means either a passport or a birth certificate and a state-issued identification such as a driver's license. McDaniel said the state department plans to switch over to passport cards by summer 2009.

The passport card will cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. The execution fee to process the card is \$25 for adults and children, which means

the total cost is more than half the price of a regular passport book.

McDaniel said students who have not already applied for or renewed their passports for summer travels should do so immediately.

"If you're going on spring break and you haven't come now, it's almost too late even to get expedited service," she said.

Passport books usually are processed within four to six weeks or three weeks with expedited service, she said, but it takes longer to receive a passport before busy travel times of the year such as spring break or summer.

While getting his photo taken in the passport office, Rusty Tucker, a freshman biology major Amarillo, said he applied for a passport in preparation for spring break, and hopes his

passport will arrive in time.

McDaniel said the Office of International Affairs, located in the International Cultural Center, caters to everyone in the community, but the service is used mostly by Tech students.

Since the passport processing began April 2, 2007, the office has processed about 950 passports, she said. She estimates 75 percent to 85 percent of those are students.

To submit a passport application, it is necessary to bring a driver's license or other state-issued photo ID, two passport-sized photos and a previously issued passport or certified birth certificate.

McDaniel said people born in Texas could obtain an official copy of their birth certificate for \$23 at the Lubbock Health Department, located at 1902 Texas Ave. People born outside of Texas have to request one from their state.

The Office of International Affairs will provide passport photos for \$6 and passports for the standard price. It does not accept credit or debit,

but accepts both checks and money orders.

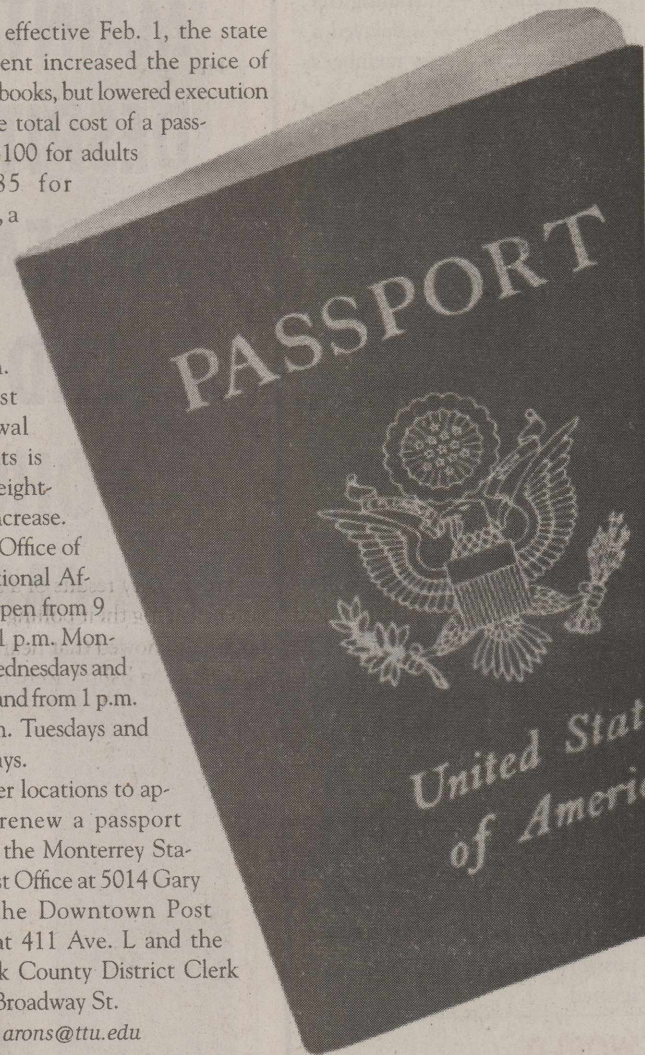
Also effective Feb. 1, the state department increased the price of passport books, but lowered execution fees. The total cost of a passport is \$100 for adults

and \$85 for children, a three-dollar increase for both. The cost of renewal for adults is \$75, an eight-dollar increase.

The Office of International Affairs is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Other locations to apply or renew a passport include the Monterrey Station Post Office at 5014 Gary Ave., the Downtown Post Office at 411 Ave. L and the Lubbock County District Clerk at 904 Broadway St.

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# Most people in poll believe country is now in grips of economic recession

WASHINGTON (AP) — Empty homes and for-sale signs clutter neighborhoods. You've lost your job or know someone who has. Your paycheck and nest egg are taking a hit.

Could the country be in recession?

Sixty-one percent of the public believes the economy is now suffering through its first recession since 2001, according to an Associated Press-Ipsos poll.

The fallout from a depressed housing market and a credit crunch nearly caused the economy to stall in the final three months of last year. Some experts, like the majority of people questioned in the poll, say the economy actually may be shrinking now. The worry is that consumers and businesses will

hunker down further and pull back spending, sending the economy into a tailspin.

"Absolutely, we're in a recession," said Hilda Sanchez, 44, of Waterford, Calif.

Squeezed by high energy and food bills, "we can't afford the things that we normally buy," she said. "We are cutting corners in our spending. For our groceries, we are buying a lot of generic and we are eating out less."

For many, the meltdown in the housing and mortgage markets has proved especially disturbing. Record numbers of people were forced from their homes, unable to afford the monthly loan payments. People watched their single biggest asset fall in value, a reason to tighten the belt.

"Obviously the housing market is creating deep concern. And one of the real problems could be that if people, as a result of their value of their homes going down, kind of pull in their horns," President Bush said in a television interview aired Sunday.

Credit has become harder to get, thwarting would-be home buyers, adding to the glut of unsold homes and aggravating the housing industry's woes.

"For-sale signs are everywhere. In my area, 35- to 40 homes are standing there and aren't even complete. There aren't any buyers," said Jim Sims, 60, of Greer, S.C.

Nanette Dahlin, 52, of St. Louis Park, Minn., called the situation "very scary." She said friends in Madison, Minn., put their home

for sale recently and reduced the asking price more than \$100,000 in just a week. "They are in bad shape," Dahlin said.

For all of 2007, the economy grew by just 2.2 percent. That was the weakest performance since 2002, when the country was struggling to recover from the last recession. The housing collapse was the biggest culprit in 2007. Builders lowered spending on housing projects by 16.9 percent on an annualized basis, the most in 25 years.

The job market is faltering — a point driven home by a report showing that employers cut jobs in January for the first time in more than four years.

"The way things are, people are afraid of losing their jobs," Sanchez said.

## Banned

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the police officers must have more than just a suspicion — they must have probable cause based on state and federal law.

Seacrist said Tech police still are using housing guards and patrolling officers to keep things like drugs and illegal weapons off campus.

Angela Forney, the student director for environmental management and retention at Tech, said it is an option of University Student Housing to cancel the housing contract of a resident for certain violations.

As a former residence life coordinator, Forney said she could verify that more students have been using prescription drugs.

She said she does not remember seeing any prescription drug containers left behind by students in her first year of being an RLC, but in her last year, she found several.

However, Forney said not all of the containers she found were for the more problematic prescriptions; many of them were drugs like Tylenol.

Based on the marijuana legalization debate that occurred Jan. 30, Duggan said if marijuana was legalized, his department would have to work with local law agencies to see if they need to change any policies.

Duggan said his department follows and enforces all state laws, and if there was such a big change in the law regarding marijuana, the university would have to look into possible changes.

Stephen Wagner, a freshman business major from Dallas, said because the campus is dry for alcohol, he believes marijuana also should be banned from campus if it were legalized.

In addition, Duggan said he does not foresee changes in the residence hall's rules for pets, unlit candles and open-coil appliances anytime soon.

The university is not a very conducive place for pets, as they pose sanitary issues, he said. Also, others may have allergies to the animals, and it is not a priority for the university to do the work for students to have pets on campus.

Duggan said he has seen residence halls at other universities that have had fires, and he aims to prevent that at Tech by keeping candles out.

Though Duggan said the university has spent more than \$20 million installing fire-safety equipment in the residence halls, he believes it is important to take other preventative measures.

"Most residence hall fires are caused by candles," he said. "If not having a candle can prevent that for hundreds of students, it's worth it."

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## Myanmar's election, constitutional referendum fails to mollify critics

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Myanmar's surprise announcement that it will hold a vote on a new constitution this May and a general election in 2010 drew little enthusiasm Sunday among the military regime's critics and the public at large.

The official announcements late Saturday of the constitutional referendum and the election were the first moves by the junta to set dates for stages of its so-called road map to democracy.

"The time has now come to change from military rule to democratic civilian rule," said the announcement for the 2010 polls, broadcast on state TV and radio.

But critics claim the long-delayed road map is designed to perpetuate military rule, not promote democracy. And at tea shops in Yangon, where morning news and gossip is traditionally exchanged, many seemed unimpressed with the developments.

"I am not interested in their referendum because the results are known already," said 48-year old noodle salad seller Mar Mar Aye, echoing the popular belief that the government is confident its constitution will be approved.

Several people said they were unsure what the referendum was, noting the language describing it was similar to that used for the

stage-managed mass rallies the government frequently holds to show the public supports its policies. Myanmar's last constitutional referendum took place in 1973.

The last election in the country, also known as Burma, took place in 1990, but the military refused to hand over power to the winning party — the National League for Democracy of detained Nobel peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, who has been in prison or under house arrest for more than 12 of the past 18 years.

Suu Kyi and other independent political leaders have not been consulted on the constitution or the election process. Suu Kyi's party

reacted cautiously, noting the lack of detail on how the referendum would be carried out.

"The announcement is vague, incomplete and strange," NLD party spokesman Nyan Win said Saturday night.

"Even before knowing the results of the referendum, the government has already announced that elections will be held in 2010," he said, also implying the government was certain the draft constitution would get approval.

Trevor Wilson, a Myanmar expert at the Australian National University in Canberra, called the move "a step forward," but added that "it is long overdue."

## Car bomb

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on a compound housing some of its Sunni allies near Sinjar in northern Iraq killed five U.S.-allied fighters and wounded five others. Ten insurgents were killed, the military said.

Insurgents also attacked a group of civilians elsewhere in the northern Ninevah province on Sunday, killing two men and one child and wounding two other men, two women and two infants, according

to the military.

Mosul, the provincial capital of Ninevah, is believed to be the last major urban stronghold for al-Qaida in Iraq after many insurgents were driven north by U.S.-led offensives in Baghdad and surrounding areas.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has promised a "decisive battle" against the terror network there but given no start date. The U.S. military has warned it will not be a swift strike, but rather a grinding campaign that will require more firepower.

## Primaries

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of 50 percent, the threshold necessary to pocket the 20 delegates that were available. Instead, they will be awarded at a state convention next weekend.

McCain won the third Republican race of the night, Washington's caucuses. None of the state's delegates will be awarded until next week.

For all his brave talk, Huckabee was hopelessly behind in the delegate race. McCain had 719, compared with 234 for Huckabee and 14 for Paul. It takes 1,191 to win the nomination at the national convention.

The Democrats' race was as close as the Republicans' was not, a contest between Obama, hoping to become the first black president, and Clinton, campaigning to become the first

female commander in chief.

The two rivals contest primaries on Tuesday in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia, all states where Obama and his campaign are hopeful of winning.

Preliminary results of a survey of voters leaving their polling places in Louisiana showed that nearly half of those casting ballots were black. As a group, African-Americans have overwhelmingly favored Obama in

earlier primaries, helping him to win in several Southern states.

Obama was gaining about 80 percent of the black votes statewide, while Clinton was winning 70 percent support among whites, the exit poll showed.

One in seven Democratic voters and about one in 10 Republicans said Hurricane Katrina had caused their families severe hardship from which they have not recovered. There was

another indication of the impact the storm had on the state. Early results suggested that northern Louisiana accounted for a larger share of the electorate than in the past, presumably the result of the decline in population in the hurricane-battered New Orleans area.

McCain cleared his path to the party nomination earlier in the week with a string of Super Tuesday victories that drove Romney from the race.

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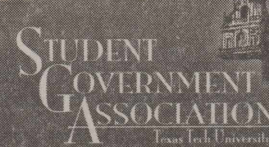


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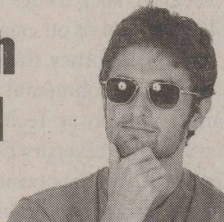
# OPINIONS

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## FAREWELL COLUMN

**S**o this is goodbye. I really wanted to find something good to write here, you know, or something you find on one of those office inspirational posters. Something like "The irony of saying goodbye is saying hello to something new."

**Josh Hull**



Moving, I know. So who writes a farewell column in the middle of the semester anyway? Dropouts and quitters? I can't answer that with any certainty, but I can tell you I am writing one because I'm taking a full-time job here in Lubbock and can no longer find the time to hang around and make all the people who work at *The Daily Toreador* miserable.

In the last year and a half I've been here, I've learned a lot. I learned looking like a slew of nerdy celebrities is going to make your life just a little bit harder. I discovered the joy of sleeping on a van seat

turned into a couch in someone else's office, and how to turn a piece of window trim from a Baptist camp site in Floydada into a fear-inspiring "Jesus Stick."

I've had the chance to talk to some interesting people, including the governor, an astronaut and a local blogger who insisted that my childish ways should lead me to "drink the Kool-Aid."

I can tell you a lot of hard work goes into putting together a paper five days a week, and I can also tell you being a third-party public servant has never been so fun.

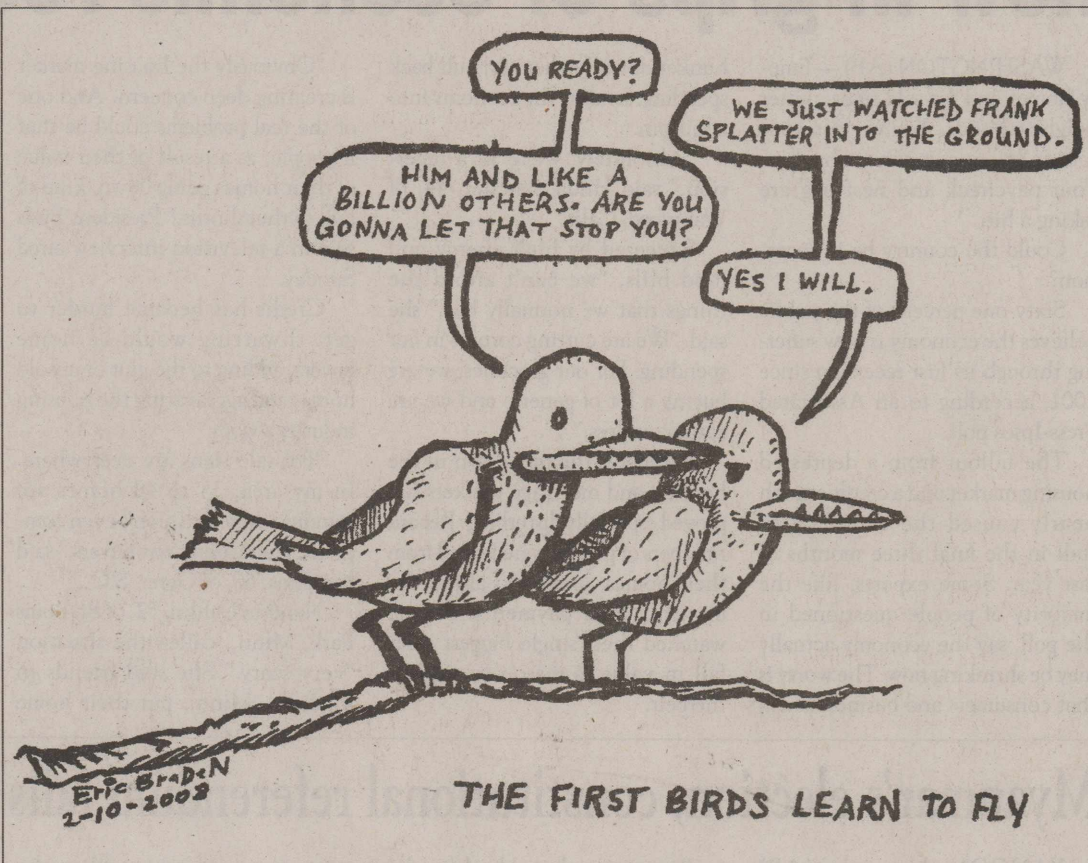
I don't have anything inspiring

to say because I haven't been blessed with the gift of inspiration. I don't know where life or love or whatever it is that makes people decide things will take me, but I know this campus and this newspaper will always be the place I fell in love with what I do.

So with that, I bid you adieu, even though I'm not actually going anywhere.

Wait, there is one thing I need to get off my chest. To the big, bald guy who thought it would be a good idea to cut the rope around Raiderville at the 2004 UT football game causing 3,000 people to be pressed up against the railing for four hours... I forgive you. I'm glad I finally got some closure on that.

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## Food for thought, cooking for romance

**E**nglish scholar Robert Burton once said, "Cookery has become a noble art, a noble science; cooks are gentlemen." It's been a well known fact for thousands of years that people respond to food.

**Jonathan Hanson**



However, what's been lost over time is the appreciation for the skill, time and love that goes into cooking a good meal. In case you gentlemen have forgotten, this Thursday is Valentine's Day, and nothing goes farther with a valentine than a home cooked meal.

If you've never cooked, it doesn't matter. The time and effort you put into a meal on Thursday—like any other day—shows others far more about you than your skill in the kitchen, though only half as much as your skill in the bedroom.

On V-Day, whether you've just started dating or have been married for decades, a home cooked meal is worth more than the finest chocolates and flowers money can buy. Flowers die in a few days and chocolates, as a well known aphrodisiac, can be saved for desert.

Once upon a time, I was a pretty good cook. Maybe I was no Wolfgang Puck or Emeril Lagasse or maybe even a Rachel Ray, but I could make a few dishes that were considered to be more than just edible. And then something happened.

I became single.

And I realized I had absolutely no reason to spend the time cooking elaborate meals anymore. After all, what's the

point of cooking when you have no one to cook for?

From that point on, I just made whatever could be cooked in a microwave in the shortest possible time. Soon, my skills atrophied and decayed to the point to where now, I have trouble making toast, let alone roasting chicken or making a soufflé.

In fact, the other day I tried to boil water using the defrost setting on the microwave, last week I nicked my hand with a butter knife while spreading cream cheese on a bagel, and just yesterday I squished a Twinkie when I put it in my back pocket—note: Twinkies don't taste good heated.

My break-and-bake cookies are always burnt, my hot dog buns are dry and my stomach glows in the dark from all the microwave radiation. It's a safe bet that if I tried to make anything more complicated than a Hot Pocket, lives could be lost.

But what I forgot back when I was rolling crepes and kneading dough was the reason I put so much time and effort into meals. It wasn't that I had nothing better to do, and it certainly wasn't that

my palate was too refined for simple take-out, it was that I had found a passion that could be shared with someone else, making us both happier and myself luckier.

If the way to a man's heart is through his stomach—and sometimes through his head but often through other organs—then the door swings both ways. Women are every bit as enticed by cooking as men are.

Based on a Men's Health survey, 70 percent of women are more turned on by a dinner that a man actually cooks than one from a restaurant, and according to a poll of 1,000 Cosmopolitan readers—scoff if you like; it offers insights into the female mind that the American Journal of Psychology simply doesn't—"66 percent of women said they're more likely to have sex with a man after a home-cooked meal."

And this has nothing to do with the food. The investment of time and energy can say more about how a person feels than the quality of the finished product.

If you don't know what to cook, the Internet is overflowing with recipes for all

different skill levels. The point is not how good the food looks or even necessarily how it tastes—though it should be edible as nothing ruins a holiday like food poisoning—the point of Valentine's Day is to show appreciation to the romantic interest in your life that can be taken for granted on a day-in/day-out basis.

And the same goes for women. Ladies, don't forget: A little appreciation can go a long way with men, as well—and not just through sex, though that's good too.

A little time and effort on your part can show us we weren't just throwing ours away. Remember, as men, we can be just as happy eating a Hot Pocket as actual food, and without a little reciprocity, you may be eating just that come Valentine's Day.

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## Ultimate Valentine's Day shopping guide

**V**alentine's Day is less than a week away, and finding the perfect gift for the perfect someone is sometimes stressful and heartbreaking.

If you blow Valentine's Day—the most romantic day of the year because the calendar says it should be—forget continuing the relationship.

But have no fears, shoppers. I am here to guide you with my Ultimate Valentine Shopping Guide.

Teddy bear: This gift is perhaps the most useful on the list. Nothing adds a lasting decorative effect to a grown-up apartment like a big fuzzy stuffed bear dressed in shades of red and pink with a huge heart that says "I WUV YOU" on it. It is the perfect present for any girl, because we can't have too many plush animals.

Teddy bears are gifts guys will enjoy getting because it allows their girls to say how they feel without being too uncomfortable by using the "L" word. Gigantic stuffed animals are also the gift that keeps giving because, when the relationship ends, the receivers of these human-sized pillows will have a permanent cuddle buddy to remind them of the love they once had.

The best place to obtain this giant symbol of your true affections would be a carnival, because winning a bear is a sure fire way of saying, "I am man; hear me roar," or "I wasted an exorbitant amount of money on this piece of merchandise—an amount four times what this is worth." Because there are no carnivals currently in Lubbock, the local four Wal-Marts are the places to purchase Bruno.

Chocolates: Because February is the month most people already have given up on their weight loss resolutions, and it falls just a few weeks before the rush to get fit for Spring Break, load up your sweetie with tons of fat-causing sugar. I once heard a rumor that chocolate causes endorphins to be present in your system, and endorphins make people happy and feel like they are in love.

This makes chocolate the perfect gift for you to give if you have doubts about your sweetheart's affections towards you. If you spring for the big box, your honey bunches will have to share the chocolates with you, so it's really a present for you as a couple. And the love handles you both get from gorging yourselves on all those sweets will remind you of your special day for weeks to come.

Roses: Roses are easy because everyone knows that roses are a sure-fire cliché. Never mind trying to discover

**Melissa Medley**



what flowers your gal loves. Roses are a no-brainer that allow you to focus on this week's basketball games instead of putting effort into your romantic endeavors. Or the time spent not thinking about the gift could be allocated towards picking out a super-sappy card that says all those feeling inside of you that you cannot bring out yourself.

Fragrances: Having your Valentine smell like what you want them to smell like is a great way to cement your love. Giving that bottle of perfume or cologne with a signature scent is the perfect way of marking your romantic territory, much like a dog or cat marks what is rightfully theirs.

By blocking the pheromones your date gives off with a designer eau de cologne, you are ensuring no one else will be attracted to your romantic interest, and he or she will be yours forever, or until you get bored.

Jewelry: Marilyn Monroe said it best in *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, "Diamonds are a girl's best friend." Being a poor college student, most of us don't have the money for the shiny swag our sweeties crave, but we can buy cracker jacks, or use gum ball machines. If that seems too tacky for you, making your own friendship bracelets can be a sweet gesture to say, "I view you as a friend and lover," or "Let's just be friends," depending on your intent and level of commitment to your Valentine.

Whatever gifts you choose, don't put any thought into it. Your special date might read more into your consideration for him or her and misconstrue your effort as genuine affection.

Deviating from the standard Valentine's Day gift list and actually buying something your significant other would like might push your relationship to a level of actual intimacy that must be avoided at all costs. When it comes to Valentine's Day, originality must be avoided, or you might end up celebrating sincere emotions in a way that express your unique relationship.

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## Native Americans entitled to better health care plan

**By CLINT WALTMAN**  
DAILY NEBRASKAN (U. NEBRASKA)

(U-WIRE) LINCOLN, Neb. — American Indians are given an interesting niche in today's media. They are brought up in editorials about sports mascots, then quietly pushed aside until the next national holiday or "cultural spotlight" feature.

The community deserves to be more than counterpoints in stories of political correctness. There are more pressing issues. Namely, the American Indian health care system is dismal, embarrassing and broken.

American Indians have an infant mortality rate 150 percent greater than the rest of the population, a 650 percent greater chance of dying from tuberculosis and more than a 300 percent greater chance of dying of diabetes. They also have the highest suicide rate of any ethnic group. In Great Plains reservations, like those in Nebraska, this rate is 10 times

the national average. It is also noteworthy that Indian Health Services receives less health aid per capita than any other federal health care program. This includes federal prisoners, who receive more than double the aid per capita than American Indians receive.

Donald Warne, in an editorial in *Indian Country Today*, wrote, "While I would not recommend it to my patients, if they go to federal prison they would have access to more health care resources."

Federal relief has come in the form of the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, the first step toward comprehensive Indian health care reform. The bill has been cosponsored by 30 senators including Nebraska's Ben Nelson, as well as several Republicans.

The act has not been reauthorized since 1992, although there have been unsuccessful attempts since then to enact the bill. In those 16 years, the American Indian population has grown and has

seen new challenges while Indian Health Services remains severely underfunded. The bill is urgently needed.

Bill sponsor Sen. Byron Dorgan remains optimistic the legislation will pass in the face of a threatened presidential veto, telling *Indian Country Today*, "I think we're going to get a good bill, and it will be hard for him to justify a veto."

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell moved to delay the bill's debate, stating that it wasn't as important as the passing of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. To McConnell, "American lives will not depend on the passage of Indian health care by the end of this month."

There are 4.1 million American Indians who might have a different say.

The passage of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act will lead to the construction and modernization of health clinics, increase tribe members' access to Medicare and Medicaid, increase screening for cancer, create preventive programs for diabetes and fund mental

health services.

The immediate concern of this legislation is its cost to American taxpayers. This cost is relatively low. Granted, any federal spending outside of the neoconservative ideology is met with scrutiny, but this bill is cheap. A Congressional Office Budget Report estimates the cost of implementing this legislation is just \$10 per U.S. citizen.

American Indians, unlike the rest of the population, are entitled to health care via contracts between tribal nations and the federal government. Their "free" health care was paid for into perpetuity in land ceded to the government in the last three centuries.

American Indians are a people that continually suffer when the U.S. government fails to meet its obligations. The passage of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act will show an America beginning to honor a long-held commitment.

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## Mich. robber asks for and gets lengthy prison time

ADRIAN, Mich. (AP) — Ask and you shall receive in Lenawee County Circuit Court.

A man who pleaded guilty to unarmed robbery faced no more than a year in the county jail but asked to be sent to prison instead to help his chances of rehabilitation.

Michael Thomas Isaacson got what he wanted on Thursday when a judge sentenced him

to 17 months to 15 years in state prison, with a recommendation for a psychological evaluation and counseling.

Isaacson told Judge Timothy P. Pickard he believes programs available in state prisons will help him "get back on my feet," while a year in the county jail would leave his situation the same as when he was arrested.

Isaacson was caught minutes after robbing a movie theater

employee, who was carrying a bank deposit bag. Isaacson said he had no gun during the robbery.

Defense lawyer Robert Jameson said Isaacson does not understand why he committed the robbery.

"He chose the cinema because he used to work at the cinema. He knows the victim. He perceived it as a low-risk crime," Jameson said.

## Florida lawyer charged with assault on prosecutor

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A lawyer has been charged with assault for shaking a federal prosecutor's hand so hard, authorities said, that it injured her shoulder.

Kathy Brewer Rentas, 49, was arrested Thursday after attending a court hearing for her husband, who was accused of violating the terms of his probation for a cocaine distribution case. The husband, Anthony Rentas, was sentenced to 90 days of house arrest.

After the hearing, Brewer Rentas asked to shake hands with Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer Keene.

A court security officer reported that Brewer Rentas shook Keene's hand so forcefully that the prosecutor's arm was nearly ripped out of its socket.

"With Keene in hand, Brewer made an upward, then a quick downward motion and pulled Keene toward the ground moving her forward, almost causing Keene to fall to the ground," Deputy U.S. Marshall Robert Kremenik Jr. wrote in an arrest report.

"Assaulting a federal officer is something that we will take very seriously and prosecute vigorously," said Alicia Valle, a U.S. Attorney's Office spokeswoman. "As a member of the bar, she

should know better."

Brewer Rentas' attorney, Gwendolyn Tuggle, told the South Florida Sun-Sentinel her client never meant to hurt Keene.

Brewer Rentas spent a night in jail and was freed Friday on \$100,000 bail. She was ordered to stay away from Keene and undergo a psychological evaluation to determine whether she needs counseling.

Brewer Rentas works as a commercial litigation attorney for a law firm in Hollywood, Fla. If convicted, she faces up to a year in prison and could be penalized by the Florida Bar.

## Woman accepts plea deal in case of neglected lawn

OREM, Utah (AP) — When 70-year-old Betty Perry was accused of neglecting her lawn, she became defiant.

Perry was arrested, handcuffed and briefly jailed in July for declining a ticket for failing to water her lawn.

She agreed on Friday to resolve her case by pleading guilty to a disorderly conduct charge and paying a \$100 fine. She also faces six months of probation.

Perry was scheduled to go to

trial Monday on a more serious charge of resisting arrest for refusing to give her name, accept a citation or allow herself to be handcuffed on her front steps.

"She ends up with a sentence that is very minimal and shouldn't intrude terribly on her day-to-day life," prosecutor Andrew Peterson said. "For our part, it accomplishes what we set out to accomplish from the very beginning."

Peterson said he was planning to drop the lawn neglect

charge anyway because Perry has started taking care of her lawn. But it was important for the city to get a conviction for Perry's "dangerous and violent" actions following an officer's attempt to cite her, he said.

During a struggle with officer Jim Flygare, Perry fell, injured her nose, rolled onto her stomach and put her hands under her to foil a handcuffing.

Her lawyers didn't return phone or e-mail messages Friday from The Associated Press.

## WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

## Sniper sentenced to 10 years for killing Iraqi civilian

BAGHDAD (AP) — A U.S. Army sniper convicted of killing an unarmed Iraqi civilian and planting evidence on his body was sentenced Sunday to 10 years in prison.

Sgt. Evan Vela faced a possible life sentence. Earlier Sunday, jurors found him guilty of murder without premeditation in the May 11 killing of an Iraqi man south of Baghdad.

Vela was also sentenced to forfeit all pay and allowances, and will receive a dishonorable discharge. His case is automatically referred to a military appeals court.

## UN says 12,000 'terrified' refugees flee Darfur

GENEVA (AP) — Up to 12,000 "terrified" refugees from Sudan's Darfur region have fled across the border to neighboring Chad after the latest air strikes by the Sudanese military and thousands more may be on their way, the U.N. refugee agency said Sunday.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said it was scrambling to rush aid to Darfur refugees who are escaping bombings Friday of the West Darfur towns of Sirba, Sileia and Abu Suruj.

About half of the refugees are in the Chad border city of Koruk and "are feeling terrified," said UNHCR spokeswoman Helene Caux.

"The city is in a very volatile

area and there are a lot of armed men there," Caux told The Associated Press. "Their villages (in Sudan) have been looted and burned, they are telling the UNHCR team. And they say their villages are encircled by militias."

Most of the refugees so far are men, she said. But the arrivals are telling UNHCR that "thousands of women and children are on their way" to Chad, she added.

So far, UNHCR officials have been unable to reach all the refugees around Koruk. An roughly equal number of Darfur refugees have gathered in the nearby Chad town of Figeira. UNHCR is hoping to move the refugees to different camps the agency runs in Chad,

Caux said.

U.N. officials say the worsening situation in Darfur has been exacerbated by a recent rebel attack on the capital of neighboring Chad. Chad has accused Sudan of backing those rebels in

a bid to prevent deployment of European peacekeepers in an area of Chad where some 400,000 refugees are living.

Sudan's Arab-dominated government has been accused of unleashing janjaweed forces to commit atrocities against Darfur's ethnic African communities in the fight with rebel groups. At least 200,000 people have been killed and 2.5 million displaced since the violence began five years ago.

## Hundreds mourn victims of suicide attack in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — Hundreds of mourners wept Sunday as villagers buried the victims of a suicide bombing at a Pakistani political gathering, an attack that killed 27 people and stoked fears about security ahead of this month's crucial parliamentary elections.

Saturday's blast devastated a hall where about 200 people had gathered for a rally in the town of Charsadda, located in the turbulent North West Frontier province, where Islamic extremists have been battling government forces.

The rally was organized by the Awami National Party — a secular group that competes against Islamist parties for support among the ethnic Pashtun community.

"The entire village is grieving,"

said Tariq Khan, who attended the funeral for three men from Nahqi village. "Their relatives were crying and others were deeply grieved."

He said the Awami party had promoted peace in the turbulent North West Frontier area and "we do not understand why such a big attack happened."

No group claimed responsibility but suspicion fell on Islamic extremists linked to the Taliban and al-Qaida. Police recovered what they believe was the head of the bomber and planned DNA tests to try to establish his identity.

Mohammed Adeel, secretary general of the party, said 27 people died and 50 were wounded. Eighteen of the wounded were in serious condition, he said.

He said the attack pointed to a conspiracy against ethnic Pashtuns, who live on both sides of the Pakistan-Afghan border and that "religious as well ethnic and government elements" were involved. He did not elaborate.

The Awami party is considered a rival to the province's hardline Islamist groups, which are also made up primarily of Pashtuns.

The suicide attack underscored the deep tensions in Pakistan as the nation heads toward the Feb. 18 elections, which are meant to restore democracy after eight years of military rule. But campaigning has been overshadowed by the Dec. 27 assassination of opposition leader Benazir Bhutto, which U.S. and Pakistani officials blame on Islamic militants.



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# Gates says Iraqi political leaders showing signs of progress toward reconciliation

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's political leaders are showing promising new signs of progress toward reconciliation, yet still face difficult decisions on how to stabilize the country, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Sunday.

"They seem to have become energized over the last few weeks," Gates told reporters who traveled with him from an international security conference in Munich, Germany. The Pentagon chief added that he wants to "see what the prospects are for further success in the next couple of months."

Gates arrived after dark at Baghdad International Airport aboard an Air Force C-17 cargo plane. He flew by helicopter to a private dinner with Iraq's political leaders, including Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, and the top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, as well as U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker.

In an interview on the trip to Iraq, Gates cited the recent passage of an amnesty law as an example of

political progress. He said he would ask Iraqi leaders to assess the prospects for other important steps such as passing a law that would spell out power-sharing between the provinces and the national government.

He likened the challenge of passing an Iraqi provincial powers law to the U.S. founding fathers' struggle to find a constitutional compromise on how to share power in the Congress between big and small states.

Gates said he would make clear to al-Maliki and other political leaders that "our continued eagerness for them to proceed and successfully conclude some of this legislation" considered key to reconciling Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds.

It was Gates' first visit this year and possibly his last before Petraeus and Crocker return to Washington in April to recommend to President Bush whether to continue reducing U.S. troop levels after Petraeus' current drawdown plan is completed in July. By then, four brigades are to have gone home, leaving 15.

"I would be interested in how they are planning it — which units are coming out" between now and July, Gates said.

The trickier question is whether Petraeus will tell Bush that security conditions in Baghdad and elsewhere in the country have improved enough to permit even more troop cuts without risking a deterioration in security. Petraeus' strategy is based on an expectation that improved security over time will give Iraqi political leaders an impetus to make compromises on legislation and other moves toward reconciliation.

Asked whether he would question Petraeus about the possibility of recommending a pause in the troop drawdown this summer, Gates replied, "I think our conversation will cover the whole range of possibilities."

He said on the way to Baghdad that he planned to visit troops Monday at a U.S. base in the capital, as well as pin a medal on Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno, the No. 2 U.S. commander. Odierno is departing after 15 months

in charge of the headquarters that carries out Petraeus' strategy on a day-to-day basis.

Gates also was meeting with Odierno's successor, Lt. Gen. Lloyd Austin. Odierno is returning to Washington and has been nominated by Bush for promotion to four-star rank and assignment as Army vice chief of staff.

In his talks with Iraqi political leaders Gates said he intended to make clear "our continued eagerness for them to proceed and successfully conclude some of this legislation," which has taken longer than many had hoped.

Before his latest visit to Iraq, Gates said in a speech in Munich that NATO's survival was at stake in the debate over how the United States and Europe should share the burden of fighting Islamic extremism in Afghanistan.

As Gates cited signs of political progress, the U.S. military said a car bomb exploded near an Iraqi checkpoint in an open-market area north of

Baghdad, killing at least 23 civilians and wounding 25. Earlier, the military said a diary and another document seized during U.S. raids show some al-Qaida in Iraq leaders fear the terrorist group is crumbling, with many fighters defecting to American-backed neighborhood groups.

Bush, in an interview broadcast Sunday in the United States, discussed the long-term U.S. relationship with Iraq. "We will be there at the invitation of the Iraqi government. ... We won't have permanent bases. I do believe it is in our interests and the interests of the Iraqi people that we do enter into an agreement on how we are going to conduct ourselves over the next years."

Last year, Bush ordered five additional Army brigades to Iraq. One of those brigades left in December and the other four are due to come out by July, leaving 15 brigades, or about 130,000 to 135,000 troops — the same number as before Bush sent the reinforcements.

Petraeus recently said it would

be prudent to "let things settle a bit" before embarking on a new round of cuts. Gates has not said whether he agreed with Petraeus, though the secretary noted other commanders and service chiefs would weigh in with their opinions.

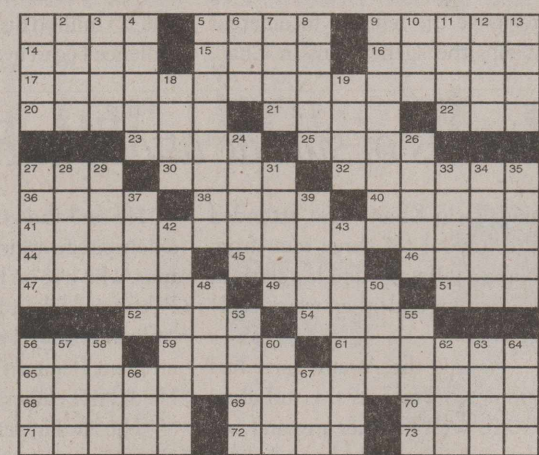
Bush, who met with Petraeus during his recent trip to the Middle East, said in the broadcast interview, "My message to the general was success is paramount and therefore, whatever you recommend, make it based upon the need to succeed."

"So we said, 'What is succeed? What does succeed mean? It means there's enough security and stability for this reconciliation to continue to take place and for democracy to take hold,'" Bush said.

The president said he did not know what Petraeus or the Pentagon would recommend later this year on troop levels. "I will listen — give them careful consideration and make up my mind. But it's going to be based upon whether or not we can succeed or not."

## THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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# Vietnamese culture celebrated during Lunar New Year

By TINA ARONS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Members of the Texas Tech community gathered to discuss Vietnamese culture as part of a celebration of the Lunar New Year Friday at the Southwest Collection Library.

At the celebration, Ron Milam, a professor of history at Tech, talked about how the Lunar New Year, or "Tet" in Vietnamese, has a different connotation for the Vietnamese than it does for many Americans.

"We in America are still thinking about it as an offensive," Milam said in reference to the Tet Offensive, which was considered a turning point in the Vietnam War.

Milam said he served as an infantry adviser to the Montagnards, an ethnic group in Vietnam, in the Vietnam War.

He said he spent time talking with students in Vietnam, and believes, in the future, there may be Vietnamese graduate students at Tech studying the American side of the war.

As he concluded his welcome, Milam said to everyone in attendance at the celebration that it "is such a great thing we can celebrate in a non-war way," although the war is often what comes to mind for Americans.

Quan Ha, a 28-year-old doctoral student of English who spoke after Milam, said when

the Vietnamese think about Tet, they do not think of war. They see a celebration of family and love. The Lunar New Year is a time for forgiveness and respect in their culture.

He also said, as a joke, it was the only time husbands could get intoxicated because their Vietnamese wives do not believe in cursing people on Tet.

Ha, who is from Da Lat, Vietnam, said Buddhists often place altars outside with food and paper money. For others, it is a time to visit ancestors' graves, visit the temple and return home to spend time with family and friends.

He said although Vietnam is not the most financially prosperous country, many families do not have to save up all year like they used to for special foods for the Tet celebrations, which are very important in their culture.

This year, Tet marks the welcoming of the Year of the Rat. According to the Chinese Culture Center of San Francisco Web site, www.c-g-c.org previous Years of the Rat include: 1912, 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984 and 1996.

According to the Web site, people born in the Year of the Rat are known for their charm, and they work hard to achieve their goals. They are angered easily and love to gossip, but they usually are very successful.

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YANFENG WANG, AN interdisciplinary studies graduate student from China, enjoys food at the Formby room located in the Southwest Collections Library Friday afternoon to celebrate the Vietnamese Lunar New Year sponsored by the Vietnam Center.

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## Spoonfed Tribe brings an intense performance

MC2=Kaboom, Goey, Sho Nuff, Jerome57 and Egg Nebula are not AOL Instant Messenger names, nor are they aliases on some 12-year-old's Halo team. In fact, they are the stage names of the members of the eccentric tribal rock band Spoonfed Tribe. According to Kaboom, all five men also are from Mars.

Saturday night, Spoonfed Tribe returned to Lubbock and the faithful crowd of hippies that follow did not disappoint. As I got to Jake's Backroom, I noticed it was nearly wall-to-wall with tribe members prepared for the ritualistic dancing by bringing their glow sticks and tying their dread locks back. There was an unusual sea of faces out, as the tribe stylistically is not typical to what one would find in Lubbock.

The anticipation for Spoonfed Tribe's return began to boil when the opening act Spivey ended its set with the popular song "The Captain." The two-man band known for its experimental electronic sound drew quite a crowd of its own. The sound of the bass was the driving force, but the stage setting also made it feel

### Chelsea Roe



kind of awkward. In general, it was an impressive Spivey show.

At exactly 11:50 p.m., Spivey's grand finale was forgotten as the pounding of the drums was heard — not from the stage but from atop the bar as all four percussionists began the "Mood Manipulation, Behavior Modification Program" with a thunderous drum jam. The crowd — clearly impressed by what it had seen so far — parted for the band members as they jumped off and made their way to the stage.

The lights went down with the start of the first song, the first glow stick was sprayed, and I was covered in black-light sensitive liquid from the beginning. Though the introduction to the show was great, I found it lacked a certain something seen previously at Spoonfed Tribe shows.

It was the song "Sidewalk Sunny" that really got the blood flowing and people dancing. Several songs later, Tribe members began crashing into each other when lead singer Egg Nebula gave us the addition of the flute, which quite possibly has not been that fun since Jethro Tull's usage.

The band described itself as, "a new kind of listening experience," which I think is a very accurate portrayal of Spoonfed Tribe. Throughout the night, the band literally had to stop for applause on multiple occasions as self-acclaimed tribe members screamed chants at them and danced circles around the beats spinning in their own brains. Members of the band encouraged the energetic atmosphere when the crowd surfing began, and they cheered it on.

"There's no place like Lubbock, Texas!" Nebula said.

Once again the lights went down, the glow sticks came out, the band ordered five Jager bombs and immediately the crowd was excited again. I thank God I wore closed-toed shoes, because I could not see a single

person around me who wasn't moving with the music. It was the best \$12 workout any member of the crowd could have asked for.

The closing of a Spoonfed Tribe experience usually comes about when 30 to 40 women hop onstage with the band to dance. The band then goes through motions of taking the crowd from "highs" to "lows," where they literally get down to the ground when the beats slow, only to rise again as the music intensifies. This is something you do not get to experience in Lubbock often enough.

This time was no different, and even I was included. From where I was onstage, I could see the whole room, and it was hard to pinpoint people who did not seem to be enjoying themselves. We were, however, disappointed when, at the close of the show, an encore was called for and the band left us hanging on a cliff.

I also was forced to deal with a cliffhanger when trying to get a few questions in with band members. I couldn't even get real names out of them. I was curious to know how it felt to come to a smaller venue like

Jake's after playing in Dallas, Houston and Austin, and Kaboom did give me an interesting perspective when he told me he loves both small and big venues alike.

According to him, "It's all about their own unique flavor. It's just about the connection with the people that are there." I'd say the connection was made this Saturday for sure.

The best quote I ever heard about

performing came from the movie "Almost Famous." Jason Lee's character stated, "You know what I do, I get people off. I look for the one person who isn't getting off, and I make them get off." Of Saturday night, I think it's safe to say Spoonfed Tribe sent us all home feeling pretty satisfied.

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## This year's Grammy Awards are a go

BY EMMA DESSAU  
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(U-WIRE) BOULDER, Colo. — The 50th Grammy Awards will not face the wrath of the Writers Guild of America's Strike on Feb. 10.

The WGA crippled the Golden Globes in January by promising to make a picket line outside the awards ceremony. The picket line would have most likely kept celebrities from attending as members of the Screen Actors Guild. With no stars, the Golden Globes were reduced to a press conference in which the winners were simply announced without any formal awards or recipients present.

The WGA declared that they would let their writers work for the 50th anniversary show to avoid a similar problem. According to the Associated Press, the WGA's West Coast President Patric M. Verone said, "Professional musicians face many of the same issues [writers] do concerning fair compensation for the use of their work in new media."

Now that the WGA has decided to create an interim in their strike, the show is expected to proceed as planned. This year's Grammy Awards will feature many big names from the music world.

Aretha Franklin, Mary J. Blige and the Foo Fighters featuring Led Zeppelin's John Paul Jones are some of the musicians set to take the stage at the anniversary show.

"I'm going to watch because I really like music," said Elizabeth Brot, a sophomore pre-journalism major. "I am especially excited to see Amy Winehouse perform."

Winehouse is nominated for six awards, including album of the year and best new artist.

While the Grammy Awards

may escape the impacts of the strike, the fight is still not over.

According to the New York Times, "In an e-mailed bulletin on Sunday, the presidents of the guild told members they 'do not yet have a contract,' and stressed the need for continued picketing."

Brot said she misses some of the shows that have been cancelled due to the strike.

"I think their strike is respectable, but a lot of my favorite shows are cancelled," Brot said. "I'll be happy when it's over."

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FRESHMAN FLY HALF Chapman Bauerlen from Katy, kicks the ball to help his team advance down the field Saturday afternoon at the rec fields with freshman teammate James Sandy looking on.

OK Go rock 'n' vote for Obama

By ZACK DYER  
COLUMBIA DAILY SPECTATOR (COLUMBIA U.)

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK — Monday night was a night of rock 'n' roll and surprisingly little politics for what was billed as a Barack Obama rally. In an effort to remind college students to vote the next day, a diverse group of indie rockers gathered at the Bowery Ballroom, joined by Stella Comedy. The performances included Alberta Cross (a group from London), Joan As Police Woman, The Doilies (led by Stella's Michael Showalter), Shudder to Think (led by Craig Wedren, the same guy who put the show together) and finally OK Go.

The concert itself was laid-back, and even the lesser-known acts were crowdpleasers. Strangely, the most off-putting aspect of the concert was Wedren. As the man

responsible for the concert, you'd think that he would demonstrate some self-control — and not let his band play for twice the set-length of OK Go. He even had the gall to let another band not on the bill (Birds) debut in the middle of the concert. Their music was reminiscent of bad Christmas caroling.

But aside from this hour-long lapse of judgment, the concert was a huge success. With Michael Ian Black and the others from Stella hosting, the crowd was kept in good spirits. And when Knocked Up's Paul Rudd (introduced as Caroline Kennedy) joined Stella on stage and showed the crowd a picture of Obama on his iPhone, everyone was incredibly excited.

But what was really special about this event, though it was advertised as "Barack Rock," was the relative lack of politics. While all

performing groups did at some point mention their support of Obama, there was no sermon. "Do what you want," the members of OK Go told the crowd, "tonight we get to play with our idols, and tomorrow all of us get to vote for Obama." Many of the acts praised "actually getting to vote for someone we believe in," while even Wedren added: "I want you to vote for Barack, but honestly it's just important to get out there and do your part."

As Damian Kulash, the lead singer of OK Go said, "It's kind of like preaching to the converted" — a surprising number of audience members were wearing their Barack Obama T-shirts and the crowd erupted even at the mention of his name. That wasn't the point of the event, though. In the words of Kulash, "don't be a stupid fucker-vote!"

Spice Girls back with more girl power

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(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Think back to 1997. Who were the five coolest, sexiest women of that year? If you were in the vicinity of TD Banknorth Garden last Wednesday night, the answer would have literally popped out at you from every Union Jack mini-dress and four-inch platform shoe in sight: the Spice Girls, of course, and they're back. Young women who were barely ten years old when the attractive, feisty quintuplet released their first single (the now timeless "Wannabe") came out in droves to watch the resurrection of Posh, Baby, Sporty, Scary, and Ginger after a ten year hiatus, which started in 1998 after Geri "Ginger Spice" Halliwell left on claims of exhaustion and difference of opinion.

America fell hard for the Spice Girls in January of 1997 when they released "Wannabe" in the US after several months of unprecedented success in England.

Young fans welcomed the group's debut album SPICE with Hannah Montana-like excitement and gave the girls enough revenue and momentum to pump out a second album, Spice World, in conjunction with a movie of the same name. By 1998, the Spice Girls were a global phenomenon; their adoration was still unfathomable on January 30th in Boston.

Fans went wild even before the group came on stage. Some girls in homemade matching T-shirts shouted out various lyrics across the arena, while others shrieked at the video advertisements for Roberto Cavalli, who designed all of the costumes for the tour. When the Spice Girls finally came on stage an hour late, a deafening, high pitched scream erupted and thirty thousand hands were in the air. One fan even held up a sign that read "Thank You Spice Girls."

The group opened with "Spice Up Your Life," a hit single from their second album. The dancing was less energetic than it was in their late '90s prime; there were a lot of standstill ballet-in-

spired moves, and pole dancing combined with the waving of obscenely large feather puffs. The audience seemed not to notice, or at least not to care, about the overly gaudy and outdated dance moves. Instead, they went wild for everything, particularly "Say You'll Be There," which included some fabulous breakdancing by thirty or so male dancers.

The women, all in their thirties and four of them mothers, had clearly aged but they still looked great. I had difficulty taking my jealous eyes off of Victoria "Posh Spice" Beckham's legs, which were the size of shish kabob sticks and clad in gold lame leggings. Immediately upon arriving at the concert, I noticed that my one homage to the 1990s — a sparkly gold belt — did not sufficiently demonstrate my devotion to the Spice Girls and their famously outrageous wardrobes. Real fans wore cheetah print leotards, patent leather jumpers, and black mini dresses. I was not surprised to see, however, that the Spice Girls had updated their outfits and hairdos for the year 2008.



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## Tech track rests 'A-Team', sets three school records

By BRAD DUFF  
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Despite not using all of their best athletes, the Texas Tech track teams set three school records Saturday at the Texas Tech Invitational in the Athletic Training Center.

Going into Saturday's meet, Texas Tech track coach Wes Kittley said he wanted to let some of his regular performers have a rest before they travel to Fayetteville, Ark., next week to compete in the Tyson Invitational.

"(We were) not running our A-

team people in some things because we've got a big meet in Arkansas coming up," said Kittley. "I was real pleased with what we were trying to accomplish (Saturday). This meet was so important to see who of our backup people would step up."

Tech athletes also set five ATC records and achieved eight personal bests as well as three NCAA provisional marks.

Ozie Okolie won the weight throw with a personal best of 63 feet, 11.5 inches, an ATC and

school record.

Patience Knight and D'Andra Carter were impressive in the shot put as both earned NCAA provisional marks of 52'8.0" and 52'1.0", respectively, finishing first and second. With her throw, Knight set a new school and ATC facility record.

Kittley raved about his women throwers.

"That was kind of the highlight for me, was our girl throwers all set personal bests today," he said. "All were personal bests and two were school records for the people that won."

The men throwers joined the women as Harrison "Tank" Benjamin and Tyler Menges went one-two for the second week in a row, turning in throws of 54'9.25" and 53'10.50", respectively.

Tech's Jansen Hyde ran a personal best in the 55M hurdles with a winning time and personal best of 7.52 seconds. Nathan Lowry finished third and ran a personal best of 7.57s. Julianne Kennedy finished second in the women's hurdles with a time of 8.03s while

Tori Smith ran a time of 8.20s, placing fifth.

Kennedy, who also competes in the long jump and high jump, said she has room for improvement before next weekend.

"I feel like I need to improve a lot more," said Kennedy. "It's kind of frustrating to come out and not do as well as you hoped."

Kennedy said meets like the Tyson Invitational tend to bring out the best competitors.

"When you have an overall bigger meet, when there's more people watching, you can get a little bit more excited," she said, "but at the same time you have to control your nerves."

Kennedy's jump of 18'1.50" was good for fourth in the long jump while her height of 5'6" in the high jump earned fifth overall.

Tech football player Lyle Leong finished fifth in the long jump with a distance of 22'11". He also earned an NCAA provisional mark and took first place in the high jump with a height of 7'0.25".

Fellow track and football teammate Jamar Wall finished fourth

in the long jump with a length of 22'11.75". He said there is a definite transition from football to track.

"In football, you're kind of meaty, kind of big, and then in track it's the total opposite," Wall said. "Track athletes are real comfortable. They have good hips, and that helps us a lot because having good hips means body movement."

The women's 4X800m relay team of Asia Diaz, Gladys Kip-

sang, Chep Boit and Shannon Jackson ran an ATC record and a first place time of 9:07.14, also a school record.

Kittley said this team is ready to cross the state lines and compete in Arkansas next weekend.

"We're really gearing up for that one," said Kittley. "Some of those that had three meets in a row, we wanted them to have a recovery day before we go there next week. It'll be our best people."

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TEXAS TECH'S CHUCK Zavala competes in the long jump Friday in the Athletic Training Center as a part of the pentathlon.



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TEXAS TECH'S JANSEN Hyde leaps over the hurdle Saturday in the Athletic Training Center.



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TEXAS TECH'S LYLE Leong leaps over the high jump bar Saturday in the Athletic Training Center in the final indoor track meet of the season at Tech.

## Sloan's career game helps No. 18 Texas A&M beat Missouri 77-69

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Donald Sloan scored a career-high 21 points, and No. 18 Texas A&M took control with a 15-point run to open the second half of a 77-69 victory over Missouri on Saturday.

Bryan Davis had 14 points and 11 rebounds and Josh Carter added 14 points for the Aggies (20-4, 6-3 Big 12), who had a dominating 42-25 rebounding advantage and shot 56 percent in the second half to win their fifth straight game. Texas A&M won for only the second time in seven tries at Missouri, capitalizing on a program still struggling in the wake of the disciplinary suspensions of five players late last month.

Stefhon Hannah, the team's leading scorer and the central figure in a nightclub altercation, was arrested for third-degree misdemeanor assault on Friday, his first trip to the campus since his jaw was broken. He was not on the bench as Missouri (13-11, 3-6) lost for the third time in four games since the incident.

A second guard, Jason Horton, was arrested earlier on the same charge.

Leo Lyons, who served a one-game suspension, had a career-best 24 points off the bench for Missouri. Lyons

scored 16 of his points in the last six minutes, helping the Tigers cut an 18-point deficit to seven in the final half-minute.

Sloan made sure Missouri got no closer than that, going 7-for-8 from the line and scoring nine points in

the final 1:12. He was 6-for-8 from the field and 9-for-10 from the line overall, while Davis earned his second career double-double.

Texas A&M was 3-for-5 from 3-point range in the second half, after going 1-for-10 in the first half.

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FORWARD JERRIN ASHFORD, a freshman from Newbury Park, CA, looks for an open teammate against Boston College Saturday in the City Bank Coliseum.

Maric leads Huskers to win over Tech

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska turned to Aleks Maric early on Saturday and the senior center responded, scoring 22 points and grabbing 14 rebounds for his fourth straight double-double and a 73-62 victory over Texas Tech on Saturday.

"I felt we had an advantage in there," Nebraska coach Doc Sadler said. "We have to look for him because he gives you so many other opportunities for the guys outside."

Nebraska (14-7, 3-5 Big 12) shot 57 percent in the first half, when Maric scored 17 of his points.

"The way Al is playing is really helping us," said Ryan Anderson,

who scored 19 points on 8-of-9 shooting. "He has confidence in what he's doing. His aggressiveness is getting us good shots."

The Huskers lead grew to 18 midway through the second frame after Cookie Miller's 3-pointer made the score 60-42. But Texas Tech (12-10, 3-5) went on a 13-2 run, and Mike Singletary's jumper cut the Nebraska lead to 62-55. The Huskers countered with a 8-3 spurt that put the game out of reach.

Nebraska took control of the game with a 21-2 run after trailing by 8 points in the first half. The Huskers got a three-point play on Miller's driving layup with 12:20 remaining, then held the Red Raiders

to just one field goal in the next seven minutes.

Maric scored 17 first-half points for the Huskers. Ryan Anderson finished with 19 points, Steve Harley had 12 and Miller had 10.

Singletary scored 10 points for Texas Tech.

Texas Tech coach Pat Knight, who succeeded his father Bob on Monday, lost for the second time in the week. The Red Raiders lost to Baylor 80-74 Wednesday.

"We're trying to get our guys convinced that we can win on the road," Knight said. "We've changed the time we come over from the hotel, when we get taped in the hotel. We're just trying everything."

Wilson leads No. 5 Baylor past Texas Tech, 68-45

WACO (AP) — When Baylor's 13-game winning streak came to a halt last week, coach Kim Mulkey used words like "nonexistent" and "manhandled" to describe the Bears' inside play.

The analysis was far different Saturday after Rachel Allison, Danielle Wilson and Jessica Bradley dominated the post play in No. 5 Baylor's 68-45 win over Texas Tech.

"I thought all three post players responded," Mulkey said of the trio that combined for 15 points in Tuesday's 77-67 loss to Oklahoma State.

"I didn't blame them, I challenged them," she said. "I understand how good we are when they play good. All three of them played well today. It's fun as a coach when you see people respond."

Wilson scored 18 points, Allison had 13 points and 12 rebounds, and Bradley scored eight for Baylor (21-2, 9-1 Big 12). Angela Tisdale had

14 points and nine assists in setting the school assist record.

Not only did the three answer Mulkey's challenge on offense, they also played tough defense. They held Tech's leading scorer Dominic Seals to five points on 2-for-9 shooting.

"We fronted her and were there to contest shots," Mulkey said. "When you guard Dominic Seals and hold her to five points, you've had a good day. All three have to take credit. They didn't ever let her get comfortable in the paint."

Stancia Graham had 14 points and 11 rebounds for Tech (14-9, 2-7), and Jordan Murphree scored 10.

Seals entered Saturday's game averaging 14.1 points.

"Baylor didn't do anything different" on Seals, Texas Tech coach Kristy Curry said. "She was 0-for-6 in the first half. Our damage was self-imposed."

Seals scored one point in the first

half and made her first field goal with 15:56 left in the game.

"You have to give Baylor a lot of credit," Curry said. "You've got to make shots on the road to be successful. We shot 24 percent today, and that's not going to get it."

With 9:20 left in the game, Jessica Morrow hit a jumper after a pass from Tisdale on an inbound play. The assist was Tisdale's 458th of her career and set a Baylor record, surpassing Chelsea Whitaker, who had 457 assists from 2002-05.

Baylor had a scare with 3:55 remaining in the second half when Allison and Graham got tangled up in the lane below Texas Tech's basket. They fell, with the larger Graham landing atop Allison, who was slow in getting up. With guard Jhasmin Player already out for the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament, the Bears are down to nine players on their roster with just seven of those playing significant minutes.

Clemens' lawyer says he has proof pitcher wasn't at party

WASHINGTON (AP) — A lawyer for Roger Clemens said Saturday the pitcher can prove he didn't attend a June 1998 party at Jose Canseco's home described by Brian McNamee in the Mitchell Report.

According to McNamee, Clemens first raised the subject of steroids not long after McNamee saw Canseco and Clemens meeting during the party.

Clemens' side has turned over evidence to congressional investigators, including an affidavit from Canseco, to support that the pitcher wasn't

present at Canseco's home that day, the attorney, Rusty Hardin, said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

Hardin said video footage from telecasts of baseball games around the time of the party also were given to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. During the telecasts, Hardin said, TV announcers can be heard discussing Canseco's party and noting that Clemens wasn't there.

A person familiar with the com-

mittee's investigation confirmed to the AP the affidavit and video were turned over and are in Clemens' favor. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the investigation.

The House panel is examining former Senate majority leader George Mitchell's report on drug use in baseball, and a public hearing Wednesday is expected to focus on Clemens' denials of what his former personal trainer, McNamee, alleged. McNamee told Mitchell he injected Clemens at least 16 times with steroids and human growth hormone in 1998, 2000 and 2001.

"One of the things the committee is going to hear on Wednesday is about this party that is supposed to have started this whole thing," Hardin said. "Roger wasn't even at this party."

Arthur, Robinson lead Kansas to victory over Baylor

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — After telling everyone all week how good Baylor's guards are, Kansas coach Bill Self probably felt like shouting, "See — I told you so."

Self's fourth-ranked Jayhawks finally did subdue the Bears, even without the help of a 3-point basket for the first time in almost eight years. But Curtis Jerrells, Henry Dugat and LaceDarius Dunn kept Kansas hopping from beginning to end Saturday night before the buzzer finally sounded with Kansas on top 100-90.

"I told people — their guards are really, really good," said Self.

Jerrells had 30 points, the highest total of any player against Kansas this year. Dunn was 5-for-10 from the 3-point arc and had 23 points. Dugat had 15.

"I'm not sure offensively we'll play any guards that will actually play better than what Baylor's played tonight," Self said.

Darrell Arthur had 23 points and 10 rebounds and Russell Robinson had 22 and helped fuel a 17-6 spurt in the second half that pulled the Jayhawks (23-1, 8-1 Big 12) away from the stubborn Bears.

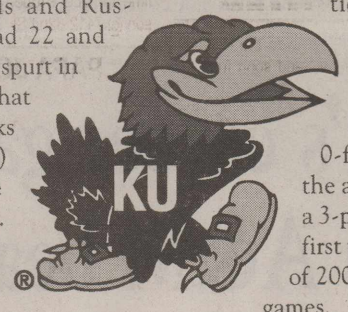
Sherron Collins, who's been erratic the past couple of weeks, had 17 points and was also key in the second-half run that kept Baylor winless in eight trips to Allen Fieldhouse.

"Shady (Arthur) was terrific.

Russell was solid," said Self "But Sherron was the spark tonight. I thought in the second half he changed the pace of the game and got us easy baskets in transition."

Despite its second-highest point total of the season, Kansas was 0-for-9 from behind the arc and failed to hit a 3-point bucket for the first time since February of 2000 — a span of 271 games.

"That's unbelievable," Self said. "I'm sure it's happened before, but I can't imagine that. And to take 63 shots, and only take nine 3s. That's not going to happen very often."



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# Tech soccer announces 2008 signing class

By ALEX YBARRA  
STAFF WRITER

Coach Tom Stone accomplished a lot in his first season as coach of the Texas Tech women's soccer team.

He guided Tech to its first conference winning record in 11 years and earned a seed in the Big 12 Conference Tournament for the first time since 1999.

Now, Stone brings in his first recruiting class in hopes of building off the foundation he set a season ago.

Stone announced Wednesday the 10 players for the 2008 recruiting class who will join the program when the season begins in fall 2008.

"We are very excited about our first recruiting class," he said. "It's got balance. There's five from Texas and five from out of state, so we like that too. More than anything, they're great students, and they're really going to help us build this program."

Stone reached out and brought in five players from the East Coast, three of them from Stone's former club team, the Tophat gold club team in Atlanta.

The recruits from Tophat are midfielder Kacy Hardie, forward/defender Kendyl Mygatt and defender Hope Hanson.

The other two players from out of Texas are midfielder/defender Maggie Fete from Watchung Hills Regional High School in Warren, N.J., and midfielder Lauren Yelinek from the Boston Bolts club team in Ludlow, Mass.

"Obviously, quite a get for us out of Boston, Mass., and off of a terrific club team, the Boston Bolts," Stone said of Yelinek in a press release. "Lauren has an excellent all around game, so we see her playing several different places for us but most likely in midfield."

Coach Aaron Gordon said the addition of this recruiting class will help the team grow in all directions, including competition for starting positions.

"I think that this group as a whole brings a good combination of skill and athleticism," he said. "There are some really good athletes in this group, but they're not just athletes. It's a good

combination of both athlete and soccer player, which I think just helps our team, gives us more depth. It'll make the players we have better because I think they'll be pushed a little bit more, and believe me, no one wants to give up their position to incoming freshmen."

Aaron Gordon and coach Ashley Gordon, his wife, tapped into their resources at FC Dallas, where they coached prior to accepting assistant coaching positions at Tech.

They recruited defender Casey McCall from Frisco, defender/midfielder Erin Villareal from Plano and midfielder Madison Terry from Rowlett.

The final two recruits hail from Texas: midfielder/forward Dawn Ward from Midland and defender Lexi Castellano from Arlington.

Stone said he believes the most well known player in the class is Ward because of what she accomplished at

the high school level.

"She played for the Texans," he said, "which was the No. 2 team in the nation last year. They played for the national championship. She scored the winning goal to send her team to nationals; she's really strong, excellent in the air, great technique."

Along with the recruiting class, Tech will see its top 2007 recruit return to action in the fall.

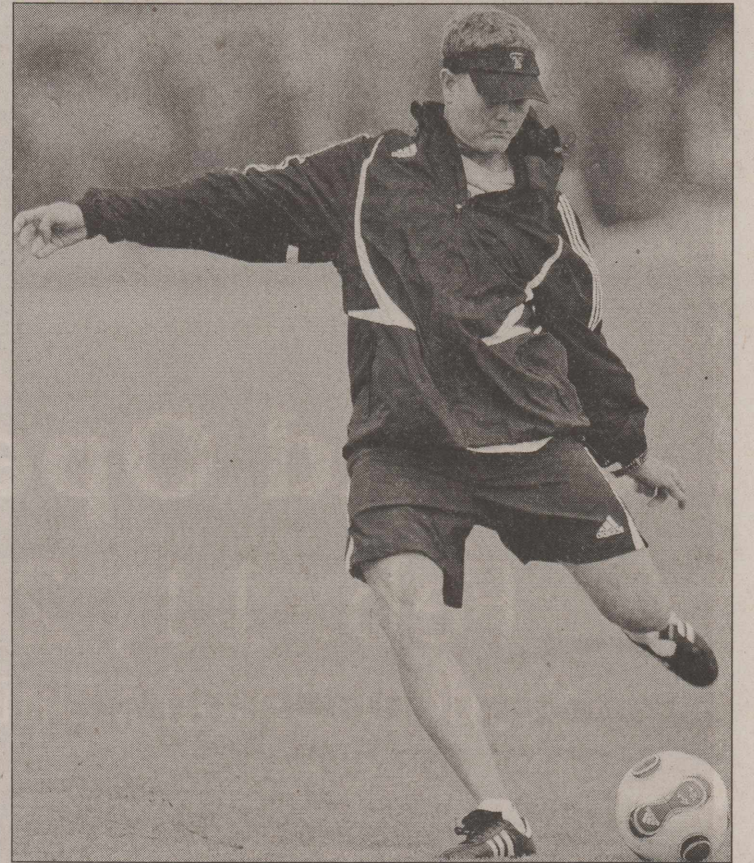
Redshirt freshman midfielder Taylor Lytle will play for the first time since being recruited to Tech under former coach Neil McGuire.

Lytle is coming off an ACL tear that happened Aug. 1, prior to the 2007 season starting.

Lytle said she looks forward to competing again, especially with the new recruiting class shaking things up.

"I think with 10 girls coming in, it's going to be a huge change for the team," Lytle said. "I think that the 10 girls that are coming in are good enough to make an impact on the team, and also I think they're good enough to force the upperclassmen to get better. There's going to be competing for spots. I think they're going to help the program out; I know that they are."

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TEXAS TECH SOCCER coach Tom Stone announced his recruiting class for the 2008 season. He brings in 10 players, five coming from Texas and five coming from the East Coast.

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# Serving up aces

Tech tennis teams continue winning behind strong singles play



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MARIA JOSE ANDRES returns a serve this weekend against North Texas. The Red Raiders defeated UNT 6-1 Friday at the McLeod Tennis Center.

By ADAM COLEMAN  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech men's and women's tennis teams found ways to win over the weekend, defeating ranked teams on the road and at home.

The Tech women (6-1) defeated North Texas 6-1 Friday, and grabbed a close 4-3 win against No. 68 Nevada Saturday at the McLeod Tennis Center. The Tech men (5-0) remained undefeated, taking care of both No. 73 San Diego and No. 75 UNLV 5-2 in Las Vegas.

The Tech women's team's weekend was highlighted by its win over the first ranked opponent of the season in Nevada. The win came by strong singles play by the Red Raiders after they lost the doubles point to start the match. The match soon came down to Janet Durham with a 3-3 tie and Tech needing one more point for the win. Durham defeated Florence De Vrye 3-6, 7-5, 6-4 to finish off the Wolf Pack.

"I think there's no doubt (Nevada is) a good team," Tech coach Cari Groce said. "We had to have a total team effort. We had to have good things from Janet come up. She pulled it out, turned it around and played well. That's what we need from her. We count on her and her experience."

Durham said there was no way the Red Raiders wanted to leave this match without a win.

"We definitely wanted to beat them to get our ranking up there,"

she said, "so we just all came out, and we're not going to take no for an answer."

Tech No. 1 Samantha van der Drift, lost her third-straight match when she lost to North Texas' Madura Ranjanathan 5-7, 6-3, 7-10. Nevada's No. 48 Maria Mizyuk also won her match against van der Drift 2-6, 6-4, 6-2, van der Drift's second-consecutive loss against a ranked opponent.

Groce said it is a matter of concentration when it comes to getting van der Drift back on track.

The Tech women's young players continued to show promise throughout both matches this weekend.

Against North Texas, freshmen Kelsy Garland and Simone Templeton continued to thrive in singles play.

Garland defeated UNT's Narine Kazarova 4-6, 6-2, 10-6, and Nevada's Caroline Bailly 6-1, 2-6, 6-3 to stay unbeaten in singles play.

Templeton's win over North Texas' Catalina Cruz 6-3, 7-6(2), and the Wolf Pack's Alice Hall 6-4,



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SIMONE TEMPLETON HELPS lead the Red Raiders to their first victory over a ranked opponent this season. The Red Raiders improve to 6-1 on the season.

"I think that she's just playing a tough position," she said. "She goes out and she wins those first sets and plays really well and she needs to learn to finish. She needs to learn to stay after it and do what she's doing instead of rushing. She gets into a little bit of a rushy mode and forgets to look at the ball. (She) is jumping around and she needs to go out there with some definitely defined game plan."

6-3, helped her to stay undefeated as well.

Garland and Templeton have six wins each to start their careers at Tech.

"I think our team's done really well this year," Garland said. "We pulled out some tough matches. (We have) worked well together as a team. Even though we don't win the doubles point (against Nevada), we're still deep in singles, and we still come out strong."

The Tech men outlasted UNLV and San Diego to continue their streak.

Two of the top doubles teams in the nation in No. 11 Michael Breler and Sinisa Markovic and No. 10 Bojan Szumanski and Christian Rojmar continued to improve their rankings, sweeping the doubles point against UNLV and grabbing two more wins against San Diego's top doubles teams.

Lenoir Ramos lost his first singles match of the season against UNLV's Luca Barlocchi 5-7, 7-6 (3) with a third set retired.

As the Tech men continue on their road trip, lasting for four consecutive weekends, the Tech women will not return home until March 19. The men next face Arkansas-Little Rock while the women next face Boise State.

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