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STATE

Negative campaign ads can continue

AUSTIN (AP)—A pro-gambling group can resume advertisements targeting an incumbent state lawmaker, a Travis County judge ruled Monday.

State District Judge Scott Jenkins dissolved a temporary order granted Friday that had ordered the Texans for Economic Development political action committee to pull attack ads targeting Rep. Nathan Macias, R-Bulverde.

At issue is whether the group, which represents horse- and dog-racing interests, illegally accepted corporate money when it built a \$1 million war chest for the 2008 legislative races.

NATION

Pentagon says Navy hit satellite

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Pentagon said Monday it has a "high degree of confidence" that the missile fired at a dead U.S. spy satellite in space destroyed the satellite's fuel tank as planned.

In its most definitive statement yet on the outcome of last Wednesday's shutdown over the Pacific, the Pentagon said that based on debris analysis it is clear the Navy missile destroyed the fuel tank, "reducing, if not eliminating, the risk to people on Earth from the hazardous chemical."

WORLD

Turkish military says killed more than 41 Kurds

CUKURCA, Turkey (AP)—Turkey's military said Monday it had killed 41 more separatist Kurdish rebels in clashes in northern Iraq, raising the reported guerrilla death toll in its cross-border operation to 153.

A statement posted on the military's Web site also said two more soldiers were killed in fighting, but gave no details.

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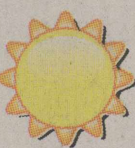
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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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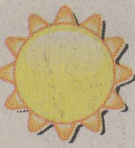
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Wednesday



SUNNY
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Iran may have focused on nuclear program

Diplomats uncover documents that indicate Iran's interest in nuclear program after 2003

By **GEORGE JAHN**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

VIENNA, Austria (AP)—The U.N. nuclear monitoring agency presented documents Monday that diplomats said indicate Iran may have focused on a nuclear weapons program after 2003—the year that a U.S. intelligence report says such work stopped.

Iran again denied ever trying to make such arms. Ali Ashgar

Soltanieh, the chief Iranian delegate to the International Atomic Energy Agency, dismissed the information showcased by the body as "forgeries."

He and other diplomats, all linked to the IAEA, commented after a closed-door presentation to the agency's 35-nation board of intelligence findings from the U.S. and its allies and other information purporting to show Iranian attempts to make nuclear arms.

A summarized U.S. National Intelligence Estimate, made public late last year, also came to the conclusion that Tehran was conducting atomic weapons work. But it said the Iranians froze such work in 2003.

Asked whether board members were shown information indicating Tehran continued weapons-related activities after that time, Simon Smith, the chief British delegate to the IAEA, said: "Certainly some of the dates ... went beyond 2003."

He did not elaborate. But another diplomat at the presentation, who agreed to discuss the meeting only if not quoted by name, said some of the documentation focused on an Iranian report on nuclear activities that some experts have said could be related to weapons.

She said it was unclear whether the project was being actively worked on in 2004 or the report was a review of past activities. Still, any Iranian focus on nuclear weapons work in 2004

would at least indicate continued interest past the timeframe outlined in the U.S. intelligence estimate.

A senior diplomat who attended the IAEA meeting said that among the material shown was an Iranian video depicting mock-ups of a missile re-entry vehicle. He said IAEA Director General Oli Heinonen suggested the component—which brings missiles back from the strato-

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CHELSEA STOPS BY

Chelsea Clinton visits Lubbock to promote mother's Presidential campaign

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CHELSEA CLINTON, DAUGHTER of presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Clinton, meets with the public after speaking in the SUB's Matador room Monday evening.

By **MATT MCGOWAN**
STAFF WRITER

Hillary Clinton's campaign revealed a second card up its sleeve when Hillary Clinton's daughter, Chelsea Clinton, visited Texas Tech to support her mother's bid for the presidency.

Chelsea Clinton, the 27-year-old daughter of presidential hopeful Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., spoke to a crowd of more than a hundred Texas Tech students Monday evening in the Matador Room of the Student Union Building.

For a little more than an hour, Chelsea Clinton fielded audience questions about her mother's campaign platform. The questions' topics ranged from health care to education, and the former first daughter had an answer for all of the questions except one, which pertained to whether or not Hillary Clinton would establish a holiday in honor of Cesar Chavez.

Chelsea Clinton said her mom's goals involve the establishment of a universal health care system, which would alleviate much of the financial burden on many American families in need of medicine and medical treatment.

Hillary Clinton, she said, fought to restore the ailing U.S. health care system long before it was "fashionable," which testifies to her willingness to fight for plausible solutions to the inadequacies of the current administration.

Hillary Clinton's crusade for change, Chelsea Clinton said, will not end if she is elected this November, and Chelsea Clinton believes her mother's desire to make a difference in the lives of other people is evident historically.

"I think my mom has been making positive change in peoples' lives for longer than I've been alive," she said. "I mean, I turn 28 (years old) in a couple of days, and before I was born, my mom worked for the Children's Defense Fund."

Former President Bill Clinton's role in Hillary Clinton's administration has been a hot topic in the Clinton household, Chelsea Clinton said. Bill Clinton's international humanitarian and economic work since he left the White House certainly testifies to his good nature. As the first gentleman, Bill Clinton would "be honored to serve whoever the next president might be."

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Obama Lubbock office headquarters open

By **MAGGIE KIELY**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students and local Lubbock residents met Monday evening at 1308-A Ave. Q to celebrate the opening of the Barack Obama Democratic Presidential Nominee campaign office.

Erin Castle, a University of Missouri graduate from Lubbock, is an Obama campaign organizer.

Castle said she was hired as an organizer after interning for the campaign in Columbia, Mo., and eventually went on to Des Moines, Iowa, to work for the Obama campaign. She said she asked to work at the Lubbock Obama Campaign Office, as it is her hometown.

"This will be a place for supporters to come and do volunteer work," Castle said. "Anyone who wants to learn more about Barack; we have issue papers, rally signs, bumper stickers."

As for proactive campaigning, she said volunteers will make phone calls and knock on doors to endorse Obama.

"We do have a lot of Tech students supporting," she said. "They are fantastic support, really energized and fired up about getting Barack Obama into the White House."

Robin Adams Parks, an Obama campaign volunteer from Lubbock, said she is thrilled to see so many Tech students get involved.

"I know what inspired young people can do," Parks said. "My mantra is 'you can make

a difference,' and I think these kids are finally starting to get that, thanks to Obama."

As a former national delegate for former President Bill Clinton, Parks said her support has since shifted. She said she believes the next president needs to be one who can inspire change, and Obama is the one to do so.

"I feel like my generation has done a horrible job in what we have left you," Parks said. "I haven't been involved in a political campaign in over 10 years. I'm involved with this one because I feel I owe it to your generation."

Ashley Ammons, a senior political science major from Lubbock and member of Tech Democrats, said originally she was surprised with all of the student political

involvement.

"It makes me very happy students are taking time to care about who is going to be elected president," Ammons said. "We have to care, and I think this election means a lot to a lot of people because (the candidates are) actually speaking to us."

Andrew Vaughn, a third year law student from Canton, is the founding member of the Lubbock Mike Huckabee for President 2008 Meetup Group, an online network of Republican candidate Huckabee supporters in Lubbock and the South Plains.

"Pretty much I'm it, I guess," Vaughn said. "There is nothing official; I'm just a supporter who has been a fan of Gov. Huckabee for a long

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Tech students have options for stress relief

By AMY HUMBERT
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With midterms coming up, homework, exams, work and life can pile on the pressures.

But instead of turning to things that might cause more damage, Texas Tech students have several alternatives for stress relief on campus.

Tom Golightly, a counseling psychologist at the Tech Student Counseling Center, said the center has a variety of activities.

"We have a biofeedback lab that we can hook students up to measure heart rates," Golightly said, "and it also measures their breathing rates to measure stress and then help calm them down."

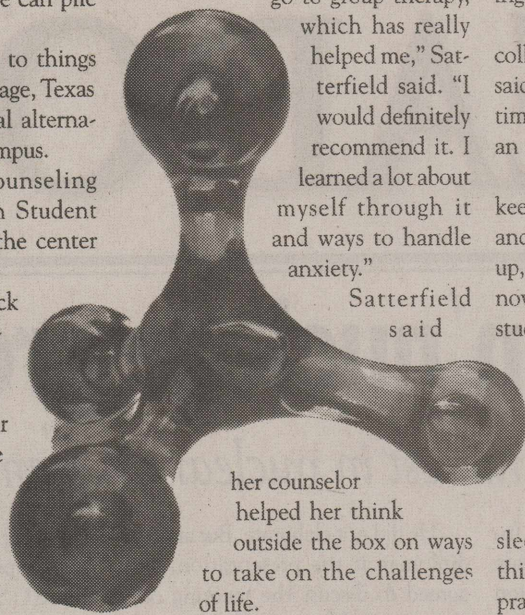
Golightly said the Student Counseling Center also offers individual and group counseling for those wanting intervention.

Abby Satterfield, a sophomore

history major from Arlington, said she has benefited from the group counseling.

"I went to a counselor, and now I go to group therapy, which has really helped me," Satterfield said. "I would definitely recommend it. I learned a lot about myself through it and ways to handle anxiety."

Satterfield said



her counselor helped her think outside the box on ways to take on the challenges of life.

The medical symptoms involved with stress include lack of sleep, change of eating patterns,

weight fluctuations, mood changes, thought processes differing, changes in self-worth, not being able to accomplish ordinary tasks and becoming distracted easily, Golightly said.

"The biggest effect with stress on college students is the sleep factor," he said. "It can actually take a toll over time. It could even eventually lead to an anxiety disorder."

Basic steps to prevent stress are to keep in mind self-care, Golightly said, and if a person has a midterm coming up, he or she should start reviewing now and take frequent breaks while studying.

By no means should students turn to drugs or other harmful substances, Golightly said, because that will only compound anxiety.

"New studies are showing sleep is also necessary to keeping things in memory," he said. "If you practice managing time, you will find you have plenty of time."

Tabetha Davis, a massage therapist at the Robert H. Ewalt Student

Recreation Center, said a massage is an excellent way to relieve people of stress.

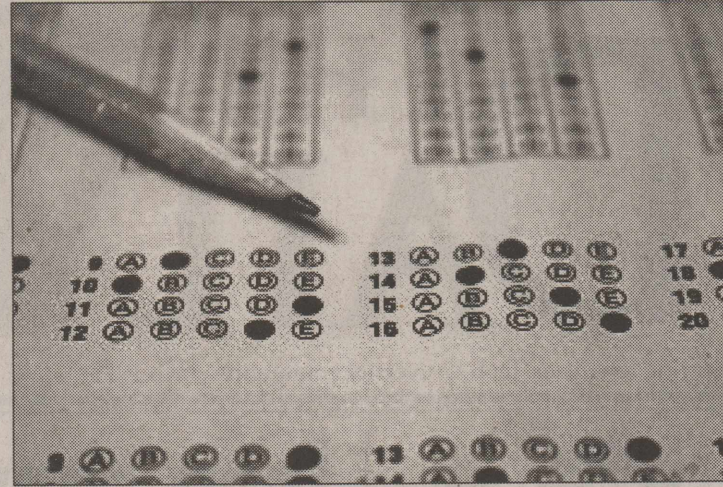
"It relaxes the muscles and allows tension to leave the body," Davis said. "Although it doesn't replace medical attention, it allows a way to release pressure."

Davis said while she was taking massage therapy training classes, she had never had a massage herself. She said while she was going through a traumatic divorce after 23 years of marriage, massage was a lifesaver. She likes how she can now help others.

"Since I have been doing massages myself, I feel it is one of the most gratifying jobs," Davis said, "because it makes you feel powerful to know you have helped someone. It's an emotional and physical relief of stress that helps people function better."

Davis said the Rec center charges \$45 for one hour of massage and \$25 for half an hour.

Jennifer Wright, a senior biology major from Dallas, said she does not



like to spend money to get stress relief.

"Last week I had four tests, and the only motivation I had to not watch television and to keep studying is that I could look forward to going out on the weekend," Wright said. "Music and dancing is my stress reliever."

Wright said she does not need alcohol to have fun or to reduce stress. She said going to the clubs can have

a better outcome than sipping from a can of beer.

"Everyone puts so much effort forth during the weekdays," she said. "Going to the club gives people exercise, allows them to meet new people and gives people a chance to meet other people they would not normally see in class."

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'Feed Your Body and Soul Week' kicks off

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Feed Your Body and Soul Week is scheduled to feature a series of events to educate students and faculty on body image as well as physical and mental well-being this week at Texas Tech.

The university kicked off Feed Your Body and Soul Week Monday in the Marsha Sharp Center for Athletics, according to a Tech news release. The week-long series began with free eating disorder screenings for students and faculty and later featured "Snack Smart" in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. Each Feed Your Body and Soul event is free for students and faculty and is meant to raise awareness of healthier living.

Hayden Roan, a sophomore from Hideaway who is involved in organizing the week's activities, said she hopes

FYBS will raise awareness about eating disorders.

"Mainly this week is about letting people know that there are places to go and people out there who care," Roan said. "We want to remind students to be aware of friends who may be facing an eating disorder."

FYBS week will feature a yoga fusion class from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. today in the Student Rec Center room 114. The class, featuring tai chi, yoga and dance, will focus on relaxing the mind and body, according to the release. Immediately following yoga fusion will be a men's panel discussion at 7 p.m. in Rec Center room 201. The panel will discuss health issues, fitness, and nutrition.

From 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursday, FYBS week will continue with a Feed Your Body Fair in the Human Science Canyon Room to educate students on nutrition and

body acceptance, according to the release.

In remembrance of people who have died from eating disorders, FYBS will host the Elisa Project gathering at 6 p.m. Thursday in room 202 of the Jerry S. Rawls Business Administration building. The gathering also will celebrate those recovering from eating disorders.

Jenni Schaefer will wrap up Feed Your Body and Soul Week immediately following the Elisa Project gathering. Schaefer is an author, singer and songwriter, who has had a personal struggle with eating disorders. She will perform and speak about her efforts to help people recovering from eating disorders.

Feed Your Body and Soul Week aims to allow students a chance to see resources available to them when it comes to living a healthy lifestyle, according to the release.

Kylie Cox, a Rec Center fitness instructor, said nutritional eating habits are necessary in maintaining good health.

"It's just about taking care of your body," she said. "Even if you work out, if you eat bad, your cholesterol will eventually go up. You've got to eat your fruits and veggies."

Feed Your Body and Soul Week is sponsored by the Student Counseling Center, University Student Housing, The Ranch at Dovetree, the Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery, NCAA, the Department of Athletics, Rec Sports, the Center for Campus Life, the Department of Nutrition, Hospitality and Retailing, The Elisa Project, Managed Care Center for Addictive/Other Disorders Inc. and Student Health Services, according to the release.

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Wheelchair bomber eludes detection

BAGHDAD (AP) — A man in a wheelchair laden with explosives persuaded security guards Monday to push him into an Iraqi operations center, where he blew himself up in an attack that killed the center's deputy commander.

The infiltration, along with a U.S. report that insurgents used an adolescent to carry out a suicide attack against a mosque last week, was the latest indication that al-Qaida in Iraq is expanding its tactics to avoid detection before a bombing.

The Iraqi military indefinitely banned all motorcycles, bicycles and hand-pushed and horse-drawn carts from Baghdad's streets on Sunday, two days after a bomb hidden under a horse-drawn cart exploded downtown, killing three civilians.

That attack came exactly one month after a suicide bomber pushing an electric heater atop a cart packed with hidden explosives attacked a high school in Baqouba. And in an attack at a tribal gathering near Fallujah on Jan. 20, the bomber was a 15-year-old boy carrying a box of candy.

Women also have been used more frequently as bombers in recent months, including two with a history of psychiatric treatment who killed about 100 people at pet markets in Baghdad on Feb. 1.

"It's terrible to think, (but) it's going to be, 'Oh, that's the shooting school,'" Beno said.

One of students most seriously wounded in the attack, Maria Ruiz-Santana, was to be released Monday from a hospital in Downers Grove, doctors said. More than 20 pellets from a single shotgun blast hit her in the chest, head and neck, and she underwent five hours of surgery.

Beach Park.

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The attacks come even as violence has plunged to its lowest level since the months following the 2003 invasion.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Philip Reeker said that while al-Qaida in Iraq has been "severely damaged," it remains a "dangerous threat."

About 100 Iraqis have been killed — or their bodies found — in the last two days, including at least 56 in a single blast. The attacks have mainly targeted the millions of Shiites engaged in a nationwide pilgrimage to a holy shrine in the southern city of Karbala, where ceremonies culminate Wednesday.

The city is the burial site of Imam Hussein, one of Shiite Islam's most revered figures. The ceremonies

commemorate the end of the 40-day mourning period following the anniversary of his death.

Al-Qaida has also been targeting fellow Sunni Arabs who have taken up arms against the militants and joined so-called awakening councils, U.S.-backed former insurgents who began rising up against the brutality and strict codes of Islamic conduct al-Qaida was trying to impose on local populations.

Gunmen killed Sheik Khamis Ali al-Zobaie, a leader of the awakening council in the Dora neighborhood of southern Baghdad, and his son, said Mustafa Kamal al-Jubouri. He added that the sheik was a relative of Salam al-Zobaie, who served as deputy prime minister before he quit the government last year.

In the wheelchair attack, the man approached the main checkpoint to the operation room command in the city of Samarra and said he needed to see the commander to ask for help. Guards pushed him through.

He was referred to the deputy commander instead after he said he was unable to walk up the stairs to see the commander, who was on the second floor, according to police at the scene. Iraqi officials at the scene confirmed details of the attack. Both the officials and the police spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information.

It was unknown whether the attacker really was wheelchair-bound or was using the wheelchair as a prop.

The U.S. military had no immediate reply when asked about the blast. In the past, some initial reports about insurgent attacks later proved exaggerated or incomplete.

Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, is the site of the golden domed Askariya mosque — a Shiite shrine that was bombed two years ago, sparking waves of sectarian violence.

The recent attacks on pilgrims demonstrate that despite thousands of troops on alert and warnings to travelers, insurgents can puncture the cordon around the human river of worshippers.

"This indiscriminate violence further reflects the nature of this enemy who will target even those practicing their religion in an effort to re-ignite sectarian strife in Iraq," the U.S. Embassy and coalition military command said in a joint statement.

Students return to classes at NIU, begin journey back to normalcy

DEKALB, Ill. (AP) — Students carried backpacks stuffed with books, headed in and out of class, grabbed something to eat and plopped down in the library just like always.

But there was nothing normal about Northern Illinois University on Monday. Not with white crosses on a small knoll and television news trucks parked around campus. And not with crime scene tape strung in front of the auditorium where 11 days earlier a gunman wordlessly pumped bullets and buckshot into a crowded class, ending the lives of five students

before taking his own.

"You've got to move on," said Jonathan Brock, a 25-year-old studying industrial management, who was clearly not quite ready to do that as he looked for a spot to add his thoughts to message boards on which students have expressed their grief, faith and anger.

One after another, students said they were happy to be back at classes for the first time since the shooting, doing what they are supposed to be doing — if for no other reason than maybe it could take their minds off

what gunman Steven Kazmierczak had done.

"It was something to do other than sit around and think about it," Lee Scott, a 21-year-old from nearby Sycamore, said after getting out of his sociological inquiry class.

In many classes, students used silence to turn down teachers' offers to talk about the shooting, relieved to talk computer science or economics. Students instead expressed determination to get on with their lives.

"That's not going to define my college experience, one day out of the three years I've been here," said Dan Beno, a 20-year-old junior from

Beach Park.

But he knows he and his fellow students will long be linked to an act of madness, just like those students from Virginia Tech who have come to NIU to offer support.

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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Sprinkle after a shower
- Wood cutter
- Lives
- Vicinity
- Coach
- Parseghian
- Antenna
- With 63A, quotable U.S. money man
- Made over
- One in Central America
- Grew gloomier
- Start of advice from 17A
- Fellows
- Visualize
- Fashion magazine
- Roses' places
- Sof's shakes
- Essential amino acid
- Lucas folk
- More of advice
- Dish stewed in wine
- Peruse again
- Brace amount
- Fed. agent
- Harbor town
- Tentacle
- Fruit juice drink
- End of advice
- California winter wind
- Actress Scala
- Minimum attendance required
- See 17A
- Girl or woman
- Decade count
- Alleviate
- Nervous vibration
- Latin lesson word
- Part of DOS

DOWN

- Diner's bill
- 100 square meters
- Writer Deighton
- Bayou cuisine
- Siberian dog
- "Exodus" role
- Sykes of "Clerks II"
- Waiting of auto racing
- Monday through Friday
- "Das Lied von der"
- Pride member
- Narrow street
- Snow coaster
- Landers and Jillian
- Part of GPA
- Fossil resins
- Dodger Reese
- Tabitha's TV grandmother
- Planet-finding grp.
- Coll. entrance exams
- Wildcatter, e.g.
- Destroyed
- Checked (horses)
- Beehive
- Mach topper
- Brazilian city
- Absent
- Visionary
- Aromatic herb
- SPIKE formerly
- Primary group
- US-Mex.-Can. union
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PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador

ALI PHILLIPS, A freshman music education major from Greenville, practices her jazz music in the Music building Friday afternoon.

Chelsea

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"My hope (is), as their daughter," she said, "(that) I'm privileged to sit at the dinner table."

If elected, Chelsea Clinton said, her mother would place a moratorium on free-trade agreements until the new administration could reexamine such agreements to better ascertain their place in the American economy and their compatibility with American values.

"She is the first to propose a trade prosecutor so there is a high-level trade authority, and the administration would be responsible for enforcing that trade agreement," she said. "Part of the reason that this is such a hot topic right now is not only that our trade agreements don't adequately reflect our values to protect us competitively, but even the ones we have haven't been vigorously enforced under this administration."

U.S. foreign relations, as another hotly contested issue in this election, Chelsea Clinton said, no longer will revolve around "cowboy diplomacy."

Hillary Clinton's administration, she said, would strive to reestablish America's high esteem in the mind of other countries through the adoption of international treaties — namely, the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and the Kyoto Protocol — that the Bush administration did not ratify.

Also, Hillary Clinton would

strive to implement democracy in other nations, Chelsea Clinton said, but would not stop there. Hillary Clinton's foreign relations plan calls for a more humanitarian approach to international involvement.

An example of this humanitarian consideration for other countries, she said, would be the implementation of a refugee program for Iraqi citizens. Also, Hillary Clinton would work to provide better health care and education in several ways to benefit a broad range of students.

"It's not only that we're reaching out to continue to help the diplomatic aspects, but we're reaching out to help people more directly," Chelsea Clinton said.

In a country of increasingly unattainable college education, she said Hillary Clinton would revamp the educational system in several ways to benefit a broad range of students.

Chelsea Clinton said her mother would increase federal Pell Grants and ease the financial burdens of graduates who owe money to oppressive loan lenders. Hillary Clinton's approach to changing the higher-education system is two-pronged, involving both academics and research.

"One, make it more affordable and accessible for every American," she said, "and two: end the

war on science."

As the chair of the Democratic Party in Lubbock County in attendance Monday, Susan Barrick said she is not at liberty to divulge her choice for the party's nomination, but she was glad to attend the event as a spectator, not a participant or organizer.

"I'm for both of them," she said, speaking of Hillary Clinton's close race with Illinois Sen. Barack Obama. "I'm for either of them. I'm for one of them winning in November."

Before Chelsea Clinton arrived, Linda Deleon, the District 1 representative on the Lubbock City Council, said she is a supporter of Hillary Clinton.

"I've never heard Chelsea speak," she said, "so I think it's an opportunity to see if she takes after her mama or her daddy in her speech."

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Iran

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sphere — was configured in a way that strongly suggests it was meant to carry a nuclear warhead.

Other documentation showed the Iranians experimenting with warheads and missile trajectories where "the height of the burst ... didn't make sense for conventional warheads," he said.

Smith and the senior diplomat both said the material shown to the board came from a variety of sources, including information gathered by the agency and intelligence provided by member nations.

"The assumption is this was not something that was being thought about or talked about, but the assumption is it was being practically worked on," Smith told reporters.

He said the IAEA presented a "fairly detailed set of illustrations and descriptions of how

you would build a nuclear warhead, how you would fit it into a delivery vehicle, how you would expect it to perform."

The U.N. agency released a report last week saying that suspicions about most past Iranian nuclear activities had eased or been laid to rest. But the report also noted Iran had rejected documents linking it to missile and explosives experiments and other work connected to a possible nuclear weapons program, calling the information false and irrelevant.

The report called weaponization "the one major ... unsolved issue relevant to the nature of Iran's nuclear program."

Most of the material shown to Iran by the IAEA on alleged attempts to make nuclear arms came from Washington, though some was provided by U.S. allies, diplomats told the AP. The agency shared it with Tehran only after the nations gave their permission.

The IAEA report also confirmed that Iran continued to enrich uranium despite demands by the U.N. Security Council to suspend the

work. The council has sanctions on Iran for continuing enrichment, which can produce the material needed to make atomic bombs.

Iran says its enrichment program is intended solely to produce lower-grade material for fueling nuclear reactors that would generate electricity.

Iran's ambassador to the United Nations, Mohammad Khazee, said the intelligence information turned over to the IAEA was "baseless" and alleged it was fabricated by an Iranian opposition group.

"I'm afraid to say that, according to my information, some of these allegations were produced or fabricated by a terrorist group, which are listed as a terrorist group in the United States and somewhere else in Europe," Khazee said told the AP in New York.

He appeared to be referring to the Mujahedeen Khalq, also known as the People's Mujahedeen Organization of Iran, which was listed as a foreign terrorist group by the U.S. government in 1997 and the European Union last year.

Obama

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time, so I signed on as a volunteer." There are about 45 people in the meetup group, he said, about 20 percent of which are Tech students.

To prepare for the March 4 primaries, Vaughn said a meeting is scheduled for Saturday for group members to plan their campaigning techniques.

He said a member of the Huckabee for President Campaign contacted him and indicated Huckabee will be making a stop in Lubbock Friday morning.

"I know he is going to come to Lubbock," Vaughn said. "I just don't know if he's going to come to the university."

Students interested in volunteering or learning about the Huckabee campaign are encouraged to visit the meetup group Web site, mikehuckabee.meetup.com/82/, for more information.

While Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton does have a campaign office in Lub-

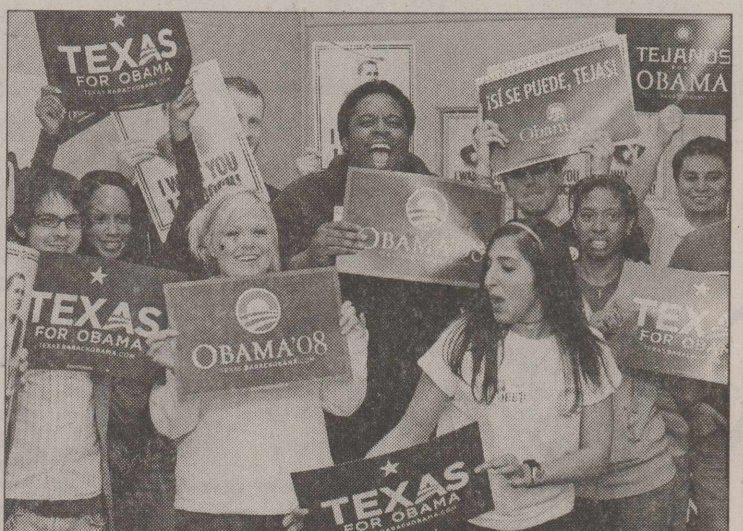


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OBAMA SUPPORTERS CHEER at the opening of the Lubbock Obama office.

bock, staff members were preparing for Chelsea Clinton's arrival in Lubbock Monday and were unavailable for comment.

A meetup group or campaign office for John McCain, Republican presidential candidate, could not be found.

Phillip Jenkins, a junior history major from Rockwall and a member of the Tech Democrats, said he will encourage students and community

members to participate in early voting. He said those who vote early often are more likely to return on primary day to elect delegates from their perspective precincts.

Early voting began Feb. 19 and ends Friday. Students registered in Lubbock can vote in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Pentagon to examine allegations MRAP delays led to casualties

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Marine Corps has asked the Pentagon's inspector general to examine allegations that a nearly two-year delay in the fielding of blast-resistant vehicles led to hundreds of combat casualties in Iraq.

The system for rapidly shipping needed gear to troops on the front lines has been examined by auditors before and continues to improve, Col. David Lapan, a Marine Corps spokesman, said Monday night.

Due to the seriousness of the allegations, however, "the Marine

Corps has taken the additional step" of requesting the IG investigation, Lapan said in an e-mailed statement.

In a Jan. 22 internal report, Franz Gayl, a civilian Marine Corps official, accused the service of "gross mismanagement" that delayed deliveries of

the mine-resistant, ambush-protected trucks.

Gayl's study, which reflected his own views, said cost was a driving factor in the decision to turn down a February 2005 "urgent" request from battlefield commanders for the so-called MRAPs.

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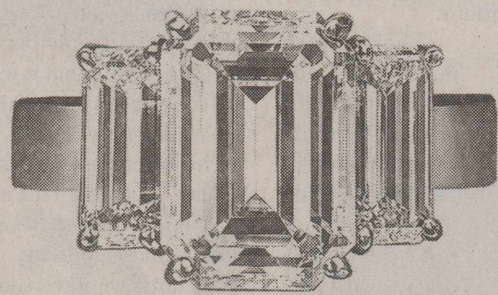
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SGA Student Body President Endorsements

At first glance Lee Bobbitt sounds like the Texas Tech Student Government Association presidential version of Sen. Hillary Clinton.

She has lots of experience on her side, and she's going against a candidate with lots of ideals and calls for massive change.

As far as Democratic hopefuls go, I tend to lean towards that end of the spectrum, rather than the experience factor, but in this election for SGA presidents, I think experience is the only thing that can help you succeed.

I think I've mentioned this before—but fan continuity with an Opinions columnist seems highly unlikely so I'll mention it again—but my best friend is the student body president of the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico.

Now, call me biased if you must, but one of the BFF's greatest assets was her endless amount of experience with student government.

In high school, she was active in her Student Senate and then where we met—at the American Legion Auxiliary's New Mexico Girls' State—she and I were elected as Governor and Lt. Governor, respectively.

Prior to her presidential candidacy, she was an ASUNM senator, head of the Finance Committee at UNM and an officer within her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega.

All this may seem irrelevant to the common Tech student, but it certainly is a factor for me supporting Bobbitt in her run for student body president.

Experience in a nation's presidential election—and as I'm writing this, I'm aware of how ridiculous this may sound—can be more subjective, especially in light of how one candidate plans on using said experience.

But, in an election such as this, experience is key to the success of the individual sitting behind the title of student body president, and experience is what Bobbitt carries in her arsenal.

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If I had to compare Philip Pride to a politician, a superhero and a type of tree, I would choose Ron Paul, the Flash and a Redwood.

Like Ron Paul, Pride does seem at times to have ideas more radical than most, but once you stop and listen to them, they begin to make good sense.

Like the Flash, Pride does not wear a cape.

Like the Redwood, Pride is taller than I am.

Irrelevant comparisons aside, I made the mistake last year of not voting for Pride—or at all—when I should have, and my bus route, a route he campaigned to save, was scrapped. Though he personally did not use the bus, he valiantly struggled to save a route that, while only important to a relatively few 500 students, was extremely important to that few.

Pride always has campaigned for what is best, not only for the student body as a whole, but for those who are not heard as loudly or as often as others. He understands while elected officials may represent the majority of the people who voted, on a campus where only 10 percent of people vote, they often may not speak for the majority of the university.

In this, he is committed to improving the academic environment for all students and advancing the spirit and exceptionalism that makes Texas Tech distinctive.

Today, or possibly Wednesday, I'm going to rectify my mistake and vote for Pride for SGA president. If, as president, he brings only a fraction of the empathy he showed while campaigning to save my bus route, the students and character of this university will be in good hands.

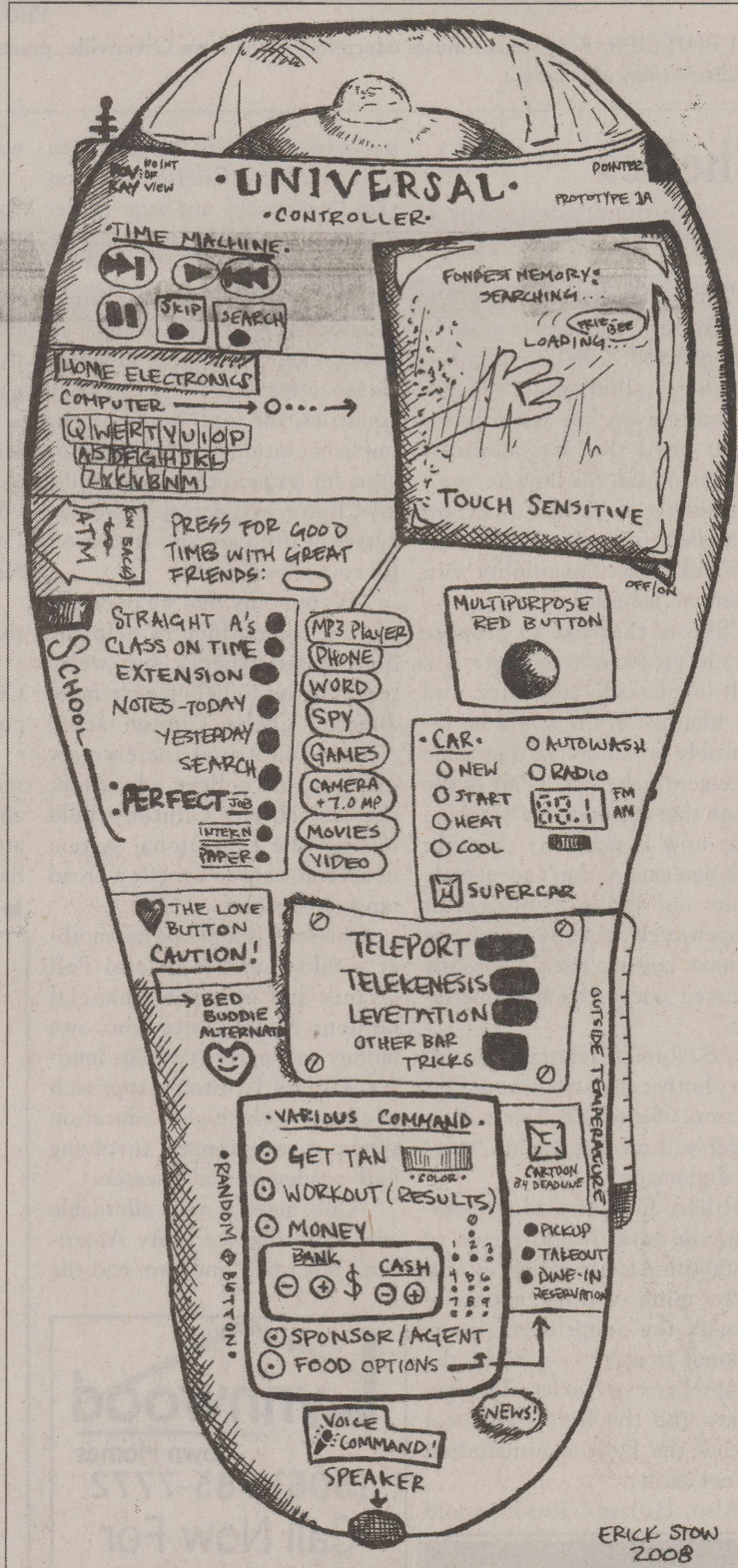
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SGA Voting Instructions

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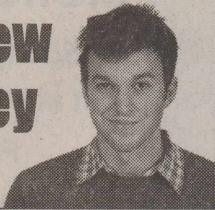
Many people believe our education system is lacking, to say the least. There may be flaws in our education system, but I don't think the leaders of our country ever will change that. Frankly, I don't think they want to change it.

The American dream is what everyone is striving for these days. It's different for every person, but it's the capitalistic mind set of being able to do anything if you possess the desire.

Many of these dreams consist of making it through high school and going on to college. There may be hopes to go continue education with more school after college, too. It has been drilled into our heads that we must go to college to succeed in life.

When you tell people you are attending college somewhere, they automatically have this respect for you. It's like they think you must be bettering your life if you are studying for school right now, even though some college students are probably some of the most despicable charac-

Andrew Cotney



ters in society. Then the people finally make it through the trials and tribulations of college and what-not and are off to find that secure job, that caring husband or wife, that perfect family or just that something to keep them happy. This is all great, but what about the people who never even made it through high school or the ones who didn't make it to college?

“It seems harsh and callous to say this, but it is reality. Our country runs on the lower class' willingness to work.”

The people who were left behind are making this economy function.

They are the finger that presses the snooze to keep those American dreams alive.

Cheap labor and unspecialized skills are an integral part of everyone's daily lives, in more ways than one. The country needs someone to do the unattractive work while others further their educations so they never will have to see any harsh working conditions.

There are so many jobs our society takes for granted. We think there always will be someone to do it, but there may not be if people really want everyone to be educated.

The leaders of our country may be chanting for better education and 'no children should be left behind,' but it seems they would want the opposite to keep their ratings superficially high.

The problem arises when everyone wants to continue their education to become more specialized to get their hands on a bit more money. They demand higher wages and then there is less demand to work the lower-skilled and lower-paid jobs.

It would be great if everyone could read and write, but our country really does not need that right now. It seems harsh and callous to say this, but it is reality. Our country runs on the lower class' willingness to work.

The lower class happens to be the least educated. This may not always be the case, but it keeps the system working for now.

So, until we have some new technologically advanced way to carry out the unwanted work, there probably will be no major changes in the education system to produce highly educated

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In nod to Spain, Alaska's largest city holds first reindeer run

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — From sausages to stews, reindeer are usually a main dish in Alaska.

But the antlered animals were the main event at Anchorage's first annual running of the reindeer.

A cheering crowd of hundreds lined snow-packed Fourth Avenue Sunday to watch what was touted as Alaska's version of Spain's famed running of the bulls.

"Normally we just eat them," said Mark Berg, a spectator who has lived in Alaska since 1967. "I

just made some jambalaya the other day out of reindeer sausage. I've eaten more of their cousins than they want to know."

Seven little reindeer, looking a bit bewildered, stood next to their handlers as a crowd of roughly 1,000 costumed runners chatted excitedly at the start.

The reindeer were lined up behind the first heat of runners — several hundred women in costume. One had taped a paper bulls-eye to her back. Others masqueraded as carrots

and lichen, both favorite foods of reindeer.

At the signal to go, the reindeer stampeded into the crowd. Passing tourist shops, the downtown federal building and a stand selling reindeer hotdogs, the animals were well out in front by the halfway point.

"We thought, 'Ok, they're just going to mosey along,' but they took off running," said Amanda Pelkola, who dressed as a carrot with a friend. "We got smoked by the reindeer."

Fancy footwear for police dogs in western German city

BERLIN (AP) — Police dogs in the western German city of Dueseldorf will no longer get their feet dirty when on patrol: The entire dog unit will soon be equipped with blue plastic fiber shoes, officials said Monday.

"All 20 of our police dogs — German and Belgian shepherds — are currently being trained to walk in these shoes," Andre Hartwich said. "I'm not sure they like it, but they'll have to get used to it."

The unusual footwear is not a fashion statement, Hartwich said, but rather a necessity due to the high rate of paw injuries on duty. In the city's historical old town in particular — famous for both its pubs and drunken revelers — the dogs often step into broken beer bottles, he said.

"Even the street cleaning doesn't manage to remove all the glass pieces from between the streets' cobblestones," Hartwich said, adding that

the dogs frequently get injured by little pieces sticking deep in their paws.

The dogs will start wearing the shoes this spring — but only during operations that demand special foot protection. The shoes come in sizes small, medium and large and were ordered in blue to match the officers uniforms, Hartwich said.

"Now we just have to teach the dogs how to tie their shoes," he joked.

GPS, online map goofs leading drivers astray in Secaucus, N.J.

SECAUCUS, N.J. (AP) — Modern technology is leading some drivers in Secaucus, N.J. straight into a dead end.

Truck drivers relying on GPS devices and online map to show them the route to an industrial area are instead running into a road block.

The electronic maps don't show

a gate that separates residential and industrial areas. It's only opened for a couple hours on weekdays in the northern New Jersey city.

Mayor Dennis Elwell says residents on Fifth Street started complaining about trucks clogging their street about a year ago as GPS devices increased in popularity. Some drivers

have to call police to open the gate because their trucks are too big to turn around.

Garmin International spokesman Jake Jacobson says the GPS maker has to receive a request or complaint and go through a thorough process before maps can be changed.

Los Angeles tap water wins international taste test

BERKELEY SPRINGS, W.Va. (AP) — Drink up, Los Angeles.

The city's residents have the tastiest tap water, according to the judges of the world's largest and longest-running water tasting contest.

The 18th Annual Berkeley

Springs International Water Tasting was held Saturday, with more than 120 waters competing for top honors.

Sparkling, tap and bottled water from 19 states and 9 foreign countries, including New Zealand, Roma-

nia, Macedonia and the Philippines, were judged by 10 journalists and food critics.

Judges based their rankings on taste, odor, mouth feel, aftertaste — and checked to make sure nothing was floating in the water.

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HEATHER SEEREY, A junior from Midland, works on throwing a bowl in her Intro to Wheel class Thursday in the basement of the Art building.

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FRUIT OF THE LOOM



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BEKAH HORELICA, BRITTANI Briner, Marcus Hershey, Matt Hershey (bottom), and Dondi Carter sing karaoke at the Raider Sisters for Christ famous couples/group party Friday evening at the Merket Alumni Center. They went as the Fruit of the Loom cast.

Bush pushes Congress to pass surveillance law

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Monday lobbied again for an intelligence law allowing government eavesdropping on phone calls and e-mails, as the tone of the dispute between the White House and Congress over terrorist surveillance grew increasingly sharp.

"To put it bluntly, if the enemy is calling into America, we really need to know what they're saying, and we need to know what they're thinking, and we need to know who they're talking to," Bush said at the start of his annual meeting with the nation's governors at the White House.

"This is a different kind of struggle than we've ever faced before. It's essential that we understand the mentality of these killers," Bush said.

The law in question targets foreign terrorist threats and allows eavesdropping on communications involving people in the U.S., so

long as those people are not the intended focus or target of the surveillance. The latest version of the legislation expired on Feb. 16, and the rules reverted to those outlined in the 30-year-old Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

Bush and Congress are at odds over whether to give legal immunity to companies that in the past helped the government spy on customers without court warrants.

Bush wants the House to act on legislation the Senate has passed. That bill provides retroactive protection for telecommunications companies that wiretapped U.S.

phone and computer lines at the government's request after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, without court permission.

The House version does not provide such immunity.

"Our government told them that their participation was necessary," Bush said. "And it was, and it still is, and that what we had asked them to do was legal. And now they're getting sued for billions of dollars. And it's not fair."

The president's pitch was the latest installment in a long and increasingly sharply-worded debate between Bush and congressional Democrats.

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Students rally support for upcoming SGA election

By **JORDAN EICHER**
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As Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, John McCain and Mike Huckabee continue to battle in their national campaigns, two Texas Tech students are involved in their own race for president of the Student Government Association.

SGA presidential elections are right around the corner, and presidential candidates Lee Bobbitt and Philip Pride are trying to rally up support before their peers vote today and Wednesday.

Bobbitt:
Bobbitt is a junior political science major from Lubbock, running for Student Government Association president.

Bobbitt is the product of a military family. She was born in England and said although she's lived everywhere and graduated high school in San Antonio, she now considers Lubbock home.

Bobbitt has a list of previous accomplishments with the student government that she uses as her qualifications. Among her accomplishments are legislation she has written for an internship at the Capitol, which will begin in the fall, and work she has done with the Raider Elite Fund. Also, Bobbitt has served

positions as Freshman Council secretary, Arts and Sciences senator the last two years, and she has served on numerous committees.

Bobbitt said one of her main goals, if elected, will be to keep the students informed.

"I really want to do more to inform the students exactly where their student fees are going," she said. "Like, if they have so much money going to their Rec fees, I want them to know why it is that much, and what it is relative to other student bodies."

Bobbitt also said she will work with the external factors that hopefully will contribute to the lowering of some of those student fees.

"It's a legislative year, so we'll be sending someone down (to Austin) to lobby for more state funding," she said. "Last year Tech received \$24 million in state funding, whereas A&M and UT received \$150 million."

Bobbitt said this needs to change. "We need to send some people down there," she said, "to show that we are just as good as A&M and UT."

Bobbitt said she also hopes to work with international students and help incorporate them into the system.

"International students not only bring a lot to Texas Tech, but to the national economy as a whole," she said, claiming that millions of dollars in national economic revenue is attributed to international students.

Bobbitt said the solution to both of these issues will be a full student body effort.

"The students need to be a part of the plan," she said, "because it's about government-shaped public opinion versus public opinion-shaped government."

Pride:
Pride is a senior from Alice, tackling a triple major in Latin American and Iberian Studies, history and philosophy, running for president.

"For the last 30 years, we've been kind of a medium-sized school," Pride said, claiming he thought Tech's current recruitment plan could impede on the scholastic nobility of the university. "The main reason why I am running is to improve the academic integrity of the university."

Pride said there are many ways this could be done.

"I plan to put pressure on the university to higher more upper-level professors and improving the community on cam-

pus right now, because there isn't a community on campus," Pride said, arguing that this will draw back students already enrolled in the university. "Improve the academic community, and you'll see the dropout rate go down."

Pride said he believed all the little contributions made to improve the academic environment of the campus also would improve other areas such as university spending and environmental health.

"In-sourcing for instance," Pride said. "Whenever we hire outside companies to do things, such as landscaping and architecture, we spend millions and millions of dollars every year on outside contractors."

Pride said the solution to this expense is as simple as looking toward our own agriculture and architecture students.

"We should be looking more to the inside," he said. "We have the best agriculture department in the state, why not utilize it?"

Pride said he felt that improving the academic community of the campus also would entail improving the campus's "green status," which would, in turn, improve the environment as



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a whole. "We can do things here on campus to benefit the environment," he said, suggesting things such as a campus-wide recycling program. "Primarily, I want to help decrease the campus' environmental footprint."

Pride stressed, again, that he feels the worthwhile merit of a university is not judged by numeric enrollment, but rather by the academic integrity of the university.

"I guess one other thing I'd like to

state is I'd like to see this campus judged by the growth of the student quantitatively and not just by the pure number," he said. "Making sure each individual student has the best possibility, not just the number."

To vote, students can go to www.sga.ttu.edu between 9 a.m. today and 7 p.m. Wednesday, where they will sign in with their Texas Tech eRaider username and password. Students also can contact the SGA office for more information.

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Stars are stately, fashionable and safe in glamorous gowns on Oscar red carpet

The best word to describe the red-carpet fashion at the Academy Awards: red.

Katherine Heigl, Helen Mirren, Miley Cyrus, Ruby Dee, Anne Hathaway and Heidi Klum were among the stars in red gowns Sunday night at the Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles. Shades of plum were worn by Cate Blanchett and Jessica Alba.

"The actresses went regal and royal with rich reds and purples," said Oscar.com fashion analyst Tom Julian.

The other buzzword? Safe.

"I thought people looked gener-

ally really good — and really safe," Hal Rubenstein, fashion director at InStyle magazine, told The Associated Press. "I don't know if it had to do with the mood out there with the strike just over and parties canceled, but in fashion now so much is about sheer, print and color, but this was one solid strapless dress after another."

Rubenstein added: "There was a kind of uniform timelessness, which is very nice, but considering those who watch this show do it to get a fashion cue, I wish they were a little more timely than timeless."

He labeled French actress Marion

Cotillard's ivory-and-silver gown by Jean Paul Gaultier with scalloped fabric that looked like fish scales the most distinctive of the night.

Jennifer Hudson, who caused last year's biggest fashion flap with a futuristic bolero jacket, was more appropriate this year in a white halter gown.

Pregnant actresses Blanchett, in a Dries van Noten halter gown with floral beading on the skirt, and Alba, in a strapless Marchesa gown with feathers at the bustline, both embraced their revised shapes in empire-waist gowns. Nicole Kidman,

also pregnant, went with a simple black gown by Balenciaga and a show-stopping necklace — 7,645 diamonds totaling nearly 1,400 carats by L'Wren Scott.

Feathers were a recent trend on the runway and Penelope Cruz's black strapless gown had them too.

W magazine fashion market editor Treena Lombardo reminds at-home fashion followers not to take trends from

the red carpet too seriously for their own lives. "I don't think any of the trends the Oscars hit are trends the rest of the world needs to know about," she said.

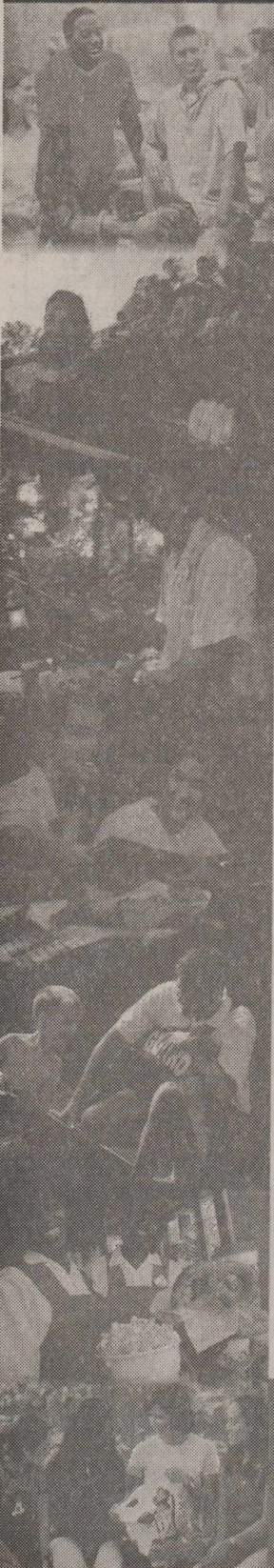
She did notice all that red, though. "Heidi Klum was the most beautiful I've ever seen her," Lombardo said. "Amy Ryan was the opposite. She was very minimal and very chic — an exact 180 from what

Heidi was doing."

Klum's full-volume gown was by Galliano and is being auctioned as part of The Heart Truth campaign to raise awareness about women and heart disease. Ryan's one-shoulder, midnight-blue dress was custom-made by Francisco Costa for Calvin Klein.

One-shoulder gowns were also popular, worn by Hilary Swank in Versace, Olivia Thirlby in Vera Wang, Hathaway in Marchesa and Heigl in Escada. Heigl's gown had a slim-fitting draped bodice, and the front of Hathaway's gown was covered in fabric roses.

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Rob Gray comes to TTU from ASU

By **BRIDGET DE STEFANO**
STAFF WRITER

Ever wonder how the human eye and brain work together to perform normal or even difficult activities?

Rob Gray, an associate professor of applied psychology from Arizona State University, will lecture about "Vision in driving, flying, and sports" from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in room 301 of the Psychology building.

Gray will discuss his method of study-

ing visual-motor control in everyday activities, called "active psychophysics." For example, trying to understand how a professional baseball player can make consistent contact with a bat and ball, when it is traveling to the mound in less than half a second seems mind-boggling.

"As it turns out, understanding behavior in such complex environments has proven to be one of the more challenging problems in vision science: It is difficult, if not impossible, to control and isolate optical variables in field studies and laboratory psychophysics, while allowing full control over the visual stimuli is passive and doesn't tell us how visual cues are used," Gray said.

It is also important to understand the ways in which the human brain reacts quickly to external surprises, like a car slam-

ming on the brakes, because if researchers understand how this process works, they can improve its functionality.

One problem is that it is difficult to create a surprise in an experiment. Scientists face the problem of devising an experiment where someone, for instance, is taken completely off guard and has to slam on the brakes to avoid a collision.

This lecture will discuss a specific type of experiment using Gray's method, active psychophysics, in which the reflex reactions of the brain actively are triggered for the purpose of study without trying to fool the brain into a reflex situation. Performing these careful experiments and techniques allows humans to know more about the evolving relationship between the human eye and brain.

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Tech looks to capitalize on last four games of the season

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

After winning two Big 12 Conference games in a row against Colorado and Iowa State, Texas Tech is in the middle of the pack in the Big 12.

The Red Raiders now have their sights set on capitalizing against teams that have their fair share of recent struggles and teams that are visiting the United Spirit Arena for the first time this season.

"We needed both those wins," Tech forward Mike Singletary said. "Now (we need) to get back up there in the upper echelon of the conference. It's good, but we gotta move on. We got A&M. That's a good team, even though they're falling off right now. Just gotta get in there; we gotta work hard and get that win."

Texas A&M was a different team

the last time the Aggies faced the Red Raiders.

Tech defeated the then-ranked No. 9 Aggies 68-53 at the United Spirit Arena in the first meeting of the season between the two teams.

Since the loss, the Aggies have dropped five of their last 10 games, including their last three.

Tech hopes to be a part of the Aggies' latest struggles and earn another series sweep against A&M.

"We know that they lost to Nebraska at home," Tech guard John Roberson said. "We're going to take that into consideration. Of course, we're in a state rivalry so we know they're going to come in and play as hard as they can. Hopefully, we can play our best game against them."

Both A&M and Tech are 6-6 in the Big 12 tied for fourth place with Baylor and Oklahoma, while Texas, Kansas and Kansas State are at the top of the conference. Already earn-

ing a win over Kansas State, Tech still has Texas and Kansas on the schedule to finish the season.

Aside from Texas A&M, the Red Raiders still have a hill to climb to finish off the regular season.

Tech will welcome Texas and Baylor at the USA, a place where the Red Raiders have lost only one time this season.

Tech also has to visit Kansas. Tech coach Pat Knight said it is vital that his team pick up some wins in the final two weeks of the regular season.

"I don't know if it's the opportunity time to catch them, but we have no choice but to play them," he said. "It's good that we've won a couple in a row and got things going a little bit. Our guys got some confidence. We've won three games together now. This is a good time to play them, but I don't know if there's ever a good time to play

Kansas or Texas or A&M, but we have to do it. It might as well be now when we got things going a little bit."

Tech had a chance earlier this season to put together consecutive conference wins.

Tech defeated Kansas State 84-75 Feb. 13, but took a close 66-64 loss to Oklahoma the next game.

Singletary said now that the Red Raiders have the opportunity to make a move to the top of the conference, losing cannot be an option.

"We blew it all away whenever we had a chance earlier in the season to go .500 in the conference," Singletary said. "Now that we're back there, we know that we can be up there, up at the top. We just gotta win out."

Tech had a 76-64 win against Iowa State Saturday, in which

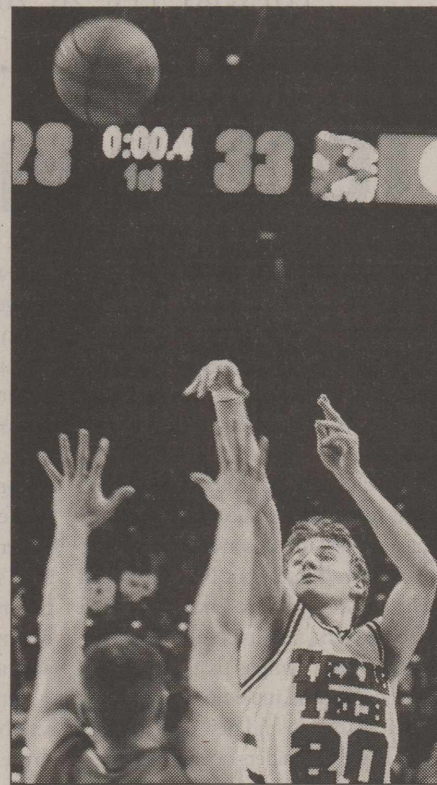
guards Alan Voskuil and Martin Zeno combined for 44 points. Voskuil's 21 points against the Cyclones marked his second-straight game with 20 or more points.

Roberson said the Red Raiders have to play at a higher level to finish the way they want to.

"I think if we do what we're supposed to do, execute and just play better than we did on Saturday," Roberson said, "I think we'll have a good chance of beating these teams."

Tech will head back on the road to face A&M at 7 p.m. Wednesday in College Station.

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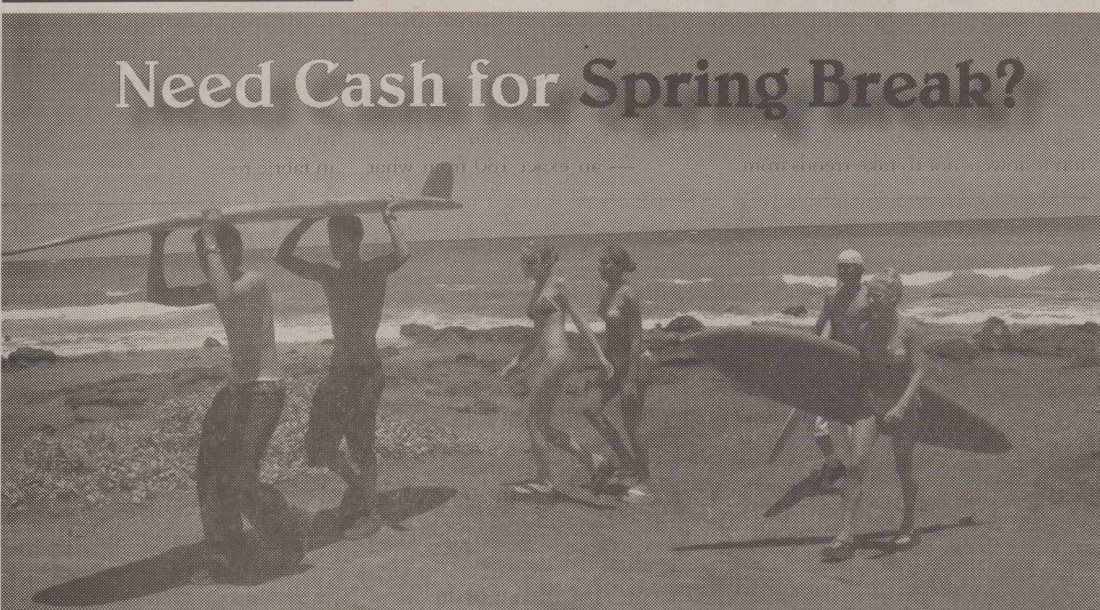
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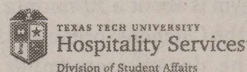
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Tech wins 2 games at UTSA Baseball Classic

By **BEN MAKI**
SPORTS EDITOR

The Texas Tech baseball team split its games in the opening weekend at the UTSA Baseball Classic this weekend.

Tech went 2-2 in the round-robin style tournament. The team was scheduled to open the season at home against Northern Illinois, but NIU cancelled classes and athletic events through the weekend because of the shootings on the NIU campus that ended with six people dead, including the shooter, forcing Tech to find new opponents.

The Red Raiders opened the tournament with No. 19 Louisiana-Lafayette, but the pitching tandem of Hunter Moody and Matt Broussard for ULL held Tech to one hit in the Ragin' Cajuns' 4-0 victory.

Tech pitcher A.J. Ramos (0-1) lasted six innings, giving up three earned runs on four hits and striking out 10.

"We just didn't get any hits, and we faced a different kind of pitcher, who's a good pitcher," Tech coach Larry Hays said. "He really controlled us. Part of

that was it was the first game, but we just got beat."

In the early game Sunday, Tech rebounded by scoring seven runs in the first inning to help freshman Chad Bettis (1-0) earn his first career victory in his first collegiate start with a 16-2 victory over Army.

Tech All-American outfielder Roger Kieschnick went 4-for-6, finishing a single shy of the cycle. He scored two runs and added six RBIs. First baseman Doug Thennis went 3-for-4 with a walk and two RBIs.

In Sunday's afternoon game, Tech sent N.C. State transfer Nathan Karns to the mound to face Oral Roberts. The offense helped the Red Raiders get out to a 5-1 lead through 2.5 innings, but a run in the bottom of the third and another in the fourth helped chase Karns from the game.

Four relief pitchers gave up another four runs to the Golden Eagles, including a three-run, two-out rally in the bottom of the seventh inning off Tech reliever James Leverton, helped ORU earn a 7-6 victory. Leverton (0-1) earned the loss.

"We let one get away from us," Hays

said. "We didn't play good defense. We thought we had a chance to win with our pitching, but our defensive play hurt us."

Kieschnick added the other run for the Red Raiders with a first-pitch home run to start the top of the fifth.

In the final game of the tournament, the Red Raiders scored 10 runs in the first inning en route to a 16-6 victory over tournament host UTSA. This was the first time since Feb. 16, 2007 Tech scored 10 runs in an inning, when the Red Raiders plated 11 against Dallas Baptist in the fourth inning.

Tech pitcher Cory Large (1-0) had a perfect game with two outs in the bottom of the sixth, but he hit Lance Brown with a pitch and then lost the no-hit bid against the next hitter when he allowed a single to James Keithley. Large finished the game with four strikeouts and three earned runs allowed.

Hays said he believes the tournament showed the talent of the pitching staff, but it also showed some mistakes the team can work on.

"We had four starters who did a good job, and our bullpen as a whole



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THE TEXAS TECH baseball team is 2-2 after the UTSA Baseball Classic in San Antonio.

did a good for us," he said. "Those are two encouraging things for us. If we could just improve our defense to

match our pitching, we'd be in good shape."

Tech will stay on the road, facing

New Mexico at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Albuquerque, N.M.

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Myanmar opposition calls on world to boycott Beijing Olympics

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Pro-democracy activists in Myanmar called Monday for the world to boycott this year's Beijing Olympics over what they said was China's continuing support of Myanmar's military dictatorship.

The 88 Generation Students group, which was instrumental in last year's pro-democracy demonstrations in Myanmar, urged "citizens around the world ... to boycott the 2008 Beijing Olympics in response to China's bankrolling of the military junta that rules our country of Burma with guns and threats." Myanmar is also known

as Burma.

The 88 Generation Students joined a growing group of critics urging an Olympic boycott over complaints ranging from Beijing's human rights record to its failure to more actively press Sudan — where China is a major oil buyer — to end violence in the Darfur region.

Hollywood director Steven Spielberg quit earlier this month as an artistic adviser for the Beijing Olympics, saying China was not doing enough about Darfur.

The 88 Generation Students accused China — one of Myanmar's

key trading partners — of arming their country's junta and failing to facilitate a meaningful dialogue between it and detained pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi and her National League for Democracy party.

"Our constructive outreach to China has been met with silence and more weapons shipments," the group said in a statement.

A Myanmar government spokesman could not immediately be reached for comment.

Myanmar has been under military rule since 1962 and has not had a

constitution since 1988, when the army violently suppressed pro-democracy protests and the current junta took power.

In September the junta crushed peaceful protests that were triggered by rising food prices but expanded to include demands for democratic reforms. The U.N. estimates the crackdown killed at least 31 people, and thousands more were detained.

Under intense international pressure, the junta announced plans this month for a referendum in May on a proposed new constitution written under military guidance, to be followed by general elections in 2010.

The junta's domestic and international critics, however, say the plans are undemocratic because they do not involve open debate and bar Suu Kyi, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, from taking part in the elections.

During a visit to Singapore on Monday, U.N. special envoy for Myanmar Ibrahim Gambari and Singapore Foreign Minister George Yeo hailed the planned referendum and election, but agreed that "for national reconciliation to be achieved, the referendum and elections had to be credible and inclusive," the Foreign Ministry said, without elaborating.

Gambari said Friday he was frustrated with Myanmar's slow progress toward democracy. He expects to visit Myanmar in the first week of March to resume talks with the country's military rulers.

Suu Kyi's party won the last elections in 1990, but the military refused to hand over power. She has been in prison or under house arrest for more than 12 of the past 18 years.

Clemens' son expects Rocket to come later

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Roger Clemens' oldest son says his father will work with minor leaguers at Houston Astros spring training, but didn't say when he would arrive.

"He'll be down here eventually," said Koby Clemens, a catcher in the Astros' farm system.

The Rocket has a personal services contract with the Astros, similar those offered to Jeff Bagwell and Craig Biggio, that kicks in when he officially retires. The Astros have said Clemens is still welcome despite the steroid controversy surrounding him.

"He was always coming down here," Koby said. "No matter what happens, he's always going to want to help out with anything he can do. He'll come down here and throw 700 pitches eventually."

The Astros' minor leaguers opened a minicamp Monday, and the 21-year-old Clemens was there by 8 a.m. He was glad to finally concentrate on baseball after a stressful three months since his father was accused of using performance-enhancing drugs in the Mitchell Report.

Clemens has strongly denied the allegations, brought by former personal trainer Brian McNamee. The two told widely different stories to the House

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform in a nationally televised hearing Feb. 13.

Koby said he only watched the start of the hearing, then turned off the TV as members of Congress picked apart Clemens' testimony.

"They started hammering him and I couldn't watch it," Koby said. "I was getting so ticked off. Apparently, right when I turned it off, it kind of went better for my dad. So I'm kind of mad I missed that. I saw some good things, I saw some bad things."

At the hearing, Clemens testified that his wife, Debbie, was injected with human growth hormone by McNamee. Koby said his parents "looked exhausted" when they returned home after the hearings.

"It can't all go your way with everything, (they) came out of there pretty good," Koby said. "I was proud of my mom and my dad and everybody that was there."

A few days after the hearing, the New York Daily News reported that Koby Clemens was seen working out at the same gym in a Houston suburb where Andy Pettitte's father, Tom, allegedly received HGH. The gym is about a 30-minute drive from the Clemens' home and Koby said he doesn't remember ever working out there.

"I don't know what to say. It doesn't make sense a little bit," Koby said. "The only reason I'd go down there is if my dad was going down there. He wasn't with me, apparently. Why would I drive all the way down to Pasadena to go work out, when I've got everything at the house? It's just kind of funny."

"You've just got to kind of deal with what people say and know what the truth is and that's it." Koby said his parents seem to be in good spirits lately, relaxing playing golf in recent days. He said the whole family also understands that the draining controversy isn't going away any time soon.

"We're not out of the doghouse yet," he said. "It's going to be a long process, but once we get through it, all will be back in order."

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