## Board of Regents caps tuition increase

By MATT MCGOWAN<br>Staff Writer<br>After reviewing a 2008 budget proposa Saturday morning in the Admitrin Saturday morning in the Administratio building, the Texas Tech Board of Regents set building, the Texas Tech Board of Regents ser a.4 percent ceiling on any potential tuition increases enacted at a later date for the aca demic year beginning in the fall of 2008.<br>As a preliminary decision on the path to the $\$ 580$-million budget's approval in May the $\$ 580$-million budget's approval in May the cap restricts any 2008 tuition increase hour or any increase exceeding $\$ 154.95$ per student, per semester. Because officials will subject the budget o additional changes between now and its finalization in May, tuition increases, if any

Texas caucus conventions draw crowds AUSTIN (AP) - Texas Dem-
ocrats packed into county conventions Saturday as supporters of Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton complex and long-running presidential caucus system.
Results tallied by The Associated Press showed that Obama had 1,858 delegates selected to go
on to the state convention, or 59 on to the state convention, or 59
percent, compared with Clinton's percent, compared with Clinton's
1,270 delegates, or 41 percent. That's out of about 7,300 delegates expected to be selected at senate
district meetings across the state.

## NATION

Obama says Clinton should keep running Barack Obama refused Saturday togo along with other Democrats who are callingfor Hillary Rodham Clintonto step away from the race for the Demo "My artinude is Senator Clint can run as long a s she wants," Obama can run
said.
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Obama told reporters he did no agree with one of his supporters,
Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, when Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, when he said earlier this week that Clinton cannot win the nomination and
should therefore drop out. "I hadn't talked to Pat about it," Obama said. WORLD
Al-Sadr tells followers to defy Iraqi govt. BAGHDAD (AP) - Anti-
American Shiite militia leader Muqtadal-Sadrordered his followers Muqtada al-Sadr ordered his folowerd
Saturday todefy government ordersto surrender their weapons, as U.S. jets to bolster a faltering Iraqi offensive against gunmen in the city.
Prime Minister Nouri al-Malik acknowledged he may have miscal culated by failing tof oresee the strong
backlash that his offensive, which began Tuesday, provoked in areas of began Tuesday, provoked in areas of
Baghdad and other cities where Shiite militias wield power.

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U.S. Military deaths in
Iraq since fighting began

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 Texas Tech Chancellor Kent Hance. "We can tell it is not going to go above that, have come up with, but ours might well end being zero."
Because administrators expect univer2007's budget by as much year to surpass sid, the source of the additional fund, he ill be determined before the next meeting in May.

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PRESIDENT WHITMORE AND Chancellor Hance in attendance at the Texas Tech

## OUERGOMING OBSTAGLES

Part 1 of a five part series looking at the struggles, inspirations of international students at Tech

## By MATT MCGOWAN Staff Werter

For some, the road to Texas Tech is shor and smooth. For others, it is long, winding and
wrought with obstacles. wrought wih obstacles.
The univerity is hom
The university is home to tens of thousands of in Texas or, at the very least, from somewher within the U.S. borders.
There are those, however, who come to Tech from faraway places after years ofdreaming abou life as a Red Raider.

During 2007, according to statistics from and Scholar Services, more than 1,000 inter and Scholar Services, more than 1,000 intervast majority of whom - 913 - were graduate students.
According to the statisitics, a large proportion
of Tech's international sudent of Tecc's international student poppulation came
to Lubbock from India, with 404 sudents, and to Lubbock from India, with 404 students, and
China, with 195 students. Yet,

came from Taiwan. Other top nationalities are
Mexico, Turkey, Nigeria, Canada, Nepal and Kenya.
Iti is
It is no surprise many intermational students come to the United States, said Juan Munoz,
special assittant on institurional diversity special assistant on instiutional diversity to the
univerity's president, because the intermational universitys president, because the international
community often considers U.S. universities to be the best.
"America has the best higher-education system in the world, bar none," he said. "Period." Specifically what brings these multinational
students to the university, howeever presents an students to the university, however, presents an
entirely different story, said Bob Crosier, director entirely yifferent story, said Bob Crosier, director
of intemational affairs at Tech. One of the more of intermational affairs at Tech. One of the more
common reasons students travel thousands of common reasons students travel thousands of a "word-of-mouth kind of thing," meaning they hear about the university from personal
friends, family members orcol friends, family members or
leagues back home who are familiar with the

have any umbrella efforts to recruit these students, he said, many of the university's individual borders when they recruit
"Because of that kind of partern, the unit "esity's interational sudent body is prima graduate students, because that's where a lot of these efforts would be focused, on graduate students," Crosier said.
Some international students have friends who already study here and who return home speaking highly of the university, said Saif Haq, president of the Bangladesh Sudent Associa-
tion and an associate professor in the Architecture. Haq artived in the United States from Bangladesh as a graduate student during the 1970s.
"Another thing students - especially of foreign origin - look for is funding opportunities,
and that's very, verv important" he said "If there and thats very, very important," he said. "If there
are funding opportunities, then it goes both are funding opportunities, then it goes boch
ways. With the fellowship or scholarship ways. With the fellowship or scholarship
assistance, theyll see balance by the fees, tuition and other things."
Such was the case for Kweku Hazel, a senior biochemistry major from Ghana a and the president of the African Student Organization.
Hazel came to the United States from West Hazel came to the United States from West
Africa after completing high school there Nestled in the jungle of Ghana, the militarystyle boarding school he attended had a curriculum up to the 10 th grade, so Hazel joined a merit-based exchange student program and attended the 12th grade in East Texas while living with a host family for nine months.
"I came to high school, and ther were lite 'You've got to type," he said. "Iremember the firist You've got to type," he said. "Iremember the first
time, I couldn't find P for any reason. Ilooked for that Pon that keyboard for more than, like - 1 just thought, 'Hey, there's no Pon this keyboard.' You know how $P$ is hidden in the comer? Man, I looked for that P for so long
worked for a year and realized thed to
tem in America is "pretty good." Deciding not to
attend a university in Ghana, he returned to Texas attend a university in Ghana, he recurned to Texas
and attended San and attended San Jacinto Community College in Houston for two years. He chose Texas for the weather and then Houston almost on a whim. "I Just heard somebody say "Houston,"' Hazel said, "I said, 'Hmm, sounds like a big city that
I've never been to before. Let's try it out.' Id didn't want to be in Dallas because I had already been there before."
Upon earning his associate's degree, Hazel applied to all of the major universities in Texas,
settling on Tech because it offered him the most settling on Tech because it o
money through scholarships.
"Really, Ididn't know much about Lubbock," he said, "but, since I had moved over 5,000 miles coming (to Houston), moving another 500 miles wasn't a big deal. I could handle any type of change. Actually, I came to Lubbock without
looking tat where it was on app, For 1,094 of the university, For 1,094 of the university's' 1,216 interna-
tional sudents, according to ISSS statistics, access to the United States came after they received an F-1 visa, the quintessential student visa.
In fiscal year 2007, according to statistiscs from the U.S. Department of State, the department
received 432,380 requests for sudent received 432,380 requests for student visas, of
which it granted 298,389 percent acceptrance rate.
percent acceptance rate.
During fiscal year 2006 , according to the department's stataistics, the greatestnumbers ofF-1 visas were granted toapplicants from South Korea, with more than 42,000 ; China, with more than 28,000; and India, with more than 26,000 .
F-1 visas, however restrictll visitins F-1 visas, however, restrict all visiting students
from working more than 20 hours each week and from off-campus employment, said Loraine McCoallum, an international student counselor a the International Cultural Center.
The financial prospects for a foreign undergraduate student explains their small enrollment

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'Si Se Puede': Street renamed for Cesar Chavez

By LILIANNA GONZALEZ
After seven years of struggles to rename a street after Cesar E. Chavez, a celebration labor and civil rights advocate celebrated the dedication of a street in his name during the ninth annual Chavez march Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
The march,

The march, which began at the Cavazos
Middle School parking lot and Middle School parking lot and attracted approx-
imately 300 participants, ended in the Buddy imately 300 participants, ended in the Buddy
Holly Recreational Area, where the Cesar E. Chavez Drive dedication took place.
Christy Martinez-Garcia, chair of
Christy Martinez-Garcia, chairo of the Cesar
E. Chavez Commemoration Committee, said E. Chavez Commemoration Committee, said
Canyon Lake Drive officially was renamed Canyon Lake Drive officially was- renamed,
after Chavez on Thursday, Chavez's birthday,
after approval by the Lubbock City Council after approval by
earlier this year.
"It was a seven-year effort, waiting for the street to be renamed," Martinez-Garcia said.
"Some city council met "Some city council members told us to reorganize our priority; this is our priority, we still have
ceived nearly 5,000 signatures from people
in the community, she believes Chavez
 JOHN GUZMAN SPEAKS at the 9th an-
nual Cesar E. Chavez People's March and nual Cesar E. Chavez People's March and
Celebration Saturday afternoon at the Cesar
not need a big street named after him. Martinez-Garcia said the street goe through an area that, in the past, was called
"Mexican town," an area many Hispanics first moved into in Lubbock. The son of migrant laborers, Chavez led a nonviolent boycott against California grape growers and protested against poor
working conditions and the use of pestiworking conditions and the use of pesti-
cides that were harmful to farm workers, cides that were harmful to farm workers,
she said. Ruby Gonzales, president elect of the Hispanic Association of Women, said she attended the event to show support and
because she used to work in the Lubbock Independent School District with migrant students.
"They are really smart," Gonzales said, "and with a little encouragement, they
can succeed." Margie Olivarez, president of the Hispanic Association of Women, said her
mother's side of the family went through hard times, like Chavez, as migrant work-

Olivarez said she believes it is important continue awareness especially among the youth so they do not forget the struggles and
people who have paved the way with migrant worker issues. worker issues.
"Having a reminds us that anything is possible," Olivarez said. Julio Valder, a freshman architecture and
business major business major from Dallas and a member of
the Tech Hispanic Student Society particithe Tech Hispanic Student Society, particiorganization. Valdez said Valdez said people were chanting phrases,
ncluding "Si Se Puede," as they marched. "It was a long, seven-year crusade," he said, to where this was the first year we got to walk onto the Cesar E. Chavez street."
Martinez-Garcia said she is proud of Chave Martinez-Garcia said she is proud of Chave
nd glad to finally see the street. nd glad to finally see the street.
"Si se puede (means) 'it can be done'," she said. "When you have tenacity and determination, something of this magnitude can be done."

Earth Hour recognized as worldwide conservation effort

## By CASSANDRA GERSH

Students in the Texas Tech community, as well as more than 700,000 participants around the
world, took part in the first annual Earth Hour to help preserve energy Saturday.
Earth Hour, from 8 to 9 p.m. was a designated time for all participants to turn off all electricity as well as not use an automobile for transportation.
The Associated Press reported Wednesday that a portion of the Antarctic Ice Shelf - which was three times the size of Manhattan - had split off, begun to break apart and sink, According to the
article, this may have been due to rapid climate change potentially effected by humans through polution. Lubbock-area Rep. Randy Neugebauer said Earth Hour should nory, but it a should teach people to
be better stewards of the planet. "We can't conserve our way out of this problem," Neugebauer said. "All we can do is preserve what we have, refocus our efforts and use science and efficiency over politics to solve the environmental Kyle Nichols, a junior theatre and dance major from Lubbock, said he hopes Earth Hour will
prove an effective way to reach th global community about the current state of the environment. "I think that, while there are noble efforts towards moving, Nichols said, "not enough is being done to better the environment." Juan Hendrawan Putra, a foreign exchange student from the Netherlands, said he believes people in Europe are more aware
of environmental issues and are of environmental issues and are
willing to sacrifice more for the betterment of the world than people in the United States. "I don't understand why, but people here do not emphasize recycling, and they use many cars," Putra said. "Europeans tend to use
bicycles and mass transportation instead." Putra sa
geog the knows cultural and geographic differences also contribute to the differing habits, but said he believes Americans tend to focus on the more "imment.
$\qquad$ energy deficient, and it is up to everyone to do what he or she can. He urges Americans to refocus their priorities to what will be best for the future.
"Earth Hour is a noble effort it shouldn't be annual it should be a daily practice," he said. "Let's do what we can, while we still can. - caseyleigh.gersh@tuu.edu

## Concessions intended to improve negotiating

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israel Israel will remove about 50 roadpledged to remove some West Bank blocks and upgrade checkpoints to roadblocks as a start to "concrete speed up the movement of Palessteps" in an agreement " the Palestinians that is aimed at The Israelis also will give Palespaving the way for a final peace deal tinians more security responsibility this year. $\quad$ in the town of Jenin with an eye "This is a program that will im- toward looking at "other areas prove the daily lives of Palestinians in turn." They also pledged to and help make Israel secure," the increase the number of travel and U.S. said. work permits for Palestinians and Under the plan that Secretary of to support economic projects in
State Condoleezza Rice announced, Palestinian towns.

## Hindu holiday festival a colorful celebration

## By BRIDGET DE STEFANO

 Staff WriterEstablished in 2003, SASA Anyone who wanted to cel- has grown exponentially as a di"Holi" holiday with the Texas the past five years Holi holiday with the Texas the past five years.
Tech South Asian Student As- SASA president Rajan Gad sociation would need to bring hia, a senior psychology and some good friends and a change pre-med major from Sugar Land, of clothes because things were defines the association as a bound to get colorful. SASA hosted its own festiva of colors at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Tech soccer fields. The organiza- Asian cultures of Bangladesh, $\begin{array}{cc}\text { tion provided free pizza, T-shirts } & \text { Phakistan (and) Sri Lanka through }\end{array}$ and rainbow-colored paint to music, dance, holiday celebrarepresent the
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good and evil. good and evil.
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If we did this on our Asian identh annual festival of colors that own, it would not have University and falls on the day been as widespread or surrounding
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season.
events with Habitat for HumanHindus believe in reincarna- ity and the Ronald McDonald
Hent tion and many forms of one God. House, Gadhia said. An important aspect of Hinduism Many campus organizations is the cyclical rebirth of the soul helped contribute to the success and the progression towards an of the Holi celebration. SASA inner state of peace. Hinduism's vice president Meghna Gupta,
ancient roots in storytelling and a junior advertising major from mythology provide the basis from Austin, said she was grateful for which the moral foundation of the support SASA received. good over evil is carried on from "If we did this on our own, generation to generation. it would not have been as wideHoli is a time for "merrymak- spread or well-conducted, not ing and fun with family and just because of funds, but because
friends," said Sirisha Reddy, a the campus is helping us out,"
junior psychology major from Gupta said.
junior psyc
Fort Worth.
After a week of volunteer The SASA members were work to raise awareness about as participants left with a colorpoverty in South Asia, SASA fully painted spirit and attire.



PHOTOS BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador THE SOUTH ASIAN Student Association hosts Holi celebration at the
soccer fields Saturday afternoon to celebrate the recognition of the begin
ning of spring by painting each other with vibrant colors. of spring by pai

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Focus Lubbock is a civic engagement program sponsored by the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce and the Division of Student Affairs at Texas Tech University.

Students from Texas Tech University, South Plains College, Lubbock Christian University, and Wayland Baptist join together to explore businesses, organizations, industries, leadership, communities, and the people of Lubbock and the surrounding areas.

Students selected will take day-long adventures into our community and evaluate their current understandings of Lubbock and their interpretation of active community engagement.

## Qualifications:

Participants must be enrolled as full-time college/university students for fall 2008 and spring 2009.
Participants must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative and current grade point average for consideration.
Junior and senior classifications will be given preference.
Benefits of participating in Focus Lubbock:
Meet city, county, state government officials.
Opportunities to network with influential people Great way to learn the secrets of Lubbock, Texas. Learn ways in which leadership influences the community in which you live.

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 Center for Campus Life Division of Sudent AffarisApplications are available in the Center for Campus Life, Room 201 Student Union Building
Applications due April 4, 2008 by 5:00 pm
For more information contac
Candice Laster at 742-5433 or Email candice.n.laster@ttu.edu


Presidential candidates propose rival economic recovery plans $\begin{array}{cl}\text { WASHINGTON (AP) } & \text { passed by Congress last month and } \\ \text { Hillary Rodham Clinton, Barack } & \text { signed by President Bush. Both }\end{array}$ Obama and John McCain have Clinton and Obama also called for diagnosed the swooning U.S. broader financial regulation. economy and have come up with Republican John McCain rival plans to revive it. If the advocated voluntary action by downturn lasts as long as some lenders, more transparency in
economists predict, one of the the lending process and the coneconomists predict, one of the the lending process and the con-
three will get a chance to try to vening of a national conference sell his or her proposal to Con- of accountants and mortgage gress as president.
Or if the economy hits bottom before Inauguration Day and then turns up, the victor may be begin a presidency presiding over the early stages of a rebound. Take your pick. Who knows where the economy will be in nine and a half months?
As economic clouds darkened last week, all three candidates
delivered major speeches on the delivered major speeches on the
economy while the Bush administration prepared a plan to give the Federal Reserve new regulatory powers over the financial system. Democrats Clinton and Obama outlined competing $\$ 30$
billion stimulus packages to help billion stimulus packages to help
homeowners facing foreclosure and other victims of the financial crisis. This would be on top of the $\$ 168$ billion stimulus package of rebates and temporary tax cuts

County parties conduct conventions
 the democratic process.
"I think its' just the natural evolution of a round-up approach of both parties,",
Klein said. "The voters. get to choose within their very own precincts." During the Republican County Convention, several elected officers spoke, discussing election strategies. "We've gotten a little complacent,
and we need to get reenergized, said and we need to get reenergized" said
Rep. Randi Neugebauer of Congres Rep. Randy Neugebauer of Congres,
sional District 19. "That means all of us sional District 19 . "hat means all of us
working every day endorsing the candiworking every day endorsing the candi-
dates. If we put on a good game, were

PHE LUBBOCK COUNTY Republican Convention met Saturday morning in the Monterey High School auditorium.

 rict 28 , said he had a similar message. We're not going to win this race. unless we work at the grassroots level, Duncan said. "When rational peopl, isten to the . When rational peopl talk about their plaforatic candidates support them."
clear choice in who the Democratic (primaries), you may see the state very presidential nominee will be, Democrats unified," he said. "It just depends again at the convention did not focus on when Hillary drops out. You know she's unifying the party. He said he predicted going to be in it until Pennsylvania." presidential nominee Sen. Hillary Klein said he was selected as a Clinton, D-N.Y., would drop out before Barack Obama county delegate and too long, giving the Democratic partya will move on to the state convention Convention. Democratic delegate. $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Convention. } \\ \text { "Once you get through Pennsylvania } & \text { Democratic delegate. } \\ \text { mag8240@hotmail.com }\end{array}$
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one or more potential avenues, in-
cluding tuition increases, fund-balance transfers, budget cuts and/or increase in technology fees.
"Between now
we meet in May, we, along with
administration, will work his been administration, will work this budget a lot harder,", said Board of Regents Chairman Scot Dueser. "(This) is just a working process of going through
the budget."
Additionally, the board applied a similar cap to the 2008 budget on another member of the Tech system, Angelo State University, which is not to increase its tuition by more than
13.9 percent, or $\$ 355.15$ per 13.9 percent, or $\$ 355.15$ per student,
per semester.
Regarding the controversial study Regarding the controversial study
about faculty work loads presented during the board's last meeting, Dueser said the board may revisit the study between now and its next
meeting in May. meeting in May.
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 We're not cutting research. We're going to increase $\begin{array}{ll}\text { ing to increase } & \begin{array}{l}\text { dollars }- \text { be- } \\ \text { cause there's a }\end{array} \\ \text { research. } & \begin{array}{l}\text { limited number }\end{array}\end{array}$
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- which would be $\$ 7,395$ - still ajor remain lower than most other

The DT Reader's Choice Awards has just gotten easier. The survey will be available only online, so don't miss your chance to choose Lubbock's best. Use the link provided and give us your opinion. The survey will be available until April 20, 2008 The most popular answers will be published in the April 25 edition of The Daily Toreador.
Many questions have options listed that were popular choices from last year's survey. There is also a field to write in a choice not listed.

## Readers

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All entries become property of $T$ he $D T$, which reserves the right to publish survey answers \& comments. Final decisions on survey, categories \& winning entries will be made by The DT.

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## Opinions

## How many sides does the Pentagon have?

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 none of those forehead-slapping, onl could happen in Washington, it accidentstally had shipped four no nuclear nose cone assemblies and the Taiwan in the fall of 2006 On aitic prestise of the Unit States in relation to China, the incident calls into question the practices which we maintain our nuclear War environment.
According to the Pentagon, the ping helicopter batteries to Taiwan, which, due to Chinese pressure, ha difficulty purchasing weapons from other countries.
A defense official in Taiwan told Reuters, It said on the side of the it was not what we had ordered. W didn't know what it was, as we dent have that equipment, so we told the "Despite quarterly checks of the inven-

tory, defense officials said they never
knew the fuses were gone. Only after knew the fuses were gone. Only after
months of discussions with Taiwan months of discussions with Taiwan
over the missing batteries did the over the missing batteries did the
Pentagon finally realize - late last
week - the seriousness of what had Appened." seriousness of what had As of Thursday, Secretary of De-
fense Robert Gates has ordered a report chronicling the total inven-
tory of America's nuclear arsenal and procedures within 60 days. However, if the Department of Defense is using the same accountants who overlooked the disappearing fuses, it may wind up with a report that can't account for how many pages it has.
by now, the blunder acutely has cost the United States a great deal of
diplomatic muscle when dealing with China, which was outraged tol learn of the mistake. In a phone call to Chinese President Hu Jintao, U.S. President George W. Bush was forced to address
the mix up, while at the same time the mix up, while at the same time
trying to pressure China to end the trying to pressure
violence in Tibet.

And though Bush only joined a chorus of other world-leaders asking China to show restraint in dealing with

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## Surviving 'breakup season'

 By Rachel goldbergIndiana Dairy Stuent (Inoiana U.)

 This is the only time you can go out ever you want. And if youre a girl, then
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A Side of Bill Gates We Never See

## popular trend among my family and <br> Of course my "husband" and I caught

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major from Spring. E-mall her at melissa.k.medleyettu.edu.



## Students

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 come from abroad tend to have, at the very least, moderately affluent families. "Your parents have to be pretty financially stable", he said. "A lot of the pretty financially stable homes. t's only pretty financially stable homes. It's only
with the undergrads; it's unique with undergrads."

Teaching and research assistantships for international graduate and postgraduate students significantly reduce the financial burden of studying aboch said McCallum.
part of the visa application integ Before international students set foot on a plane bound for America, McCallum said, they first must fill out and submit several lengthy, detailed application forms. Thereafter, the wait for last months or even a year. Access to the UnitedStates, she said, relies heavily on a system of sponsorship, which, for students, often means an acceptance letter from a university. A university's go-ahead, however only marks the beginning of the stringent
governmental application process forthe F-1 student, McCallum said. As one of the firist steps, hopeful foreign sudents must submita document called the $1-20$, which requires, among other things, a detailed account of where they will go, what they will do and how they will provide for themselves when they arrive.
Additionally, foreign visa applicants
must take and pass a handful ofacademic must take and passs handiulu of academic
assesment tests - of which the two most common are the Graduate Record Examination and the Test of English as a Foreign Language.
The background security check presents one particularly frustrating
obstacle for a foreign student vying for U.S. visa approval, said Tanvir Ahmed, a mechanical engineering doctoral candidate from Bangladesh. Because the embassy in Bangladesh's capital city, Dhaka, took much longer to investigate Ahmed's background than he initially planned, his arrival at Texas Tech came
two semesters late. on it," he said. "They just took my application and that's it. Also they make me write down, for the past 10 years, where I have lived, so I have to remember all those time periods, write it down on a piecce of paper, and give it to them." from Amiens, France, however, who came to Tech as a fubright scholar,
said she had no problems at all with her
background check
"I just had to go to Paris, to the embassy," she said. "I went there - I had an appointment for, like, eight in
the moming - I went there and, in 10 minutes, it was done. They didn't ask me any questions. They just said, 'Are you
going to be a TA? OK'. They just gave going to be a TA? OK.' They just gave
us ghe visa like ethat" is the visa like that."
Another set of Another set of gears begins turning
international students say goodhye as intermational students say goodbye to and their comfort zones. They soon will depart on what often is a long, grueling series of flights that hop from city to
city, country to country continent to city, country to country, continent to
continent and, for some, hemisphere to concinent and
hemisphere.
Finally, at long last, the fresh West Texans step out of airplanes and automobiles and into the cotton-riddled lunarscape of the South Plains. With them, they bring nothing but the clothes
on their backs and the few items they on their backs and the few ite
could stuff in two suitcases

Those lucky enough to have a phone number approach the nearest pay phone,
said Dianne Crowlev, director of the said Dianne Crowley, director of the
College of Education's. K-12 International Outreach Program. They unfold a crinkled piece of paper and call the only seven digits waiting for them in strange and brazen new world.
Because many of the new Because many of the new interna-
tional students will become teaching assistants, a two-week training workshop awaits them on campus, said Stephani Biggs, director of the International Teaching Assistant program at Tech. The workshop, she said, helps international students is several ways. During
those two weeks, foreign students will those two weeks, foreign students will
acquaint themselves with che university, teaching methods, U.S. culture and even with the nuanced Texan dialect, which few learned in their English textbooks back home.
Meanwhile, as international students prepare to become Red Raiders, Biggs
said, the workshop's instructors sse said, the workshop's instructors use
written tests and personal interviews to asses their ability to become teaching assistants. These assesments then determine whether or not the instructors will
recommend the international sudent to recommend the international student to his or her department as qualified
position as a teaching assistant. position as a teaching assistant.
Each department then decide would like to heed the recommendataion of the workshop's instruccoms, she said. If a department decides not to enlist an international student as a teaching assistant, Biggs said, that student then
has the option of finding other employ has the option of finding other employ-
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so few belongings with them after their so few belongings with them after thei tends to be a tall order.
"It is very diffcicul. when you come
ane because you dont have anything haid Luis Cause you don't have anything," Htermational Textlo Cenloyee at Tech's pico, Mexico, who recently received his master's degree in chemical engineering "Its like you when you were just born" Before classes begin, international sitiors must begin looking for an apartment, furniture, groceries and myriad
other odds and ends. Literally, they must other odds and ends. Literally, they must in Lubbock. Even the most important of neces-

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however, may prove difficuilt to find for story - you have to buy it (with) cash, a much-needed beacon of hope shined doctoral student in Tech's School stuff like that, that is kind of difficult demic department. returned home to Paraguay in February in the beginning. I don't know if other "That felt great," he said, shaking his His initial attempts to rent an apartment. people encoumter the same situations, but head with wide-open eyes. "To finally $\begin{array}{ll}\text { brought him face to face with a rather } & \text { Crowley said she began a program } \\ \text { It made it all worth it." }\end{array}$ Concerting obstacle. Crowley said she began a program ast year to help international students In made it altworth st. find furniture for their new homes. incredibly gratefull for the opportunity Unfortunately, however, her diligence tostudyat Tech, Fastsaid. He applauded in finding second-hand furniture for universities for welcoming people from countless international students, often all over the world. handful of international students. Her the amount of resources you guys have efforts, alone, could not appease the here," he said. "It's just amazing, and
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that you are willing to share them. I $\begin{array}{ll}\text { needs of so many. } & \text { that you are willing to share them. I } \\ \text { For one international student, } & \text { will go back to working wihh so few }\end{array}$ Diwash Neupane, a tesearch assistant resources, and that will be a huge Diwash Neupane, a research assistant resources, and that will be a hus
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Tech was coming offa 7.0 loss to No. 2 Baylor prior to this weekend's matches. Groce said it was important for her team's confidence to get a win against Missouri but her
on the rankings.
It was big, knowing that (Missouri) beat Kansas, who's ranked," she said. "We don't wanna a get too caught up in the rank-
ings, but you have to becavse thats how ings, but you have to because that's how
yource udged. Then, you start playing for youre judged. Then, you start playing for The Red Raiders could not finish the weekend $2 .-0$, thanks to Colorado ( $7-8$, 4.1 in Big 12). Tech ( $9-7,2-2-3$ in Big 12 ) started the match by winning the doubles point in
dramatic fashion. The duo of van der Drift and Janet Durtham could notoverctome an and anet Durtham could notovercome an and Monica Milewski.
Kelsy Garland and Simone Templeton fought their way back to win the match 8 6. Tech's No. 2 doubles team clinched the
doubles point with a close $9-8(7)$ win. doubles point with a close $9-8$ (7) win.
In singles play, the Red Raiders fell in six-straight matches.
 her team during singles play.

## "We came out and played really well

 in doubles and really had a lot of momentum,"" she said. "Then, I don't know whathappened. You would think that we would happened. You would think that we would
come out (in singles), having won that doubles point, real positive and want to get
after it - be pumped up - but it looked like we lost the doubles point." Templeton had problems finishing off her games against Colorado, which, Groce
said, is a big problem. "Seventeen games she had game point and shet loses, she said. Hout lack of fous." Leadership was an issue against COlo-
rado and Groce said it is something they will address this week in practice. "Some of our leaders didn't really step up and lead us she way they should on the
court", she said. "We are a yery yertal team court, she sidi. "We area very verbal team
typically. Janet never showed up today in is supposed to lead this group, with the two freshman. She just wasn't able to get anything going. On every court we just struggled."
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| Perry <br> CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8 <br> working out with the Red Raider even when it was not clear if he could play in 2008. <br> Perry said there is a big difference when comparing football at Miami and Tech. <br> "There's a lot of camaraderie (at Tech)," he said. "Everybody believes in each other. There's not a whole lot of egos. There's a lot of egos at Miami That's just how it is. That's the style of football up there." <br> Perry adds to a defensive line the coaching staff already is excited |
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d linemen and Perry helps with depth,
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"I think, this year, we got a lot of D-linemen in, so we gonna have
a lot of rest, be fresh," Henley said.
"It's gonna bring a lot of impact to the defensive side." Although some of Perry's team-
mates still are getting to mates still are getting to know him,
they recognize how much help he they recognize how much help he
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"He looks like a real big athletic kid, linemen are someth
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McNeill does his time at Miami and his time at
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played a snap of Perry said he owes his new defensive collegiate foot- coordinator alavor.
"McNeill feels like a father to
"Even as a big me," he said. "I'ma take care of his "Even as a big me," he said. "Tma take care of his
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## Tech takes series with Missouri after game-winning grand slam



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 Rick Zagone came on in relief of Gibson and gave up five runs in TEXAS TECH'S LOGAN Brown slides into home plate Saturday afternoon in the game against No. 2 Missouri two-plus innings of work.
"We needed to get one or tw more innings out of Kyle," Mis-
souri coach Tim Jamieson said. "Rick was probably, that third innning he went out there, he
wasn't the same as he was those wasn't the same as he was those
first two innings. We needed a first two innings. We needed a
little bit better start from Kyle, and I think it might be a different ball game. We get to those guys in the pen, we can score a
lot of runs." lot of runs."
In the first game of the series, Aaron Crow threw eight innings of shutout baseball to lead the
Tigers to a $1-0$ shutout of Tech Crow allowed two hits and four. walks while striking out nine. Tech responded in the second game, beating Missouri $3-2$ with a

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## Perry ready to contribute to D-Line

 By ADAM COLEMAN season after the Tech coaching staff STAFF Writer filed a waiver for an exemption from Texas Tech defensive tackle Chris transferred from Miami (Fler.) to be Perry is glad to fight for the coaches closer to his ill grandmother and the rest of his family. Perry never played tor him.Now with spring practice in full ${ }^{\text {at Miami, redshirting his freshman }}$ swing, Perry could not be happier to season. He will enter 2008 as a fresh know he will make an impact on the man transfer for the Red Raiders.
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us Tech defensive line this season. $\quad$ By rule, Perry was not supposed
"Just real excited," Perry said.
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and watch me play, coaches from high spring semester began. He has bee
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