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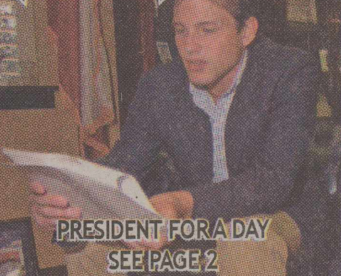
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STATE

7 death row inmates lose at Supreme Court

HOUSTON (AP) — Seven Mexican-born inmates on Texas' death row lost their bids for appeal Monday before the U.S. Supreme Court, following the court's ruling last week that another Mexican-born inmate's case couldn't be reopened despite an order from President Bush.

Justices last week voted 6-3 against hearing the case of Jose Medellin, convicted of the rape-slayings of two Houston teenagers 15 years ago, saying Bush overstepped his authority by trying to order Texas to reopen Medellin's case. That decision removed a legal hurdle blocking Medellin's execution.

NATION

HUD Secretary quits amid housing crisis

WASHINGTON (AP)—HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson, his tenure tarnished by allegations of political favoritism and a criminal investigation, announced his resignation Monday amid the wreckage of the national housing crisis.

He leaves behind a trail of unanswered questions about whether he tilted the Department of Housing and Urban Development toward Republican contractors and cronies.

WORLD

Cuba lifts ban that kept citizens from hotels

HAVANA (AP) — New President Raul Castro's government has lifted a ban on Cubans staying at hotels previously reserved for foreigners, ending another restriction that had been especially irksome to ordinary citizens.

"They have informed us that with a national ID card, anyone can stay here," an employee at the Ambo's Mundos Hotel in Old Havana. She insisted on anonymity because she is not authorized to speak to foreign reporters, but said non-guests who are Cuban nationals will also be allowed to pay to enjoy other hotel services, including gyms.

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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## Al-Sadr truce calms Iraq's violence

By ROBERT H. REID  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — Rockets fell on the Green Zone and random machine gun fire rang out Monday in the southern city of Basra as Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr sought to rein in his militia after a week of battles that claimed about 400 lives.

The peace deal between al-Sadr and Iraqi government forces — said to have been brokered in Iran

— calmed the violence but left the cleric's Mahdi Army intact and Iraq's U.S.-backed prime minister politically battered and humbled within his own Shiite power base.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki had promised to crush the militias that have effectively ruled Basra for nearly three years. The U.S. military launched air strikes in the city to back the Iraqi effort.

But the ferocious response by the Mahdi Army, including rocket fire on the U.S.-controlled Green Zone and

attacks throughout the Shiite south, caught the government by surprise and sent officials scrambling for a way out of the crisis.

The confrontation enabled al-Sadr to show that he remains a powerful force capable of challenging the Iraqi government, the Americans and mainstream Shiite parties that have sought for years to marginalize him. And the outcome cast doubt on President Bush's assessment that the Basra battle was "a defining moment" in the history "of a free Iraq."

With gunmen again off the streets, a round-the-clock curfew imposed in Baghdad last week was lifted at 6 a.m. Monday, except in Sadr City and two other Shiite neighborhoods. Streets of the capital buzzed with traffic and commerce.

Several rockets or mortars slammed Monday into the Green Zone, the nerve center of the American mission in Iraq. But the U.S. Embassy said there no reports of serious injuries. At least two Americans working for the U.S. government were killed in

Green Zone attacks last week.

An American soldier was killed Monday by a roadside bomb in north-eastern Baghdad, the U.S. military said without specifying whether the attack occurred in a Shiite or Sunni area. The military also said a U.S. soldier wounded south of Baghdad on March 23 died Sunday in Germany.

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said in Copenhagen, Denmark that the violence in Shiite areas had not changed American plans to withdraw more combat forces this spring.

## OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

Part 2 of a 5-part series looking at the struggles, inspirations of international students at Tech

By MATT MCGOWAN  
STAFF WRITER

In an age of information and communication, the world almost seems to shrink with every new Web site, with each new e-mail sent from one corner of the globe to another and with every additional airplane flying high above the South Plains.

Though the world may be shrinking figuratively, thousands of Texas Tech's international students surely could testify to the drastic cultural divide between their home countries and their temporary academic foothold in Lubbock.

Once international students arrive in Lubbock, their educations not only commence in the classroom but also in the streets, at Wal-Mart, in the Student Union Building and even at local restaurants. For many foreign students, adapting to the nuance of an American lifestyle initially seems daunting, confusing and, at times, even disheartening.

Tibor Nagy, Tech's vice provost of international affairs, arrived in Lubbock as a political refugee from Hungary.

Adapting to life in Lubbock, he said, presents a bold challenge for international students.

Standing in Washington, D.C., and considering his options for college, Nagy said, he chose a place that culturally differed greatly from the nation's capital. Before long, his airplane landed in Lubbock.

"Never having been west of the Mississippi (River), culture shock was immense, for me," he said. "Landing at the Lubbock airport, coming into town, and I couldn't figure out when I was going to get into the city, and I never did. Lubbock is very, very different."

For international students, Nagy said, the challenges of adapting to the

broader American culture only present the first phase of learning it. Upon arriving in Lubbock, he found himself struggling to understand yet another set of cultural norms specific to West Texas.

When they set foot in Lubbock, he said, international students find themselves in a world much unlike what they had come to expect. The actuality of Texas' culture drastically varies from what they expected to find.

"Now, when you grow up overseas, unless you've traveled to the United States, your vision of America is what you've seen on TV," Nagy said. "Add to that the mystique of Texas, and you have all types of environments that you can imagine."

WELCOME TO THE PLAINS

Much in the same way international students have misconceptions of West Texas culture before they arrive, the climate of the South Plains often surprises them as well, though not always in a bad way.

While finishing his associate's degree in Houston, Kweku Hazel, a senior biochemistry major from Ghana, said he would tell people about his intentions to come to Lubbock to finish his undergraduate education at Tech.

In an effort to dissuade him from moving to the city, he said, people in Houston told him Lubbock was a "desert" with nothing but "dust storms" and "cowboys."

"You know, Ghana, the northern part, is getting into the Sahara Desert. When I think of a desert, I think of the Sahara. When I think of dust storms, I think of dust storms in the Sahara," Hazel said, pausing with a slow, rolling laugh. "This isn't

a dust storm. This is wind blowing dust. That's it ... Look at all this green out here. I remember driving over here, I was thinking, 'Hm, when am I going to see this desert?' I never got that. When I got here, I said, 'Huh, did I miss the desert or what?'"

ENGLISH, OR SOMETHING LIKE IT

Not all of the surprises Lubbock has in store for newly arriving foreign students, however, work in their favor.

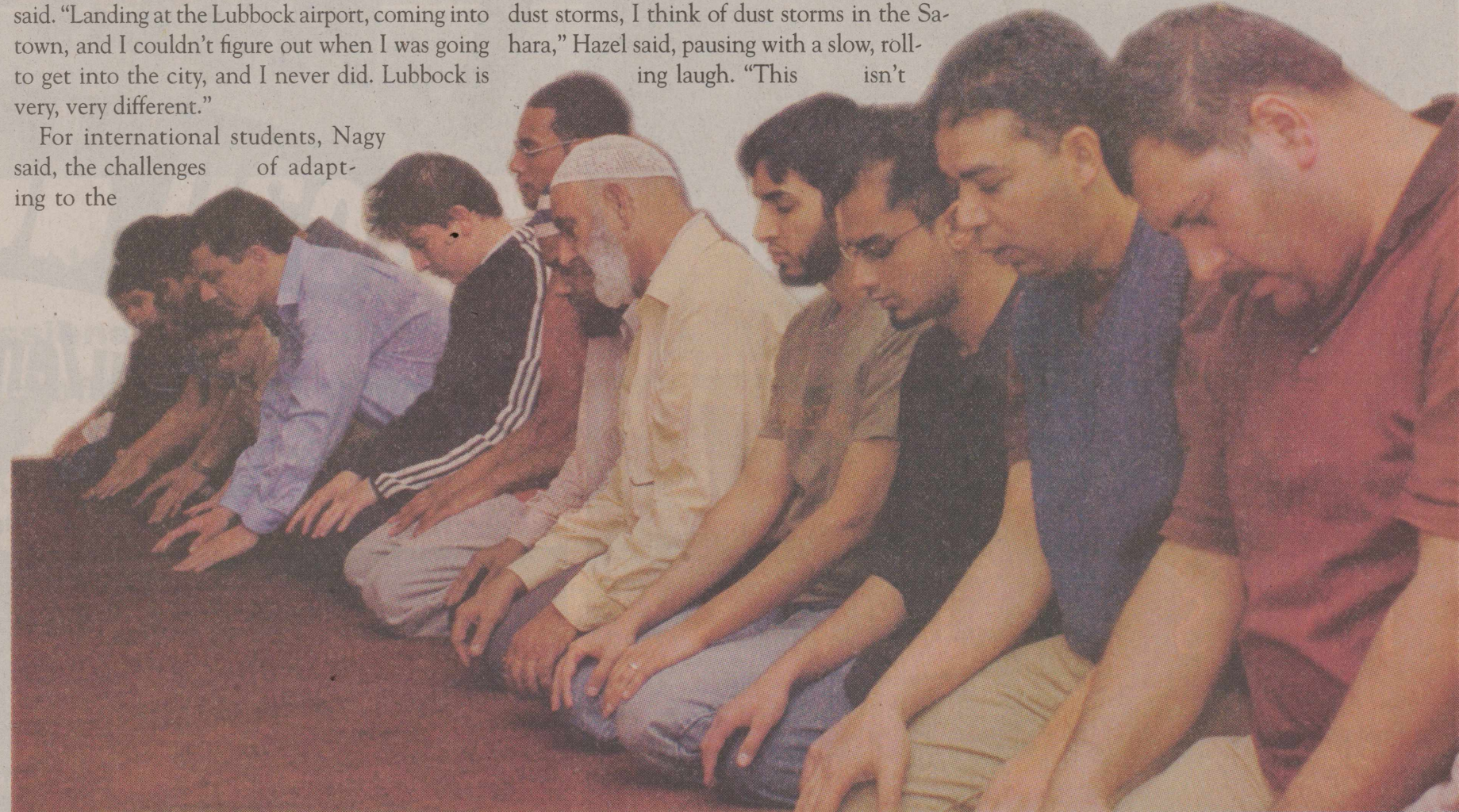
Some say English has become the universal language. Indeed, most international students studied it as a second language since they were very young. In practice, however, a non-native speaker's grasp of English does not translate quite so easily or quickly.

Because so much of a culture's essence only translates through its language, Nagy said, the importance of the language barrier cannot be overemphasized. Despite their prior classroom instruction in English, students from many other countries find themselves hard-pressed to comprehend the intricacies scattered throughout English's myriad dialects.

For many of Tech's graduate students from other countries, an International Teaching Assistant Seminar offers some help in the initial adaptation process, said Stephani Biggs, director of the program. During the three-week seminar, instructors help hopeful international teaching assistants gain insight into the West Texas colloquialisms.

The seminar, however, hardly gives international teaching assistants a firm grasp of the language,

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WORSHIPERS AT THE Islamic Center in Lubbock kneel in prayer.

PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador

# Trading places: Whitmore, student switch jobs for day

By LILIANNA GONZALEZ  
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Remington Sutton became Texas Tech's president on Monday substituting for President Jon Whitmore as the winner of the Mortar Board's President for a Day raffle.

Sitting in Whitmore's office behind his desk, Sutton, a junior mathematics major from Lubbock, said he bought 60, or half, of the \$1 raffle tickets to have a better chance of winning, and wanted Whitmore to go to his classes.

"I wanted him to get a feel and to see what it is to be an undergraduate," he said.

His day started off parking in Whitmore's parking space, followed by meetings at 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

"President Whitmore said I could have the office till 5 (p.m.)," Sutton said. "I joked about having a party here, and he didn't laugh."

Sutton said he hopes Whitmore learned as much from his position as an undergraduate student as he did as his position as president of Tech.

Whitmore said he went to all of Sutton's four classes, starting with physics at 8 a.m.

The only class that gave him difficulty was calculus, he said, but believes he took great notes on all the classes.

To prepare teachers for the president's visit to their classes, Whitmore said the administration requested permission from the faculty members to accept the exchange so they knew he was sitting in for Sutton.

This is the third year Whitmore

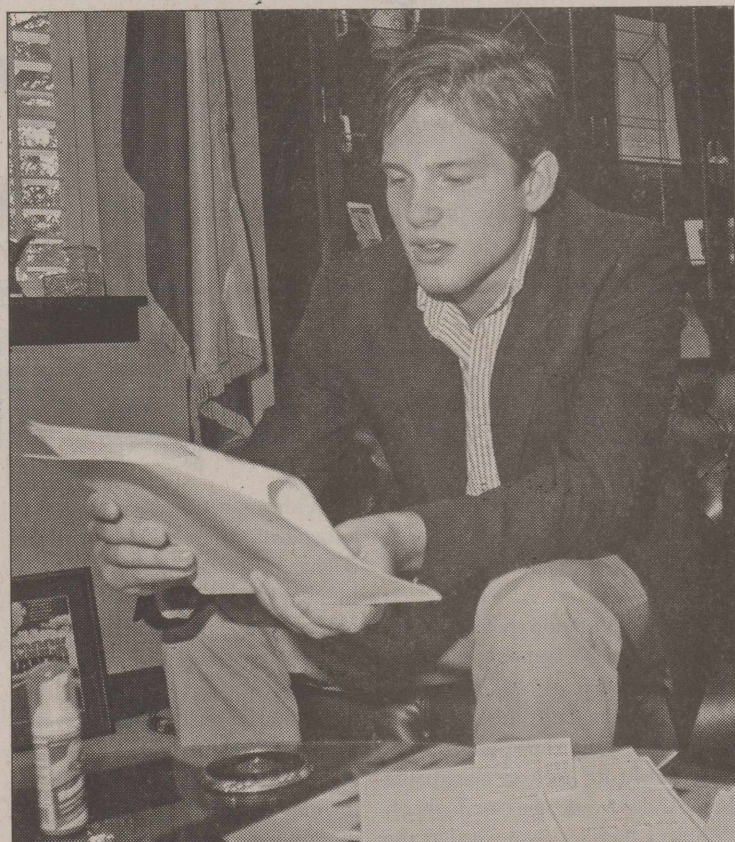


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REMINGTON SUTTON, A junior math major from Lubbock, sits in President Whitmore's office reviewing notes from the budget meeting he attended Monday in the Administration building.

exchanged positions with a student, and he said every year has been a different experience.

"The first time it was a human sciences major, last year it was an honors student, and the best part about it was that I went to a jazz class," he said. "They were doing critiques that day, otherwise they would have gotten me

to play the trombone."

Sanjeet Baidwan, chairwoman of President for a Day and a senior cellular and molecular biology major from Lubbock, said Mortar Board started the event several years ago as a fundraiser for Tech's chapter of the National Honor Society.

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# Town hall meeting focuses on underage drinking

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In an auditorium built to hold at least 500, about 40 Lubbock residents met for a town hall meeting Monday at Cavazos Middle School to discuss preventing and reducing underage drinking.

George Comiskey, associate director of the Center for Prevention and Resiliency at Texas Tech, led the discussion panel, which included members of the community from different alcohol-dependent resource organizations.

"This is going to have to be a grassroots effort," Comiskey said. "If anything is going to happen with underage drinking, we're going to have to do something about it."

According to the Students Against Destructive Decisions Web site, www.sadd.org, "about two-fifths of students have consumed alcohol by eighth grade," about one-fifth of which reported getting drunk.

Bobbi Britton-Stroud, the Raider Assistance Program manager, said many people overlook the problem of underage drinking once students enter college.

"Most people think that when a student goes to college, it is kind of their right of passage to participate in alcohol use," Britton-Stroud said.

That being the case, she said students are well-informed when it comes to the dangers of alcohol, but many do not know where to turn when they have a problem.

"Most students who come to see me are not alcohol dependent, so I ask them, 'if you did have a problem with drinking, what would you do?'" she said.

"Surprisingly, a lot of these intelligent students don't have an answer for that, they've never thought about it."

On the Tech campus, one major resource students have access to is the Raider Assistance Program.

According to the program's Web site, www.depts.ttu.edu/studentjudicialprograms, "The Raider Assistance Program is a safe and confidential place for students to go and ask for help with



PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador

GEORGE COMISKEY, ASSOCIATE Director of the Center for Prevention and Resiliency at Texas Tech, opens the town hall meeting concerning underage drinking Monday in the Cavazos Middle School auditorium.

self-destructing and self-defeating behaviors relating to alcohol and other drugs," which "offers educational information, intervention strategies, prevention strategies, confidential screening for alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, and treatment for abusive habits."

Kyle L. Martin, a sophomore cell and molecular biology major from Arlington, said he is a member of Impact Tech, an organization that gives presentations to Tech students regarding health and wellness.

"Our goal is not to say don't drink," Martin said. "We're giving them the tools and education on how to drink responsibly."

As a freshman at Frenship High School, 15-year-old Gilbert Sanchez sat on the panel to discuss his decision to choose not to drink alcohol or do drugs.

"People like to drink to fit into the crew and be cool, but there is a part in life when you have to choose if you want to be cool or if you want to get an education," Sanchez said. "I guess we're here to

ask everyone here to help teenagers to make good choices. Just help us; just help us survive."

Gilbert said after witnessing his mother struggle with his father's alcohol addiction, the choice he would make was clear to him. He said when it comes to peer pressure, each man stands on his own.

"I can control myself; it's choices, you've got to make your own choice," he said. "I'm making different choices than my dad."

Though the turnout was low, panel members said they were not discouraged and would continue to bring awareness to the community about underage drinking.

Floyd Price, councilman for District 1, was one of three city officials who attended the meeting.

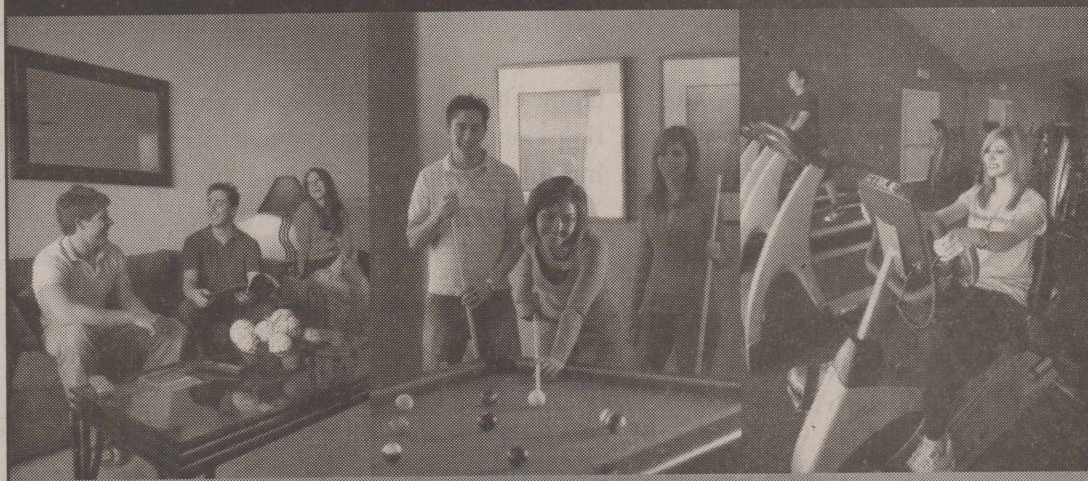
"We glorify alcohol so much—the thing that we are competing with is apathy, when it comes to alcohol—people truly believe that it's no big deal," he said.

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## CORRECTION

In Monday's edition of *The Daily Toreador*, the article about party conventions labeled Todd Klein as a county delegate eligible to become a state delegate when in actuality Klein was a precinct delegate and will not go on to the state convention. *The DT* regrets the error.

# STUDENT LIVING DONE RIGHT



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## Blood drive helps 2 students

By **STEPHANIE HERNANDEZ**  
STAFF WRITER

No. 1 Greek Circle was alive with music and food for people donating blood for Rho Lambda's Greek-Wide Blood Drive Saturday.

The blood drive was organized and hosted by two Rho Lambda members, Haley Caron and Sarah Smiley, for the honors sorority's philanthropy event.

Caron, a freshman from Dallas, said the event was organized for two Greek-society members who have been diagnosed with bone marrow failure disorder, a rare blood disease.

"We just needed to raise awareness of the need of blood in the Lubbock community," she said. "And college students are probably the most capable of giving blood because of their age, and their relative good health. We just really wanted to involve the Greek community and support other Greeks who are in need of blood."

Caron said having a blood drive was a dream of hers for a while, and when she found out a second Greek had been diagnosed with the disorder, she was inspired to help raise blood and give credit for the transfusions needed.

"I found out in December that a fellow Greek had gotten the same disease, which only comes around in about one in a million people," she said. "So I was immediately inspired to try and raise some blood for her because blood transfusions are really expensive."

Caron said all the donations received at the blood drive would be credited in the name of the Greek needing the transfusions to help lower the costs of transfusions.

Sarah Smiley, an early childhood education major from Fort Worth, said the blood drive also helps the Lubbock community, which is in need of blood. She said it was a good way to unite the sororities and fraternities on campus.

"There are so many people that need blood that are not only just people from Lubbock community, but there are people that are out own fellow Greek sisters that also need blood," she said. "Rho Lambda was a good way to do it because it is the

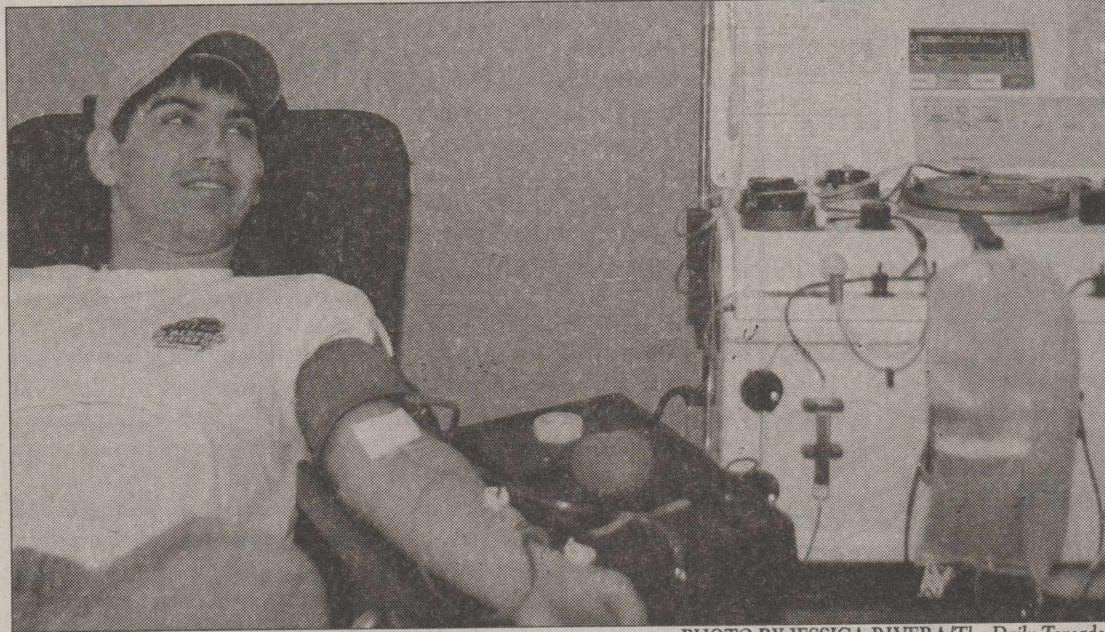


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**STEPHEN ALFAI**, A sophomore advertising major from Houston, donated blood Friday at the Alpha Phi lodge for Rho Lambda and Alpha Phi to help benefit two members who were diagnosed with a rare blood disease.

women's Greek honors organization that involves not only one sorority, but all sororities together, plus the fraternity."

Caron said the organization had 102 spots available, with 96 spots confirmed for donating blood. She said people also could bring their friends, roommates, or others interested in donating.

Smiley said she was thankful for the Greek members of the other 18 sororities and fraternities who participated in the drive.

Caron and Smiley received help from Ciminie Palacios, the donor recruitment representative for United Blood Services, who helps educate and organize blood drives.

Palacios said Caron came to her office in October about putting together a blood drive.

"[Caron] came by the office and said, 'Hey, I really want to do this drive in the spring,'" Palacios said. "Right after Christmas, she got hold of me, and we started laying it all out. She got the T-shirts, we talked about food, and then, of course, how many appointments she needed every 20 minutes to get her 100 people."

Palacios said 100 appointments were necessary to reach a minimum goal of 60 units of donated blood. She also said having people come to

donate is the most stressful part.

"You can set up a drive, and you can put a bus outside your building — people think they'll just come. That's not the case," she said. "It is easier to ask people for money than it is to ask them for their blood."

Palacios said Caron found many organizations to come donate to the blood drive, which resulted in Rho Lambda and UBS raising 95 units of blood.

Students who came to donate could choose to give at one of the six whole blood donations, or use the one of the five power red machines that separates plasma and platelets from red blood cells. Whole blood donations were manual and took only a donor's red blood cells. The power red machines took and separated the three components of a donation and resulted in the individual giving a double red blood cell donation, but less than a whole blood donation.

Palacios said anyone interested in giving a double donation through the power red machines had to meet a minimum height and weight requirement. Males need to be 5 feet 1 inch tall and 130 pounds, and females need to be 5 feet 5 inches and 150 pounds. She said females must never have been pregnant or had a baby.

She said three tubes also filled

with blood during the donation were sent to Bedford for testing and to make sure the blood was OK. The power red machine donor's blood would be processed and distributed quicker because of the separation of blood components, while whole blood donations would take a little longer because they must still be processed in the lab.

According to the UBS Web site, www.unitedbloodservices.org, Food and Drug Administration general requirements to donate blood are that donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds and have not donated whole blood in the previous eight weeks or donated double red blood cells in the previous 16 weeks.

Christopher Garza, assistant donor care supervisor, said the previous rule about tattoos changed in September so anyone who got a tattoo in a professional tattoo parlor in Texas was still qualified to give blood because the FDA regulates tattoo parlors in Texas.

Palacios said saving someone's life was the biggest motivation of all to her.

"That's what I tell people, 'Just imagine you sitting there knowing that your person is going to live just because they got blood.'"

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## University provides database for students researching future classes

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Before a new semester begins, students consider many options in choosing their class schedule and professors, but many may not be aware of resources provided by Texas Tech to aid in the process.

In searching for the class with the right fit for them, some students reference teacher evaluation Web sites such as www.pickaprof.com, which claims "no other Web site collects student reviews online and from the official end of semester evaluations."

But Vicki West, managing director for the Institutional Research and Information Management department at Tech, said the information used by Pick-A-Prof and other Web sites has been available online through the university for five years.

"The information Pick-A-Prof furnishes comes from us," West said.

The department does not track how many students utilize the information, she said, because it has not received any feedback from students.

At the end of each semester, students are given the opportunity to fill out evaluation forms for each course. The forms evaluate the faculty member as well as the course. These forms, given to the colleges, are produced by the IRIM department at Tech.

As well as the course evaluation forms, IRIM collects all the grades from the students enrolled in each course and makes a grade distribution per course. These grades are compiled and, along with the evaluation forms, are available on TechSIS for students.

According to the Texas Open Records Act, Tech is required to disclose all information that is not confidential. Pick-A-Prof obtains the information from Tech's research department and puts the information on its Web site.

West said the information through the university is identical to www.pickaprof.com, however, Pick-A-Prof has the capacity to hold student's written comments. The main difference, she said, is Pick-A-Prof charges for its services.

Eileen Dee, a sophomore biology and German major from El Campo, said she subscribes to Pick-A-Prof and was unaware that Tech provided such a service to its students.

"Had I known evaluations and grade distributions were available," Dee said, "I probably would have checked that before paying for Pick-A-Prof."

Dee said Tech never advertised this service and she wonders how many other students are aware of it.

The free service provided by Tech can be found on the opening page of the TechSIS Web site, www.techsis.admin.ttu.edu, under the registration tools.

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## Mathematics becomes a Vegas vice in '21'

By **JULIE ENGLER**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN (SOUTHERN ILLINOIS U.)

(U-WIRE) CARBONDALE, Ill. — The home of prostitution and gambling isn't fit for MIT math whizzes, but what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas, right? Not in "21."

The prospect of becoming rich by counting cards is great, but for one unlucky guy, losing costs more than the money: It incurs the wrath of Kevin Spacey.

Jim Sturgess — our singing beauty from "Across the Universe" — is

a math genius struggling to raise enough money to pay for pre-med school at Harvard. And then he meets Micky Rosa (Kevin Spacey), who promises him his math skills can earn him more money than he could ever imagine.

All he has to do is count cards to predict his chances of winning. It sounds easy enough. A group of students travel to Vegas on the weekends, gamble a little bit and come back with pockets full of money. And, he says, it's perfectly safe and legal.

Oh, don't we know better. It's easy to predict what's going to happen: Something's going to go wrong, they're going to lose all their money and the kid who had everything going for him is going to lose it all. That's a no-brainer.

But, wow, the film couldn't be more boring. The previews made it out to be a suspenseful film about gambling and risk, but when it came to fast-paced, exciting shots and plot twists, "21" is incredibly flat. The direction doesn't lead the audience to take a strong part in the gambling

but instead focuses more on the winnings, luxuries and romances.

The dialogue is too drawn-out. The plot is way too thorough, not leaving enough curiosity to the viewers. The "Vegas sex scene" isn't even steamy enough to produce that slightly embarrassed feeling.

In fact, the pace doesn't pick up until the final 30 minutes of the film, when Sturgess' character Ben organizes a scheme to fix his newly ruined life. Still, there's enough in the movie to thoroughly aggravate an audience.

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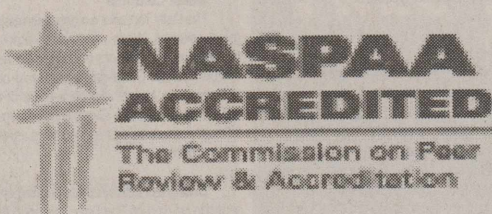


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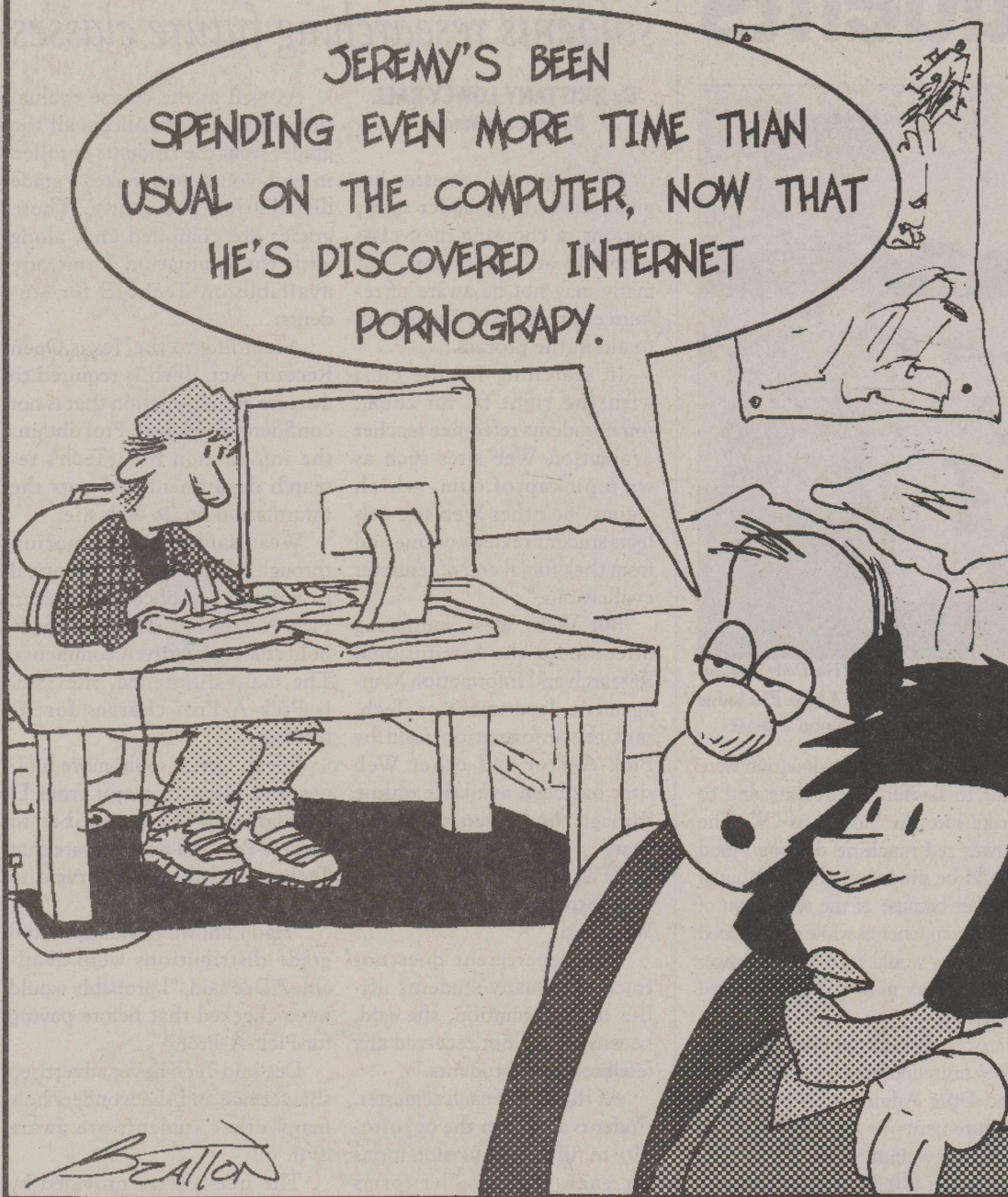
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## The next front against terrorism

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(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. — Terrorism — it's a pretty serious topic in today's world. So serious is this threat the government has decided it's going to use the entertainment gaming world to try and fight. That's right — they're going to use video games. But, not just any video game, they're using the only game more addicting, life consuming and destructive than cocaine or heroin.

The game: "World of Warcraft." The group: Center for Terrorism and Intelligence Studies.

In an article on wired.com, Charles Blair, deputy director of the Center for Terrorism and Intelligence Studies, said the idea that studying people's real decision making with their online characters and guilds may give insight into how terrorists and terrorist cells

might behave in real-world situations.

"World of Warcraft:" Your basic terrorist community. In the game, you can teleport all over the place, trade potions, fight monsters, level up and go on dungeon raids. You know, just like real terrorists do in their respected regions of the world.

Not buying it? Well just wait, this idea only gets better. Along with this flash of brilliance is another in which the U.S. intelligence community would like to monitor suspicious behavior by players in the "World of Warcraft" realm. Oh, and last but not least, epidemiologists plan on using the game to see how viruses spread in the real world.

Exciting and totally sane right? In the words of Will Ferrell from the film "Zoolander:" "I feel like I'm taking crazy pills."

Screw the tax rebate, let's give it

back to the government so they can monitor a video game for an indefinite amount of time to thereby conclusively prove a level-60 mage plans to kill innocent men, women and children exactly like Osama Bin Laden or Timothy McVeigh did.

I mean, it's such a logical step for me. The plan is totally crystal-clear and full-proof. How can you not see the blatant psychological, philosophical and emotional similarities between a 40-year-old single man who lives alone with his mother and sits in front of a computer for days at a time playing a massive multiplayer online role-playing game (a.k.a. MMORPG), and a young man who's likely been persecuted, brain washed, exposed to violence beyond comprehension and has watched loved ones die as a result of constant warfare? It's like they're basically the same person, you know ...

## Recruitment offices not responsible for Iraq policy

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(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS — Last week, 200 people marked the fifth anniversary of the war in Iraq with a protest, marching around campus and ending at the Army National Guard recruitment offices on Washington Avenue. There, as the Daily reported, 16 protesters were arrested for entering the recruitment office, disrupting their work and refusing to leave.

We wholeheartedly support the right of these individuals and other anti-war groups to protest, and thank them for drawing attention to a subject most Americans seem

to prefer not to think about. But the Army recruitment office should not be conflated with the civilian leadership that began and executed the Iraq War so ineptly.

The recruitment office exists to ask people to serve their country, and to be treated as somehow responsible for the policies created by people like President George W. Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, people that we the voting public were foolish enough to elect twice, is unacceptable.

No one is more aware of the terrible cost of this war than those in uniform. Because of the all-volunteer military, few Americans have

any connection to the war other than what they read in the newspapers or see on television.

The health of the military is tied up with the health of the nation, and these are statistics that should alarm all of us. The recruiters office may have been picked as a focal point for the protests because of its proximity to campus, but recruiters are not creating the policies and should not be the target of derision for serving their country and following the orders handed down to them by the people we are ultimately responsible for electing and putting in charge of military.

## Why the hell are we here?

Eric Braden



That seemed to be a common sentiment Saturday at the Lubbock County Democratic convention — a completely Byzantine and chaotic event that I'm absolutely ecstatic for having attended. At least, I thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment: precious little kids who performed ballet folklorico on the Lubbock High School auditorium stage.

Thankfully, those kids seemed to enjoy themselves, oblivious to the fear and loathing running around with clipboards and secret "strategy instructions" to deliver to delegates, or should I say, witless pawns. (I should know; I was one of them.)

I wanted to tell the kids, Billy Madison-style, "Never grow up! Never turn cynical or evil or get into politics! Dance — dance your whole sweet life!"

I mean, I sort of expected it to be inane and overly long, like most democratic processes, but I also was curious and even a little excited. After all, I was "getting involved" — something I usually would avoid as a principle.

But as my father always told me, "You can be anything you want when you grow up, even a delegate at a Democratic county convention." So what can I say? I felt compelled.

But now, freshly soaked in the afterbirth of democracy, I feel I have a good grasp on why Americans feel disenfranchised, or at least apathetic.

You go and you make the effort to be part of the process, and what do you get? You get a garish display of people giving each other bouquets, patting themselves on the back and generally turning every slight moment of confusion into a hand-wringing test of democracy — "Wait, wait. The alternates that have been upgraded to actual delegates haven't all been signing in? Kidney beans over rice, Batman!"

You also are forced to indulge several cliché-filled sermons delivered by local politicians absolutely pickled about all this "coming together" and "newfound excitement," and

most outrageous of all, a gospel-style invocation in which a big-haired woman begged God to lower gas prices. Are you kidding me?

First of all, where was this so-called "togetherness?" Maybe it was one of the toppings on the pizza that some delegates were passing out to people around me. Not to me, of course, because I was wearing like 15 Barack Obama stickers on my shirt.

"Er, it's just for our group," someone said, as Hillary Clinton-supporting delegates from my precinct smacked away on processed goop. Or perhaps this togetherness was located in the beads and Hawaiian leis distributed to people standing in the interminable registration line.

My roommate personally was disgusted by this and told the man, "Please don't give me one of those," in a way that made the guy go, "OK, OK," and back away slowly. I was just kind of amused. What was this, Mardi Gras?

Anyway, it's pretty clear that in spite of all the talk of togetherness and statements like "as long as (John) McCain doesn't win," Obama and Clinton supporters now officially hate each other.

It's true, I'll vote for Clinton over McCain if I have to, but I really don't want to have to. I think that's how Clinton supporters feel about Obama, too.

"Have you switched sides yet?" asked my precinct chairwoman, hands on her hips. "No," I said.

"Well, haven't you been going to school? Haven't they been teaching you anything?"

There was certainly not much togetherness within the precincts, especially when it came time to vote.

I know what you're thinking: didn't Texans vote a month ago? No! That vote was merely to decide who got to vote for real.

Each precinct voted to select at least one delegate, depending on the size of the precinct, who will go represent that precinct at the state convention. The person with the second-highest votes then is selected as an alternate.

In our precinct, half the Clinton supporters voted for one Clinton supporter, and half for another. Since we were outnumbered, they got the delegate as well as the alternate. Strategy, see?

Then, some committee somewhere chose a group of 10 "at-large" delegates, whose job it would be to round out the delegates so they would more closely resemble the actual voting patterns of the county.

Since Clinton got way more delegates than the percentage of people who voted for her in the caucus, all 10 at-large delegates went to Obama.

It's OK if that doesn't make any sense to you. It doesn't make sense to anybody.

Here's my question: Instead of all this maneuvering and shifty-eyed pageantry, why don't we just, you know, vote? Like in a democracy, or whatever? But that would be too simple, I guess.

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## Local influences on Lubbock music scene

Chelsea Roe



"Fire in the Water, Earth in the Air: Legends of West Texas Music." This is perhaps the only title any author could have given a book on Lubbock music legends that would be fitting.

In 1998, author Christopher J. Oglesby began a project to explore the roots of West Texas music, and nearly 10 years later, he published the finished product. According to his Web site, [www.virtualubbock.com](http://www.virtualubbock.com), the main question posed by the book was, "Why are there so many remarkable, innovative artists from Lubbock, Texas?"

It was a question on the forefront of many people's minds, but until recently, Oglesby was the only one to explore the issue. He found it his personal mission to interview the men and women themselves. The book introduces readers to more than two dozen legendary musicians who have been rooted firmly to Lubbock for the better part of 50 years.

Interviewees include Joe Ely, Tommy X Hancock, Doug Smith, Jesse "Guitar" Taylor and many more artists who made Lubbock what it is today.

Taylor was quoted on the Web site saying, "It's about damn time somebody writes this book!" Taylor was right — it was about damn time.

Memories were recalled of a time when Lubbock's counter-culture was

blooming, and the musicians thought rock and roll might never die.

There were more hippies protesting than you would imagine for a conservative West Texas town, and the Blues were an ever-present melancholy spell looming over artists' heads. Thoughts of an exceptional number of creative minds were outlined.

When you stop to think about it, Lubbock changes quite often. Sometimes the culture here evolves so quickly, people just quit trying to keep up, and eventually we lose grasp of it altogether. Though some things — like the Southern drawl — never do change, most things eventually will.

If the detailed lives in Oglesby's book were the history of Lubbock music, the question now being posed was, what is the future of the music culture in Lubbock? What has Lubbock evolved into now?

The answer I have found is this: the South Plains College Music Department.

It began a few years prior, but when

the class of 2003 graduated high school in Lubbock, it became evident a growing trend was occurring.

Students who previously had been studying music were, in increasing numbers, attending the college and studying music in forms of higher education. Upon graduation from the program, these students now were taking the Lubbock music scene by storm.

Some of the artists were Phillip Coggins; Andy Eppler; Kevin Bruce; four-fifths of Cellus and the Loose Grip — Marcellus Roberts, Joel Smith, Blake Atwell and Joshua Brandenburg; Tyler Thompson and more.

Since then, the graduates of the South Plains College music department have dominated the Lubbock music scene — end of story. These days, they are running sound for shows all over town, have been producing records routinely and book more shows here than anyone else — plain and simple.

If the fire in the water and the earth in the air is what made Lubbock music history, then I say it is the South Plains College Music Department that is definitely shaping Lubbock's musical future.

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# Students

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Biggs said. The workshop merely provides a broad oversight, from a language standpoint, of what they might expect to find once they begin actual instruction in a classroom filled with undergraduates.

"I think it's hard for them to actually visualize," she said. "What they learn in three weeks, once they've stepped in there on day one, they realize, 'Oh, that's what (the instructors) were talking about,' but they're not going to get it during the workshop."

As the ombudsman for students, Kathryn Quilliam said international students visit her more often, proportionally, than their American peers. Because foreign students overcome such remarkable obstacles in their quest to learn English, she applauds their efforts.

To truly understand a language, she said, one must grow familiar enough with it to sense the subtleties and hidden meanings embedded in the everyday expressions native speakers use without a second thought.

"When you change languages, you have to be able to write and speak at this high, high level because you're at a university as a graduate student," Quilliam said. "You (must) command that second language. It is so difficult to get across the subtle things you're trying to express with your second language."

American students ought to keep in mind that international students do not speak English as proficiently as somebody who learned it from within a culture at a young age, she said.

"I think some students can probably get very impatient with the (international teaching assistants) who don't speak English as perfectly as they would like, but I think students need to think about that," Biggs said. "Not everyone is going to speak with the exact-same accent. Not everyone is going to use the same vocabulary."

Furthermore, she offered advice to American students who have classes in which they cannot understand their international instructor's language.

"If a student in a class understands what a TA is saying,"

Biggs said, "and everyone else in the class is acting like they don't understand what is going on, I think it would be fine for that student to say, 'Oh, I think this is what they're trying to say,' not in a corrective manner, but in a 'Oh, I get it' kind of way."

If nothing else, she concluded, Americans could exercise patience when conversing with international students. For those who struggle with each sentence, a show of patience by the other party would do wonders to span the language barrier.

## THE SOCIAL KALEIDOSCOPE

Americans may not realize it, but they sometimes behave in ways that make little sense to those from other places on the globe; they act in strangely independent ways with strangely independent goals.

For an unaccustomed international student, he or she may feel as if they fell into a social deep end, treading the hard-to-grasp peculiarities of American behavior.

For one doctoral candidate from Bangladesh, Tanvir Ahmed, who received his master's degree from a University in Sweden and came to Tech in 2007 to study mechanical engineering, it did not take long to realize Americans treasure their physical space.

"Like, in our country, if you are talking with a person who is close to you, or maybe a very good friend, you tend to sit very close together to talk to each other," Ahmed said, "but here, there is a bubble you have with everyone — personal space. Nobody wants you to invade that space."

Bahtiyar Babanazarov, a teaching assistant in the Department of Physics, came to Tech from Turkey several years ago for his graduate work. Like many other international students, his observations soon led him to conclude Americans live in a state of self-absorption.

"The other thing is, here, you don't have the social norms," he said. "You don't care what other people think.

In Turkey, you don't just go to class in pajamas because there are social norms. There are certain things you can do and you cannot do. You cannot go to class in your pajamas. That is something you just don't do. Here, you can go in a bikini to class."

Ahmed said American students generally tend to be open and receptive to their international peers, though sometimes this is not the case once he ventures outside the campus into Lubbock and the broader American society.

"They have also seen international students," Ahmed said. "If you approach another international student within the campus, the response is quite good, which may be a little bit different from outside the campus."

Almost every international student interviewed in preparation for these stories mentioned another element of American culture which, initially, struck them as odd: People don't walk anywhere; they drive their cars, even for the shortest of trips.

Delphine Mourier, a graduate student from Amiens, France, who came to Tech to study, said if one drove approximately 80 miles north from Paris, they would encounter Amiens, a moderately-sized city with a population of approximately 130,000, significantly less than Lubbock.

From a distance, Amiens appears as though it dwarfs the Hub City's population, she said. Lubbock sprawls, whereas everything back home lies within walking distance.

"If you come to Amiens, it looks bigger, a lot bigger," Mourier said. "It's because we have shops. We have so many people outside. Here, you drive and you don't see anyone in the street."

Also, the American work ethic, in the eyes of international students, Hazel said, seems rather hectic.

"Over here, some people work 60 hours a week and stuff like that," he said. "In Ghana, when it's dark, nobody is at work. In Ghana, if it's dark, that means you are supposed to be at

home. That's just how it is. That's how laid back the society is."

Hazel said he has a theory about the American work ethic, and it stems from the climate. Because Ghana's weather remains constant all year long, the biological clock ticks differently for Ghanaians than it does for those who notice four distinct seasons.

"Everything is linked, you have to understand," he said. "Culture is linked to the weather is linked to the technology is linked to the whatever. It's all linked. If you come from a tropical zone like Ghana, everything is really temperate. Nothing is really timed. It's a really laid-back atmosphere."

Though not all of Tech's international students would agree with Hazel's socio-meteorological theories, many might attest to his conclusion: Life in America may be different, but it is not without its charm.

Kip Boit, a graduate student who grew up in Nairobi, Kenya, for instance, said he appreciates the United States for its multiculturalism.

"It's not like anywhere else in the world," he said. "Like, if you go to Germany, 90 percent of them are Germans. If you're in America, you've got people coming from places like Ireland, China, Mexico, Canada. People come here from all over the place. Here, you have a good chance of meeting other types of people."

As an accountant who helps international students

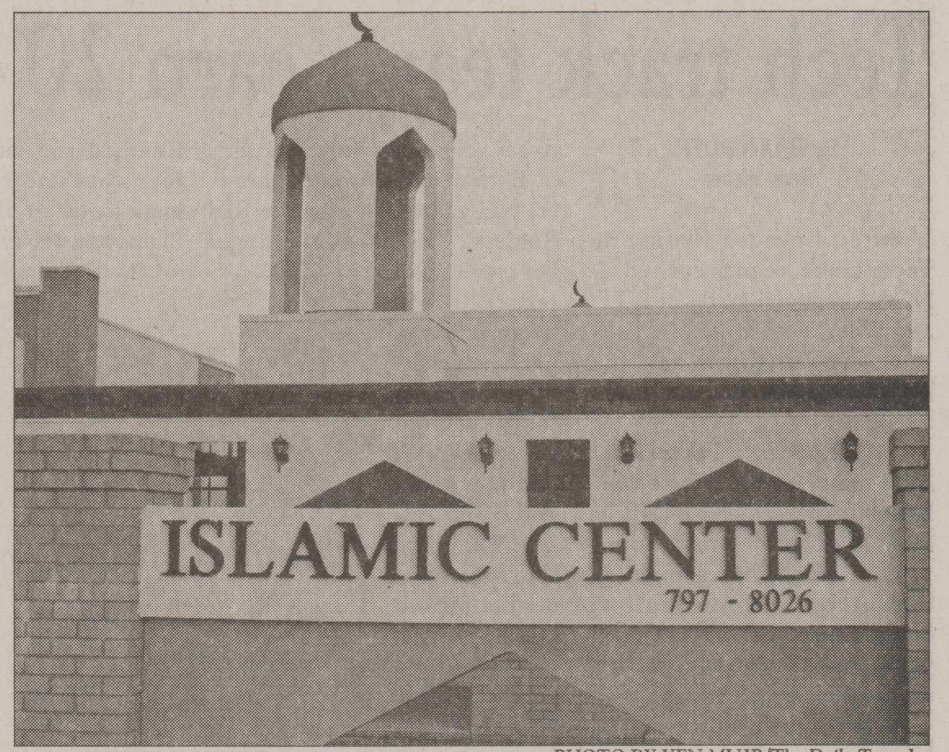


PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador  
THE ISLAMIC CENTER in Lubbock provides international students of the Islamic faith a facility to worship in.

fill out their tax returns in her free time, Marion Bryant quickly found close friendships with countless international students during the past few years and witnessed countless changes of heart.

Now, as a "mom" and trusted friend of international students, Bryant said she can recall many instances of foreign students growing fonder of Lubbock each day as their studies progressed.

"They cried when they found out they were coming to Lubbock," she said. "They came, kicking and screaming, to Lubbock to go to medical school. They thought it was the drop off place of the world, and, two years later, they said, 'We're doing everything we can to stay.'"

**AHMED'S ANALOGY**  
For Ahmed, maintaining a Bangladeshi spirit does not require him to return there frequently, he said. Though his studies in Europe and the United States — and associated costs of air fare — have kept him from returning much,

he knows exactly who he is and where he came from.

During his last visit, he said, anecdotally, he refrained from eating the traditional spicy foods on which he grew up. Though his palate may have shifted after years of Swedish and American cuisine, Ahmed embraces his new taste as a sort of traveler's maturity, not the result of cultural dilution.

The time he spends as an international student does not erode his rich Bangladeshi heritage, Ahmed said, but augments it instead.

"I would say it's not changing me. I would say it's improving me," he said, formulating an analogy. "If you have two different colors of water and you mix them together, then you have a different color. I have a different 'color' from my country. I am mixing with people that are a different 'color' from another country. Since I am the person who is getting 'mixed,' I should have a different 'color,' and that's OK."

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# Tech track teams earn 20 Regional mark in 1st outdoor meets

By BRAD DUFF  
STAFF WRITER

After a needed hiatus, the Tech track teams earned 20 NCAA regional marks at UTEP and Rice.

Coach Wes Kittley said it is not always easy coming back after a long rest.

"In all honesty, I think it's a little tough for the kids to come back after a week break," Kittley said. "They're not really working out much, not competing, then (they're) thrown into an environment with about 25mph winds and 85 degrees. I thought we handled it OK."

Kittley said achieving 20 NCAA regional marks early in the season eases some tension on both coaches and athletes.

"We did get a lot of regional qualifying out of the way, which is important," Kittley said. "You want to get it out of the way so you don't have to worry about it if kids have a sore leg or an injury, and you don't feel pressured to try

to get your qualifying mark in."

Both men and women throwers had career days for the Red Raiders. Ozie Okolie eclipsed her own school record in the hammer throw with a throw of 203 feet 10 inches, claiming an NCAA regional mark and a top finish. Patience Knight continues her record-breaking season by throwing a personal best, a NCAA regional mark and school record of 54'4.25" in the shot put.

According to a press release, Knight now owns both indoor and outdoor shot put records.

Harrison "Tank" Benjamin

finished the weekend with a first place and NCAA regional mark throw of 55'11.25." South Plains transfer Tyler Menges took second overall with a throw of 54'9.25."

In the discus, D'Andra Carter took home an NCAA regional mark and first place throw of 176'02". Knight and Okolie finished fourth and fifth overall with throws of 167'10" and 147'02", respectively. With her throw, Knight earned her second NCAA regional mark of the day.

Relays were a strong event for the Red Raiders. Janell Appelhans, Jonisha Boleware, Keshima Starks and Erica Worthy ran a

winning time of 46.36 seconds in the 4X100M. The men's team of Julius Walker, Gil Roberts, Jansen Hyde and Skye Green also took first place as well as an NCAA regional mark and time of 39.30s.

Brian Porter vaulted a height of 16'10.75" for the Red Raiders, earning an NCAA regional mark and a top finish. Overall, Porter was pleased with his weekend performance.

"I actually met a couple of days before [the meet] with coach," Porter said. "He wanted me to concentrate on certain things in this meet. It was very technical stuff I was trying to work on, and I think I did it."

Starting Thursday, Tech will compete in Austin at the Texas Relays. Kittley has high hopes for his squad.

"We're going to run a lot of individual people and then a few relays," Kittley said. "If the weather's good, I think we're going to have some really good performances."

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PHOTO BY TRENT BARNES/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH PENTATHLETE Nick Green throws the javelin Monday afternoon during track practice.

“He wanted me to concentrate on certain things in this meet. It was very technical stuff...”

— BRIAN PORTER  
TEXAS TECH  
POLE VAULTER

# Four No. 1's, and one good history lesson on tap at Final Four

HOUSTON (AP) — Bill Walton played what many agree was the best college game ever. Michael Jordan is universally praised as the best player ever. Years before either of them came

along, the great Wilt Chamberlain redefined what a big, athletic center could accomplish.

These icons got their starts at UCLA, North Carolina and Kansas — three of

college basketball's most storied programs, which are coming together on the sport's biggest stage, the Final Four.

March Madness? This might feel more like Hoops History 101 when the Bruins, Tar Heels and Jayhawks gather in the oversized classroom called the Alamodome, starting Saturday in San Antonio.

UCLA, the team that won most of its 10 titles in the '60s and '70s with star cen-

ters Walton and Lew Alcindor — later known as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar — will play Memphis, a team that also has a colorful and successful history, though not nearly that of the other three.

Walton went 21-for-22 for 44 points in UCLA's 1973 title game — a win over none other than Memphis. This marks UCLA's record 18th Final Four.

In Saturday's other semifinal, it will be Kansas against North Carolina, a

perfect matchup with a perfect story line — that of North Carolina coach Roy Williams going against Kansas, the program he left in 2003 amid shouts that he was a traitor for leaving his adopted school to return to his alma mater.

Carolina is in its 17th Final Four, and Kansas its 13th.

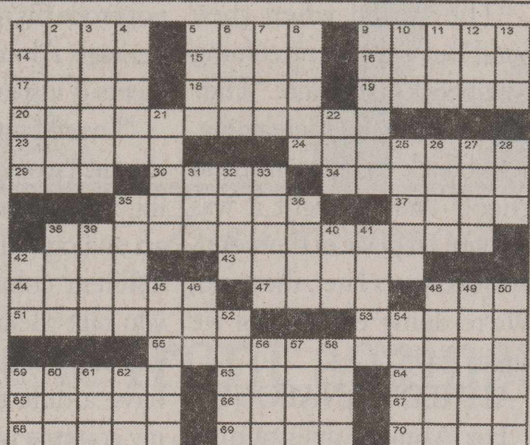
"They gave me a chance when I was not exactly a household name. I was barely a name in my own house," Williams said of Kansas. "I have no idea what my emotions will be. I'm just ecstatic for this club right now."

And speaking of perfect: This is the first time since the NCAA started seeding teams in 1979 that all four top teams — from the South, Midwest, East and West regionals — advanced to the Final Four.

"This is one of those years where it appears from the Day One, people said there are four teams that are a little bit better than everybody else," Memphis coach John Calipari said Sunday after his team's 85-67 win over Texas. "That's what they said. We happen to be one of those teams."

## THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- Grizzly weapon
  - Fall flat
  - Alluring trait
  - Old Italian bread?
  - "Stride la vampa," e.g.
  - Exterior
  - Debate side
  - Called up
  - Can't do without
  - Understand
  - Handbag
  - Football gain
  - Spook, maybe
  - Share a border
  - Ho Chi Minh City, formerly
  - Obliterated
  - Zlich
  - Comprehend
  - Choice list
  - Oral delivery
  - Electron tube parts
  - "Free Willy" star
  - Overalls piece
  - Old-fashioned message
  - One of the Florida Keys
  - Catch on
  - Tubby plus
  - Likewise
  - Cut and paste
  - Summer TV fare
  - Gondola alternative
  - Counterenior
  - Tote top
  - Deserve
  - Reckon



By Diane C. Baldwin  
Columbia, MD 4/1/08

### Monday's Puzzle Solved

- Negative beginning
- Cry's companion
- Broke the fast
- Lipstick shade
- Bride's new title
- Courage to continue
- Laughter sounds
- Singer Shore or Washington
- Hyped up
- Up in smoke
- Compass point
- Scrooge word
- Takes advantage of
- Metronome's reminder
- Chopin piano piece
- Doe or buck
- Cowboy singer
- Autry
- Organic compound
- Jiffy
- Soffeggio
- Tumbling cushion
- Degree
- Kind of horse or cow
- Rain in
- Catch fire
- Underside
- Glide on ice
- In the future
- Exile island
- Romanov title
- Rhino's weapon
- Poetic peeper
- Quitting kiatch
- Mess up
- Take to court

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Puzzles by Pappocorn

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# Women's golf heads to Dixie Classic

The Texas Tech women's golf team is running on no rest. After continuing their hot streak over the weekend with their third-straight Top 3 finish, the Red Raiders compete in the BYU/Dixie Classic today in St. George, Utah.

Tech is attempting to keep up the great play after a one-day break in its schedule.

Tech received strong performances over the weekend from Megan Dowdy and Stephanie Smith in the Mountainview Collegiate tournament in Tucson, Ariz.

The pair's strong performance led Tech to a third-place finish, behind Dowdy's 11th-place finish and Smith's 15th-place tie.

Tech's Gloriana Soto, compet-

ing individually, posted the lowest score of all the Red Raiders in the tournament, finishing in a tie for fourth place.

Tech's strong start in the spring has enabled it to break into the Top 50 for the first time this season. The team currently is ranked 45th, according to *Golfweek*.

In St. George, some of the top teams the Red Raiders will see are No. 37 BYU, No. 82 Colorado State, No. 105 Wyoming, No. 106 New Mexico State and Big 12 Conference foe No. 54 Nebraska.

The BYU/Dixie Classic is Tech's last regular-season tournament before the Big 12 Conference Championships, scheduled for April 25-27 in Stillwater, Okla.

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# Tyler Hansbrough, Michael Beasley are unanimous selections

(AP) — North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough and Kansas State's Michael Beasley were unanimous selections to The Associated Press' All-America team Monday. For the first time, no senior was chosen.

Beasley and Kevin Love of UCLA made it two straight years there were two freshmen chosen. Sophomore D.J. Augustin of Texas and junior Chris Douglas-Roberts of Memphis rounded out the selections, shutting out the seniors.

The AP started choosing All-America teams after the 1947-48 season, and for the next six decades there was at least one member of the senior class on every first team.

Until this group. Hansbrough, a junior and the Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year, and Beasley, the Big 12 player of the year and third freshman to lead the country in rebounding, were named on all 72 ballots and received 360 points from the same national media panel that selects the weekly Top 25. The voting was done before the NCAA tournament.

"To be one of just two players in the country to receive such an honor is very humbling," said Beasley, who led Kansas State to its first NCAA bid since 1996. "I have never been about individual accomplishments, but about helping my team win games. I wish we were still playing, but I am happy with the success we had this season."

## AP Men's 2007-08 All-American Team

- First Team:**
- Michael Beasley, *Kansas State*, Freshman F, 26.5 ppg, 12.4 rpg, 1.7 blkspg
  - Tyler Hansbrough, *North Carolina*, Junior F, 23.0 ppg, 10.4 rpg, 54.0 fg pct
  - D.J. Augustin, *Texas*, Sophomore G, 19.8 ppg, 5.7 apg, 37.2 mins/g
  - Kevin Love, *UCLA*, Freshman F, 17.1 ppg, 10.6 rpg, 55.7 fg pct
  - Chris Douglas-Roberts, *Memphis*, Junior G, 17.2 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 55.1 fg pct
- Second Team:**
- Luke Harangody, *Notre Dame*, Sophomore F, 20.8 ppg, 10.2 rpg, 51.5 fg pct
  - Shan Foster, *Vanderbilt*, Senior G, 20.5 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 47.3 3-pt fg pct
  - D.J. White, *Indiana*, Senior F, 17.3 ppg, 10.4 rpg, 60.4 fg pct
  - Stephen Curry, *Davidson*, Sophomore G, 25.1 ppg, 4.8 rpg, 43.8 3-pt fg pct
  - Roy Hibbert, *Georgetown*, Senior C, 13.6 ppg, 6.5 rpg, 60.1 fg pct

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# SPORTS

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## Red Raider baseball hosts Islanders in mid-week series

By **BEN MAKI**  
SPORTS EDITOR

After taking two of three from No. 5 Missouri, the Texas Tech baseball team now must turn its sights on Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

Tech (14-12, 4-5 in Big 12 Conference) will open a mid-week series against the Islanders at 6:05 p.m. today at Dan Law Field. If the Red Raiders win, they will come back Wednesday with a chance to give Tech coach Larry Hays the 1,500th win of his career at home.

Hays said his team cannot rest on its success from the weekend, because there always is another game to play within in the next few days.

"Baseball is a deal where you got to do it every day, and this new schedule, five games (a week) and

everything, playing two solid games (today and Wednesday," he said. "Not much time to point to a series like we you've always been able to do in the past. You've got to turn around and come up with pitching to cover games this week."

Tech is scheduled to start Russ Fornea (2-2, 5.51 ERA), who missed his start Wednesday against UC-Riverside because of an illness, in the first game. His last start came March 18 at A&M-CC in the only meeting between the two teams this season, where he threw five innings and gave up four runs — three earned — on four hits and a walk, while striking out four. Tech won 21-8.

A&M-CC is scheduled to put Trey Hernandez (0-4, 8.51 ERA) on the hill, who also is one of the Islanders' best hitters with a .395 batting average with eight doubles,

four home runs and 21 RBIs.

Tech is led by Roger Kieschnick offensively, who is hitting .324 with nine doubles, 11 home runs and 35 RBIs this season. He has been struggling in conference play, but had an RBI-single in the bottom of the eighth inning of Sunday's 15-11 comeback victory over Missouri and scored two runs in the game when he was hit by a pitch in the seventh and intentionally was walked in the ninth.

Willie Rueda also has helped Tech at the dish and on the base paths, leading the team with a .446 on-base percentage and with 15 stolen bases in 16 attempts.

Last week in Tech's mid-week series, the Red Raiders split a series with UC-Riverside (7-14) and Hays said the team lost focus in that series.

"Our team just felt like we could win those (mid-week) games (last week)," he said. "You want them to feel that way, but UC-Riverside, they go extra innings with Cal State (Fullerton) Friday and just kicked 'em (Saturday). So they're a good club. We got a good team that we're playing Tuesday and Wednesday, we had a good game against them, the conditions fit us and then they go and beat Sam Houston two out of three, which is a good club, so hopefully we've learned from that."

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## Reed-ing coverage

L.A. Reed transitions from receiver to safety this spring

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L.A. Reed will return in 2008, hoping to make dazzling plays like his diving catch against UTEP last season.

This time, those plays will come from the defensive side of the ball.

After his play on special teams in 2007, Reed is making the transition from receiver to safety this spring, filling the void Joe Garcia left in the position.

"I'm liking it a lot so far," Reed said. "The first type of practice, we do all these drills and stuff. I kinda get down doing that because it's a little bit different than trying to get all the footwork and change directions down. I like it better when we're out here live. That's what I feel good doing."

Reed has worked at both safety positions and ranks fifth on the spring depth chart for strong safeties. Anthony Hines leads the way at the position to start spring workouts.

The former receiver still is getting used to what he calls a different position.

Reed said playing safety has some difficulties, as the position involves reading the quarterback.

"It's a little more difficult just because I don't know the defense," he said. "When you're just live, you're just reading the quarterback and read whatever way he's looking to. That's more than likely where he's gonna throw the ball to."

Reed and other strong safeties are attempting to fill a void left by Garcia. Free safety Darcel McBath and



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH SAFETY L.A. Reed tackles running back Baron Batch during a team practice Monday afternoon on the practice field.

Garcia had a chemistry as both emerged as two of the defense's leaders.

With McBath returning for his final season, Texas Tech coordinator Ruffin McNeill said it is important to build the chemistry between the safeties because it helps with formation and coverage.

"It's priority back there on the back end because it get us lined up in the correct coverage, according to the particular formation we have on that team," McNeill said. "That's why we gotta get on the same page."

Reed's 2007 season was filled with

triumphs and disappointment.

After making contributions to Tech's special teams, Reed could not finish the rest of the season because of injury.

He played in eight games in 2007 and finished with 16 catches for 189 yards and no touchdowns.

Recovery has been a long road for Reed, which is why the senior said he is doing everything in his power to stay healthy for his final season.

"I'm trying to stay healthy," Reed said. "I'm up here. I'm the first person in the training room, last person out of the training room. It's my last year, so I gotta give it my all."

Reed has been working at safety since the Gator Bowl practices last season.

Safeties coach Carlos Mainord said there really is only one thing receiver and safety have in common, making it a difficult transition.

"I don't know if there's anything easy about it, because L.A. can catch the ball," he said. "Other than that, there's nothing that's transferred over from his old position. The one thing that he is, he's a physical player, 'cause he'd been great on special teams in doing that. Tackling and that sort of thing, so that is a carry over."

Playing special teams last season showed the Tech coaching staff Reed is capable of playing many positions.

Playing football all his life, Reed has been shuffled around to other positions before. Now he is making the move at the collegiate level.

The move to safety is still a surprise to Reed, although he is confident he can play most skill positions on the team.

"I never thought I'd be playing safety," he said. "I'm not gonna doubt any position I can play. When I was growing up playing little league football, they just put us wherever we were gonna play at. Now it's a whole 'nother level. We're in Big 12 football."

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TEXAS TECH DESIGNATED hitter Doug Thennis hits the series-winning grand slam in the bottom of the ninth inning to topple the No. 5 Missouri Tigers, Sunday afternoon at Dan Law Field.

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## Romero wins Zurich Classic

AVONDALE, La. (AP) — Argentina's Andres Romero played a solid golf game, then he played the waiting game. He won them both.

Romero, in just his 12th PGA Tour start, won the Zurich Classic with a 4-under 68 on Sunday — a one-stroke victory over Australia's Peter Lonard.

"It was very important to put that score two hours and a half before the end," Romero said through an interpreter. "It was great because they had to reach that score."

Romero, a shot behind John Merrick on Sunday morning after the completion of the third round, had a 13-under 275 total on the TPC Louisiana and earned \$1,116,000.

Then all he had to do was sit back and watch the chase.

"I was in the players' lounge having some lunch and chatting with my friends," he said. "I had some lunch and called home and told my mom. They had to do the job because I had already done mine."