

tatives for their respective political parties who will be on the edge of their seats today. presidential rivals reached for the finish line of a two-year marathon with a burst of campaigning across Mail-in ballots battlegrounds from the Atlantic

oll finds racial influence for voters

Coast to Arizona

"We are one day away from change in America," said Obama, a Democrat seeking to become the first black president — a dream not nearly as distant on election eve as it once was.

WORLD

String of bombings hits Baghdad, kills 10

BAGHDAD (AP) — A series of bombings struck Baghdad and a neighboring province Monday, killing at least 10 people and wounding 40, including a deputy oil minister who was injured when a bomb went off in front of his house as he was leaving for work.

Most of the six blasts occurred in Baghdad, reinforcing U.S. military warnings that extremists remain capable of launching attacks in the capital despite an overall improvement in security.

The attacks took place on the eve of the U.S. presidential election between Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. John McCain, who hold widely differing views on the war in Iraq.



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received, being verified by county

By JON VANDERLAAN STAFF WRITER

Voters who applied for a mail-in ballot by the Oct. 28 deadline have until 7 p.m. on Election Day to return the ballot to the elections office.

Roxzine Stinson, the chief deputy of the Lubbock County Office of Elections, said only those mail-in ballots received late have not been processed.

The ballots received before the Oct. 28 deadline were processed and mailed out by Oct. 29, she said, and the ballot will need to be returned to the office by 7 p.m. today.

The office received 7,093 applications for mail-in ballots, Stinson said, and more than 6,000 ballots already have been returned to the office.

Randall Dillard, a spokesman for the Texas Secretary of the State's office, said if the ballot is coming from within the United States, the county's election office must receive it by the deadline.

In counties with populations more than 100,000 people, he said, the county can count mail-in ballots before Election Day. However, the numbers counted by the office may not be released until voting ends Election Day.

Stinson said the elections office will not begin counting the ballots until Election Day, but officials already are in the process of opening the mailed ballots and making sure the ballots are signed and valid.

One problem the county occasionally will have with ballots, she said, is that the voter will forget to sign the back of the ballot. In this case, the office will send the ballot back for the voter to sign, and the vote still will count.

Although the mail-in ballots lack the sophistication of computer-based polling booths, Stinson said she does not foresee any problems with the ballots.

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By TINA L. ARONS STAFF WRITER

Martin Luther King Jr. dreamed of a colorblind society, but, in the first election in which an African-American candidate is a serious contender for the White House, has that dream come

true?

Despite a recent poll's results that indicated racially-charged undertones in this year's presidential election, political science experts question

do in fact take race into account when they head to voting locations.

"It's not that long ago that African-Americans didn't have a vote," said Pam Brink, chairwoman of the Lubbock Democratic Party. "It wasn't until 1965 that their vote was guaranteed."

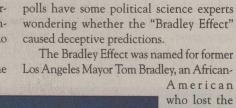
A poll by The New York Times and CBS News found that more than 80 percent of black voters surveyed said they had a favorable opinion of Sen. Barack Obama, compared with 30 percent of white voters who said they had a favorable opinion of him.

According to the nationwide telephone

poll conducted in July, almost 60 percent of black respondents and 34 percent of whites said race relations were generally bad. The poll re-

the poll's accuracy and wonder if Americans vealed that about 40 percent of black people said Sen. John McCain would favor whites over blacks if he were to win the presidential election.

> But these numbers may not be an accurate gauge of the nation's attitude about race or the influence of Obama's heritage in the presidential election.



Mark McKenzie, an assistant professor

of political science at Texas Tech, said the

American who lost the California governor's race in 1982 despite indications otherwise in exit **COURTESY OF OBAMA CAMPAIGN**

polls.

"Political scientists wondered why," McKenzie said, "and some suspected that people were lying to the pollsters because they didn't want to seem racist."

However, he said political experts recently looked at the Bradley Effect and have

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UT game brings economic boost to local restaurants

By HANNAH BOEN STAFF WRITER

Restaurants surrounding campus often see a larger profit margin on home football game days, but Saturday's game proved to

good attitudes and

Lubbock Chamber of Commerce President Eddie McBride said Saturday's game had a tremendous impact on all retail sectors. He said, although several Tech events

are profitable to local businesses, restaurants can gain market share as a direct result of football games.

McBride said that while large events such as Saturday's game will have an impact on future restaurant and retail development, he cannot say specifically how many new establishments will come to Lubbock.

"People can anticipate that the market will bear what the market demands," he

For some local restaurants, the market demanded extended hours of operation.

Jessica Cagle, manager of the local restaurant Raising Cane's, said her staff was pulling in enough business to stay open an hour later than usual. The restaurant, which she said planned to close at 3 a.m., was still serving food at 4 a.m.

"The lines were out the doors and wrapped around the building," she said. "It was the most students we have gotten and probably will get all year."

Although customers had to wait longer than usual for their food, Cagle said, morale was high and she didn't hear any complaints. While she expected the game to cause a crowded dining room, she attributed the good attitudes of customers to the win.

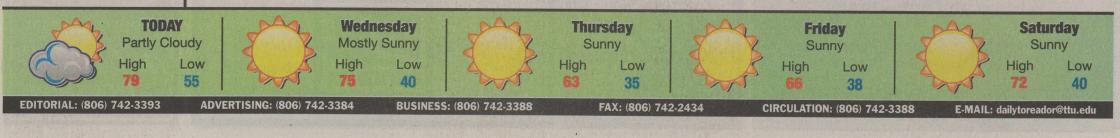
"The rivalry was just huge," she said, "so fans were just so excited to have won."

Moses Tievino, manager of the IHOP near campus, said Saturday night's game affected them much like it affected Raising Cane's. Tievino hopes every weekend would bring in the sales he saw Saturday.

He said they had more customers than normal, and it showed in the sales numbers.

"I can see increases from this weekend

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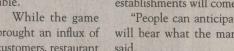


be especially profitable. While the game brought an influx of customers, restaurant

managers and city officials unanimously agreed that Texas Tech's win brought

MCBRIDE eager spenders.

said.



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did not expect counterfeit tickets

to be a problem, but he was not

people who were sold fake tickets

may make people more wary for

the Oklahoma State University

Chief Ron Seacrist of the

surprised by the problem.

Stevens said the department

The awareness caused by w

BEYOND THE BLOTTER

Police report fewer arrests than expected



JORDAN EVANS, A senior mechanical engineering major from Amarillo is questioned by police. Evans had a valid Texas Tech ID.

By JON VANDERLAAN STAFF WRITER

lice Departments expected to to go out and do that somewhere in the stadium and the time of arrest more people than usual (else)." with the No. 1 ranked football anticipated.

Chief Ron Seacrist of the Tech Police Department said 26 people busy weekend, he said, and came 28 total were arrested Saturday.

Lubbock Police Department said minor changes are likely. despite common beliefs, the department will not assign additional way traffic is handled at the interofficers to prevent students from section of Fourth Street and Uni- will make for the next game, he rushing the field for future games. versity Avenue, Stevens said.

Despite an NCAA rule against

cause that lets a lot of energy go out - everybody gets to come of arrests were made at the down and celebrate," he said. "If game, he said, especially be-Lubbock and Texas Tech Po- you don't do that, they're going cause of the amount of people

The Tech Police Department team in the nation visiting the made several arrests for public some student admissions, but Hub City but were surprised to intoxication and disorderly con- he said only one arrest was report fewer arrests than initially duct, Seacrist said, but they made made due to a student who no arrests on the field.

The department expected a admission. were arrested during the game and up with a good plan of action. was just traffic," Seacrist said. While some plans are being looked Capt. Greg Stevens of the at for possible adjustments, only much traffic. Getting people

One such change may be the ficult than it usually is."

rushing the field, which results or major arrests, he said, and they was congested, officers arrived in an unsportsmanlike conduct will keep the same basic plan for

A surprisingly low number the game.

The stadium turned away acted out because of the denied

"The biggest issue we had "There were so many cars, so in and out was much more dif-

said, is in the time officers ar-The department made no mass rive at the game. Because traffic

Counterfeit tickets create new problem for Texas Tech athletics

By JON VANDERLAAN STAFF WRITER

About 500 Texas Tech football fans thought they had a ticket to Saturday's matchup against No. 1 ranked Texas but soon found out they bought a counterfeit ticket.

Before the game, the Tech Police Department and Tech officials said they had not received information about counterfeit tickets and did not expect a problem with fans buying possible fakes.

But Dave Welsh, Tech assistant athletic director for ticket operations, said he spoke with about 200 people possessing counterfeit tickets. Many of the fake ticket holders he spoke with said they bought their tickets on Broadway Avenue, the intersection of Fourth Street and Avenue Q, and certain 7-11 convenience stores.

The fake tickets, which are made of a different type of paper and have a different bar code than the real tickets, do not scan correctly at the gate — an immediate sign of a fake ticket.

to tell if tickets are real or fake, to investigate. Welsh said, which makes it signs cases based on their "solvimportant for fans to buy their ability," he said, some cases may

tickets at the ticket office. "The best thing we are trying to do is media awareness to have people not buy from these street vendors," he said, "and even eBay stuff is not a fool-proof, automatic ticket."

The university never had problems with counterfeit tickets before, he said, but because the team continues to play on a national stage, it may be a problem more often.

Desperation to get tickets may have played a factor, Welsh said, as the game was sold out early in the season. The fans he spoke to said they felt furious, silly and victimized.

However, capturing professional counterfeiters may be difficult after the fact, he said, because the counterfeiting rings generally leave the area soon after selling tickets.

Lubbock Police Department tickets, Hoffman said, because said he is not sure if any of the he believes fans realized they reports the department received took a chance when buying the about the counterfeit tickets tickets. It is hard for the average fan have been assigned for officers mion.vanderlaan@ttu.edu

Tech Police Department said the department received information

game, he said.

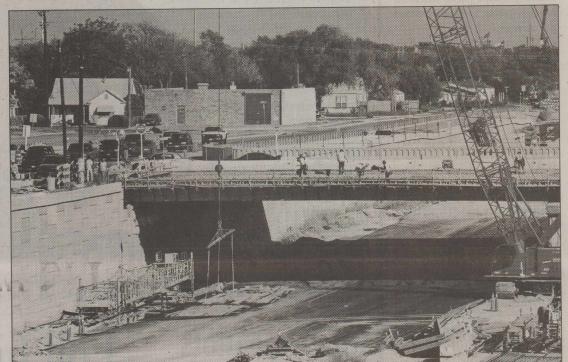
point to a suspect.

that counterfeit tickets existed just before the game started, but they all were sold at off-campus locations. The difficult part of the in-

vestigation will be tracing the tickets, he said.

The department did not have any problems with fans act-Capt. Greg Stevens of the ing poorly because of the fake

Lubbock receives \$66 million for freeway section



penalty for the violating team, the next football game. Stevens said the department does not have a problem with students department never has dealt with who helped guide traffic did a rushing the field, and made no the amount of people that were on arrests on the field during the campus during the weekend, the Texas game.

on the field is perfectly fine be- for the next game.

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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

department responded well and

later than they hoped.

Although the traffic was Seacrist said although the bad, Seacrist said, the officers "phenomenal" job making sure it was handled well.

The Tech Police Depart-"(Letting) people come down only will change a few policies ment had about 150 officers present at the game, he said, about 40 more than the usual 110 officers staffed for football games.

ONE

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CONSTRUCTION ON THE Marsha Sharp Freeway causes traffic congestion on 4th and University Monday.

By MATT COBB STAFF WRITER

The Texas Transportation Commission unanimously voted Thurs-Freeway.

Sharp Freeway to Interstate 27, which will come from a \$1.8 million package for construction projects across Texas.

The funding will go entirely year timeline." toward the completion of Phase 4, which is the section of the freeway that stretches from Avenue L to started, said Dianah Ascencio, pub-Interstate 27, said Eddie McBride, president of the Lubbock Chamber District of the Texas Department

the city," he said.

"outstanding" that funding was it would take anywhere from 18 to allocated to this portion of the free- 20 years to get Phase 4 built," she day to provide funding to complete way. These funds could significantly said. "We are now on schedule to a section of the Marsha Sharp reduce the project's construction complete this in half the estimated time. Officials will start looking time." Lubbock will receive \$66 mil- for a contractor for the next phase lion in funds to connect the Marsha of the project toward the end of next year

> "Now that the funds have been secured," he said. "They think the freeway will be completed in a 10-

Right now, a big focus is to get Phase 4 of the freeway construction lic information officer for Lubbock's of Transportation. Construction of

"It is a very important part of an Phase 4 of the freeway was delayed

excellent transportation system in because of a lack of funding. "When we first started construc-

McBride said he believes it is tion in 2002, we were anticipating

PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreado

Once construction begins, it should take between two-and-ahalf to three-and-a-half years to complete Phase 4, Ascencio said. People will be able to drive entirely across town without having to stop, once this portion of the freeway is complete.

In addition to beginning Phase 4 of the project, the construction around Texas Tech's campus is nearing completion, she said. This includes the bridge located at the intersection of University Avenue and Fourth Street.

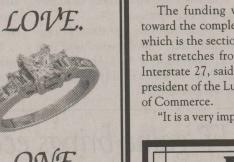
Ascencio said construction crews anticipate having the University Avenue and Fourth Street bridge open by the end of November or early December.

The freeway construction around Tech's campus is part of Phase 2 of the project, she said. Phase 2 of the freeway stretches from Salem Avenue to Avenue L, and it should be complete by early 2009. »» matthew.cobb@ttu.edu



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TEXAS TECH POLICE BLOTTER

Tech vs. UT festivities result in 28 gameday arrests

Oct. 28

An officer investigated theft at 3 p.m. at Sneed Residence Hall in which a KHS bicycle was reported stolen.

A non-student was arrested at 8:13 p.m. in the 400 block of University Avenue for possession of a dangerous drug and driving with a suspended license. The non-student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

Oct. 29

A criminal trespass warning was issued to a non-student at 11:20 p.m. from all Texas Tech property because the nonstudent was suspected to have threatened a library employee with a knife.

Oct. 30

A non-student was arrested at 7:20 a.m. in the 400 block of Indiana Avenue for public intoxication. The non-student was released to a responsible party.

An officer documented unwanted phone messages at 7:54 a.m. in Coleman Residence Hall.

An officer investigated a hitand-run accident at 11:02 a.m. in the Z-4M parking lot in which a vehicle struck an unattended vehicle.

Two officers investigated theft at 3:19 p.m. at Sneed Residence Hall in which a bicycle was reported stolen from the north bicycle rack.

An officer investigated theft at 5:15 p.m. at the Industrial Engineering building in which a bicycle was reported stolen from the northwest bicycle rack.

Two officers investigated an accident at 6 p.m. in the R-3 parking lot. No injuries were reported.

Oct. 31 A student was arrested at 12:35 a.m. on the east side of the Electrical Engineering building for public intoxication, evading arrest and resisting arrest. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

A non-student was arrested at 12:45 a.m. in the C-2 parking lot for possession of drug paraphernalia and was issued a Lubbock County citation.

An officer investigated a traffic accident at 5:38 a.m. in the 400 block of Indiana Avenue. No injuries were reported.

A student was arrested following a traffic accident at 5:38 a.m. in the 400 block of Indiana Avenue for driving while intoxicated.

An officer investigated theft at 10:56 a.m. in the Music building in which an unsecured trumpet was reported stolen.

Two officers investigated theft at 4:45 p.m. in the Architecture building in which a watch was reported stolen.

Two officers investigated an accident at 5:14 p.m. in the north visitor parking lot at West Hall in which a vehicle struck an unattended vehicle. No injuries were reported.

Two officers investigated theft at 5:39 p.m. in the Horn Residence Hall lobby in which a Mazda key was reported stolen.

Two officers investigated theft at 5:59 p.m. in the Engineering Key in which a backpack was reported stolen.

Two officers investigated an accident at 6:54 p.m. in the C-2 parking lot. No injuries were reported.

An officer investigated an accident at 7:30 p.m. in the 2400 block of Fourth Street. No injuries were reported.

10:47 p.m. in Weymouth Residence Hall for possession of drug paraphernalia. The student was issued a Lubbock County citation and released.

Nov. 1

Three non-students were issued criminal trespass warnings at 12:10 a.m. in the C-2 parking lot. The officer was dispatched because the non-students were reported to have weapons, but officer discovered the weapons were not real.

An officer investigated assault at 12:32 a.m. in the C-2 parking lot in which a non-student was pushed several times by an unknown person.

An officer investigated criminal mischief to a parked vehicle at 9:49 a.m. in the Z-4P parking lot.

An officer investigated theft at 1:22 p.m. in the Z-2 parking lot in which a backpack was reported stolen.

Officers arrested nine students and nine non-students for public intoxication before, during and after the Tech football game near the Jones AT&T Stadium. The students and non-students were transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

A student was arrested for public intoxication and criminal mischief after an officer investigated criminal mischief at 4:07 p.m. in the Z-1B parking lot in which the back window of a vehicle was shattered. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

An officer investigated burglary at 4:41 p.m. in the Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery in which a checkbook was reported stolen.

A student was detained at 5:37 p.m. at Gate 3 of Jones AT&T A student was arrested at Stadium for possession of alcohol by a minor and consumption of alcohol by a minor and was issued a Lubbock County citation. The student then was released.

A student was arrested for driving while intoxicated after an officer investigated an accident at 5:49 p.m. in the 1700 block of Knoxville Avenue. No injuries were reported and the student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

A non-student was arrested at 6:28 p.m. at Gate 6 of Jones AT&T Stadium for disorderly conduct in which the non-student used vulgar language. The non-student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

Two non-students were arrested at 7:45 p.m. in the C-3 parking lot for public intoxication and disorderly conduct in which the non-students were involved in a fight. The nonstudents were transported to the Lubbock County Jail pending the filing of charges.

A non-student was arrested at 8:24 p.m. in the 400 block of University Avenue for possession of marijuana. The nonstudent was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

A student was arrested at 9:10 p.m. in section 21 of Jones AT&T Stadium for public intoxication and resisting arrest. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

A non-student was arrested at 9:43 p.m. for carrying a handgun on campus, possession of a dangerous drug, possession of marijuana and public intoxication. The non-student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail pending the filing of charges.

An officer investigated assault at 9:15 p.m. in the C-11 parking lot. Minor injuries were reported.

An officer investigated as- parking lot. No injuries were sault at 9:23 p.m. in the C-11 parking lot. Minor injuries were reported.

A non-student was arrested at 9:56 p.m. at Gate 4 of Jones AT&T Stadium in which the non-student displayed an offensive gesture.

An officer investigated burglary of a vehicle at 10:05 p.m. in the field west of the Tech Federal Credit Union in which a purse was reported stolen.

A non-student was issued a Lubbock County citation at 11:01 p.m. in the 1600 block of Flint Avenue for possession of drug paraphernalia and was released.

An officer investigated assault at 11:10 p.m. in the C-11 parking lot in which a Tech fan threatened a Texas fan.

Nov. 2

A student was arrested at 12:31 a.m. in the 500 block of Tech Parkway for public intoxication. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

An officer investigated assault at 12:36 a.m. in the C-16 parking lot in which an unknown male punched a student in the face.

An officer investigated an accident and failure to stop and render aid at 12:52 a.m. in the 800 block of Texas Tech Parkway. Minor injuries were reported

A student was issued a Lubbock County citation at 1:23 a.m. in Weymouth Residence Hall for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. The student was released pending the filing of charges.

An officer investigated an accident at 5:40 a.m. in the C-16 >>> jon.vanderlaan@ttu.edu

reported.

A non-student was detained at 5:40 a.m. in the C-16 parking lot for driving while intoxicated. The non-student was released pending the filing of charges and was transported to the University Medical Center emergency room for treatment.

A non-student was arrested at 9:30 a.m. in the C-16 parking lot for public intoxication and was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

An officer investigated theft at 9:30 a.m. in the C-16 parking lot in which a white cooler was reported stolen.

An officer investigated theft at 9:33 a.m. in the C-1 parking lot in which an iPhone was reported stolen.

An officer documented unwanted phone calls at 9:37 a.m. at an off-campus location in which Tech employees may be involved.

An officer investigated theft at 12:08 p.m. in the C-15 parking lot in which tables, chairs and a tent were reported stolen.

A student was arrested for theft at 1:15 p.m. in the C-1 parking lot for attempting to steal a University Parking Services sign. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

An officer investigated burglary of a vehicle at 3:28 p.m. in the C-16 parking lot in which a wallet was reported stolen Saturday. The wallet was found as lost property, but was missing six \$100 bills.

A non-student was arrested at 6:21 p.m. outside of Murray Residence Hall for public intoxication. The non-student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.



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ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) tion was very frank and very forth- companied by a surge of missile at least 17 such missile strikes on of Petraeus' discussions in Paki- political situation, as they have a Pakistan on Monday urged the right, as it should be," he added strikes on suspected Taliban and

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American general taking charge later. of the war in Afghanistan to halt missile attacks on militants in its border badlands to avert a backlash against the U.S. in this vital cern about ally in the war on terrorism.

Gen. David Petraeus met Presi- militants dent Asif Ali Zardari, army chief are using Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani and pockets of other officials on his first inter- Pakistan's national trip since taking over northwest U.S. Central Command three region as davs earlier.

Petraeus, who now oversees ies to supthe wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, port the told CNN he had heard criticism escalating over the U.S. attacks on militant insurgency targets on the Pakistani side of the in Afghaniborder with Afghanistan.

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game brought more hungry fans tomers whose attitude often is than usual. still saw a 10- to 15-percent increase in sales. He agreed with the other restaurant managers that a football game draws cus-

cording to state-run concerns about their APP news future security and agency, Zardari their political situation, told Petraeus and as they have a new Assistant administration that's Secretary of State trying to get settled. Richard Boucher **DANA PERINO** that the WHITE HOUSE attacks PRESS SECRETARY from un-

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He said the government was economy to the concerns about taken a tough public stance against "under pressure to react more ag- their future security and their terrorism and extremism.

In September, a U.S. ground assault in a tribal region in Pakistan's northwest spurred particular outrage. Days later, Pakistani troops fired on or sent flares at two American helicopters operating near the border and U.S. and Pakistani ground forces in the area

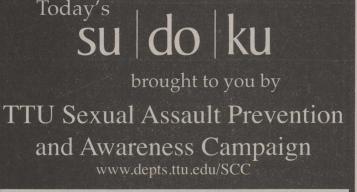
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"Continuing drone attacks on Dana Perino said it is normal for to get settled." allies such as the U.S. and Pakistan to exchange views frankly.

to explain by a democratically Pakistan right now," Perino said. However, it has acknowledged its "They have a lot of issues on dependence on Western aid in the their plate, from terrorists to their face of economic problems and

Pakistan's government is mindful of widespread opposition at "There's a lot of tension in home to its ties with Washington.



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compared to other weekends before," he said, "and it's going to be a big difference."

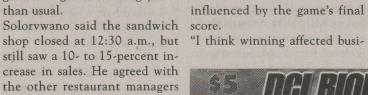
After tallying the sales figures, Tievino said the restaurant had a 20- to 25-percent increase in sales Saturday.

Tievino said he was confident that the increase in sales was solely because of the amount of people in town for the game, but he noticed a difference in the attitudes of customers after Tech's win.

Considering the number of customers who leave the restaurant without paying their tab — and their rowdy behavior — he said they usually employ security guards during weekends.

Saturday, however, security was unavailable, and Tievino said customers were surprisingly peaceful, restrained and wellbehaved.

Which Wich Manager Vicky Solorvano agreed with Cagle and Tievino. Most home games bring in more customers, but Saturday's





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Voter registration, turnout should be higher

his election cycle, the Tech Democrats registered more than 1,000 people to vote in Lubbock County.

Young Conservatives and some sororities and fraternities were in on the action as well. While the number of people that were registered to vote in Lubbock County and that voter turnout is not the the first step.

registered to vote in the face-off of this right. between John Kerry and George W. Bush. The survey goes on to report the world be so ungrateful? Again, it. Clearly, the that only 63.8 percent of eligible it is embarrassing. citizens actually voted.

register to vote actually do so. The vote. The people of Sudan have no same trend in voter turnout can be voice against their government elections.

This is embarrassing.



istration is not always 100 percent racy. Our brave this year was outstanding, it is only same. Americans pride themselves women died in in being the best country in the Iraq so that the According to the U.S. Census world. Our claim to this title is citizens there may Bureau's Current Population Sur- founded in the fact that our citi- vote. The Iraqi vey of November 2004, 72.1 per- zens have the right to vote. And elections came at, cent of the eligible population was, yet, we do not all take advantage a high price, and

How can the greatest country in that it was worth

There are people all around the coveted right — a Clearly, not all people who world who do not have the right to right to die for. traced back to the 2000 and 1996 which is killing its people by the there are citizens thousands. The people in some who refuse to

government sending them to jail you will vote today. or worse.

Yet all American citizens have cans died for the right to vote. They the right to vote, and so many of left their peaceful farms to face them to not take advantage of this bloody battles — all in the name and costs are rising. marvelous right.

name of democ-

young men and If you were one of the thousands of people registered to many would argue not yet voted, I urge Yet here in our own country,

vote this year, or if you were already right to vote is a registered and have

you to vote now.

Middle Eastern countries cannot vote. If you recognize how impor- election, but this election is espe- registered and have not yet voted, from Royce City. E-mail her at

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In the revolutionary war, Ameri- are fighting two wars and are on the represents what you want. Vote for brink of another. Our economy is that candidate. in the tank. Incomes are shrinking

People across the country are of democracy. Have people forgot-We started a war in Iraq in the ten this? Have Americans forgot- choosing between buying groceries ten the people and the medicine they need. Every men and women around the world who fought for day, more and more people are ready to die for your right to vote. the right for Af- being kicked out of their homes. Will you be grateful for them and rican Americans Needless to say, our country needs to vote? Have help. The solutions each candidate we forgotten has for these problems have been the women who presented to the American people. struggled for their Now, on this day, it is up for the children. Will you make this choice American people to decide the or will you let others make it for right to express their opinions? future of our country.

I certainly hope Whether you are a Republi- or you lose. not. It is my hope can, Democrat, or something in that you will re- between; chances are you have an member these opinion on all of this. This being this paper and vote now. The heroes and exer- said, why wouldn't every single paper will still be here when you cise your right to person eligible to vote do so?

If you were one of the thou-I have this sands of people registered to vote n Maxwell is a freshman hope for every this year, or if you were already It is embarrassing that voter reg- say what they think without their tant the right to vote is, I hope that cially important. The stakes for this I urge you to vote now. There is mackenzie.maxwell@ttu.edu.

election could not be higher. We a candidate out there who best

Do not let the death of thousands of men and women willing to die for democracy go to waste. Currently, there are American vote or will you let their sacrifices be in vain?

It is a choice that will affect you, your children and your children's you? In this election, you choose

My final pitch to those who have not voted is this: Put down get back.

broadcast journalism major

Tech football games, I wanted to disappointed. express my extreme disappointment in the conduct of Texas football, and in the end, we are Tech fans.

begrudge you for your success or could hold themselves to a higher your victory, but for the 11th year bar for conduct. in a row, I am abhorred by the From screaming and jeering the University of Texas alum.

horns on prime-

time Saturday night. It was a tough win and we have two very good opponents in

Oklahoma

After 11 years of being sur- Texas players and coaches leaving rounded by Texas football and the bus, spitting on Texas fans, years of watching Texas/Texas cursing and lewd actions, I'm just

All is fair in love, war and all Texans, and I would just hope We at Texas University do not that Texas Tech students and fans

conduct of your fans and students. n Sara Peters is a 2003

First of all, I am proud of how boyfriend, who is a UT supporter. my alma mater (Class of 2004) per- From the reports of how ugly Tech formed and beat the vaunted Long- fans were towards them, they truly regard Tech fans as

"classless clowns." At one time, people used to marvel at the sportsmanship that Tech fans

had at games.

Use election night for games of debauchery

By ANDI BERLIN ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT (U. ARIZONA)

imply stated, the implications this historic election will redefine even the most basic American assumptions, shattering our traditional views on balance of power, gender, leadership personas, pacifism, race and plosively wasted.

From the vantage point of history, machines and faux parties with loads of Diet Pepsi and people chanting in board shorts. That's sad to me. But not nearly as sad as it would be now. Since this is a such a crucial period as a public figure to persuade the citizens get drunk instead. of this fine university to avoid collegeauspices of this establishment. It's lame here, to be honest, and it's even lamer to be here on the biggest party night since Independence Day! Number 1: Get drunk while voting. Like I stated earlier, this is a wonderful solution to any pre-drunk McCain wins. If you're smashed before they even start counting, you won't have to be upset all night! But, for dog's sake, make a game out of it. I say, fill a water bottle with your favorite vodka, and every time you check "no" on a proposition, take a swig. Hopefully, that'll be a lot. Or better yet, if you truly want majority rules and homeowner's rights, death to illegals or vote to retain a judge. That should be the world. sufficient, unless you're an asshole.

Number 2: Celebrate the death of America. I heard this one on conservative talk radio, although it might have been slightly different. Throw a party where everyone of the people's mandate in dresses up in ghost costumes left over from Halloween. Put a festive ham in the crock pot and totally sear it so it's ashy and inedible. Do a lot of raving around, call someone an offensive and borderline racist name and then have a séance at the a host of defining issues. What better end when everyone's tipsy. I think they said reason, then, to get unbelievably, ex- this idea only works if Obama wins, but it'll probably happen so don't worry.

vote today.

Election night ridiculous idea Number it doesn't seem as terrible now that I 3: Crash your opponent's party. If you're a pissed away election night 2004 biting Democrat, this would be at a local church. my arm skin at Cellar Restaurant in If you're a Republican, at an abortion Wilbur's Underground. Compared to clinic. If you're a Libertarian, just leave this, the last election wasn't really that Coffee X-Change. When you get there, big of a deal. I mean, it was a shame pretend to be really nice and on their side that amongst other freshman, I would for about a half an hour. Cheer when they consciously reject drunken euphoria cheer. Heckle when they heckle. Then, in lieu of Dance Dance Revolution when someone finally accidentally offends you, make a show of it. It'll get really awkward at this point, so maybe you should leave. Then, when you get outside and no one can hear, call them a terrorist! Election idea Number 4: Have your in American history, I feel it's my duty own party, but don't watch the news. Just Election idea Number 5: Have a serisponsored events and get drunk on ous party where you analyze what's going their own: in house parties, at the vot- on when it happens. I don't suggest this ing booth, by themselves or with their one, but some may insist on it. And I'd chinchillas. But far, far away from the rather persuade you to do this than go see that guy who calls himself an MP3-J at Wilbur's Underground. Draw diagrams. Care about who wins. Discuss - how shall I say - politics. Be really excited for the Election night debauchery idea entirety of the election, but then jaded and ironic after the anti-climax. Try to forget about the entire thing for four years until someone comes along who you actually like. Or take the high road and stay interested in politics. Decorate your house with Bushisms and pretend you're smarter than everyone on television. Picket a major road. Have a meeting in the back room of La Indita. Accost people and guilt them into signing forms on University Boulevard. Pretend you're fighting against the terrors and injustices of the current whatever, take a swig every time you administration. Pretend you're changing

Tufts University Staff defends decriminalization of marijana

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rguably the most glance this ballot issue raises an nocuous mistake. alarm, especially for those who problem.

It must be understood Decriminalization, that decriminalization in in reality is a

the state by draining money from communities as much as they penalize the offenders). More importantly, many good people who controversial issue are currently ineligible for child on the Massachusetts adoption, student or home loans ballot this fall is Question 2, and teaching jobs would not have which, if passed, will decriminal- to experience the overly severe ize the possession of one ounce or repercussions for what many say less of marijuana. While at first can be counted as a somewhat in-

Basically, it seems disproporare strongly opposed to marijuana tionately harsh that someone legalization/decriminalization, in who was caught with marijuana reality it is a logical approach to decades ago can still be barred from what many consider a common adoption and other privileges and that prospective

employers are still be able to know about the offense.

Also, Question 2 would allow law enforcement officers to focus their time and energy on matters of greater importance than

State and Oklahoma University coming up. I hope we can run the table on the way to a possible national title should things go well.

However, 1 am sorely displeased with the attitudes that many Tech fans displayed towards UT fans. I happen to have several friends who n Spencer Smallwood is a

Wow, what a hard fought and trashier than that. respectful win! I congratulate the the true ability of our team.

fans lack the maturity to handle the and conduct will not be tolerated. emotions that go along with a win There needs to be more of a police like this. I do not believe that the presence - University Police, Lubsible for the complete lack of class

that was shown to the visiting Longhorn fans. However, the acts of a few are sending a very negative message to the rest of the world, especially after such a big game that we won!

It's been less than 24 hours since the game ended and I have already heard several stories from friends that attended the game, both Tech fans It hasn't been that long since I was and UT fans, of totally classless and there as a student. embarrassing acts committed by our fans against visiting fans.

ties yelled or hand gestures made. I'm attention as we are now. We've had talking about rocks being thrown at the cars of exiting fans. Some of my before, but let's not act like it. Let's friends were chased back to their cars act like we've been here before, and actually fearing for their safety.

because it may go on at other schools guessing as well), then do everybody is no excuse for it to happen at Tech a favor and stay home. or anywhere else for that matter. Do you really want to be classified as n Matt Schroeder is a 1999 "that type of fan?" It doesn't get any **Texas Tech alum.**



Now, all I hear from others from other Big 12 schools are how pitiful the fans have become. We are better people than that. Let's show them who we truly are because we don't

have to be ugly to others be winners on and off the field.

are UT fans, including my sister's 2004 Texas Tech alum.

In my opinion, the administra-Red Raiders for their performance. I tion really needs to take a hard believe we negated all skepticism on stance on this type of behavior and send a message to the rest of the It's a shame that some of our Tech community that this attitude student fan base as a whole is respon-bock Po-lice and DPS — in the

stands, on the field and outside the stadium to ensure that these idiots keep themselves in line.

But it will take more than that. It will take the en-

tire student body who are as embarrassed as I am to stand up and stop senseless behavior. I don't want to come off as some "old guy" yelling at the kids to get off his lawn.

Sure, we had some "less than hospitable fans" then as well, but we I'm not talking about the obsceni- were never under as much national more success this year than ever if you can't handle the emotions What the hell is going on? Just (mixed with a little alcohol I am

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Whatever you do, whomever you vote Election night debauchery idea for, just don't go to Maloney's.

no way equates logical approach to to legalization. Passing Queswhat many consider tion 2 would mean that a common problem. anyone caught with marijuana would have to

additionally required to do 10 hours of community service and drug education -- stipulations that in no way seem to indicate legalization. This law only seeks to amend the penalties for possession (and possession of a very for growing and selling.

and producers would not benefit. step backwards. While many, including Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone, might decry decriminalization, arguing that it fundamentally like it across the state.

(expenditures that penalize the punishment fits the crime.

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hand it over to the police and an ounce or less of marijuana. The pay a \$100 fine, with minors law additionally stipulates that all the money collected for marijuana citations will go directly to communities where the offenses take place. They can then use those funds to prioritize other, more substantial projects.

Still, there is inevitably the small amount, at that), while persistent roar of those who would leaving intact the punishments like to say that decriminalization is tantamount to condoning and In other words, drug dealers that any concessions represent a

In some respects, they are right. The state should not seek to encourage drug use, not only because it is harmful (although anybody looking undermines previous efforts to around the Tufts University camcurb drug use among teenagers, pus would be hard-pressed to find it would have a slew of benefits someone who has been TEMSed for Somerville and communities because of marijuana), but also because, in many cases, buying drugs For example, the state will be supports other criminal activities able to cut down on the \$29.5 both within the United States and million it spends on booking internationally. But this law does individuals and incarcerating not seek to encourage marijuana them for marijuana possession use. It does, however, ensure that

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Clint Eastwood's 'Changeling' brilliant, haunting addition to his directing career

Some people don't like leaving a film with mixed feelings. I don't mean feelings about whether the movie was good or not, I mean a feeling of numbness. The movie didn't make you feel just sad or just happy. You simply don't know what to feel.

I think that's why a lot of critics don't like Clint Eastwood's films. ambiguity, and people don't like stories that aren't tied up with a big bow and a note that says, "Here's how you should feel."

So it is with "Changeling," Eastwood's latest.

it's a great film.

"Changeling" is one of the most most troublesome aspects of the story is that it's true, and during the first hour of the film you may have trouble believing that. The LAPD was hardcore corrupt in the 1920s, and Eastwood's film tells the story of this corruption.

Christine Collins (Angelina Jolie) is a single mom living with her



Movies like "Mystic River" and son, Walter, in 1920's Los Angeles. "Million Dollar Baby" end in moral Christine comes home late one day from her job as a telephone operator only to find Walter missing. She calls the Los Angeles Police Department, but the LAPD tells her she must wait 24 hours to file a missing child report. Naturally, Christine is shocked, but And that's just one of the reasons the LAPD tells her to "check the a fuss, the LAPD promptly locks up neighborhood."

Of course, Christine doesn't find disturbing and beautiful films to Walter, and when the LAPD finally Christine and Rev. Briegleb's struggle come out of Hollywood since, well, decides to take her case the next for justice, the search for Walter, "Million Dollar Baby." One of the day, Walter's disappearance becomes something of a statewide news story. There's a whole lot of pressure on the LAPD to find the boy, much of it coming from Rev. Gustav Briegleb (John Malkovich). Briegleb is a Presbyterian pastor who uses his popular script written by J. Michael Straczynone brave woman who stood up to radio show not only to preach the ski, but they're mainly reserved for Gospel but to expose LAPD corrup- the child actors who can't really act n Chris Kellerman is The DT's tion and inefficiency.

Democrat 🛁

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French major from Lubbock, "because the officers before had let it die."

Murray and Serrano said the group is four-times larger than last semester, and Serrano attributed the attendance to the popularity of this year's democratic presidential candidate.

"When Obama says something," he said, "it resonates with listeners.'

Serrano said he has always been liberal and passionate about politics, but his excitement for this year's candidate started with a 2004 Democratic National Convention speech

Democrats have registered more than 1,000 voters. Serrano said he feels his group is working on a conservative cam-

pus, so his efforts have been geared toward registering and informing voters, and he is proud to get any students to the voting booth.

Although a lot of people are getting involved in this year's election, Serrano said he is not sure they all know the issues, and is still concerned there are students who do not care about the election.

"It's hard not to care with the economy and the war," he said. "Our country is at a crossroads."

The economy and the war are two issues Serrano listed as most important for student voters. He said the economy should be a significant concern for students nearing gradu "I realized then that there are ation, and this year's election will really people who care about the choose the economic path America will take. Concerning the war, he said After reading Obama's memoir in students should be concerned with 2005, Serrano said he knew the can- seeing their friends and fellow students fighting and losing their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan, and should examine where they stand on this issue. Because Tech has made voting so convenient for students. Serrano said he sees no reason for them not to vote, and although he is uncertain about the outcome of votes in Texas, he is encouraged by the work of the Tech Democrats in other states.

Donovan) handling Walter's case nately, when those two disappointing tells her they've found Walter in children are on the screen, the movie Iowa. Christine goes to the train gets a little awkward. station to be reunited with Walter, but a tragic mix-up has occurred: It's not Walter.

Even stranger, the kid claims he is any other Eastwood flick, and even that she's wrong.

weeks trying to prove to the LAPD, with the help of Walter's doctors and teachers, that the child they have returned to her is in fact not Walter. The LAPD insists that it is, and when Christine and Briegleb start to cause Harner is absolutely creepy. One of Christine in an insane asylum.

and the disgusting murders of a serial killer named Gordon Northcott (Jason Butler Harner).

There's only a couple flaws in "Changeling.'

There are a few cheesy lines in the anyway. There's four main kids in the movie critic. E-mail him at A few months after Walter's film. Two of whom can act (the two chris.kellerman@ttu.edu.

Republican 🛁

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the Republican Party fit his rightwinged ways.

Growing up in a conservative household with two Republican parents, Duffy said, his mother and father were open-minded to whatever political party affiliation he chose.

"In my heart of hearts, everything the Republican Party stands for are my beliefs," Duffy said. the office. He is doing one of the "The core val-

ues are what 1900 influenced me the most."

Chris Winn, chairman of the

disappearance, the officer (Jeffrey Walters) and two who can't. Unfortu-

Besides that, everything's perfect. The direction is flawless, the cinematography is just as haunting as

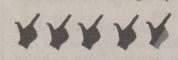
Walter, and the LAPD tells Christine Eastwood's score is wonderful. Jolie is as brilliant as usual. We quickly Christine spends the next few forget she's a mega-star and instead remember that she is a damn good actress.

I suspect she'll get an Oscar nomination for this performance.

Malkovich is in top form, and the final scenes between Iolie and Harner carries enough weight to The rest of the film explores crush a semitrailer. All supporting actors are fine.

> "Changeling" won't leave you feeling happy or sad, but it will leave you thanking your lucky stars Clint

Eastwood is still making movies. Four and a half out of five guns up.



was given the position during this year's election.

His integrity and spirit, Winn said, makes Duffy a "natural-born leader.'

He said he foresees Duffy getting more involved in politics in the future, and his grassroots involvement gained him contacts from the local courthouse to the White House.

Jacob Reach, a graduate student from Plano and student volunteer at the Republican office, said Duffy looks for any opportunity to help at hardest jobs In my heart of

of the year, staying at the elections ofhearts, everything fice all night. Duffy is de-

Race CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

not found evidence of the effect in national or congressional elections since the 1990s.

"I don't doubt that it has had some effects on this race," Brink said, "but I'll tell you what's exciting to me is how much it hasn't had on this presidential campaign."

Brink evidenced former Secretary of State Colin Powell and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice as examples.

"When they made momentous decisions, I don't think people thought about the fact they were black at all," she said. "I think we'll see this over and over again, especially with younger generations. I'm 63 years old and my generation was involved in the civil rights movement. It is thrilling for me to see this kind of promise for the future."

Brink said she is confident the American people disregard any remaining negative race relations impacting this or future elections - or society in general for that matter.

"It's irrelevant," she said. "We just drag along this baggage, but I think we're shedding it marvelously."

Chris Winn, chairman of the Lubbock County Republican Party, said he agreed that race was not a focal point during the months leading up to today's election.

"I think what they've been focused on are the issues John McCain and Barack Obama have been discussing," he said. "To make race an issue is to ignore that."

He said people are more concerned about a presidential candidate's plans for the economy, the war in Iraq, and leading a country whose citizens lack "trust and confidence in it's government and financial institutions."

as a red herring, but the real issue is how much experience Barack Obama has got." he said. "There he said. "The wonderful thing about is no correlation to me about democracy, until the actual people, that and the fact he's an African-American."

Winn said the poll may only >>>tina.arons@ttu.edu

Poll Results

Four out of 10 black people said there has been no progress in recent years in eliminating racial discrimination. Fewer than 2 out of 10 white people said the same thing.

About 25 percent of white people polled said they thought that too much had been made of racial barriers facing black people; about 50 percent of black people said not enough had been made of racial impediments faced by them.

Nearly 70 percent of black people said they had encountered a specific instance of discrimination based on their race; about 26 percent of white people said the same.

Sixty-four percent of black people said white people have a better chance of getting ahead in today's society.

Source: The New York Times and CBS News poll

reflect the attitudes of a small percentage of Americans, and their answers may have been influenced by several factors.

McKenzie said a non-racial factor may be at the heart of the poll's findings. The mode in which the poll itself was taken may have influenced its results.

"Some of these polls could be biased if say 60 percent of the people they call refuse to take the call," he said. "Then you have to ask yourself who are these people who are refusing to be polled."

McKenzie said, pollsters call land "Race can be thrown out there lines and not cell phones, which may exclude certain groups.

"Polls can only tell us so much," actual voters go out and vote, we won't know."

be duplicated or fictional.

by Obama. greater good," he said, "and he is

one of them.' didate would be president someday, but was not sure when. Although Serrano felt at first that running this year was a little early for the candidate, he said the timing has worked to Obama's benefit.

"Polls lie to an extent," he said, "but you can't ignore he's the frontrunner."

Win or lose, Serrano said he and the Tech Democrats will be proud of their efforts in this year's election. A lot of optimistic people, including himself, have been hoping to see Texas go blue this year, but since the state remains red, he said the group other states.

Serrano's efforts include visits to New Mexico and phone calls to several states, but he said his biggest accomplishment regarding this election is the number of people the Tech Democrats have registered to vote.

from sending informed voters to ecstatic." the voting booths. He said the Tech >>> hannah.boen@ttu.edu

He said Obama has changed the electoral map, and is eager to hear Tuesday's results.

While Serrano and Murray agree has been focusing their efforts on that they can only do so much regarding the election, they feel they have met the expectations of the group and have really made a difference in Lubbock.

"We've done the best we can and all we can do is watch the returns come in," Murray said. "Sure, we'll be disappointed if Obama For Serrano, satisfaction comes doesn't win, but if he does we'll be

Lubbock County Republican Party, said Duffy is a valuable asset to the office locally and nationally, and they "couldn't work without him."

A recent trip to Colorado with six Lubbock representatives helped stump for McCain's campaign, he said, as his delegation went doorto-door and collected more than 500 voter contacts.

"Our office outperformed every other office in Colorado the entire three days we were there campaigning," Duffy said.

Irene Howell, an administrator at the Lubbock County Republican Party, said all of the workers call Duffy "the Governor" because of his involvement and dedication to the party.

He has assisted in primary fundraisers, attended rallies and conventions and is the first contact for the media, she said.

Duffy's professionalism, experience and knowledge of the media, McCain." Howell said, are the reasons why he >>> bridget.destefano@ttu.edu

voted to getting students involved in politics, Reach said, by going to Greek organizations, urging students to register in Lubbock County and

reminding them about voting dates.

As a young voter himself, Duffy said he thinks youth plays an important role in this year's election.

"I've seen a lot of outpour from a lot of kids who are completely interested in it," he said. "And a lot of us are for McCain."

Despite Gallup's most recent poll that shows Barack Obama leading McCain by 11 percentage points, Duffy said he remains confident that McCain will take the presidency.

"People know what's important to their values and what's important to their lives," he said, "and basically, tomorrow, when they go into the voting booths they will vote that way, so hopefully they'll realize that's John Ballots 🛁

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As of Monday afternoon, 127 mail-in applications were canceled at polling booths — which means the voter used the polling booth instead of the mail-in application to vote — and 705 still were not received.

Mark Heinrich, a Lubbock County commissioner, said some of the applications could be

The county is "going to all lengths" to be sure Election Day in Lubbock goes smoothly, he said.

Voting for the 2008 Presidential Election begins at 7 a.m. today and ends at 7 p.m. More information on polling times and locations for Lubbock county can be found on the Lubbock County Office of Elections Web site.

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Student voters political beliefs heavily influenced by family, education

By HANNAH BOEN STAFF WRITER

Steven and Elyse Keaton could left-wing hippies, raising children tors, including school, peers and with entirely different values from the media. the characters on the television series "Family Ties."

Upon watching the show, viewily exists with such contradictory political ideals.

and family studies, said a voter's family is only a part of their political influence.

"How often that exists in real know."

The professor, who studies ado- affected political identity.

lescence and transition into adulthood — including political iden- conservative," Reifman said, "but consistent on Tech's campus. tification — said parents do play when professors and upper-year some role in developing a child's be considered by many to be zealous party loyalty, but so do other fac-

Although children often are influenced by their parents' political ideals, Reifman said, it is likely the ers are left to wonder if a real fam- exposure to politics in college can be another significant influence.

For Reifman, proof of this influ- en remained conservative," he But Alan Reifman, a Texas Tech ence lies in the Bennington Col- said, "stuck to their families viewprofessor of human development lege Study led by late psychologist points." Theodore Newcomb.

en's college in Vermont was widely of the shifting views of their peers, known as liberal, but students came life," he said about the probability to the college mostly from Republi- close to their family values. of a real-life Keaton clan, "I don't can families. The study, conducted in the 1930s, showed education suggested the college environment

hit each other."

Reifman said the study showed conservative women who pursued higher education at a liberal college may have left the party loyalty of their families and shifted to the left.

The women who remained con-Reifman said the private wom- servative, Reifman said, were aware but made a conscious effort to stay

While the Bennington study plays a large role, Reifman said he

students are liberal, the two forces overwhelmingly liberal like Bennington College is," he said, suggesting that Tech students who grew up in a conservative household will be exposed to much the same ideals in college.

"We know that Lubbock is one of the most conservative areas in "A roughly small group of wom- the whole country," he said, "they vote overwhelmingly Republican ideals taught at home." for virtually every office.'

> Reifman used statistics from local elections to prove his point. Nationally, 2006 was a strong year for Democrats who captured the House 68 percent of votes.

Reifman said coming to Tech

will receive the same exposure on they vote and party identification," "Certainly, Texas Tech is not campus, but students who come she said. from more liberal regions may be exposed to very different political ideals.

"If what you're exposed to in college is the same as what you're exposed to at home, it's probably going to reinforce what you believed at home," he said. "The difference is if college experience clashes from

That difference, Reifman said, is where students may allow their pursuit of higher education to have an influence on political ideals.

Cindy Rugeley, assistant profesand the Senate, locally, Republican sor of political science at Tech, said candidate for U.S. House of Repre- researchers cannot be 100-percent ed," she said, "they tend to become sentatives Randy Neugebauer won certain, but the best indicator of more liberal." political socialization is family.

"Family is a big part and it con- >>> hannah.boen@ttu.edu

"You figure the kids will be fairly believes the results would not be from primarily Republican regions tinues through to whether or not

Rugeley and Reifman agreed hard evidence does not exist to prove the largest influence on political party loyalty, though they both speculated family is a sizeable authority.

When children are young, Rugeley said, they learn from their families, and what they learn typically follows them through their entire life. She acknowledged young people often change their opinions, and that does not exclude politics.

Rugeley attributed political shifts in college to the fact that higher education is being pursued.

"As people become more educat-

West Virginia University students to go to multiple sources for election news

By SAMANTHA CSSICKO THE DAILY ATHENAEUM (WEST VIRGINIA U.)

take part in the presidential election for the first time.

Through gaining knowledge about the candidates and the issues of the election, students can make informed decisions.

Ryann Phillips, a West Virginia University junior accounting major, said she receives most of her information about the election through CNN and Fox News. Phillips said she chooses the two because one network leans more right while the other is more left-winged.

Phillips said that she also reads the newspapers and looks online at polls to get information. By knowing the different topics and how each candidate feels about them, Phillips said she feels well-informed about her decision come Tuesday.

But she believes that America as a wholecould learn more.

"I don't think they're very wellinformed because it's back and forth debates in order learn more about the students are.

true or not," Phillips said.

Freshmen engineering majors Bran-Every four years, college students don Langley and Chris Rombold both this election but not near to being said they prefer CNN to get information well-informed," Freed said about about the election because it is thorough voters. and delivers the news quickly.

> Although both plan to vote, they said they have not done any other research about the candidates aside from watching the news.

The two also differ in their opinions sent in the mail and information she of how informed America is. Langley said that this election is more commercialized and has reached out to a lot more voters, allowing them to be more school and that is her top priority, but informed. Rombold said that since the news media tends to be biased, it is hard to say if people are informed or not because most of what they hear is partisan.

Sarah Freed, a junior sports management major, said she relies on Fox News is, Knepp said it depends on how for her information because it is news closely everyone follows events like that is more republican-based, and her the debates. She said that she feels family has always watches it.

bickering, and you don't know what's election. She feels informed enough to make an acceptable decision.

"I think (we're) better informed

Freshman forensics major Alycia Knepp said that although she plans on voting this election, she has not done much research about the election and instead relies on the fliers obtained from a former boss who fol-

Knepp said that she is busy with that as far as the two presidential candidates go, she doesn't feel that she'd be more informed if she watched the debates or commercials because "all they do is bash each other."

the older "baby boomer" generation Freed said she has also watched the is more informed than most college

BIZ WEEKLY

Palin takes prank call from fake French president

Palin unwittingly took a prank call posing as French President Nicolas urday and set to air Monday on a she said. Sarkozy and telling her she would make a good president someday.

laughing Palin. The Republican vice presidenQuebec radio station.

Palin campaign spokeswoman "Maybe in eight years," replies a Tracey Schmitt confirmed she had received the prank call.

tial nominee discusses politics, the amused to learn that she had for prank calls to celebrities and perils of hunting with Vice Presi- joined the ranks of heads of state, heads of state.

TORONTO (AP) - Sarah dent Dick Cheney, and Sarkozy's including President Sarkozy and "beautiful wife," in a recording of other celebrities, in being targeted Saturday from a Canadian comedian the six-minute call released Sat- by these pranksters. C'est la vie,"

> The call was made by a wellknown Montreal comedy duo Marc-Antoine Audette and Sebastien Trudel. Known as the Masked "Governor Palin was mildly Avengers, the two are notorious

Def Jam exec dies from self-inflicted gunshot

ATLANTA (AP) — The label Def Jam Recordings died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound near Atlanta, police said Sunday.

executive who succeeded Jay-Z kir Stewart, 34, died on Saturday, spokeswoman Cassie Reece said as the head of hip-hop music his New York-based label said in Sunday. He was pronounced dead a statement.

Stewart was found Saturday afternoon in the bathroom of as self-inflicted and would not his home in the Atlanta suburb say who discovered Stewart.

Executive vice president Sha- of Marietta, Cobb County police at a nearby hospital.

Police described the shooting

Fox's long-running 'King of the Hill' canceled

of the Hill" is over the hill at production schedule. Fox, which is canceling the longrunning animated comedy.

recently ordered 13 new episodes, cast include Kathy Najimy, Brit- total viewers.

the life of blue-collar family man show on Fox, "American Dad," Final episodes of the half-hour Hank Hill of Texas and his family which was renewed for its fifth series, now in its 13th year, likely and friends. Hank is voiced by season. It has posted single-digit will air during the 2009-10 sea- series co-creator and executive ratings gains among advertiserson, Fox said Friday. The network producer Mike Judge. Others in the favored young adult viewers and

LOS ANGELES (AP) _ "King and animated series have a long tany Murphy and Stephen Root.

The picture is brighter for "King of the Hill" chronicles another Sunday night animated

lows politics closely.

As for how informed America



Jury: Keanu Reeves doesn't owe paparazzo

LOS ANGELES (AP) - It's day, ruling that Reeves is not re- Silva told reporters outside the paparazzo who sued him.

After deliberating for less than cal bills, lost wages and punitive three hours, jurors unanimously damages. rejected the civil lawsuit Mon-

a most excellent outcome for sponsible for the photographer's Los Angeles County Superior Keanu Reeves: The "Matrix" alleged injuries. Alison Silva Court after the verdict was read. actor doesn't owe a dime to the had asked the jury to award him "That's what we were here for \$711,974, which includes medi- since the beginning."

"I respect the jury's decision,"

Silva said he would continue to work as a paparazzo despite the jury's decision.

Mackenzie Phillips pleads guilty to LA drug charge

LOS ANGELES (AP) — in Los Angeles to a felony drug program. Mackenzie Phillips has pleaded possession count. The district guilty to possessing cocaine and attorney's office says two counts 27 at Los Angeles International will go into drug treatment.

Phillips, 48, was arrested Aug. of possessing heroin and a needle Airport after airport police found The former "One Day at a were dismissed, and she was or- small amounts of narcotics during

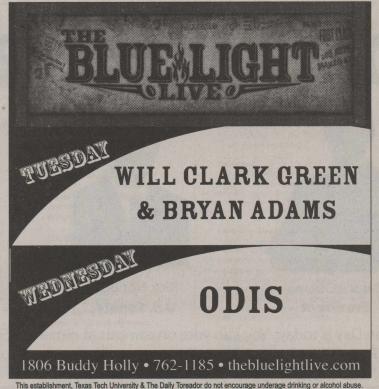
Time" star entered the plea Friday dered to complete an 18-month a security screening.

Harvard U. law professor takes on RIAA

By MATTHEW R. COHEN HARVARD CRIMSON (HARVARD)

dustry Association of America. "I was downloading music from Ka-

A Harvard Law School professor is to my parents," said Joel Tenenbaum, Industry Association of America, askdefending a Boston University student the BU undergraduate. Kazaa is one in a lawsuit against the Recording In- of several programs that let users share illegal downloads. Tenenbaum refused



and download files over the Internet.

That letter directed Tenenbaum zaa, and before I know it, a letter came to call a hotline run by the Recording ing the teenager to pay for his seven to pay. After his refusal, the RIAA brought a suit.

Charles R. Nesson '60, is the professor who has taken on Tenenbaum's case. Nesson, who could not be reached for comment because he has been traveling, has written on his Web site that the recording industry organization is trying to intimidate others through its actions against Tenenbaum.

"The plaintiffs and the RIAA are seeking to punish him beyond any rational measure of the damage he allegedly caused," Nesson wrote. "They do this, not for the purpose of recovering compensation for actual damage caused by Joel's individual action, nor for the primary purpose of deterring him from further copyright infringement, but for the ulterior purpose of creating an urban legend so frightening to children using computers, and so frightening to parents and teachers of students using computers, that they will somehow reverse the tide of the digital future."

BUSTED BENCHES



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Tore

LLOYD WEIMER AND Chuck Long from the physical plant work to fix benches in the student section Monday in preparation of Tech's game against Oklahoma State at 7 p.m. at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Freshmen step into leadership roles during tough season

By KEVIN CULLEN STAFF WRITER

can step into more of a leadership role.

a time to do that.

Middle blocker Amanda Dowdy many leaders, she has a leadership Colorado)." role of her own.

my absolute best, doing everything I possibly can to help our team and I think that's all I really can do. Just by playing I think that's leading for me personally."

Setter Karlyn Meyers said her match against Missouri. transition as a leader came some time ago.

me especially," she said.

The Red Raiders will need more of that leadership as the season progresses. The team has yet to win a Big 12 Conference match.

hands of Missouri, 3-1. The Red Raiders were dealt the task of attempting to knock off the Most freshmen reach a point in Tigers in Columbia, Mo., which their careers when they feel they Dowdy described as a "tough place to play.'

"They had a lot of fans and all Two of the Texas Tech volleyball of them seemed to be on top of the team's freshmen realize now may be court," she said, "but it was a good experience. I feel like we fought hard, but we weren't clicking like said though the Red Raiders have we were the other night (against

Dowdy tied for the team lead "I'm still a freshman," she said. in kills against Missouri with 10. "I'm learning a lot, but I am playing She is 10th in the Big 12 in hitting percentage and leads Tech in both categories.

Consistency has plagued the Red Raiders all season long and is some-

"A lot of it was just mindset," she said. "We came out kinda "I think it's just really once you strong and then we let off a little. feel comfortable with the team, you The crowd kinda got to us I think gotta just really jump forward and I a little bit. And then we came out tense from the beginning of the accurately reflect the way it has think that started a few weeks ago for strong again and won game two really well. Game three I think we just came out a little more lax than we should've been."

Slow starts can kill a match for a team, which is something Meyers said Tech's latest loss came at the Tech must seek to prevent as Big 12



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreado

thing Meyers said hurt them in the IN THE MIDST of an 0-13 conference season, the Texas Tech volleyball team is seeing progress from its younger players. Freshmen like Amanda Dowdy are beginning to step into leadership roles.

play continues.

game," she said, "and just really focus on the little things at first. The things that we do later in the game when we are trying to catch up we just need to start from the beginning."

As the Red Raiders stare a win-

less Big 12 record down, Dowdy "We just need to be more in- said her team's record does not played.

> "I don't think our record does it justice," she said. "I think we have a lot more talent and we are a much better team than our record shows."

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Judge 'agonizing' over Clemens suit

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge said Monday he is "agonizing" over the status of a defamation lawsuit Roger Clemens filed against his former personal trainer, who accused the pitcher of using performance-enhancing drugs.

U.S. District Judge Keith P. Ellison made the comment after a nearly two hour hearing in which attorneys for both sides reiterated arguments they had already briefed in court filings over the last few months.

The issues before Ellison are whether or not he should throw out the lawsuit and if he doesn't, whether it should stay in Texas.

"I really have been agonizing over these claims," Ellison said.

Clemens sued Brian McNamee in January after his former trainer told baseball investigator and former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell that the seven-time Cy Young Award winner used steroids and human growth hormone.

Clemens' attorney Joe Roden said Clemens had agreed to drop one claim against McNamee, for intentional infliction of emotional distress, because it was covered in other parts of the lawsuit.

Clemens, a 354-game winner, is under investigation by the FBI after denying McNamee's claims while under oath during a deposition and public testimony before a congressional committee.

Richard Emery, one of Mc-Namee's attorneys, said the lawsuit should be dismissed on the grounds that his client's statements to Mitchell were protected by privilege through a deal McNamee struck with federal prosecutors.

Emery also argued the lawsuit should not stay in Texas because many of the allegations McNamee made against Clemens relate to things that happened in Toronto, Florida and-New York. McNamee's attorneys want the case moved to New York, where he lives. Clemens lives in Houston. "The only person who ruined

Roger Clemens' life is Roger Clemens by not admitting the truth," Emery said.

Tech men's golf ends fall season with jump to No. 16 spot **By KEVIN CULLEN** +

STAFF WRITER

There aren't many sports in which a fourth place finish would be acceptable to end a season. Collegiate golf is at times an exception to that rule.

The Texas Tech men's golf team wrapped up its fall season with a fourth place finish in the Isleworth-UCF Collegiate Invitational Oct. 28 in Orlando, Fla.

The finish allowed the Red Raiders to jump from No. 29 to No. 16 in Golfweek's rankings.

The Top 5 finish in a talent-laden field capped off a season Tech coach Greg Sands said was full of ups and downs.

"I think in a couple of these we exceeded our expectations, but in some ways we didn't meet those," he said. "All in all, if I just had to summarize, I'm really excited where this team ended up and what we've got ahead of us."

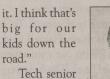
The Isleworth-UCF Collegiate Invitational featured eight then-Top 10 teams including conference rival and perennial national

championship contender Oklahoma State.

Tech finished ahead of the No. 2 Cowboys, No. 3 USC, No. 6 Clemson, No. 7 Illinois and No. 8 Stanford.

The ability to not only compete with but beat these teams gives the Red Raiders a great deal of confidence, Sands said.

"I really believe that it's a lot easier to have confidence when you actually beat those teams like that than if you're just hoping to beat them," he said. "It's one thing if you've never done it and you're trying to do it, but when you've done it,



Garrett Merrill led the team throughout the fall with his play and leadership, Sands said.

Merrill finished in the Top 20 in all three of the Red Raiders' fall tournaments, including a tie for fifth in Orlando, Fla.

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"Garrett is just a fierce competitor," Sands said. "He hates to lose and I think that's what makes him great. He believes he's gonna play good and have a lot of confidence and he doesn't ever give up. Regardless if he's striking the ball well or not ,he has a competitive fire to do well. He's a great putter so that helps."

The play Sands has seen from Merrill this fall caused him to then obviously you know you can do compare his senior to the world's



"Even when he may not strike the ball well, he can get the ball in the hole," he said. "I think that's the greatest attribute of Tiger Woods. He's a great competitor and he can putt and I think that's what Garrett does well."

Fellow senior Santiago Rivas also had a strong fall season. He finished among the Top 30 in all three tournaments.

"Santiago, he stayed away from some of the big numbers and played consistent golf," Sands said. "That's what we need from him too."

The Red Raiders will not compete again until their spring season opener, the UH-Hilo Intercollegiate Feb. 5, 2009 in Waikoloa, Hawaii.

The Tech women's golf team wrapped up its fall season late yesterday at the Challenger at Wolfdancer in Austin.

No players were available for comment on this story. »»kevin.m.cullen@ttu.edu

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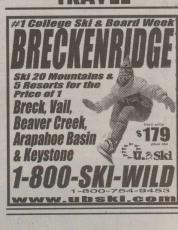
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RUSHED REACTION

SPORTS

Stadium empties onto field, makes UT-Tech game interesting

By ALEX YBARRA STAFF WRITER

As he basked in the heat created by a massive crowd of Texas Tech students at midfield, tackle Rylan Reed didn't want the moment to end.

He would rather stand in the middle of Jones AT&T Stadium until the mob dissipated to the streets of downtown Lubbock.

and I'm geeked up," he said. "I'm just like, 'I don't know if I'll ever get to the locker room, and I didn't really care if I ever would."

Meanwhile, safety Darcel Mc-Bath was occupied with trying to salvage his shoes, and ultimately his feet. No one wants to walk back to the locker room through hundreds of students without shoes.

"I had to get out though because I couldn't breathe," McBath said. "It was too hot, too many people. Some guy started trying to pick me up, but people started trying to rip my shoes off so I had to stop. I didn't want my feet to be stepped on, so I told them to put me down."

The scene after receiver Michael Crabtree sprinted into the end zone for the game winning touchdown in a 39-33 upset against Texas on Satur- had a 12th man (on Saturday)."

day was pandemonium at its highest degree. A second remained on the clock after Crabtree's score, but Tech fans were too busy to notice, darting to the 50-yard line.

"We did have a second left, and boy don't we remember that," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "It seems to me that second got lost in the shuffle somewhere. That was actually ---what a mess."

Leach said he thought that was "I'm somewhere out in the middle an interesting part of the game, considering how many times fans rushed the field despite the game not being over. The raucous crowd sprinted onto the field for the second time after kicker Matt Williams made the extra point.

> Then it took several minutes to clear everyone off. Two unsportsmanlike conduct penalties added to the situation, forcing Tech to kickoff from its own 7-yard line.

> But it was not over yet. A few more Tech enthusiasts scampered onto the field one more time.

> "That wasn't real great," Tech quarterback Graham Harrell said. "We had to kick on our own seven and a half (yard line). The fans were great all night; we really can't hold that against them. A&M thinks they have the 12th man or whatever, we

Leach said the referee gave directions to kick from the 7-yard line as if Leach was pressing a magic button, triggering Tech fans to run onto the field.

In order to ensure the Longhorns did not run back a game-winning touchdown, Leach called a timeout before kickoff to discuss each individual role.

He said the plan was to kick the ball to someone who could not handle the football very well - except the player who caught it was a big man with decent athleticism, who made a good pitch to a speedier, smaller player.

"The thin, fast guy appeared to be bad news," Leach said. "Then as we started to converge on him, the thin, fast guy didn't pass as well as the heavier guy, and we picked it and won."

Finally, Tech fans had their uninterrupted moment to celebrate the school's biggest win in history at midfield.

"I've never had a field stormed like that before," Reed said. "They had three chances to rehearse it, but I mean, you look on TV when they storm the field. They look like ants from all four sides like that. I've never seen it like that, ever." »daniel.ybarra@ttu.edu



PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador FANS ARE TOLD to stay on the sidelines following their initial attempt to rush the field while there was still one second on the clock.

Tech women's cross country use Big 12 title as momentum for upcoming regionals

By KAYLA PARHAM STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech finally got rid of the terrible twos.

The Tech women's cross country team added the Big 12 Championship trophy to their bags after coming in second for two years in a row. The Red Raiders are preparing to use the



took advantage of that."

The women's team finished the previous two years second behind Colorado who 11 Big 12 cross country titles.

Guzman said winning the Big 12 title is a phenomenal and exhilarating experience for the team.

"It gives us more confidence that we can do it," she said. "We never had a conference championship and I think it gives a lot of us a confidence that we can get a regional title."

Murray named Big 12 Cross Country Coach of the Year

als.

By KAYLA PARHAM STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech coach Jon Murray was voted as the 2008 Women's Big 12 Conference Cross Country Coach of the Year after a successful weekend at the Big 12 Championships.

Under his guidance, the No. 11 women's cross country team won a conference title for the first time in league and school history Saturday in Ames, Iowa.

The trend continued into 2007 when Tech again placed second behind Colorado at the Big



12 meet and again qualified for nationals.

During the last three years,

momentum from the meet to train for the regional meet in two weeks.

Tech coach Ion Murray said the women's team - led by Sally Kipyego - took care of business, stepping up where it was needed for a complete team effort.

He said the spirit of the women's team is high, which sets the Lady Raiders up for the upcoming NCAA Regional meet on Nov. 15 in Fort Collins, Colo.

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WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY gave Texas Tech Athletics its ninth Big 12 team title.

it did. From the start she was already in and being able to win by that much. "That's just a classic Sally race right the lead and every step it just got betthere," he said. "I think it was a great ter and bigger. I was just real proud of Sally, three-time all-Big 12 Champion

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It signifies the dominance she's had in the Big 12." Kipyego and Lillian Badaru took

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first and second, respectively, and had three more athletes finish in the Top 20.

was struggling, the rest of the team them hoping to follow suit next year. picked up the slack.

to be between us, Nebraska and Baylor," she said. "We noticed that the Baylor as (Big 12) Newcomer of the Year. Sally girls were trying to stay with us and us Kipyego won the Big 12 Conference so with them. It was back and forth, then that was really good." some of their girls seem to hurt and we >>> kayla.parham@ttu.edu

Tech athletic teams have won nine Big 12 Conference Championships, the third lowest in the league with Kansas State claiming seven and Missouri two.

The Lady Raiders basketball team were Big 12 Champions in 1998 and 1999 — earning regular and postseason titles both years - and in the 2000 regular season. Tech baseball won in the 1997 regular season and in the 1998 postseason. The men's track team won in 2005 and now the women's cross country team was named Big 12 Champions on Saturday in Ames, Iowa.

Gilbert Limo said he was extremely Michelle Guzman, who finished proud of the women's team winning 14th, said when one of Tech's athletes the conference title and congratulated

"They really showed their talent "We pretty much knew it was going they have," he said. "They had four girls get All-Conference. Lillian was named

Murray humbly took his first honor of Big 12 Coach of the Year, giving credit mainly to his team.

"It's an honor," Murray said. "It's an honor for the athletes the athletes did all the work. I just said. "They get out there. They came along for the ride."

Murray had four runners -Sally Kipyego, Lillian Badaru, Asia Diaz and Michelle Guzman — earn all-conference honors Saturday.

In Murray's first season at Tech in 2005, he had three athletes qualify for nationals. The following year improvements were made when the women's team placed second at the Big 12 Championships and later qualified for nationMurray has coached Kipyego, who is a two-time NCAA national champion and Mountain Region champion, a three-time Big 12 champion and has never lost a race under the fourth-year coach.

"Athletes perform well," he worked hard all year, then they get out there, perform well and won. Any coach could recognize that."

Murray was named Coach of the Year along with Oklahoma State coach Dave Smith for his men's cross country team.

Smith, also a first-time recipient, led the Cowboys to their first conference title since 1995 Saturday in Ames.

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Nuggets, Pistons swap Allen Iverson for Billups, McDyess

DETROIT (AP) - The Detroit Pistons worked the phones last summer, trying to trade for a superstar to shake up their roster.

They ended up standing pat because a deal didn't make sense.

Two games into the season, Allen Iverson was the answer to their hopes in a blockbuster that generated rare buzz for the NBA in November.

Detroit acquired the former NBA MVP on Monday for All-Star point guard and former finals MVP Chauncey Billups, top reserve Antonio McDyess and project Cheikh Samb.

We just felt it was the right time to change our team," Pistons president of basketball operations Joe Dumars told The Associated Press. "Iverson gives us a dimension that we haven't had here and we really think it's going to help us."

The Pistons have reached six straight Eastern Conference finals



- the longest such streak since the Los Angeles Lakers' dominant run in the 1980s - and won the 2004 title without a player expected to be in the Hall of Fame.

"Trading Marilyn Monroe for Jane Russell. That's not bad," said Larry Brown, who coached the Pistons to the 2004 NBA title and Iverson in Philadelphia. "Joe knows what he's doing, and I'm happy Chauncey's going back to Denver and his family is there."

Iverson may not be around for long — making \$20.8 million in the final season of his contract — but The Answer might be what Detroit needs to return to the NBA finals for the first time since 2005.

The Pistons are hoping Iverson will play Wednesday at Toronto and barring injury, his home debut will be Sunday night against the Boston Celtics.

Detroit played Monday night at Charlotte, where the Bobcats are led by Larry Brown. The Hall of Fame coach helped Billups and the Pistons to the 2004 NBA title and guided the Iverson-led Philadelphia 76ers to a spot in the finals in 2001.

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