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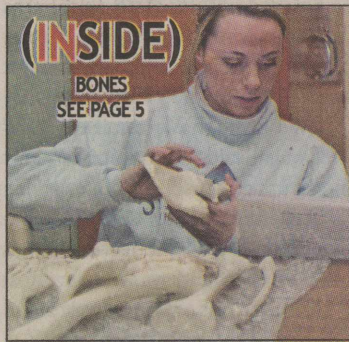
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STATE
One GOP speaker gone, Dems still complaining

AUSTIN (AP) — It's only been a few weeks since Texas Democrats helped end the career of the first Republican speaker since 1871. Now many are upset with the second one. The grousing began almost immediately after newly minted Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, announced his leadership team. "He had a shorter honeymoon than Britney Spears," joked Matt Angle, a top Texas Democratic strategist. Though far from universal, the complaints illustrate the limits of power sharing and the continued dominance of the Republican Party in Texas politics.

NATION
US State Dept. issues travel alert for Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The U.S. State Department has renewed a travel advisory warning Americans about an increase in violence along the U.S.-Mexico border. The alert does not recommend staying away from the country or any particular part of it, but advises American to stay away from prostitution and drug-dealing areas. It recommends visiting only legitimate business and tourist areas. The alert issued Friday says violent crime is particularly worrisome along the U.S.-Mexico border, where automatic weapons and grenades have been used in clashes between police and drug traffickers. More than 6,000 people were killed in drug violence in Mexico last year.

WORLD
Blast in Cairo tourist area kills French woman

CAIRO (AP) — Egyptian police say a bomb blast in a crowded Cairo tourist bazaar killed a French woman and wounded 17 others, mostly foreigners. The bomb tore through the crowded Khan el-Khalili bazaar, popular with tourists, next to the historic Hussein mosque. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the press, said a second bomb was discovered and safely detonated.

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Working at local fine dining restaurant teaches students career skills

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

Jessica Kelly spends her days frying, grilling, polishing silverware and serving meals in pursuit of her Texas Tech degree. Kelly, a senior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major, spends a portion of class time learning her way around a kitchen and a dining room at Skyviews restaurant in Lubbock. "Skyviews is definitely a plus," the Lubbock native said. "It's long hours. It's long classes. But for a class, it's pretty fun." RHIM students at Tech are required to work in the local restaurant as a lab portion for three core-curriculum courses. She said the courses teach them skills they practice at the restaurant — from cleaning and cooking to menu planning and dish washing. Janice Boyce, associate professor in the Department of Nutrition, Hospitality and Retailing, teaches the classroom portion of Food Systems Management II. During the class, she said students learn skills they put into practice in the lab portion conducted at Skyviews. Students in her class learn the responsibilities of running a restaurant by the time they are asked to host a dinner series, Boyce said, which is one of the final tasks before graduation.

Students in their final years as RHIM majors are expected to know how to run all aspects of the restaurant, Boyce said, from cleaning and preparing the dining room to answering patrons' questions concerning menu items. "They acquire the skills they need," she said, "but sometimes, students don't realize the benefit of having the lab until they get out into the world when it all connects." By knowing all aspects of the restaurant business, Boyce said, students can be more marketable to employers. Shane Blum, chairman of the Department of Nutrition, Hospitality and Retailing, said by allowing the students to take control at Skyviews, they become prepared for every aspect of their careers post graduation, which makes them attractive to prospective employers. "It prepares them for the job market," Blum said. "I can't think of anything more hands on." A restaurant, hotel and institutional management student begins his or her journey to Skyviews with Food Systems Management I. During the class, Blum said, students learn basics of the restaurant business so they are prepared when asked to perform tasks at Skyviews. Then students enroll in Food Systems Management II where they set up the restaurant in the morning and prepare and serve lunch, he said. At this stage,



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Torcador
KELLY HORN, A senior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Albuquerque, N.M., prepares bowls of Gnocchi for service Thursday at the Skyviews restaurant.

students learn what they need to know about the dining room in order to begin the third and final class, Advanced Food Production Management. **SKYVIEWS** continued on page 5

Iran to begin operation of first nuclear power plant

By NASSER KARIMI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's first nuclear plant will begin long-delayed pilot operations on Wednesday, the state atomic energy agency said. A nuclear official in Russia, which is helping build the plant, however, said no major milestone is expected on that day. "The pilot stage operation of the power plant will start on Wednesday," Iranian atomic agency spokesman Mohsen Delaviz told the state news agency on Sunday. He added that the preliminary phase will take place during a visit by Sergei Kiriyenko, the head of Russia's state nuclear agency. The long-awaited 1,000-megawatt light-water reactor, which was built in the southern Iranian port of Bushehr with the help of Russia under a \$1 billion contract, was previously scheduled to become operational in fall 2008. Some 700 Iranian engineers were trained in Russia to operate the power plant. Rosatom spokesman Sergei Novikov, however, said no major milestone in the preparations for Bushehr's start-up is expected during Kiriyenko's visit. "Novikov said that Rosatom expects it to be a 'just a working visit' and that as before, the reactor's physical start-up is expected by the end of

the year. "Everything is on schedule," he told The Associated Press. "It is a regular meeting on the site, with Russians and the Iranian organizations which are working on the project," Novikov said of Wednesday's event. He said he could not be more specific about when the reactor could be switched on, citing uncertainty about the process of integrating what has been built recently and the existing facilities at the site. Novikov said it was possible the "pilot stage operation," described by Delaviz, could refer to the point when the plant begins to generate electricity for its own limited use during the "pre-commissioning" period, which he said is already under way. This generation normally occurs a few months before the reactor's start-up, he said. The plant dates back to 1974, when Iran signed an agreement to build the reactor with the German

company Siemens, which withdrew from the project after 1979 Islamic revolution toppled the pro-Western Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi. In 1992, Iran signed an agreement with Russia to complete the project and work began on it in 1995. The reactor was supposed to be completed by 1999 but has been plagued by delays. The U.S. has long opposed the deal, citing concerns that it could help Tehran develop nuclear weapons, but it softened its position after Iran agreed to return spent the nuclear fuel from the reactor to Russia — a measure aimed to ensure it doesn't extract plutonium to make atomic bombs. Russia says there is no evidence that Iran is seeking nuclear weapons and has joined China in weakening Western-backed sanctions in the U.N. Security Council, arguing that punishing Tehran too harshly for its nuclear activities would be counterproductive.

"It is a regular meeting on the site, with Russians and the Iranian organizations which are working on the project now."

SERGEI NOVIKOV
ROSATOM SPOKESMAN

Official: Obama plans to slash deficit in half

By LIZ SIDOTI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama has committed hundreds of billions of dollars to help revive the economy and is working on a plan to cut the federal deficit in half by the end of his first term. Obama will touch on his efforts to restore fiscal discipline at a White House fiscal policy summit on Monday and in an address to Congress on Tuesday. On Thursday he plans to send at least a summary of his first budget request to Capitol Hill. The bottom line, said an administration official Saturday, is to halve the federal deficit to \$533 billion by the time his first term ends in 2013. He inherited a deficit of about \$1.3 trillion from former President George W. Bush. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the president has not yet released his budget for the fiscal year 2010, which begins Oct. 1, said the deficit will be shrunk by scaling back Iraq war spending, ending the temporary tax breaks enacted by the Bush administration for those making \$250,000 or more a year, and streamlining government. "We can't generate sustained growth without getting our deficits under control," Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address that seemed to preview his inten-

tions. He said his budget will be "sober in its assessments, honest in its accounting, and lays out in detail my strategy for investing in what we need, cutting what we don't, and restoring fiscal discipline." Republicans were not convinced. They said Obama's plan would hurt small businesses, including many filing taxes as individuals and possibly facing higher taxes under his plan. "I don't think raising taxes is a great idea," Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky told CNN's "State of the Union" on Sunday. "And when our good friends on the other side of the aisle say raising the taxes on the wealthy, what they're really talking about is small business." Obama's budget also is expected to take steps toward his campaign promises of establishing universal health care and lessening the country's reliance on foreign oil. Obama has pledged to make deficit reduction a priority both as a candidate and a president. But he also has said economic recovery must come first. Last week, he signed into law the \$787 billion stimulus measure that is meant to create jobs but certainly will add to the nation's skyrocketing national debt. He also is implementing the \$700 billion financial sector rescue passed on Bush's watch; about \$75 billion of which is being used toward Obama's plan to help homeowners facing foreclosure.

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Increasing literacy promoted at 24-hour reading marathon

By LANDRY LOCKER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Sigma Tau Delta hosted its seventh annual 24-Hour Marathon Reading Friday and Saturday in the English building's basement auditorium.

In order to raise money to combat illiteracy in the Lubbock community, the organization hosted the event from 3 p.m. Friday until 3 p.m. Saturday.

This year's reading featured selections from the works of Tech Creative Writing faculty members and was performed by about 100 readers. Participants included students, professors and children from local elementary schools.

Bonnie Krejci, the organization's vice president, said she would have liked to see more participation from people outside the

English Department.

"A goal of ours for next year's event is to encourage participation from people outside of the English Department," said Krejci, a senior English major from Denton. "We want people all around campus to come

We want people all around campus to come and support our cause not just people in the English Department.

BONNIE KREJCI
SIGMA TAU DELTA
VICE PRESIDENT

and support our cause, not just people in the English Department."

Krejci said it is important to encourage students to read things other than textbooks for classes.

"It is very important to get students to read literature," she said. "It not only increases your vocabulary,

but it also enriches your life." Richard Rice, associate English professor at Tech, said illiteracy is a problem in the Lubbock area that could lead to bigger problems.

"Illiteracy is a cyclical problem that can affect every walk of the community," Rice said. "People with low

literacy don't get good paying jobs which can lead to bad eating habits and no health care. It really is a problem that reaches beyond the local level and that is the message we are trying to get across."

This year's event included participation from members of the Texas Tech Chess Club who played chess from 6 p.m. until midnight as different pieces of literature were read.

Rice, who has participated in all seven of Sigma Tau Delta's marathon readings, said he appreciated the participation by the club and would like to see participation from more organizations around campus next year.

"We encourage all organizations on campus to participate in this event because spreading our message is much easier when more people come together," Rice said. "We would love to work with even more people outside of the English Department to make this great event even more effective and successful next year."

Rice said the theme for next year's event will not be decided for another six months, but a Dr. Seuss theme may be in the making.

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NO BONES ABOUT IT



PHOTO BY BETH MCELHANNON /The Daily Toreador
JAIME WALLACE, A sophomore anthropology major from Dallas, studies by quizzing herself on parts of the innominate bone for her Physical Anthropology lab class Wednesday in Holden Hall.

Microsoft explores educational link to video games

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Devin Krauter sits on the end of his bed, tapping buttons on his video game controller to shoot down alien beasts while chatting with other players through a headset, texting on his cell phone and talking to a visitor.

The 17-year-old high school junior is ranked by a video game Web site among the best players at "Gears of War 2," in which soldiers attack the enemy with an assault rifle that has a mounted chain saw bayonet. He says the game teaches him to think on his feet — and that he thinks about succeeding, not slaying.

That intrigues Microsoft Corp. The software company, which publishes "Gears of War," is studying the reactions of avid gamers to see whether video gaming can promote learning skills that carry over to the classroom.

"We want to figure out what's compelling about the games," said John Nordlinger, head of gaming research for Microsoft. "If we can find out how to make the games fun and not make them so violent, that would be ideal."

Microsoft has put up \$1.5 million to start The Games for Learning Institute, a joint venture with New York University and other colleges. The goal of the research is to see whether video games — and not just software specifically designed to be educational — can draw students into math, science and technology-based programs.

The institute has begun lining up middle school students to study.

Microsoft is not the first to explore whether video games could enhance education. For instance, University of Wisconsin researchers have found that playing "World of Warcraft" can encourage scientific thinking. The researchers noticed that players used mathematics and models to deal with situations in the game's fantasy world.

Even so, groups that monitor gaming say Microsoft's entry into the research will bring needed money and credibility. Many studies so far have focused on educational games, not shooter games.

"There isn't a lot of good research out there," said Linda Burch, chief program and strategy officer for Common Sense Media.

Parents also want a closer look at potential long-term psychological and sociological effects on frequent game players.

"I would hope that the goal is to have video games that can help develop reaction and problem-solving skills, without blowing everything up in sight," said Dave Walsh, president of National Institute on Media and the Family in Minneapolis.

Microsoft chief researcher Craig Mundie said during a visit to the company's Fargo campus that games could stimulate educational abilities by helping people develop "a higher-order cognitive capability."

Many shooter games force players to track "how many bullets and bombs and missiles do I have, and how do I spend and where do I go get more of them," Mundie said. In "Gears of War," players must navigate underground tunnels and buildings, monitor weapons systems, gauge their health and find places to take cover.

The idea that there is broader educational value in such activities is sure to find skeptics.

Vince Repesh, a counselor at the

University of Minnesota at Duluth, said he fears that gaming is replacing education, not adding to it. He recalled a couple of students coming to him for help after they got hooked on "World of Warcraft." One student had gone from straight As to flunking out.

"I accused him of coming in loaded from smoking dope, he looked so bad," Repesh said. "Turns out he had been up for 28 hours straight playing the game."

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Chopp, president of Colgate University since 2002, was selected by Swarthmore's board of managers on Saturday.

She succeeds Alfred Bloom, Swarthmore's president since 1991, who announced in May that he would step down. He is becoming vice chancellor of New York University Abu Dhabi.

Bloom has been credited with revitalizing Swarthmore's honors program, broadening its multicultural curriculum, expanding foreign study and renovating and building academic buildings.

"Succeeding Al Bloom is a daunting prospect," said Tom Spock, a Swarthmore alumnus who chaired the 12-member presidential search committee. "But (Chopp's) deep commitment to the liberal arts, along with her proven administrative talents, make her the ideal president to move the college forward."

Chopp, 56, a scholar of religion and American culture, has written or edited five books and has published more than 50 articles in her areas of expertise.

Colgate said that during Chopp's tenure as president, admission applications and alumni giving sharply rose; the university's two-year-old fundraising campaign has raised more than \$300 million.

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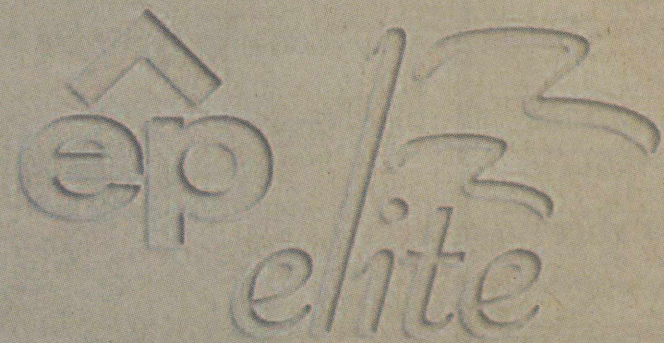


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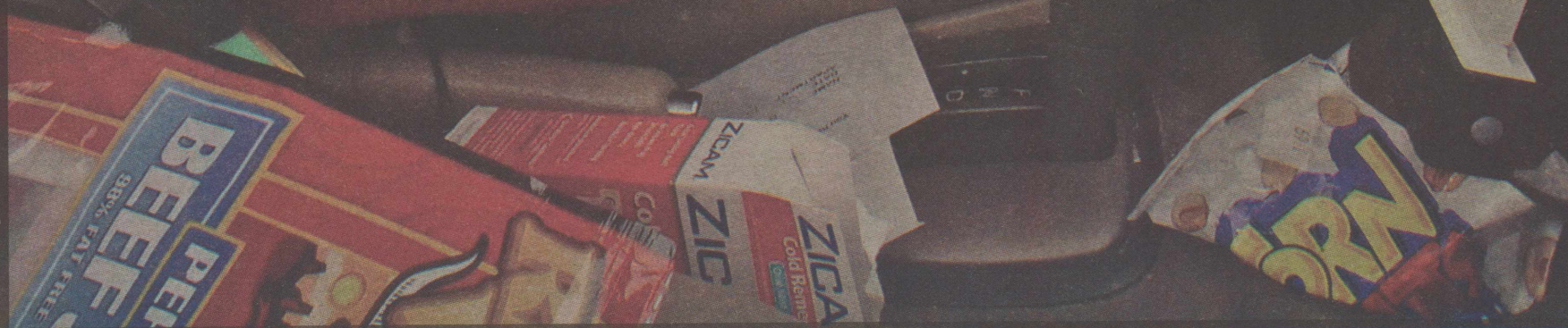
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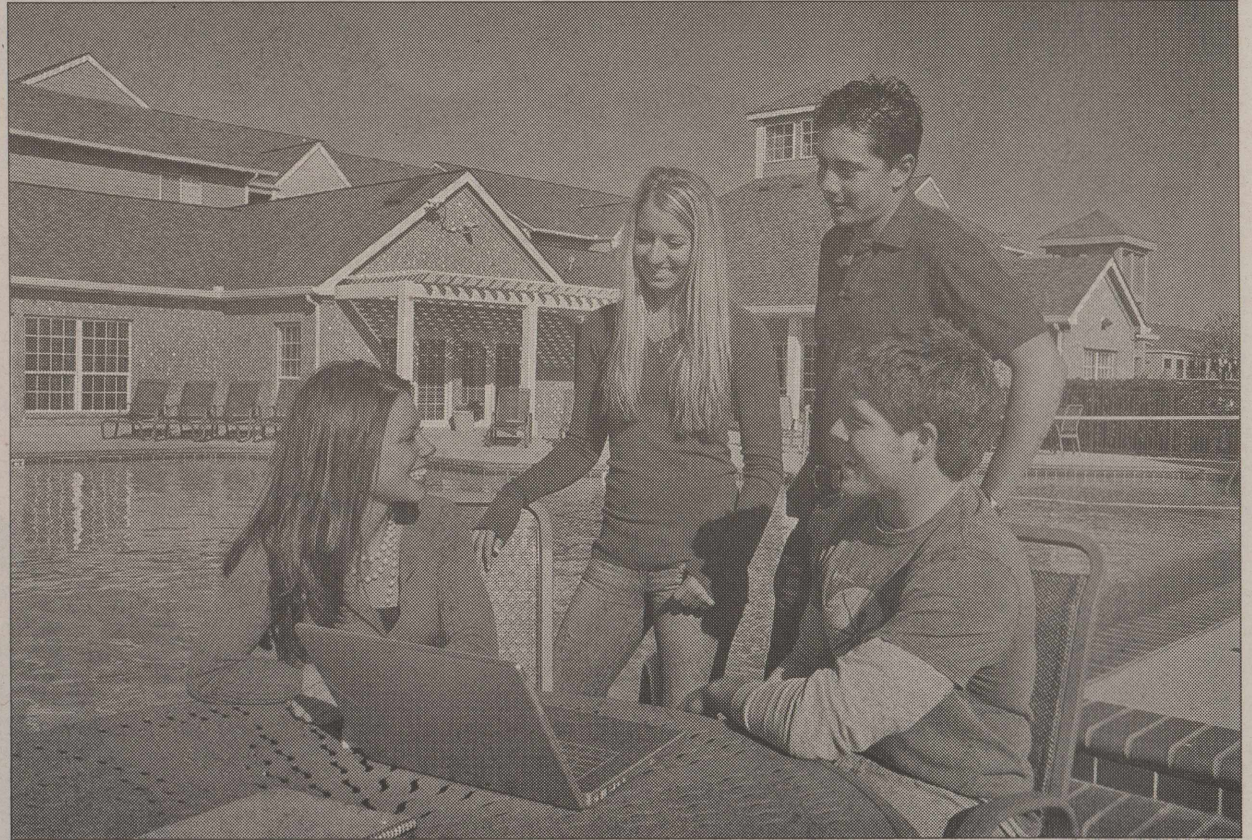
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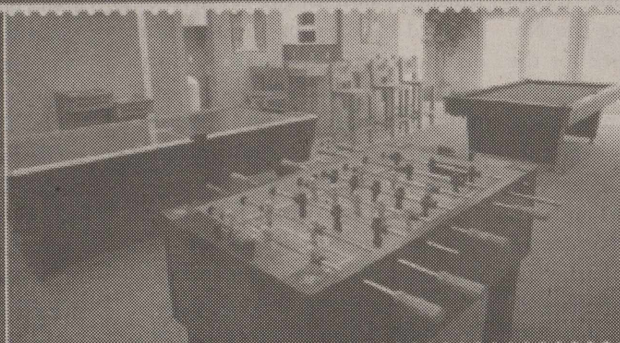
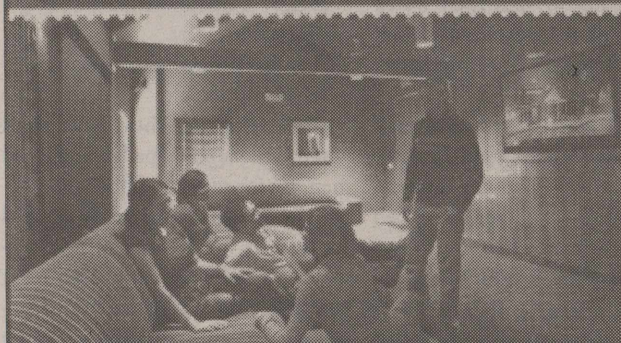
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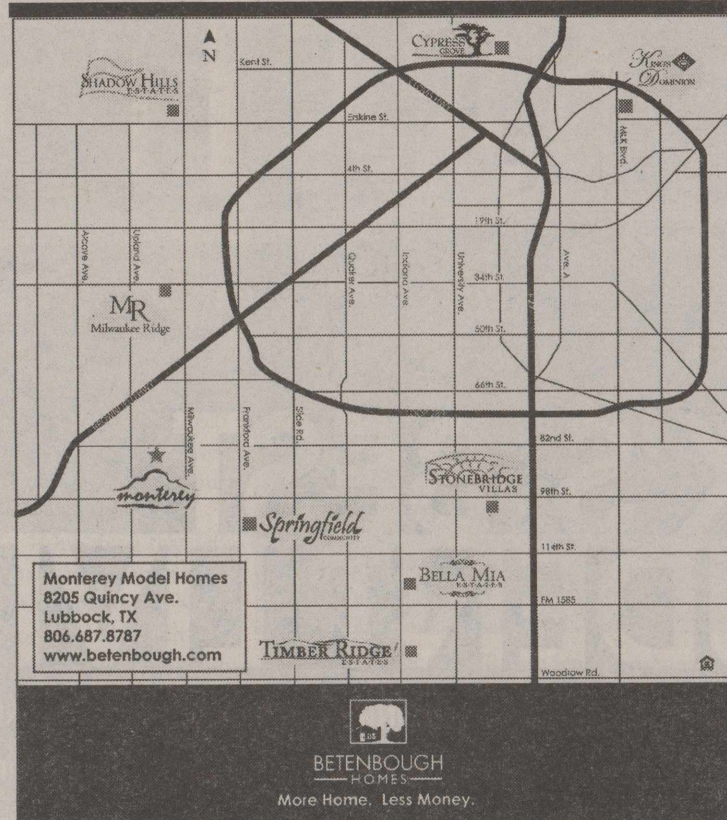
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U. Nebraska picks up recycling efforts

By COURTNEY PITTS
DAILY NEBRASKAN (U. NEBRASKA)

The nation celebrates Earth Day on April 22 each year, but for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, every day is Earth Day.

With the continued support of faculty and students, the university recycled nearly 35 percent of its waste in 2008, despite ever-increasing amounts of trash from a growing student body.

"Instead of emphasizing individual days to recycle, it's been a goal of UNL's to put together a program that constantly recycles year-round," said Keith Ebbert, recycling coordinator and UNL graduate student in community and regional planning.

The recycling program might be booming, but it hasn't always been this way.

In 2000, the program suffered budget cuts and was left without a recycling coordinator.

"There was sort of a shift, and there were a couple of years in there where the program was pretty mediocre," said Rich Wahl, construction manager for Facilities Management and Planning Landscape Services.

In 2004 and 2005, the university filled the recycling coordinating position with a graduate student post. Since then, the program has begun to pick up — literally. Waste reduction climbed from a mere 12 percent to 35 percent.

"The university as a whole has really come up to bat and has done very well," Wahl said.

UNL practices the three "R's": reduce, reuse and recycle.

Most recycling happens within the housing department. After all, housing accounts for almost 70 percent of campus waste, said Glen Schumann, associate director of housing facilities operations.

Students in the residence halls can recycle aluminum cans, plastic bottles and cardboard.

"We don't have bins for glass, because, frankly, we don't use a lot of glass on campus," Schumann said.

Chances are, however, if a glass

bottle is thrown in with the plastic bottles, it will get sorted out and recycled.

"Most of our waste actually comes from dining services," Schumann said.

Dining services recycles tin cans, cardboard and some plastics.

That's not all housing does: They also reuse materials.

"If we have leftover paint or lumber, we call the theater department, and they use it in productions," Schumann said. "Our approach is that anytime we have something to throw away, we ask the question and find out if there is a place for it."

"All that will be recycled," he said as he pointed to a pile of boxes, folders and paper stacked in a corner of his office.

Schumann admitted the university hasn't found a place for every reusable material, but it's trying.

The university has even found a company that reuses grease from food services and another that will recycle UNL's hundreds of old phones taken out of the residence halls this fall.

"The whole campus is into recycling," Schumann said. "It's a campus-wide effort."

Landscape services also finds ways to reuse and recycle.

"We take branches, brush and non-recyclable wood pallets and grind them up for mulch," Ebbert said.

Also, the university has requested contractors involved in all new construction and renovations to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Standards, meaning leftover building materials will be reused instead of sent to the landfill.

"Statistics tell us that 40 percent of landfill waste comes from new construction, so it's important to build to LEED standards," Ebbert said.

Despite all the success the program has had, UNL could do more to educate students, Schumann said.

"Availability and emphasis on recycling in dorms and greek houses could be improved," Katie Heineman, a junior biological sciences major at UNL, wrote in an e-mail.

Heineman is the garden chair of Ecology Now!, a student organization that strives to increase awareness of environmental issues on campus.

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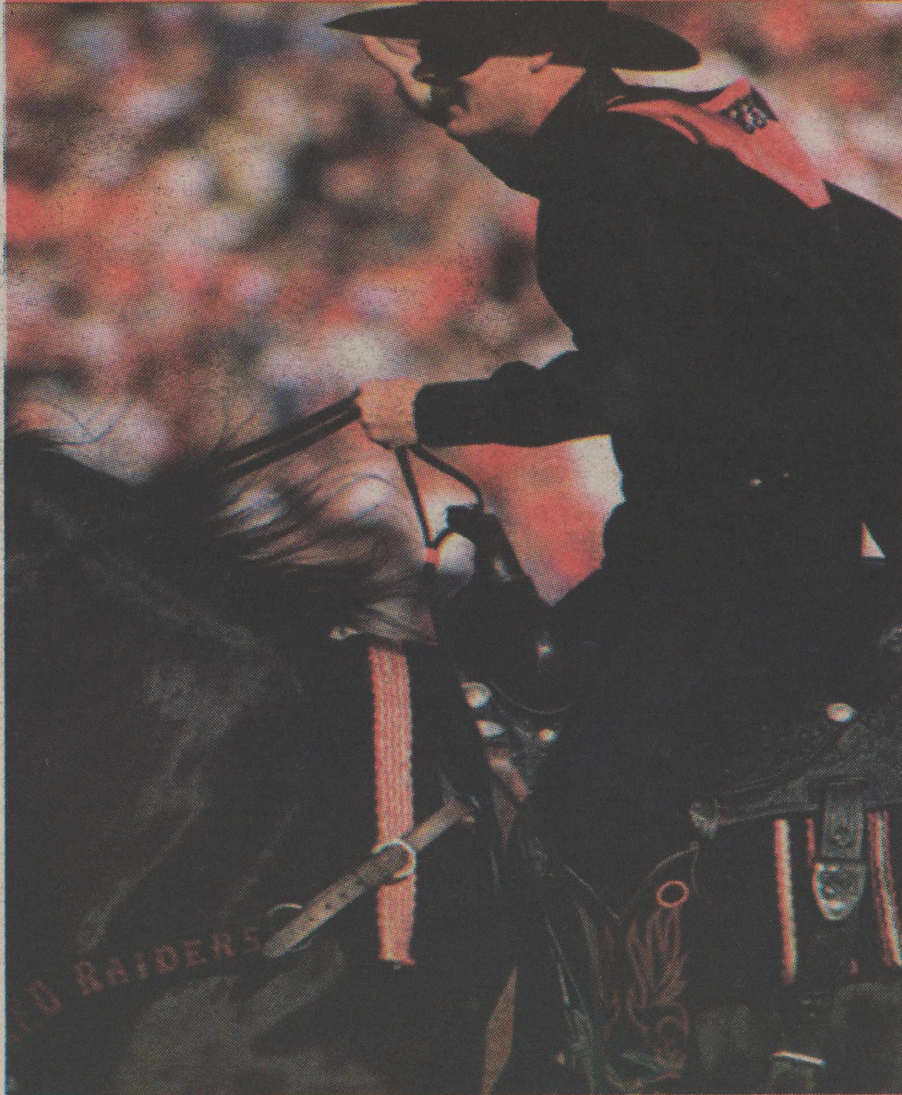


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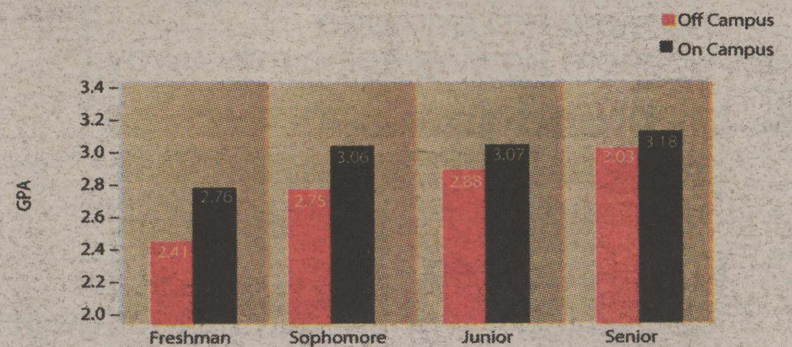


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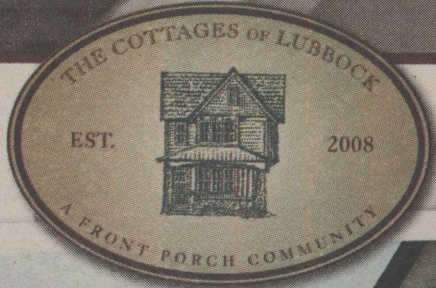
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On-campus housing provides convenience, value to students

Living in Lubbock, how many people can say they live somewhere that is at least three stories and has a view of the Texas Tech campus?

Those who are living in houses or apartments can't say that; the bragging rights are reserved for those students living on campus.

While freshmen are required to live on campus at Tech, the perks of living on campus are too appealing to leave at the conclusion of the first year.

Tech has dozens of choices for housing on campus, each of which offers benefits such as learning communities, dining halls or Sam's Place, close proximity to classes as well as the library and recreation center, and a residence hall full of future friends.

But the benefits go beyond that.

Statistics from a grade point average comparison of on-campus and off-campus students show that students living on campus consistently earn higher GPAs than their off-campus classmates. A study from 2007 found that sophomore students living on campus averaged just over a 3.0 GPA, while sophomore students living off campus earned an average GPA of 2.75.

It is no mistake that students living on campus have the upper hand when it comes to grades.

On campus living is designed to place the student in the perfect environment for academic success and personal development.

Students living on campus simply have less to worry about. All bills are included, meals are provided with your meal plan and class is just a short walk from your bedroom. If that's not enough

incentive for you, consider the chance to meet and mingle with your classmates at residence hall functions or in special interest groups and learning communities designed to help Tech students succeed.

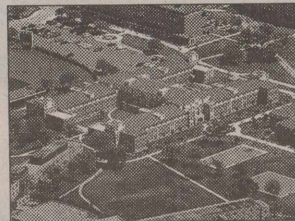
There seems to be a misconception at Tech that on-campus living is just for freshmen, and that moving off campus is the answer for the privacy of your own bedroom and bathroom.

In fact, there are several residence halls and on-campus communities in which single rooms are available. Older students should reconsider the distinct advantages of living on campus and the hassle and distractions of moving off campus when deciding where to live while pursuing their academic goals.

Students living on campus not only enjoy a convenient lifestyle conducive to academic success; they are presented with living options and opportunities unavailable to their classmates living off campus.

Texas Tech learning communities offer unique advantages unavailable to students living off campus.

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academic and personal interests.

Students are provided programming focused on those interests to increase access to faculty, academic staff and students pursuing common goals. And possibly the best part of Texas Tech learning communities: there is no additional cost.

Tech offers a variety of learning communities for different groups of students, ranging from college specific learning communities like the business community or the fine arts community to leadership communities, transfer student communities and many more.

Unique opportunities like University Student Housing learning communities and the incomparable convenience of living on campus set Texas Tech residence halls and housing communities apart from off-campus options and gives students access to the resources and support they need to be successful at Texas Tech.

SERVES UP



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MAYCI MEADOWS, A freshman from Briscoe, serves a volleyball Monday in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Stimulus to affect student aid

By HANNAH HOFFMAN
OREGON DAILY EMERALD (U. OREGON)

cial aid at Oregon, thinks spending is necessary during the current economic climate.

Sophomore Bre Klumph dreamed of going to the University of Oregon for college but would have likely gone to community college had it not been for an important factor: her federal financial aid. Klumph receives a Pell Grant and work study, both of which could see their stimulus package money cut if the Senate's version of the bill passes Tuesday.

The package passed through the House of Representatives in January. Republicans have criticized the bill for spending too much money and senators have reduced allocated spending for the federal work study program and higher education construction in an effort to trim down the package. The Senate bill also reduced the House's proposal for Pell Grant funding by about \$1 billion, though both bill versions allocate more to Pell Grants than there previously was.

Elizabeth Bickford, head of finan-

Regardless of which package passes, Bickford said the decision to add to Pell Grant funding, which is in both versions of the package, would directly affect University students.

More students will need financial aid during a recession, she said, and even returning students who don't have a Pell Grant now could receive one for next year.

"Our students will benefit from any increase in financial aid," she said.

Klumph said she certainly benefits. "If I didn't have that, I'd have to come up with the money some other way," she said, and noted that having another job or more loans would be close to impossible for her.

Aaron Polk, president of the College Republicans at the university, said, "I completely disagree with (the stimulus package). We've seen in history that we've never spent our way out of a recession."

CSUF Housing Authority struggles to fill homes, open to public

By MONZERRATH GONZALEZ
DAILY TITAN (CAL STATE-FULLERTON)

Cal State Fullerton's Housing Authority, which oversees three developments near campus, was formed with the goal of attracting quality faculty members with the promise of affordable housing close to the university.

Unfortunately, with many newly-constructed houses sitting vacant and few buyers showing interest, the Housing Authority is facing difficulties living up to its mission.

Originally open only to faculty buyers,

the Housing Authority is now attempting with little success to lease houses in the nearby University Height's development to anyone interested.

"Our homes are no longer attractively priced unless we reduce the price. If we reduce the price on the homes, we are taking a loss," Bill Dickerson, executive director of the Housing Authority, said.

After a successful venture with the University Gables housing project, an 86-home faculty community, the decision was made to create a new "exclusive enclave" to meet what was projected to be significant university housing demands.

After nearly two years on the market, only 16 of the 42 units of the development, located northeast of Harbor and Brea boulevards, have been sold, Bob Clark, a Century 21 broker associate, said. An additional five units are being leased.

The Housing Authority paid to have the homes constructed, and when they are not sold or leased, money is being lost, Clark said. "There is a cost to maintaining and servicing the loan that was required to build (the homes) so, that's where the motivation to open them up to the public (comes from)."

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Cornell Univ. financial aid policy targets select students

By SAM CROSS
CORNELL DAILY SUN (CORNELL U.)

The concept of need-based aid has long been a hallmark of Cornell's financial aid policy. However, the University's most recent financial aid policy, which in part reflects its desire to more aggressively recruit some select students, has raised controversy.

Last November, Cornell announced a new financial aid policy with three main components. For students with family incomes below \$60,000 and assets below \$100,000, the first component promises to eliminate parental contributions. For students whose families have annual incomes above \$120,000 but still need financial aid, the second component promises to cap need-based student loans at 7,500 annually. The third component addresses these selected students who will receive higher-quality aid, such as in grants rather than in loans.

With the smallest endowment and the largest student body in the Ivy League, Cornell administrators are looking to recruit students who are considered "enrollment priorities" more aggressively by providing better financial aid packages.

"We implemented this new financial aid initiative in order to become more competitive in our recruitment and enrollment of all students, particularly students who are a university enrollment priority," Doris Davis, associate provost for admissions and enrollment, stated in an e-mail.

A student becomes a University "enrollment priority" based on several criteria, including academic excellence, athleticism and race, Davis explained.

"Some of the students who are selected will be 'college scholars'; the selection of college scholars is done by each college ... Other students may be selected because they are an enrollment priority, such as students of color, athletes, and students from farm families -- these are just a few examples," Davis stated in an e-mail.

Many of the other Ivy League Schools were either unable to or chose not to comment on Cornell's new financial aid policy. Columbia spokesperson Robert Hornsby

explained in an e-mail that "we do not comment on another school's policy." As for Columbia's own financial aid policy, Hornsby did state that Columbia offers "no academic, athletic or talent-based institutional scholarships."

Cornell administrators maintain that the University does not offer scholarships either, since students who are receiving this merit-based aid are students in need of financial assistance.

"Cornell does not award financial aid based on merit, and neither does any of the other Ivy League schools," Davis stated in an e-mail. "Any student who qualifies for financial aid receives need-based financial aid. Again, we do not award merit-based financial aid."

Ryan Lavin '09, president of the S.A., said that while all students who qualify receive need-based aid, he noted that aid for select students who are enrollment priorities is calculated by a different formula.

Lavin, who also works in the University's admissions office, said that he was not speaking in any official capacity, but rather on his own behalf.

"While ... before [one] would say that the University gives 100 percent need-based aid to all students, this formula is different for selected students, who seem to now be getting 110 percent of their need," Lavin said. "The financial aid policy has always been very formulaic and I think this new program changes the tone of University policy."

Lavin said he would urge Cornell administrators to recognize some of the consequences of this new policy. With such a new policy, two students with the same need might be getting different financial aid packages, he said.

"While this is a very important effect that we must recognize as an institution, this new policy aligns with our goals and principles. We want to recruit great athletes and underrepresented parts of society and this program does that. This recruitment tool of selecting students for better aid has been long overdue," Lavin said.

In terms of the new program's adherence to the bylaws of the Ivy League, which regulates the athletic competition amongst the Ivies, states, "Athletes shall be admitted as students and awarded financial aid only on the basis of the same academic standards and economic need as are applied to all other students."

'Shock Doctrine' author addresses global financial ills

By CHRISTINA CHAEY
DAILY NORTHWESTERN (NORTHWESTERN U.)

In a talk at Northwestern University Monday, Naomi Klein doesn't believe in calling the Bush administration incompetent for its widely unpopular policies on the war in Iraq. Instead, she argues that the Iraq model of reconstruction has been "incredibly profitable."

"They're only incompetent if you believe that their goal is to better the lives of everyone on Earth," the journalist and international bestselling author told a crowd of about 150 community members and a handful of students in the Owen L. Coon Forum on Monday night.

Klein discussed her bestselling

book, "The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism," at an event hosted by Peace Project, a student advocacy group, and co-sponsored by Campus Activists. The event, which was originally planned for Jan. 26, was rescheduled last-minute after Klein unexpectedly cancelled.

In "The Shock Doctrine," Klein explores the history of America's involvement in free-market capitalism and how this ideology "came to sweep the globe."

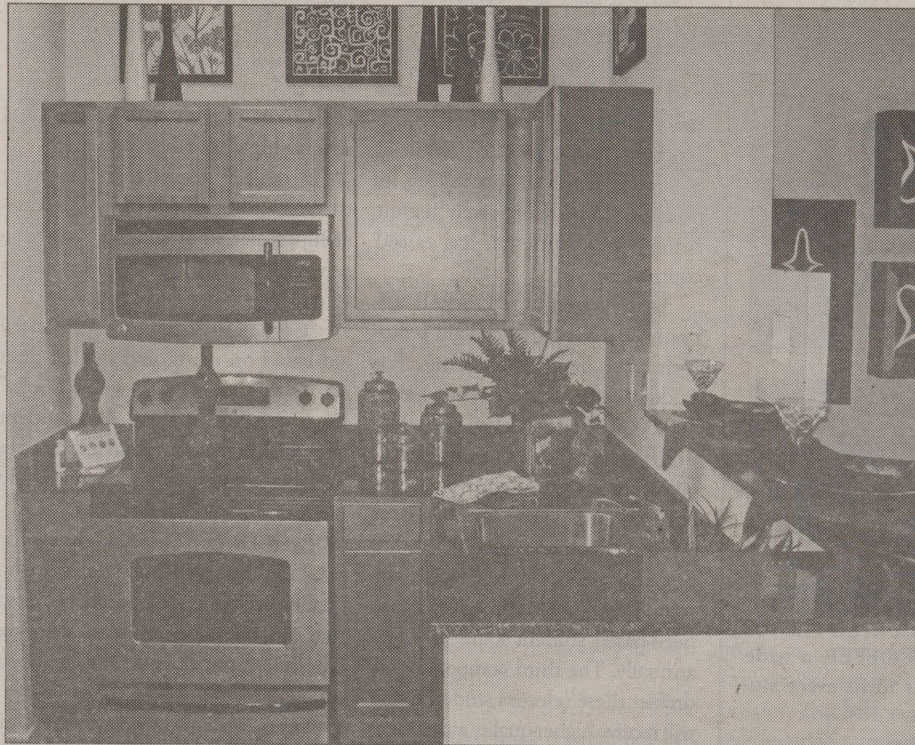
Klein extensively addressed the invasion of Iraq as an "extreme example" of the shock doctrine, describing the post-invasion Iraq as an "absolute capitalist Wild West." She also described the shock doctrine as a method to circumvent democracy.

"(Free-market fundamentalists) will seize on crises to get around democracy because normal times are inhospitable to their ideas," she said.

Klein tied the message of "The Shock Doctrine" to global current events and examples of large-scale shock that she has seen firsthand, such as Sri Lanka after Cyclone 04B in 2000 and post-invasion Iraq. Through her experiences, she said she has seen a recurring trend: the "tremendous hunger to participate in reconstruction" after a large-scale crisis.

"One of the great myths is that people who've suffered trauma can't go through the reconstruction process, when reconstruction is actually the key to healing from the trauma," she said.

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BEN HUTCHINSON, A junior electrical engineering major from New Braunfels, works on a circuit designed to control the speed of a motor Thursday in the electrical engineering lab.

TV Review: reasons to watch Demetri Martin

BY ZACHARY GROSS
 THE MIRROR (FAIRFIELD U.)

"This is a show about things," proclaimed comedian Demetri Martin at the start of his new program, "Important Things with Demetri Martin," which premiered last Wednesday on Comedy Central. It is, perhaps, the best way to describe the show.

Martin, a Yale graduate and NYU Law School dropout, has garnered a loyal fan base in recent years. He has released two comedy albums since 2006, was featured as a "youth correspondent" on "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" and in 2007 had his own hour-long Comedy Central special entitled "Demetri Martin. Person." His new series provides many more people the opportunity to experience his understated brand of humor.

Each episode of "Important Things" features Martin in various sketches and stand-up segments that are loosely based on one "important" subject. The topic Martin tackled in the first episode was timing. Some of the segments included a time traveling janitor who becomes a "Time Gigolo," a rookie cop who makes a fatal mistake and then celebrates by getting ice cream and "a guy who is too early for a rave" dancing in the streets of New

York City with a beach ball.

A sketch where Martin played an actor who cannot turn his anger on for the camera, which featured a cameo from actress Amanda Peet, was particularly hilarious. A fake commercial for De Veers diamonds—in which there is a ring for every occasion—went on a bit too long, but generally the segments were just the right length. Humorous animations drawn by Martin were spliced in between sketches to help ensure that no one segment overstayed its welcome.

Martin's comedic brilliance shone through during the stand-up portions of the show. He did what he does best during his "demonstration," in which he played a harmonica, keyboard, guitar and bells simultaneously while flipping the pages of a giant note pad. The jokes were based on Martin's rudimentary drawings; with a simple caption change and page turn, a picture of a button became a disappointing pepperoni pizza and a drawing of a sunset became a bald man sitting behind a table.

Non-sequiturs are Martin's strong suit, and "Important Things" follows this concept. There is no real logic to the show's organization, something that mirrors his random one-liners. In the first episode, for example, he broke down the terminology

of time (explaining such terms as millivanillisecond, equal to the amount of time in which Milli Vanilli was popular) and then moved on to a joke about how onion rings are often impatient.

At the end of the episode, Martin flipped to a page on his pad that read, "By the way, I'm not an idiot."

Of course, Martin need not state this; loyal fans and viewers of his show know that he is a sharp observational comic who employs the perfect blend of self-deprecation and absurdity to produce laugh-out-loud results.

More than 2.4 million viewers watched the first episode of "Important Things," making it Comedy Central's biggest premiere since the debut of "Chappelle's Show" six years ago, according to The Hollywood Reporter Web site. Such impressive ratings are a sign that we will be learning many more "Important Things" from Martin in the future.

To watch "Important Things," you can download a sneak peek of a forthcoming episode entitled "Coolness" for free on iTunes. Some of the series' clips are available on Comedy Central's Web site, but your best bet is to tune into Comedy Central on Wednesday nights at 10:30 p.m. to catch this smart and funny series.

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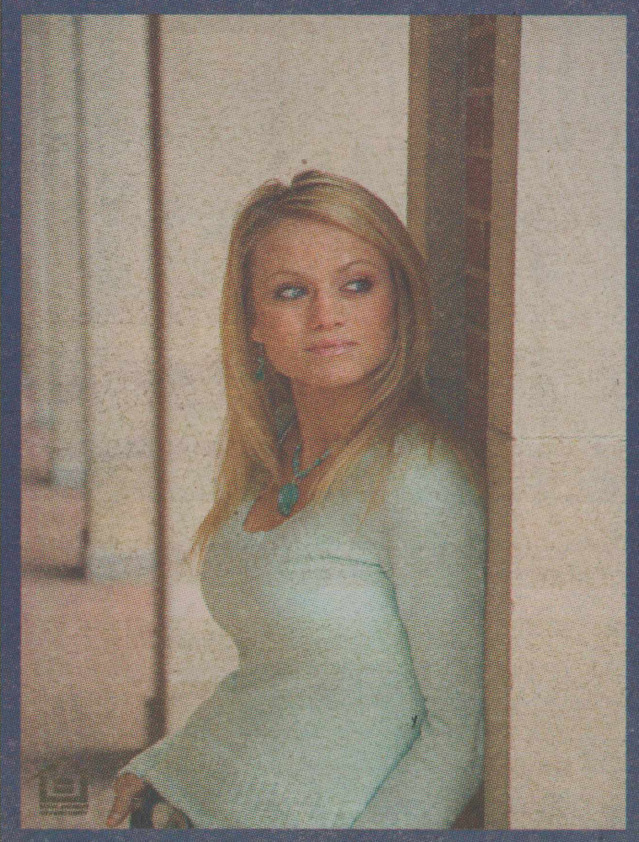
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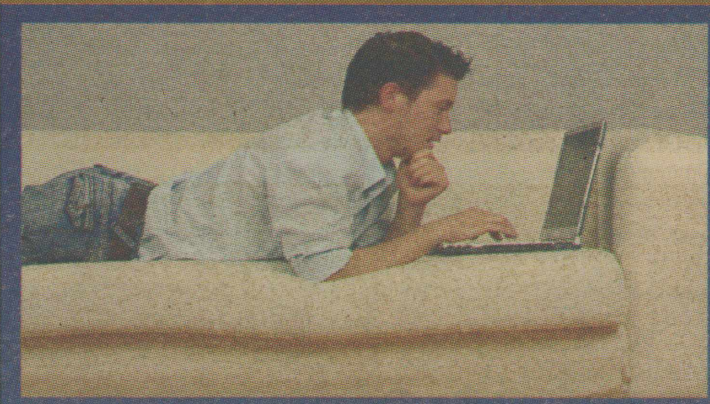
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PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — First comes the bearer of bad news — that a loved one has died in combat. Then comes the bearer of the loved one — the military escort who brings the fallen home.

Kevin Bacon's HBO drama "Taking Chance" chronicles a home-front saga little-known to most Americans — the procedures and protocols followed in tending to our battle casualties and the honors paid them on their last journey.

Based on a true story, the film stars Bacon as Marine Lt. Col. Michael Strobl, a career officer who volunteered to escort the body of Lance Cpl. Chance Phelps back to his family in Wyoming after the 19-year-old was killed in Iraq in April 2004.

Then based in Quantico, Va., Strobl traveled to the military mortuary at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, where Phelps' body was prepared.

The film depicts the agonizing attention devoted to slain troops. Blood and grime scrubbed from dog tags, watches and other personal effects. Hands carefully cleaned, though they will be concealed by white gloves. Uniforms and medals meticulously arranged, even in cases of closed-casket funerals.

And that's just the beginning. Along the way, escorts and other military personnel must solemnly salute the dead each time their bodies are taken off a hearse or loaded onto a plane.

"It never occurred to me, the painstaking detail," Bacon said in an interview alongside Strobl at January's Sundance Film Festival, where "Taking Chance" premiered. (It will make its HBO debut Saturday.)

"The fact that the honors are rendered when the remains are moved from one place to another. I was like, you're kidding? I mean, wow. I was

really stunned, and then I think that's in a way what the essence of the movie is. You tell this very, very simple, specific story about this guy and this kid and this one journey, then hopefully, people start to think about the bigger picture of the families and the loss of life and the sacrifice."

Along the way, Bacon's Strobl encounters little moments of compassion and communal grief with strangers who never catch a glimpse of Phelps but are moved by the young man's voyage home.

A civilian hearse driver explains he took the job partly in honor of friends wounded or killed in Iraq. An airline clerk upgrades Strobl to first-class with a somber thank you for his escort duty. A flight attendant gives him a gold crucifix. An airline pilot who — like Strobl, served in Desert Storm — joins in saluting Phelps.

"People you can presume repre-

sented the whole spectrum of views on our policies, they all, without exception, were grateful for Chance and saddened by the loss," said Strobl, who retired from the Marines in 2007 and now works a civilian job at the Pentagon.

Escorts are required to keep detailed factual records of their trips. As Strobl continued to meet people touched by Phelps, his record changed from by-the-numbers details to a personal journal.

Strobl shared it with colleagues, and the story eventually made its way to executive producer Brad Krevoy, who brought the project to HBO.

Ross Katz, a producer on such films as "Lost in Translation" and "In the Bedroom," collaborated with Strobl to write the screenplay and also made his directing debut on "Taking Chance."

Like Bacon, Katz initially hesitated, uncertain he wanted to take on an

Iraq film, a sub-genre that generally has failed to find an audience among war-weary Americans.

The tipping point that convinced Katz to direct "Taking Chance" was when he caught a TV news item one night about the latest casualties from a roadside bomb in Iraq.

Normally very engaged with international news, Katz said he felt nothing, that he was completely desensitized by the onslaught of similar wartime tragedies.

"I remember going outside, walking down the street ... and everybody was running off to dinner, living their lives in busy Manhattan," Katz said. "I thought to myself, a parent right now is getting a knock on the door, and some Marine or airman or Army soldier is informing that parent that their child has died. Why is everything normal outside? Shouldn't the world stop for a second?"

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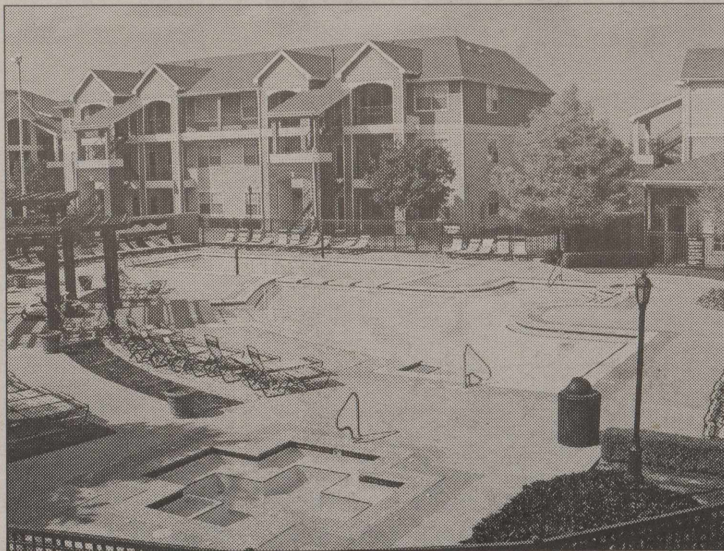
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Bacterial meningitis cases at U. Penn improve

By **MATTHEW BURNARD**
DAILY PENNSYLVANIAN (U. PENN)

The first University of Pennsylvania student diagnosed with meningococcal infection last Thursday was discharged from hospital Tuesday, and the other two students are both doing well, according to Student Health Service officials.

The second student has been moved from the Intensive Care Unit to another room in the hospital, and the third is expected to leave the ICU as soon as a bed in another ward becomes available, SHS director Evelyn Wiener said.

She also confirmed Tuesday two of the three Penn students - and likely the third as well - were infected with strain B, the only one of the five strains for which no known vaccine has been developed.

The vaccine protects against the four other strains, known as A, C, Y and W-153.

However, SHS is confident the antibiotic it has been using will be effective in fighting this strain, she added.

SHS is also still trying to confirm whether the two students admitted to hospital over the weekend with flu-like

symptoms truly have meningococcal infection, Wiener added, although both are currently in stable condition.

A few other students have been hospitalized for flu-like symptoms and other ailments that are usually seen at this time of year, like pneumonia, Wiener said, but they are unrelated to the original meningococcal cases.

She added that with some students, SHS is being cautious by them in for testing and observation, but that there have been no more suspected cases of the infection.

"If we were to see any other suspected case, we would indeed make that announcement," she said.

Most Penn students became aware of the situation Thursday afternoon, when SHS sent a Universitywide e-mail announcing that two students had been hospitalized with the infection.

SHS subsequently began to dispense preventative antibiotics to more than 3,000 students over the weekend.

However, "from an epidemiological standpoint," Wiener said, the outbreak is not officially over.

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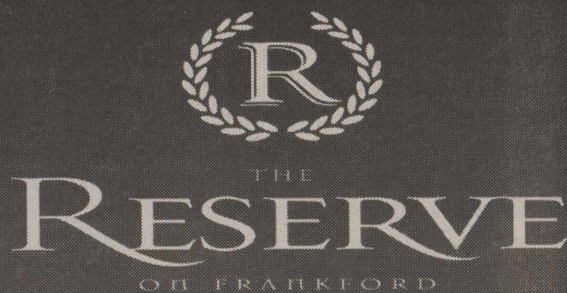
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NY Post cartoon seems to link Obama to dead chimp

NEW YORK (AP) — A New York Post cartoon that some have interpreted as comparing President Barack Obama to a violent chimpanzee gunned down by police drew outrage Wednesday from civil rights leaders and elected officials who said it echoed racist stereotypes of blacks as monkeys.

The cartoon in Wednesday's Post by Sean Delonas shows two police officers, one with a smoking gun, standing over the body of a bullet-riddled chimp. The caption reads: "They'll have to find someone else to write the

next stimulus bill."

The cartoon refers to a chimpanzee named Travis who was killed Monday by police in Stamford, Conn., after it mauled a friend of its owner.

Obama signed his administration's economic stimulus plan on Tuesday.

Critics called the cartoon racist and said it trivialized a tragedy in which a woman was disfigured and a chimpanzee killed. Many urged a boycott of the Post and the companies that advertise in it.

"How could the Post let this

cartoon pass as satire?" said Barbara Ciara, president of the National Association of Black Journalists. "To compare the nation's first African-American commander in chief to a dead chimpanzee is nothing short of racist drivel."

The Rev. Al Sharpton called the cartoon "troubling at best given the historic racist attacks of African-Americans as being synonymous with monkeys."

Sharpton planned to picket the Post on Thursday along with others.

Col Allan, editor-in-chief of

the Post, defended the work.

"The cartoon is a clear parody of a current news event, to wit the shooting of a violent chimpanzee in Connecticut," Allan said in a statement. "It broadly mocks Washington's efforts to revive the economy. Again, Al Sharpton reveals himself as nothing more than a publicity opportunist."

The cartoon drew hundreds of comments on the Internet including at the liberal Huffington Post, where columnist Sam Stein wrote: "At its most benign, the cartoon suggests that the stimulus bill was so bad, monkeys may as well have

written it. Most provocatively, it compares the president to a rabid chimp."

It is not the first time that Delonas, the longtime cartoonist for the Post's Page Six, has raised eyebrows with a heavy-handed caricature.

An earlier Delonas cartoon made fun of Paul McCartney's ex-wife Heather Mills for having only one leg, and another compared gay people seeking marriage licenses to sheep lovers. In a cartoon last month, an enormous Jessica Simpson dumps boyfriend Tony Romo for Ronald



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Toni Rae Gorcie, an ADRS major from Katy, especially enjoys the pools during the summertime.

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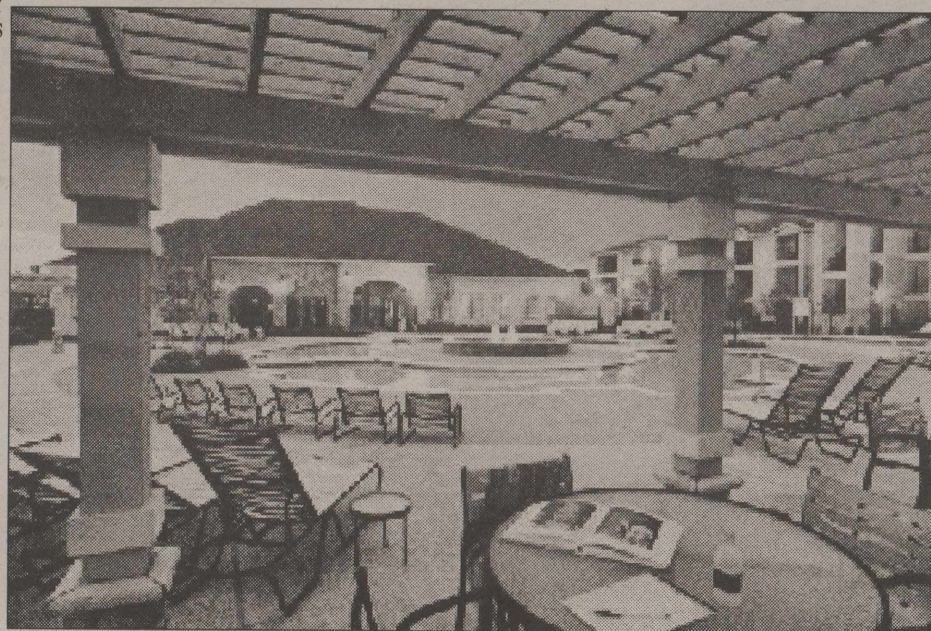
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Notre Dame sophomore calls for Subway boycott

By SARAH MERVOSH
THE OBSERVER (NOTRE DAME)

Notre Dame sophomore John Traub is calling for a boycott of Subway sandwiches because the Subway in LaFortune does not offer the famous \$5 footlong deal that is offered at other Subways across the nation.

"Basically every time I get Subway it's in the back of my mind that I wish we had \$5 footlongs and until a few weeks ago I figured there was no way to change that," Traub said.

Traub initially contacted Subway to find out why the deal was not in place,

and the manager said that it would not be a good business decision to implement it, Traub said.

After receiving what Traub felt was an unsatisfactory response from the manager, he created a Facebook group, called "Fighting for Footlongs," to see if other students would be interested.

Sophomore James Hinckley, who is boycotting Subway along with Traub, said that within three hours of its creation, the group had a few hundred members, and within about a day, the group had more than a thousand members.

"I realized everyone felt the same way as me. They wanted \$5 footlongs," Traub said.

Hinckley said that because of the Flex Point system, "they can get away with charging more per sandwich than people are aware of."

After seeing that other students were interested, Traub and Hinckley, along with sophomores Colin McNamara, Andrew Baeckstrom and Dom Golab, submitted a letter to The Observer calling for the boycott of Subway.

Hinckley said he didn't see a significant jump in group membership after

The Observer printed their Letter to the Editor, but the group currently has over 1,400 members.

Traub said he started discussions in the Facebook group about the possibility of creating T-shirts and pamphlets.

The next step, Traub said, is to meet with student government and work on focusing the boycott to a specific amount of time, like one week, so that it will be more effective.

Traub said he plans to meet with student body vice president Grant Schmidt in the next week to discuss options.

It is each student's individual choice whether or not to eat Subway, Traub said, but he personally "[doesn't] plan on buying it any time soon."

"It's tough at 8 o'clock when it's kind of too late to go to the dining hall and they're no other options really, but I've been getting by," Traub said.

Hinckley has also been surviving without eating Subway.

"I haven't been eating Subway for a long time because of the \$5 footlong deal," Hinckley said. "I'm having to eat more at the dining hall which I guess is punishment enough."

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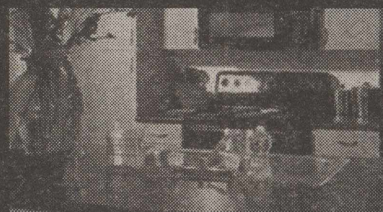
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Wyoming unveils two new energy-related programs

By **JUSTIN EARNSHAW**
BRANDING IRON (U. WYOMING)

The University of Wyoming is introducing two new energy-focused undergrad programs, Energy Resource Science and Energy Systems Engineering, both of which will yield a B.S. degree upon completion.

"Both degree programs will prepare students to meet the challenges of a complex energy future, in which we will have to develop new science and technology to meet the world's needs," Myron Allen, UW provost, said.

The Department of Mechanical Engineering in the College of Engineering and Applied Science will serve as the home of the ESE program.

"The program is interdisciplinary, based in engineering but branching out into law, economics and other studies," Dick Schmidt, associate dean of CEAS, said.

"There really is no other program like it in the nation. The program will be very rigorous, but the grads will have technical skills as well as knowledge over the issues they will meet in the profession," Schmidt said.

The ESE program grew out of the greater demand energy companies have for more traditional engineers whose knowledge complements the other energy studies.

"The expansion into alternative energies and conservation requires students to have a larger knowledge of

many of the intricacies these new careers have," Schmidt said.

The School of Energy Resources carried similar sentiments in the creation of their new ERS program.

"The goal of the ERS degree is to offer a diverse curriculum that combines engineering, science, business, law and natural resources content to build a fundamental understanding of interaction and tradeoffs between energy, environment, policy and the economy," Mark Northam, SER director, said.

The program will require collaboration with the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Engineering and Applied Science, Agriculture, Business, Education and Law and the Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources.

New energy projects frequently require engineers to confront environmental laws, energy economics and legal issues such as permits and land ownership, as well as the search for alternative fuels that differ from the traditional carbon-based, non-renewable fuels in large use today.

The programs were approved by the UW Board of Trustees last week, and will be instated in the fall.

More information will be available about the programs as registration for the fall semester nears.

The School of Energy Resources plans on having tables set up in the Wyoming Union Breezeway during the first two weeks of March for education and general information.

'Eating disorders don't discriminate'

By **ANNA KOWALCZYK**
THE DIAMONDBACK (U. MARYLAND)

Almost a year ago, Patrick Bergstrom was told he only had twelve months to live - unless he swallowed his pride and sought help.

"In March, it'll have been one year," Bergstrom said. "And I am not dead."

Bergstrom, a 25-year-old Maryland native and former Division III lacrosse player at Wesley College, was diagnosed with anorexia nervosa in 2007.

Last night, Bergstrom talked about his fight to survive to an intimate group of about 10 University of Maryland students and faculty members at the Center for Health and Wellbeing's "I Choose to Live" presentation.

After 30 days of in-patient treatment and months of therapy, Berg-

strom chose to tell his story - both through in-person presentations and on his Web site, www.ichosetolive.com - in hopes of helping others understand that "eating disorders don't discriminate."

"If I reach only one person in a group of five or 500, I've made a difference," he said. "I want to bring hope and inspiration to others."

Tracy Zeeger, the coordinator of the Center for Health and Wellbeing, said she invited Bergstrom to speak to dispel the common misconception that men, especially athletes, cannot fall victim to eating disorders.

"It is not just a woman's issue," Zeeger said. "It affects men, too."

She added that about 1 percent of males at this university suffer from anorexia, and about 1 percent suffer from bulimia.

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Review: 'Eleven Minutes' is only skin deep

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP Movie Critic

Even if you're a devoted fan of "Project Runway" — or, maybe especially if you are one — you'll find "Eleven Minutes," the documentary about first-season winner Jay McCarroll seriously lacking.

Sure, the behind-the-scenes details are intriguing as we watch what it takes for the reality TV star to put together his debut show during New York Fashion Week. As a designer, McCarroll has a definite vision, a '60s look inspired by hot air balloons and zeppelins, and the cameras follow him around for a year as he struggles to make his 11-minute show a reality. That means everything from shaping off-kilter wigs and casting models to sewing his own clothes by hand and stressing out when the shoes he ordered haven't arrived an hour before showtime.

But co-directors Michael Selditch and Rob Tate have too much reverence for McCarroll as an artist and as a larger-than-life persona. He made his mark on television with his brash flamboyance and biting

wit, which carries him through the many challenges he faces on the way to presenting his designs to a critical crowd. He can be profane and rude and self-involved — "I can't see because the (expletive) camera guy is in the way," he complains at one point — but he's always brutally honest, which is played for laughs.

And you've gotta love his twisted take on an industry in which gauging what's going to be hot is all that matters: "I would love to show (my designs) on albinos," he says, "but I have to get my foot in the door a little bit more, you know what I mean?"

Considering that McCarroll is in pretty much every frame of the movie, though, we never really get to know what moves and drives him as a person. We see the ugly parts of his personality but they never make him human; they feel more like quirks. He's surrounded by a publicist, assistants and a product designer, but they don't flesh him out either. They're just cogs in his high-energy machine.

In the very beginning, he laments feeling lonely when he sees

other people in love, and he wonders whether he'll ever be deserving of such love himself — but Selditch and Tate never come back to that. At one point McCarroll describes himself as "the poster boy for angry insecurity," something else they should have explored.

Instead, they needlessly pad their movie with sped-up sequences of the tents being erected in Manhattan's Bryant Park, with overhead shots of McCarroll furiously sketching away. He reads e-mails from adoring fans worldwide, and even those few that are critical — like one from a person who hopes he dies of a heart attack — seem too ridiculous to take seriously.

Ultimately, on the big day, when reporters are asking him the same questions over and over and he keeps dropping F-bombs into his answers, McCarroll whines, "I don't want to talk about 'Project Runway' anymore!" But what he represents, as yet another reality TV star trying to make it big on his own once the cameras have been turned off, is a larger and more complex story than you can tell in "Eleven Minutes."

Director: Jackie Chan film too violent for China

HONG KONG (AP) — Jackie Chan, the comical kung fu king, is starring in a new movie so violent that its director decided not to release it in mainland China, which doesn't have a film ratings system.

Hong Kong director Derek Yee told The Associated Press on Monday that he considered toning down the violence in "Shinjuku Incident" so it could pass censorship in China, but decided not to because he thought it would hurt the integrity of the movie.

Yee said the \$25 million Chinese-language movie, in which Chan plays a refugee who escapes to Japan and becomes a killer for the mob, has scenes that show characters getting a hand chopped off and pierced with knives.

"We tried to cut the violent scenes to meet the requirements of the Chinese market, but producers I invited to watch that version thought it was incomplete," he said.

Yee said Chan, who invested in the movie, agreed with his decision.

Solon So, chief executive of Chan's

company, JC Group, confirmed Yee's account.

China doesn't have a ratings system, so every movie is released for all audiences. Chinese censors are also wary of subject matter that is politically sensitive, like Tibet or the military crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 1989.

Yee said he wasn't worried about the film's setting of Japan — another sensitive topic in China.

"For us, the problem was just the violence," he said.

Sino-Japanese relations remain tense because of Japan's brutal occupation of China during World War II. The 2005 Hollywood film "Memoirs of a Geisha" was not released on the mainland apparently because the sight of Chinese actresses Zhang Ziyi and Gong Li portraying Japanese entertainers would offend viewers.

Yee's decision also had financial implications because the film is expensive by Asian standards and China is an increasingly important market, where a hit movie can make millions of U.S. dollars.

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