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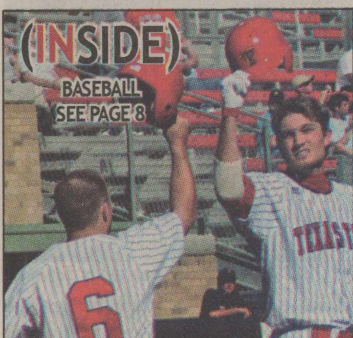
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## STATE

### Texas arrests dismantle mafia drug operation

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Federal authorities said Wednesday that a Mexican Mafia gang that's been trafficking methamphetamine in two West Texas cities since 2004 has been dismantled.

Six people were arrested Wednesday morning in San Angelo and eight were already in state custody on related charges, a release from the U.S. Attorney's Office states. One man is still being sought.

They are named in a 15-count federal indictment that alleges conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine.

## NATION

### House Dems pass \$410B spending bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democratic-controlled House pushed through a \$410 billion measure Wednesday that boosted domestic programs, bristled with earmarks and chipped away at policies left behind by the Bush administration.

The vote was 245-178, largely along party lines.

Republicans assailed the measure as too costly — particularly on the heels of a \$787 billion stimulus bill that President Barack Obama signed last week. But Democrats jabbed back.

"The same people who drove the economy into the ditch are now complaining about the size of the tow truck," said Rep. James McGovern, D-Mass., pointing out the large increase in deficits that President George W. Bush and GOP-controlled Congresses amassed.

## WORLD

### SKorea says NKorea is likely to fire missile

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Senior intelligence officials told South Korean lawmakers Wednesday that the projectile being prepared for launch in North Korea appears to be a long-range missile, not a satellite as claimed by the communist country.

The assessment came a day after North Korea announced it was preparing to send a satellite into orbit.

## DEATH TOLL

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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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# Healthy habits

Tech community seeks to reduce childhood obesity with physical activity, good eating habits

By RACHEL KUYKENDALL  
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Poor diets and a lack of physical activity have contributed to an increase in childhood obesity in the United States.

More than 46 percent of children will be overweight and one in seven will be obese in the United States by 2010, according to a study published in the International Journal of Pediatric Obesity.

"Kids have a lot of what we call screen time — TV time, computer time, technology time," said Karen Meaney, a researcher and associate professor in the department of health, exercise and sports sciences at Texas Tech. "Our kids today have no opportunity to play outside. They don't have a lot of free time anymore. It's more organized."

Meaney said she developed a "Fun and Fit" after-school program directed by Tech students a few years ago to introduce good nutrition and increased physical activity into the lives of children from low-income families, but a lack of funding has put the program on hold.

Reaching low-income



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FROM LEFT, NATASHA Hardwicke, 8, fills her plate with Goldfish crackers while Kristian Coleman, 8, and Halle Garner, 10, react to an offer for ranch dressing during the "Fun and Fit" after school program taught by Texas Tech nutrition students Wednesday at Roscoe Wilson Elementary.

families is important, she said, because family income plays a part in which children deal with obesity.

"Children in low-income families have a higher rate of obesity," Meaney said. "When two parents work, fast food

is cheap and easy. It's a routine."

She said cheaper food is usually not the most nutritious.

Melanie Hart, an associate chair and associate professor in the department of health, exercise and sports sciences

who helped Meaney complete research for the program, said the increase in childhood obesity stems mostly from home environment and not from genetics.

"There's a decreased amount of physical activity — both in

school and at home — a decreased amount of recess. We have kids sitting in chairs longer," Hart said. "An increased amount of sedentary behavior really adds to obesity."

Children can no longer come home from school and go outside to play because of a lack of safety in different neighborhoods while both parents work, she said. The program focuses on low-income families because those children lack resources.

"A lot of children in higher economic environments have some resources lower income children don't," Hart said. "I guess it's a compassion thing."

According to the American Obesity Association's Web site, persons of low socioeconomic status within minority populations are particularly affected by weight problems and obesity.

Debra Reed, a professor of nutrition, said many inexpensive activities exist to help children stay physically active.

"There's a lot of low-cost things parents can do," Reed said. "Buy a 99 cent beach ball and play a game. That'll get their heart rate going pretty good."

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## Tech announces 4th VP candidate

By JON VANDERLAAN  
NEWS EDITOR

Texas Tech administrators added a fourth candidate in the search for Tech's new vice president for research, a university official said Wednesday.

Randy K. Avent, the associate chief technology officer of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will be visiting Tech's campus Monday and Tuesday, said Sally Post, a Tech spokeswoman.

Bob Stafford, member of the Tech Board of Regents and chairman of the search, said Tech President Guy Bailey asked the search committee to include a fourth candidate to ensure a more complete search.

"It's just a matter of making sure we don't leave any stones unturned," he said.

While the move is not intended to be a reflection of the other three candidates, Stafford said, Bailey requested the fourth candidate because Avent has a good research background.

"We had a really deep pool (of candidates)," he said. "All the eight we interviewed were very talented."

The search committee was charged with bringing between three and five candidates to Bailey after interviewing eight,

Stafford said, and Bailey's request for an extra candidate does not reflect any bias from the president toward a certain candidate.

Bailey was not immediately available for comment.

Avent has a great research background, Stafford said, which includes classified research as well as biology and pharmaceuticals.

According to Avent's resume, which was acquired by *The Daily Toreador*, he also collaborated with the MIT Washington Office on a national defense research and development policy to stimulate national investments in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

An open forum tentatively scheduled for 4 p.m. Monday in the Escondido Theatre of the Student Union Building will allow Avent to speak with faculty, staff and students, Post said.

Avent joins Colin Scanes of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Taylor Eighthy of the University of New Hampshire and Thomas Farris of Purdue University as a candidate for the new vice president for research.

The previous vice president for research, Dean Smith, announced his resignation from the position July 22.

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## Prop 8 stickers under investigation

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After posters and stickers decrying Proposition 8, a law in California banning gay marriage, were posted in several buildings on campus, Texas Tech officials will investigate whether a professor's comments may have motivated the student.

Dirk Fowler, associate professor in communication design, said one of his students created the stickers and posters as part of a self-designed class project. Fowler did not assign the topic matter or the way it was conveyed but was supervising the design of the project.

Fowler said he does not support the vandalism of property, but suggested the idea in a discussion that he said was misinterpreted by the student.

"I said probably something to the effect of, 'Wouldn't it be great if this was everywhere? On the president's car, on the chancellor's car,'" he said. "It was meant to be a suggestion of ... when you have a strong idea about something, how to let the important people know that you care about it."

Doors, windows, restrooms and Coke machines were vandalized with the stickers Monday night in the Administration building, the Student Media building and West Hall, along with other areas around campus. The incidents are under investigation by the Tech Police Department and campus officials.

Stickers included the words "Prop 8 Kills," while posters featured illustrations of two people of the

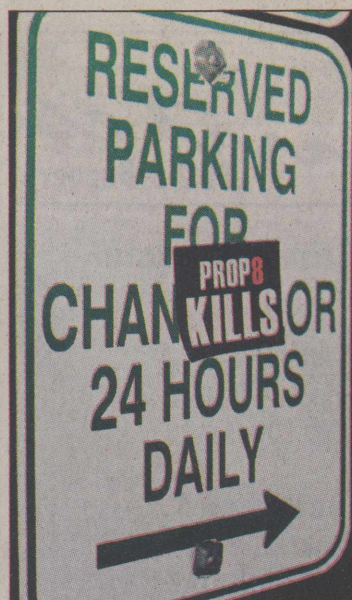


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A STICKER READING, "Prop 8 kills," was placed on the Texas Tech chancellor's reserved parking sign in the Student Union Building parking lot.

same sex being hung from the top of the poster with similar wording from the sticker.

Fowler said if he was aware the student was going to vandalize property, he would have been more clear and talked about the appropriate channels to convey a message.

"I in no way encouraged any illegal activity," he said.

Rob Stewart, interim senior vice provost, said he was not aware of a Tech professor's involvement in the incident, but that he would look into the matter.

Lt. David Parker, an officer with the Tech Police Department, said they

would prefer to wait for the student to turn himself or herself in to authorities before they begin "knocking on doors" trying to find the student.

However, he said he will not know if the student has turned himself or herself in until this morning, when daily reports are submitted.

If the professor is deemed to have a role in the actions of the student, Parker said, the case will be referred to Student Judicial Programs and the Office of the Provost.

Todd DeVriese, director of the art department, said regardless of the content in the posters and stickers, the department does not condone the posting of material without proper permission, and he believes Fowler's comments were not meant to be taken literally.

"If he did say that, I believe he said that in a rhetorical way," he said, "not intending it to be a call to action."

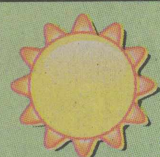
The student may have had a slight lapse in judgement when trying to find out how to get across his or her message, DeVriese said.

The director has not spoken with the student, he said, and is not completely filled in on the situation. However, he said he would hope to act in a cooperative and coordinated fashion in determining possible punishments for either the student, the professor or both.

Susan Peterson, director of Student Media, said she first saw the stickers Tuesday morning and counted 30 stickers posted inside the two-story building.

Most of the buildings on campus have open forums such as bulletin board where students can constructively convey their message, she said.

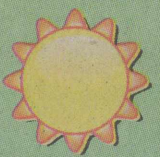
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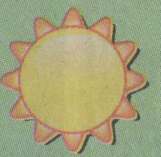
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# Candidates debate for SGA executive positions

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Candidates for the Student Government Association's executive branch debated topics of importance for the 2009-2010 school year Wednesday evening in the Escondido Theatre in the Student Union Building.

Candidates for president, Suzanne Williams and Kyle Crowl, discussed how they would lead the student body if elected into office. Crowl, a political science major, said he would help the student body by fighting for what is important to them.

"My approach will be different; I am a fighter," Crowl said. "I will go to administration and fight for the students."

Williams, an advertising major, said she would listen to the ideas of the student body and execute them.

"Everyone has something unique to bring to the table," Williams said, "we should set our personal things aside and really work for the students."

Candidates for external vice president discussed the importance of the apartments' off-campus bus

service. Trey Horkey, an energy commerce major, said he would ask apartment complexes to help subsidize costs to lower fees for Tech students and re-address the Safe Ride program.

"I'll make sure to meet with apartments to see if they can't subsidize and help us out," Horkey said. "And (the Safe Ride program) needs increased accessibility for students."

Dee Jay Wilde, an agriculture and applied accounting major, said if elected he would get Tech students involved with Lubbock City Council and utilize the many avenues open to an external vice president.

"I would create a committee to work directly with city council and have students voice their opinion so that no issues that come up in LCC can turn to be negative issues for a Texas Tech student," Wilde said.

The candidates for internal vice president stressed the importance of senators following through with their pieces of legislation.

Sarah Saunders, a political science and global affairs dual major, said follow-up is important when passing legislation.

"One of the biggest things is

follow-up. Getting that respect to hold them accountable is imperative," Saunders said.

Amelia Martin, a history major, wants to increase involvement of freshmen on campus.

"It is the biggest class, and the least represented. Not only do we want to get them here, we want to get that retention rate and tier-one status," Martin said.

Paige Smith, a restaurant, hotel and institutional management major, said her role in SGA is critical as a voice of the students.

"SGA is an organization so vital because it is the voice of the students and that is most important, not what's on our agendas," Smith said.

Graduate students running for graduate vice president, Jennifer Stout, Jacie Hood and Rahul Kanungo, addressed the issues of health insurance for international students, representation from the graduate student body on campus and travel funding for research presentations.

Kanungo said he would research how other campuses in Texas are responding to international students' health care and have Tech implement the best model.

Stout, a five-year senator in

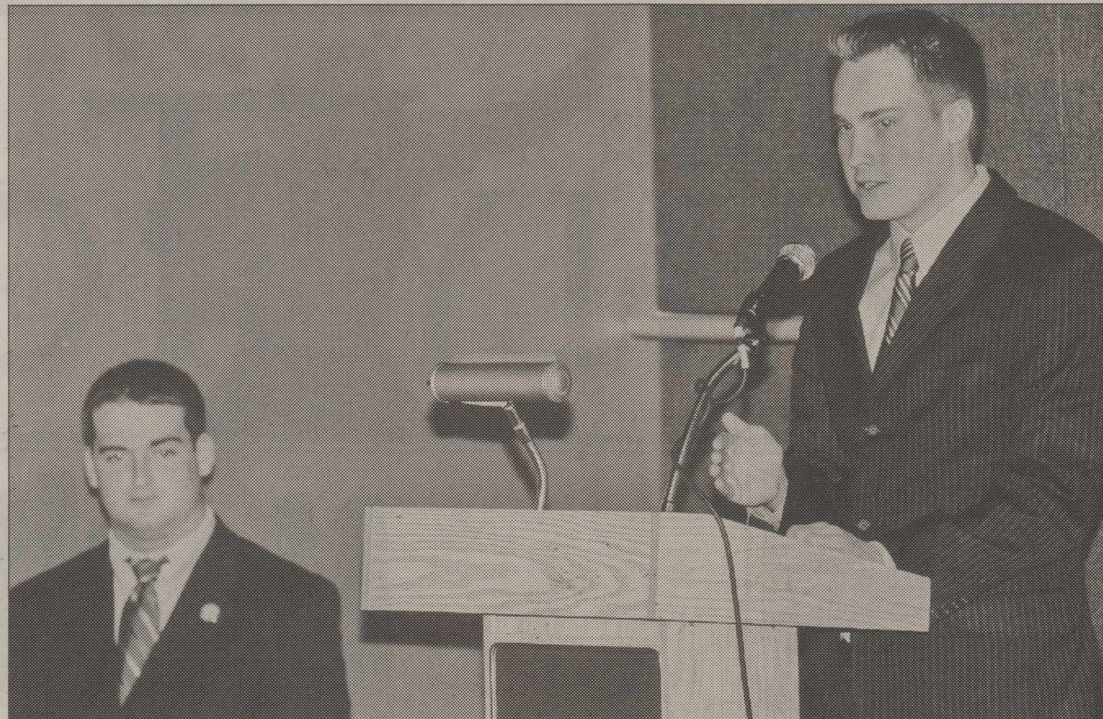


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JUNIOR DEE JAY Wilde an agriculture, accounting, and applied economics major from Wall debates against his running mate junior Trey Horkey, an energy commerce major from Lubbock, for the position of external vice-president at the SGA debate Wednesday in the Escondido Theatre.

Tech's SGA, said she would use funds from the new graduate student scholarship to help fund research travel. Hood said she would help

students utilize all resources available to them by engaging in new social media outlets.

Elections for candidates will take

place online on March 3 and 4. SGA candidates will be notified of the new officers on the evening of March 4.

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## Tech Student National Medical Association to conduct minority study, address experiences

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The Texas Tech School of Medicine and the Student National Medical Association are conducting a diversity-related study February 23 through April 1 to better understand and address minority-student experiences at the Tech Health Sciences Center.

Fahmi Farah, president of the Tech SNMA, said the study is the first of its kind at the Health Sciences Center and will include several focus groups aimed at discussing the experiences of first-year, second-year and third-year medical students and faculty in the classroom, interview and clinic environment.

"It's important to understand that when we say minority, we are not just talking about ethnicity," Farah said. "We are defining it in terms of ethnicity, religion, language and gender, and we are looking at both minority and majority view points to understand their situations and how to improve them."

Dr. Steven Berk, dean of the Tech College of Medicine, is serving as a faculty adviser to the SNMA while leading the association's efforts to study

and understand diversity.

"The SNMA is a very important group for any university," Berk said. "It serves as a flagship for issues of diversity, and we are very excited to have excellent students in such a strong group."

Berk said the SNMA and its diversity-related study will act to ensure students at the Health Sciences Center respect diversity.

"A big part of the reason why we wanted to do this is to teach students to learn from each other and to give them those opportunities," he said.

Farah said the study will attempt to understand broad-based issue areas related to minority experiences at the Health Sciences Center and will work to change the environment for every student if the study reveals problems in issue areas like religion.

"In our first focus group people said they felt they were being pushed to a certain religion in the classrooms,"



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BERK

she said. "They said they felt as though there were too many references to religion in the academic setting, and it wasn't that they were against the religion itself, it was just that it seemed unrelated to what they were learning."

Reyes Cuevas, secretary of the Tech SNMA, said it is important for Tech medical students and faculty to realize the Health Sciences Center acts as a large commuter school, creating a variety of instances where students and faculty may not share the same views.

"It's important to realize that some medical students aren't necessarily going to have the same views," Cuevas said, "and because of that they might feel like the religion is being thrown at them unexpectedly."

Farah said religion and gender issues regarding faculty lectures and the classroom could be addressed through the study by increasing awareness and altering faculty behavior that may have been done unintentionally.

"Gender was also brought up because some of the girls in the group felt it was an issue in clinics," she said.

"They felt mentors paid more attention to the boys, and perceived them to be more capable of performing certain tasks. There was a sense of that idea being there."

Farah said increasing the religious and gender diversity of Tech medical students and faculty not only will create doctors who can better serve diverse communities and cultures, but doctors who also can help prevent serious diseases in those patients in the long run.

Cuevas said it is also important to have a variety of medical students and faculty at the Health Sciences Center in order to avoid stereotyping and to promote the understanding of each group and culture.

"Increased faculty diversity and increased diversity of the student body is one of the study's major goals. The focus is on emphasizing cultural competency in doctors so that they may better understand and relate to patients," he said.

Berk said the SNMA will compile a full and detailed report of the study's findings which will be open to review. The study also will include input from the Lubbock community and most likely will involve ongoing issues beyond the tentative study conclusion date of April 1.

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## Palestinians seek \$2.8B for rebuilding Gaza Strip

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — The rival Palestinian governments — U.S.-backed moderates in the West Bank and the Islamic militants of Hamas in Gaza — presented competing plans Wednesday for rebuilding war-ravaged Gaza, each seeking roughly \$2.8 billion in foreign aid.

The moderates, led by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, believe they can raise the full amount at an international donors conference for Gaza next week in Egypt. The U.S. is expected to contribute about \$900 million, and Saudi Arabia has promised \$1 billion.

However, Gaza would need open borders and an internationally accepted government for reconstruction to move forward smoothly. At the moment, it has neither.

Hamas is widely shunned as a terrorist group, and Israel and Egypt have kept Gaza cut off from the world since the militants violently seized the territory in June 2007, leaving Abbas only in control of the West Bank.

In one scenario, Hamas and Abbas would reconcile, form a joint government and bring about an end to the Gaza blockade.

Representatives of Hamas and Abbas' Fatah movement set a new round of reconciliation talks this week, but chances are seen as slim because of deep distrust between them.

In the absence of a unity deal, the rival governments have moved ahead with separate plans for rebuilding Gaza after Israel's three-week military offensive, waged to halt Hamas rocket fire on Israeli border towns. The fighting killed some 1,300 Palestinians and damaged or destroyed thousands of homes.

In the West Bank, Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad said Wednesday that he would ask donor countries for \$2.8 billion for Gaza, citing detailed damage assessments. He said he will present a reconstruction plan to representatives of 80 donor countries Monday in Egypt.

"From positive talks with the donors, I expect the donations to exceed the required figures," he said, but declined to give details of specific items.

Even without the reconciliation of Hamas and Fatah, pledges could be made and put in escrow until the details of reconstruction are set. Fayyad also has proposed sending a lot of construction money directly to the bank accounts of owners of destroyed homes and other Gaza beneficiaries.

## Some forces to remain after Iraq pullout

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some of the U.S. forces likely to remain in Iraq after President Barack Obama fulfills his pledge to withdraw combat troops would still have a combat role fighting suspected terrorists, the Pentagon said Wednesday.

Obama plans to announce his withdrawal strategy as early as Friday. He will travel that day to Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, the White House announced Wednesday.

While there, Obama is expected to outline a compromise withdrawal plan that leaves behind as many as 50,000 troops for cleanup and protection operations.

"The president will thank the Marines and their families for their incredible sacrifice, and will outline his plan for a way forward in Iraq," said a senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the plan has not been announced.

Although most of the fighting forces would be withdrawn in the next 18 months, some troops could remain in Iraq for years to come. An agreement forged by the Bush administration with Iraqi officials requires removal of all U.S. forces by 2012.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates has said that a holdover, or "residual," force would number in the tens of thousands.

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# Recreational center adjusting to higher amount of students

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The Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center served more than 980,000 people last fiscal year and is on pace to serve many more this year.

Pee Wee Roberson, associate director of facilities at the center, said the recreation center is on track to serve more than 1 million people this year. He said one of the problems with a higher amount of people in the recreation center is keeping the 152 exercise machines in working condition.

"When we're open 18 hours a day some of those machines won't run 16 hours straight," he said. "If you run your car 16 hours a day straight, it's going to break down."

However, the recreation center will continue to maintain the machines and keep up with the students needs. Roberson said an important part for the recreation center is to ensure it is an enjoyable, safe and clean environment when people access it.

"I have a strong belief in making sure that the rec is very safe and enjoyable when someone walks in this facility," he said.

Joe MacLean, director of recreational sports at the center, said when a machine is no longer used, the staff takes it off the line but saves the reusable parts. He said the recreation center has had to hire another

employee to help with the equipment to cope with the increasing work out crowds.

"It's a difficult chore," he said. "Over the last six years, we've gone from one to two maintenance people."

For the last four years the recreation center has had money left over in the budget, which is used to purchase new equipment. MacLean said each year is more difficult because less money is available.

He said the recreation center fee committee asked for a \$5 fee increase next year, but he does not think it will be passed.

Many people do not want to raise the fee unless absolutely necessary, MacLean said. The limited amount of money could mean some extra trouble with aging equipment.

"So that would create some problems for us the next couple of years," he said, "because we wouldn't have any extra money to buy new equipment. We'll really have to know how to fix them and keep them running long."

If the Tech student population increased to 32,000, the recreation center probably would be too small a facility for that amount of people, Roberson said. It would get busy and people would have to wait to use equipment.

"If we ever get to that 32, 33 thousand," he said, "the rec will be overwhelmed."

Allison Garlitz, junior public relations major from Tyler, said she likes the recreation center because it is well-maintained and has easy access, along with a minimum student fee. She said it is organized well and does a good job of offering a variety of equipment and classes for everyone who likes to workout in different ways.

The biggest problem she has with the recreation center is how crowded it gets in the evenings, Garlitz said. She often goes inside to find no cardio machines available.

"Most of the time I go out of my way to go to the rec when I think there will be less people there," she said. "I wish I didn't have to worry about that so much."

Roberson said there is talk about an expansion, or a satellite recreation center with a few basketball and racquetball courts and a workout center.

A satellite facility would be located on campus, he said, but might offer different hours than the facility currently in use.

"We want to make sure when you walk in and you want to work out in the weight room, or you go get on a cardio machine, or play intramural basketball, or go to aerobics class that you have everything you need, everything's clean everything's ready for you," Roberson said. "That's our goal."

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# Obama seeks \$634B over 10 years for US health care

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama is asking Congress to raise taxes on the wealthy and cut Medicare costs to provide health care for the uninsured while making the just-enacted \$400 tax cut for most workers permanent.

In his first budget blueprint, Obama proposes setting aside \$634 billion over the next decade to expand government subsidized health coverage — a little more than half the money needed to ensure that every American gets medical care.

Obama is also expected to ask Congress for an additional \$75 billion to cover the costs of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan through September.

The disclosures came from three administration officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the budget won't be made public until Thursday.

Obama's budget proposal would effectively raise income taxes and curb tax deductions on couples making more than \$250,000 a year, beginning in 2011. By not extending former President George W. Bush's tax cuts for such wealthier filers,

Obama would allow the marginal rate on household incomes above \$250,000 to rise from 35 percent to 39.6 percent, said an administration official.

The plan also contains a contentious proposal to raise hundreds of billions of dollars by auctioning off permits to exceed carbon emissions caps Obama wants to impose on users of fossil fuels to address global warming. Some of the revenues from the pollution permits would be used to extend the "Making Work Pay" tax credit of \$400 for individuals and \$800 for couples beyond 2010 as provided in the just-passed economic stimulus bill.

About half of what officials characterized as a \$634 billion "down payment" toward health care coverage for every American would come from cuts in Medicare. That is sure to incite battles with doctors, hospitals, health insurance companies and drug manufacturers.

Some of the Medicare savings would come from scaling back payments to private insurance plans that serve older Americans, which many analysts believe to be inflated. Other proposals include charging higher

premium for Medicare's prescription drug coverage.

To raise the other half, Obama wants to reduce the rate by which wealthier people can cut their taxes through deductions for mortgage interest, charitable contributions, local taxes and other expenses to 28 cents on the dollar, rather than the 35 cents they can claim now. Even more money would be raised if the top rate reverts to 39.6 percent as Obama wants.

That proposal is deeply controversial, particularly with colleges and nonprofit institutions that depend on wealthy donors and with lawmakers representing high-tax states such as New York and New Jersey.

And Obama's promise to phase out direct payments to farming operations with revenues above \$500,000 a year is sure to cause concerns among rural Democrats.

Even after all those difficult choices — cutting about \$2 trillion from the budget over 10 years, administration officials say — Obama's budget still would leave the federal government heavily in the red, with deficits remaining above \$500 billion over the second half of the decade.

# Scores survive Turkish airliner crash

HAARLEMMEERLIEDE, Netherlands (AP) — A Turkish Airlines jetliner plummeted out of the mist and plowed into a muddy field Wednesday near Amsterdam's main airport, but nearly everyone on board — 125 people — survived. The nine dead included both pilots.

The Boeing 737-800 was en route from Istanbul to Amsterdam carrying 134 people when it suddenly lost speed and fell out of the sky about two miles short of the runway at Schiphol Airport, investigators said.

The jetliner broke into three pieces upon impact: the fuselage tore in two near the cockpit and the tail was ripped off. Despite the catastrophic impact, the wreckage did not burn and scores of people walked away.

Survivor Huseyin Sumer said he crawled to safety out of a crack in the fuselage.

"We were about to land, we could not understand what was happening, some passengers screamed in panic, but it happened so fast," Sumer said on Turkish NTV, adding that the crash was over in 5 to 10 seconds.

Another survivor, Jihad Alarachi, said there was no warning from the cockpit to brace for landing before the ground loomed up through the mist and drizzle.

"We braked really hard, but that's normal in a landing. And then the nose went up. And then we bounced

... with the nose aloft," she said, adding that she and her sister scrambled out an emergency exit.

More than 50 people were injured, about half of them seriously.

Authorities said the toll could have been far higher if the plane had not gone down in mud, which lessened the impact and helped avert a fire from breaking out in the ruptured fuel tanks and lines on the underside of the fuselage.

In addition, having reached its destination, the plane would have used up most of its fuel, lessening the chances of a fuel-driven fire. Authorities would not say whether the plane sent out a distress call before the crash.

"The fact that the plane landed on a soft surface and that there was no fire helped keep the number of fatalities low," Turkish Transport Minister Binali Yildirim said, adding that it was "a miracle" there were not more casualties.

# Intel chief: Gitmo jail hurts more than it helps

WASHINGTON (AP) — The detention center at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, has to be closed because of the damage it has done to America's reputation and to its ability to achieve foreign policy goals, the top U.S. intelligence officer told a House panel on Wednesday.

"Countries won't deal with us. Our popularity's down. We don't have blue chips to trade," National Intelligence Director Dennis Blair told the House Intelligence Committee.

In one of his first acts in office, President Barack Obama signed an executive order to close the jail next year. The order also convened a task force to determine what to do with the roughly 250 suspected terrorists

held there now and prisoners taken in the future.

The island jail, created by the Bush administration in 2002, has been criticized worldwide for allegations of abuse of prisoners and the confused legal status they have.

Nearly 800 prisoners have been imprisoned at Guantanamo; only a handful have been charged. Many have been released to their home countries or freed outright. More than a dozen Chinese Muslims have been ordered freed, but they have not been returned to their homes for fear they will be jailed and tortured there.

Blair also said that al-Qaida is still hoping to pull off another spectacular attack on the United States that kills many people. U.S.

intelligence believes there are al-Qaida sympathizers in the country, he said.

The most dangerous threat to the United States is weapons of mass destruction falling into the hands of terrorists, he said.

"It is people who are not deterred getting hold of weapons that could cause a lot of deaths," Blair said.

One of the world's most notorious nuclear technology proliferators, Pakistani scientist A.Q. Khan, was recently released from house arrest in Pakistan. Blair said that despite his release Khan remains under government restrictions that would prevent him from further proliferation. He did not specify what those restrictions are.

# Sierra Leone rebel leaders guilty of war crimes

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (AP) — The rebels were known for asking their victims if they preferred "long sleeves" or "short sleeves." They then cut off the hands of those who chose the first option and the full arm of those that picked the second.

On Wednesday, an international court modeled after the Nuremberg tribunal convicted three top Sierra Leone rebel leaders of crimes against humanity — the closest thing to justice in this West African nation of amputees, orphans and widows.

Revolutionary United Front leader Issa Sesay and one of his battlefield commanders Morris Kallon were found guilty on 16 of 18 counts, including mutilation, terrorism, rape, forced marriage, sexual slavery and the enlistment of child soldiers. Another commander, Augustine Gbao, was found guilty on 14 of the 18 counts.

All three had pleaded not guilty and shook their heads as the verdict was read.

About a half-million people were victims of killings, systematic mutilation and other atrocities during Sierra Leone's 11-year civil war, which ended in 2002. Illicit diamond sales fueled the conflict, dramatized by the 2006 film "Blood Diamond," starring Leonardo DiCaprio.

Rebels controlled the diamond fields and used the sale of the gem to buy guns. The rebels were allegedly trained and backed by Charles Taylor, the warlord of neighboring Liberia.

For over a decade, the rebels roamed Sierra Leone's jungles, raiding villages, vying for control of the nation's diamond fields.

Amputations became their hallmark and field commanders were known by names like "Captain Two Hands" and "Dr. Blood." They used machetes, axes and knives and sat three astride their victims, who were forced to place their hands on

concrete slabs or tree trunks. New conscripts — especially children — were given bags and told not to return until they had filled them with severed limbs.

Sesay, Kallon and Gbao are the last three rebel leaders to be convicted. The court was set up in 2003 after the end of the 11-year war that began in 1992. Five other masterminds of the conflict have already been convicted.

"The greatest significance of this is that it recognizes that the people of Sierra Leone were victims of these horrendous crimes and it holds individuals accountable," said the Special Court's chief prosecutor

Stephen Rapp. "Beyond that we are also sending a message to this country, across the region and across the world that these crimes will not be tolerated."

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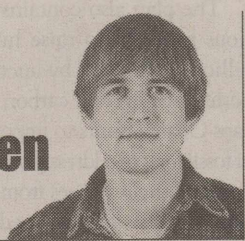
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## 'Slumdog': Feel good movie or poverty porn?

We lead mighty privileged lives in this big country of ours. We eat at all-you-can-eat buffet restaurants. We eat about 180 pounds of meat a year. We contemplate things like whether to shave every day and whether to buy the new iPhone. We hunt for sport and purchase gym memberships so that we'll look good in swimsuits.

**Eric Braden**



than bathe in water fit to drink, drink water unfit to bathe in.

With this situation in mind, I went with a friend Monday to see "Slumdog Millionaire." The film features a British director (Danny Boyle, "Trainspotting") and mostly Indian actors. The night before I went to see it, the film received eight Academy Awards, including Oscars for Best Picture and Best Director.

In the film, a boy from the airport slums of Mumbai named Jamal licks into a spot on the Indian version of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," otherwise known as "Kaun Banega Crorepati."

In flashbacks featuring children running through glistening garbage and selling knickknacks over MIA's "Paper Planes" (really?), many run-ins with cartoonish gangsters, one disloyal brother and one beautiful damsel, we (and a police interrogator, who, in an unnecessary side plot that withers away, tortures Jamal because he's a suspected cheater) learn exactly how the boy came to know all the answers.

I don't think it's a spoiler to tell

you that he gets the girl and the money.

I generally prefer to celebrate things I like rather than tear down things I dislike. And I would hesitate to diss this movie if it hadn't received so much frothing acclaim. But when you call something the movie of the year, it better be great.

"No Country For Old Men," which won the Best Picture Oscar last year, was a great film. "Milk" and "The Wrestler," fellow nominees for Best Picture, were great films. "Slumdog" is not a great film. If it had been made in America, it likely would have been called "Joe Dirt 2: Millionaire Edition," and Rob Schneider would have been involved somehow.

I don't mean to say the film lacks merit. "Slumdog" is inherently suspenseful (partly because "Millionaire," the game show, is suspenseful) and the footage onscreen is attractive, if a little hectic. The music is also pretty good. (AR Rahman and Gulzar's "Jai Ho" won the Oscar for Best Original Song.) But I didn't like it.

"Slumdog" is a film about poor people, but it's not a film about poverty. Rather, it is a film about destiny. (Phrases like "it is written" and "it is our destiny" are uttered often.) So, we get to feel good about one poor boy winning out, while not feeling particularly bad about those mil-



Photo courtesy of Fox Searchlight

lions who don't, because — here's where you shrug your shoulders — it's "destiny."

But in the real world, forces much less mystical are at work. For a recent piece in The New Yorker called "Opening Night," Katherine Boo went to the slums where "Slumdog" takes place. She spent 14 months doing research in Gautam Nagar, a slum owned by the Airports Authority of India.

In the piece, she explains how many of the people there who were selling garbage to recyclers have resorted to stealing from construction sites (a dangerous living, due to sickle-wielding security guards) because the American recession has pulled down the cost of empty water bottles.

She establishes a clear contrast

between those living in the slums and the high society ladies preparing for the Indian premiere of "Slumdog Millionaire." She writes of electric fences and walls topped with jagged glass to keep out the poor (a phenomenon I also saw in Lima, Peru, a city of more than 8 million people, when I was there last summer).

She notes the real wonder is not why such inequality persists, but why the poor (who far outnumber the rich) don't just riot. Perhaps just as we Americans often don't realize how wealthy we are, the poor in Mumbai don't fully realize the extent of their poverty.

"The fences," Boo writes, "insured against a time when a scavenger in Gautam Nagar might learn that a shot of rare Scotch consumed in 10 minutes at the Sheraton's ITC Maratha cost

exactly as much as he earned in 700 14-hour days picking up aluminum cans and used tampon applications, and find that information too much to bear."

Jamal's adventure is a twist on the old Horatio Alger stories. "Rags to riches" is the term we use when describing that classic archetype, the self-motivated poor person who will himself to his wealthy destiny. These stories let us celebrate the (fictitious) rise of one poor person, who, in our minds, represents all poor people. "If you can dream it, you can achieve it!"

But that's a lie. It is a parlous dream to believe poor people are poor not because modern civilization has failed them, but because of something less concrete, like destiny or character. It gives us the gift of not feeling guilty when we pause to consider the nearly 1 billion hungry people on Earth.

In her New Yorker piece, Boo writes the wealthy socialites at the "Slumdog" premiere were similarly placated by the film: "They could relax, not just because the film about the slum boy had a happy ending, but because the boy's suffering had been part of the solution."

And hey, if you're part of the solution, you're not part of the problem.

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## For a barometer of national mood, check out fmylife.com

**STAFF EDITORIAL**  
HARVARD CRIMSON (HARVARD)

A part of his transition strategy, President Barack Obama introduced a Web feature meant to symbolize his commitment to expanding the national conversation through the magic of Hope and Change. The feature, a component of the change.gov transition site called the "Citizen's Briefing Book," ultimately revealed that the "expertise and insight" that a large component of his web audience wished to share with the incoming President in this moment of crisis related to the need to legalize marijuana.

Perhaps Obama overestimated the American public's maturity. Over the past week, I've spent many potentially productive hours entranced by a Web site by the name "F\*\*\* My Life," which may be found at [www.fmylife.com](http://www.fmylife.com).

Browsing through the Web site, one gets the impression that fmylife is much more emblematic of the national mood than whatever's on offer at change.gov. The contents provide a disheartening image of the American psyche as a mental landscape whose anxiety cannot be assuaged by visions of hope and change, but rather dwells upon the consequences of economic "structural adjustment."

Fmylife works by presenting an array of reader-submitted faux pas — each concluding with the acronym-exclamation "FML" — and allowing readers to vote on who "deserved" it and whose life is really "f\*\*\*ed."

The top anecdotes tend to follow a certain pattern: a brief recount of one of life's little disappointments, followed by a twist of the knife that makes it just-that-much worse. For instance, one classic submission reads, "Today, my girlfriend dumped me proclaiming she wanted someone more

like her 'Edward.' I asked her who Edward was. She held up a copy of her 'Twilight' book. She was talking about a fictional vampire. FML."

Unfortunately, few of the stories are so unambiguously amusing. A distressing number recount long periods of time in which the only person to contact the poster was his or her mother, clumsily-discovered affairs, and the experience of getting laid off — often after having driven through a snow storm to reach work on time. With consumer confidence plummeting after a month in which the United States lost nearly 600,000 jobs, this is a Web site for the recession.

The Web site's essence, then, lies in evoking the mindset of adolescence. Sometimes this is literal — a primary cause of angst on FML seems to be whether the writer's "friends" are conspiring against him. More generally, though, adolescence tends to represent the stage in life in which one's life is "f\*\*\*ed" by social forces beyond one's control, often represented by parents, teachers or peer pressure.

This feeling of adolescent helplessness is the analog for our current economic condition. As a teenager, one's fundamental capabilities seem undefined and one's independence constantly under threat. As we look ahead nationally to a period of economic reorganization America embodies the awkward mal-adjustment of the pimply ninth grader, but on a macro-economic level.

Reading about break-ups via text message and unfortunate ways to find out that your mom is dating again may just be the perfect complement to a material world in which no employment relationship is safe, and your company may be flirting with setting up shop in China.

The economist Joseph Schumpeter described economic growth under capitalism as a process of "creative destruction,"

under which the old productive edifices are torn down in order to erect newer and more efficient modes of production. Few these days have the optimism to glimpse this creativity, however, within the current milieu. "We are all Keynesians now," and the system is a heedless and uncontrollable beast, controlled by "animal spirits." Logic and predictability have disappeared.

So why not find solace in those little moments where failure comes in the form of a fictional vampire?

## Obama's speech asks Americans for change

**STAFF EDITORIAL**  
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ALLIGATOR (U. FLORIDA)

While the path will not be easy, President Barack Obama outlined a clear-cut plan seeking to remedy the current ills affecting America.

In his powerful State of the Nation speech to Congress, Obama stated early on that his policies will mark a clear separation from the past, as both the government and the citizens of the United States must be more responsible as they move forward.

In outlining his recovery plan,

Obama remarked that he does not believe in bigger government, but rather in acting boldly and wisely to ensure the long-term success of the country. He stood firmly behind his first major course of action in the passage of the stimulus package, adding that the failure to act would have cost countless citizens jobs and prohibited 95 percent of Americans from receiving a tax cut.

Additionally, he spoke of a tax credit for college students — enabling millions to pay for four years of higher education without accumulating endless debt.

The key focus under Obama's direction to right the economy was directed to the everyday hardworking Americans.

Obama offered the nation a look at the harsh uphill battle that America will face, but with hope of a chance to once again thrive.

He said that there is no overnight quick fix but rather a series of long-term investments that will lead to new jobs and increased competition on the global market.

Obama went on to tout the importance of Recovery.gov — a Web site that shows Americans where stimulus money is being spent, allowing for a sense of transparency that rarely exists in the federal government. Making sure to hit on the credit crisis, Obama stated that it affects everyone, but that Americans can rest assured that their money and insurance are safe.

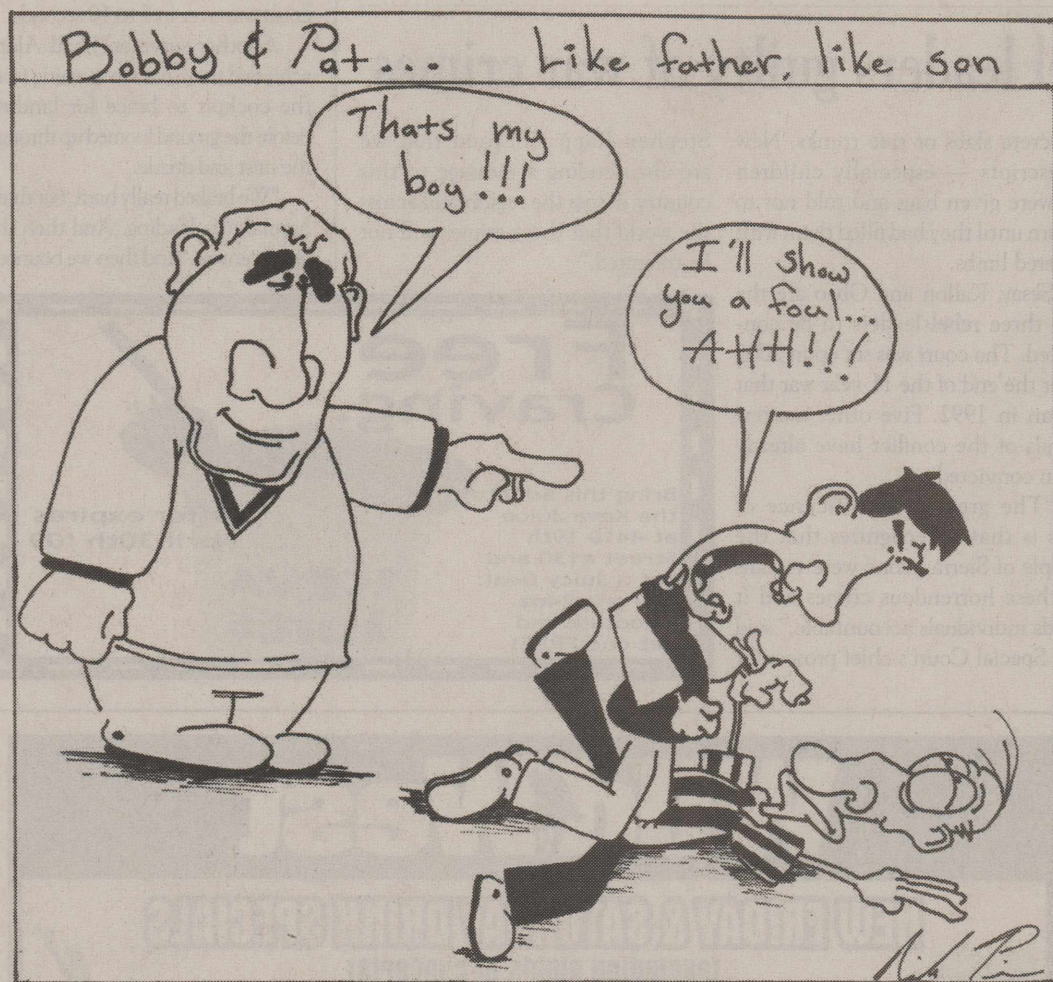
With energy, he emphasized a dedication to finding a fuel source that is not only clean and renewable but also profitable. Calling for legislation to focus attention on increased research in the field, Obama announced a commitment of \$15 billion to double renewable energy sources.

Obama addressed the importance of health care by talking about how many small businesses were forced to close and big corporations left no choice but to lay off workers due to rising costs of insurance.

The final major focus area of his speech dealt with education — stating that a lack of knowledge is a prescription for economic decline. Under his direction, Obama wants to ensure that every child in America has access to the best education possible. In perhaps his most poignant remark of the evening, Obama spoke candidly to the many students across the country who dropped out of school.

"It's not just quitting on yourself; you're quitting on your country."

A stoic, if not sobering, account of the realities of the state of America, Obama's speech provided a semblance of hope for the masses desperately seeking any hint at economic upturn.



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## Duo shares unconventional poetry with Tech audience

By HANNAH BOEN  
STAFF WRITER

Two nationally-recognized performers visited Lubbock Tuesday night to share an unconventional poetry performance with Texas Tech students.

Alvin Lau and Dan Sullivan combined break dancing, beat boxing and slide-whistle lollipop playing in the show they performed in Allen Theater about a month into their poetry tour.

"It's not black berets, long cigarettes and snapping," Lau said of the performance, "we really integrate audience members into the performance."

Lau and Sullivan are the poetry group Death From Below. The group's name comes from its opening piece about the hardships faced by people who are short. The poets brought laughter to audience members by threatening to strike back at tall people with "uppercuts to the nuts."

While some of the pair's poems made people laugh, some stories the

poets shared at the Tech Activities Board hosted event were personal and more serious, including Lau's experiences with losing his hair to chemotherapy and being cheated on by his girlfriend.

Lau said he has gotten used to sharing pieces of his personal life on stage, and both poets agree sharing serious experiences is part of being an artist.

"We're both believers in the fact that if it isn't a risk, it isn't art," Sullivan said.

Sullivan said he was inspired by poet and playwright Bertolt Brecht to integrate the crowd into the show. Brecht believed in making everyone part of the show rather than separating the audience from the performers.

Audience member and freshman English major Chris Brooks was impressed with the performance, and he said he appreciated the opportunity to see modern poetry.

"In class we usually hear dead

people's stuff," said the Dickens native, "but newer poetry is so vibrant and full of passion."

Brooks won a student poetry contest last semester at a TAB After Hours event, and he said he finds a lot of inspiration through listening to the work of other poets.

"There's just nothing like it," he said about the live poetry performance.

Brooks said he wished a poet would perform at the university every week.

TAB nightlife committee member Ashley Richardson said the board tries to bring at least one poet each semester to the university.

Richardson, a junior management major from Fort Worth, said she was happy that students were excited to see a new performer, and felt the event was not only fun but also educational.

"Students can learn confidence and public speaking skills from seeing a performance like this," Richardson said.

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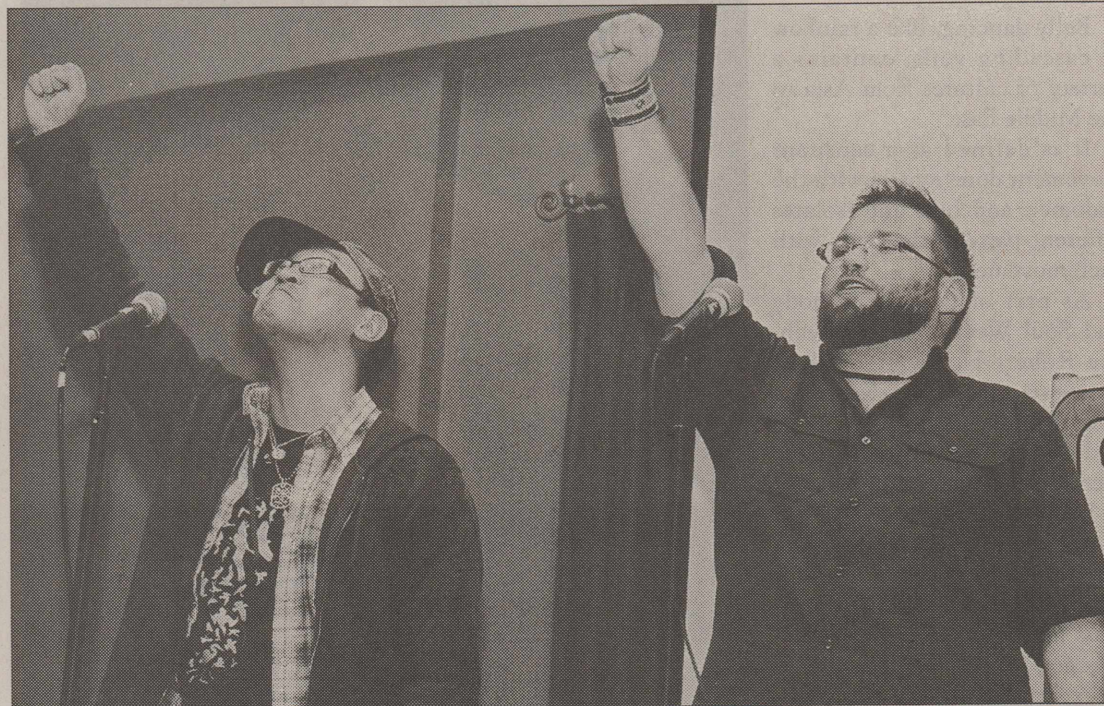


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POETS DAN SULLIVAN and Alvin Lau from the poetry group Death From Below perform Tuesday in the Matador room located inside the Student Union Building.

## Fair gives students advice for healthy lifestyles

By ERIC BOYD  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Feed Your Body and Soul Week continued at Texas Tech with the Feed Your Body Fair on Tuesday in the Student Union building.

Along with free food and T-shirts, the fair provided students with an opportunity to learn a variety of statistics and tips for becoming healthier.

Stephanie Rushing, the director of the Center for Prevention and Resiliency at Tech, said she wanted to raise awareness and give information about body image at the fair.

Rushing, who is also a certified eating disorder specialist and dietitian, said those who helped put together the fair wanted to show the difference between physical and emotional hunger and how media affects the way people see themselves.

"We're encouraging others to stand up and speak out about media and how it affects us as a society,"

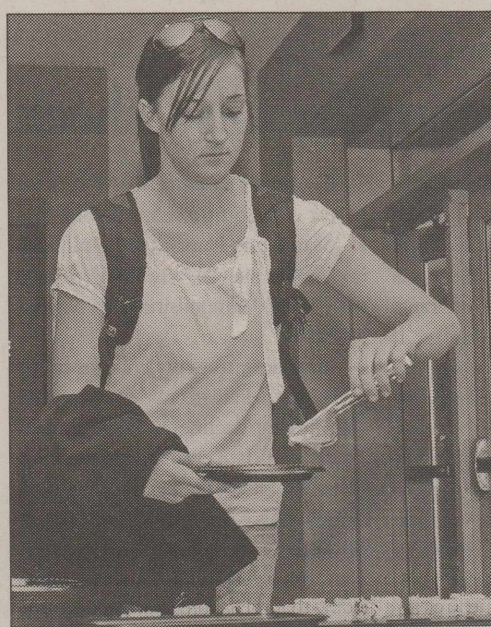


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JAMIE HOCKLEY, A junior nutrition major from San Angelo, takes some sushi at the Feed Your Body Fair Wednesday in the Student Union Building.

she said. Rushing said some students who attended looked into a distorted mirror with negative thoughts taped

to it and then moved on to an accurate mirror with healthy thoughts.

Many of the statistics taped to the mirrors showed surprising facts, she said.

"For example, 80 percent of 10-year-olds want to be thinner," Rushing said. "They think they're fat."

Jessica Kirk, a senior nutrition major from Corsicana, said she hopes students are aware body image should be positive and not negative.

The media puts out a negative perception about body image, she said, and it makes people believe they need to be "stick thin" to look normal.

"We want to promote any body image is normal," she said, "as long

as your healthy." Laura Maddux, a graduate student from Arlington, said super models are thinner than 98 percent of American women.

After attending the fair, Maddux said she learned a lot of valuable advice.

"Go to the gym, workout, eat right," she said. "Do what you can, and be healthy and better."

Erin Snyder, counseling psychologist at Tech, said Feed Your Body and Soul Week focuses on eating for health instead of eating for dieting.

Snyder said it is a way to show people the importance of eating good food and being healthy.

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## Woman in car crash with Freeman not his mistress

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The woman who was with Morgan Freeman the night of a car crash that injured both of them insists she was never romantically linked to Freeman and is suing the actor for negligence.

Demaris Meyer and her lawyer, Gloria Allred, held a news conference Wednesday announcing that Meyer has filed a lawsuit against the 71-year-old Academy Award winner.

"I have been labeled as the other woman and have been accused of having caused the breakup of Mr. Freeman's marriage," Meyer said. "Nothing could be further from the truth. I had hoped and prayed that

Mr. Freeman or his representatives would have set the record straight and cleared my name, but they have not done so and that is why I have chosen to come forward to tell the truth about our relationship."

In the days after the accident last August, Freeman's lawyer, Bill Luckett, told media outlets that Freeman and his wife of 24 years, Myrna Colley-Lee, had been separated since December 2007 and were getting a divorce. Several media outlets reported that the 48-year-old Meyer was Freeman's mistress.

Meyer said Wednesday she met Freeman the night of the accident at a dinner party at the Bayou Bend Golf and Country Club that she had been invited to by Luckett.

## Spears 'scared' of ex-manager

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Britney Spears' hairdresser testified Wednesday that the pop superstar told her she was scared of her former manager and friend, Osama "Sam" Lutfi.

The testimony came as lawyers for Spears' father seek lengthy restraining orders against Spears' ex-boyfriend Adnan Ghalib, attorney Jon Eardley and Lutfi. A judge on Wednesday extended temporary restraining orders against the men and plans to hear further testimony April 1.

Hairdresser Roberta Romero said Spears' comments came after Lutfi repeatedly sent her text messages in late December. She said Lutfi was trying to get her to convey messages to the singer, including that he was making efforts to "free" her.

Romero, who has worked as Spears' stylist for more than a year, said the singer told her to tell Lutfi to leave them alone. Romero and Spears notified the singer's security staff about Lutfi's text messages.

Romero said she only spoke to Lutfi once, weeks before Spears' security became involved. She said he was not threatening over the phone, but that the singer told her to avoid her former friend.

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# Belly dancing class teaches women to shimmy, shake

By CAYLOR BALLINGER  
STAFF WRITER

Belly dancing, like a rainbow of cascading veils, contains a variety of cultures from Asia to the Middle East.

It is defined as a sensuous movement done mostly with the abdomen and hips and isolates different parts of the body with each movement.

As part of Feed Your Body and Soul Week at Texas Tech, the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center hosted a belly dancing class for students and faculty Tuesday night at the recreation center in an attempt to build self-esteem.

Dance instructor Bryanne Velarde, a first-time instructor at Tech, taught the belly dancing class in a room full of women of all ages, shapes, sizes and levels of experience.

Belly dancing gives people confidence by moving the body in different ways, Velarde said, which is why it is part of the Feed Your Body and Soul Week.

"Belly dancing is an old tradition and is becoming a more and more popular form as people recognize it," she said.

Velarde said she has been a fan of belly dancing since she took a class at Eastern New Mexico University eight years ago while she was on the dance team.

It is a rewarding and fun way to work out, she said.

Sophomore art major Brooke Bartolowits said she and her friend intended to attend a cardio circuit workout and were surprised when they stumbled into the belly dancing class.

The Fort Worth native said this was her first time to attend a belly dancing class and she en-



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BRYANNE VELARDE, A senior psychology major from Rainsville, N.M., teaches the belly dancing class on Tuesday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Rec Center.

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joyed the new experience. "It gives confidence," Bartolowits said. "The rhythm makes the movement feel natural."

Freshman business major Madison Seymore said she also enjoyed the belly dancing class.

"I'm not used to shaking my hips as much," said Seymore, who is from Lubbock. "It teaches people to be more confident, and if you've got it, shake it."

Kate Berry, junior retailing major from Lufkin, said she came to the belly dancing class because her roommate got extra credit for

a class but was surprised to find she enjoyed it.

"I liked learning how to shake my butt," Berry said.

Now, she said, she is considering signing up for the six-week class offered at the recreation center.

Velarde said she will teach a six-week belly dancing class, which will cost \$20, at the recreation center beginning March 1.

As an instructor, she said, it is rewarding to see students' self-esteem increase and change from fear on the first day to "free-styling all over the place."

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## WALL OF TRUTH



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MAXINE RAMOS, FAR left, a sophomore Pre-Dental major from Arlington; Carolina Coronel, a junior psychology major from Ecuador; and Sara Scher, a member of the Intersvarsity Christian Fellowship staff from Lubbock, look at the Wall of Truth displayed outside the Student Union Building Wednesday morning.

## As college donating falls, schools think long-term

(AP)—The legions of fundraisers colleges hired during the boom years have a new mission for these tough economic times: Go easy on the hard sell. Talk about financial aid, not shiny new buildings. If prospects can't give now, lay the groundwork for when the economy recovers.

Victoria Gorrell, the head fundraiser at Kalamazoo College in Michigan, recently visited a Chicago attorney who'd been a generous supporter, hoping to persuade him to keep up his \$5,000 annual gifts. He cut back to \$1,000 instead.

"But I know he cares and he'll continue to give as he's able, and someday when things improve that will (go up) again," Gorrell said. She's optimistic but admits more people are telling her, "Gosh, you must have a really hard job."

A survey released Wednesday shows colleges raised a record \$31.6 billion in the fiscal year ending last June 30—an apparent sign the massive fundraising engine of American higher education was revving even as the economy slowed.

But nearly 27 percent of that went to just 20 institutions, led by Stanford (\$785 million), Harvard (\$650 million) and Columbia (\$495 million). Taking out those 20, fundraising fell 4 percent last year.

And now, to many colleges trying to replenish drained endowments, even that modest decline feels like a painfully out-of-date postcard from a now-departed golden era of college philanthropy. This year's numbers will almost certainly be worse, as colleges postpone big campaigns to avoid watching them fall short, and renegotiate some pledges to spread them over more years.

One sign of the drop: In the last six months of calendar 2008, Indiana University's Center on Philanthropy identified 444 announced gifts of \$1 million or more to higher education—14 percent fewer than the same period in 2007. The combined value of those gifts was \$3.5 billion—down 40 percent from the year before.

"There's no sugarcoating the fact that it's not going to be a good period," said Ann Kaplan, who directs the annual Voluntary Support of Education survey for the New York-based Council

for Aid to Education. Informally, colleges have reported to her donations "hit a wall" last month.

Historically, college giving holds up well in recessions under 8 months. But this one is 15 months and counting. And long bear markets not only hurt donors' wealth but lessen the tax incentive to donate appreciated securities. Stocks were at six-year lows this week.

For college fundraisers—a profession that has grown exponentially—the economic meltdown means a delicate balancing act. Their institutions are facing urgent budget shortfalls. But long-term, they can't afford to alienate donors by looking greedy.

"The first thing we do when we sit down with people is we acknowledge we know times are tough," said Michael Stitsworth, vice president for advancement and college relations at St. Olaf College in Minnesota. These days, his pitch is, "I'd like to have dinner with you and I promise I won't ask you for any money."

St. Olaf's annual fund is down a modest 5 percent compared to last year, Stitsworth said. Luckily, the school is between campaigns. It's focused on engaging more alumni in college life, hoping they'll donate later. One project brings alumni in business to campus to work with students in a finance club. While visiting, they have lunch with

## Obesity

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Reed, who is also the co-director of F.I.T. Tech, a fitness program at Tech, said one part of the F.I.T. Tech program is "Tech Fun Days," an after-school program that sends Tech students to elementary schools to teach about healthy lifestyles through nutrition, snacks and physical activity stations.

Meaney said overweight children have a much higher possibility of being overweight adults, which is called the carry-over effect.

"If you are overweight as a child," she said, "the likelihood of being overweight as an adult is huge."

Paige Jenney, a junior nutrition major, said regardless of weight, maintaining a healthy diet and constant physical activity is essential to a healthy lifestyle.

"Even if a child or person is normal or thin, they can still be physically out of shape," said the Plano native. "Starting a healthy lifestyle when you're young makes it easier to maintain throughout life."

Children's portion sizes need

to decrease, along with a lower intake of high fructose corn syrup and processed foods, Jenney said.

Meaney said family time and combining nutritious foods, such as fruits and vegetables, into fun snacks for children to eat also helps lower unhealthy eating.

"One of the things that's been shown to really lower obesity is family meals," Meaney said. "If you want kids to eat vegetables, give them celery and peanut butter."

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# Women's tennis prepares for Midwestern St., No. 21 TCU

**By ZANE TURNER**  
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The Texas Tech women's tennis team has another obstacle to overcome with a solid Division II team and its highest-ranked opponent so far this season visiting Lubbock.

The Lady Raiders continue their season against No. 32 NCAA Division II team Midwestern State (1-2) at 10 a.m. and against No. 21 TCU (4-3) at 6 p.m. today at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

Tech (2-4) and Midwestern State have a connection heading into today's contest.

Tech women's tennis coach Todd Petty played for Midwestern State, where he was an ITA Academic All-American in 2002.

Petty said it will be good to see familiar faces and get a chance to face them on the court.

"It's good to see old friends and give them the chance to come out and play," he said. "I look forward to the camaraderie there."

At Midwestern State, Petty also was a graduate assistant, leaving him with recruiting and coaching duties.

Midwestern State is a perennial Division II NCAA Tournament

team, making the tournament for the past seven years.

However, the crucial match lies against TCU.

TCU is led by the No. 12 player in the nation, Nina Munch-Soegaard and No. 49 Macall Harkins. Munch-Soegaard comes to Lubbock with a 5-1 singles record with all her wins coming against ranked opponents — most notably No. 6 player Fani Chifchieva from Auburn in a three-set tiebreaker, 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 (8-6).

"It's gonna be critical on how we start," Petty said. "Not only on doubles but how we start out in singles. If we give (TCU) a big lead and give them confidence then we're gonna be in big trouble."

All four losses Tech has suffered are against ranked teams: Mississippi State, Arizona, Denver and Rice.

The better start should help turn things around because Tech has won three out of the six doubles points this season, falling behind in the first set many times against their ranked foes.

The Lady Raiders feature three players with 4-2 records, Samantha van der Drift, Kelsy Garland and playing at No. 4 and No. 5

this season, freshman Stefanie Peana.

Kerry Potgieter said the Lady Raiders have been working on the little things to improve, cut down on unforced errors and finish off opponents.

"A lot of the time we work on winning the big point," she said. "But we're missing the little details so that's why we've been practicing the little things. And I think its definitely going to help us in this week's matches. We've gotta take it and come out aggressive and just go after them from the first point."

Despite the 2-4 start to the season, the Lady Raiders hope to learn from the mistakes they've already made, while building on the little success they've had.

A win against TCU would give Tech its first win over a ranked opponent.

"We need to be mentally strong," said freshman Lindsay Holcombe, who will get her first action of her career against Midwestern State. "We all know we can do it just as long as we stay strong."

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# Kipyego prepares for final meets with Tech track team

**By ADAM WADSWORTH**  
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The most decorated athlete in Texas Tech history is approaching her final two meets as a Red Raider.

After the Big 12 Conference Championships in College Station this weekend, eight-time national champion Sally Kipyego only will have the NCAA Indoor Championships before her collegiate eligibility runs out.

She is coming off a season where the Lady Raiders won the Big 12 cross country championship, which Kipyego said is her favorite memory.

"To win as a team, I think that was the best feeling ever," she said, "because I had people to share in that feeling and just that combined, it was such an amazing feeling."

In her final season of eligibility, she already has set multiple records and has qualified for nationals in two events prior to this weekend's Big 12 Championship.

In her first individual meet, the Texas Tech Invitational, she set an NCAA automatic qualifying time in the 5,000-meter.

Two weeks later she set an NCAA record in the 3,000-meter at the Boston Indoor Games. Since it was not an NCAA sponsored event, the time did not count for qualifying.

On Feb. 13 Kipyego attended the Tyson Invitational, where she set a school record on her way to an automatic national qualifying time in the mile.

Kipyego is set to run the mile and the 3,000-meter race this weekend in College Station. If she can repeat her performance from Boston she should be guaranteed another Big 12 Championship or at the very least a bid to nationals. If she qualifies in the 3,000-meter, she would be competing for three more national titles at the NCAA Championships.

"She's created an environment here where the girls have started to believe that we can win," Tech coach Wes Kittley said, "and saw her work ethic, saw the quality of the person she is, and it's just made all of us better."

Kittley also said the team believes

she can score

20 points at nationals by herself, so if the Red Raiders can add a few more people to the NCAA Championships, Tech could be in contention for a trophy.

Kipyego started her collegiate career in 2005 at South Plains where she won the NJCAA Cross Country and Outdoor Championships. It led her to 2006's Female Athlete of the Year Award.

She started her Tech career in the 2006 cross country season, where she quickly made her presence felt by winning her first race, the Red Raider Jackrabbit Open. She led the Red Raiders to a sixth-place finish in their first ever appearance at nationals. She won every event she competed in that year by an average of 34.94 seconds.

In the 2007 and 2008 cross country seasons, Kipyego won a second title and then a record-breaking third straight championship, becoming the first female athlete in history to win three consecutive cross country championships.



KIPYEGO

In the 2007 indoor track season, she was named All-American in the 3,000-meter and the 5,000-meter races, both of which added national championships to her resumé. In the 10,000-meter race in the outdoor season, she won her fourth NCAA title.

The 2008 indoor and outdoor seasons brought her two more national championships, both in the 5,000-meter.

Kipyego will run the mile at 3 p.m. Friday and the 3,000-meter at 5:45 p.m. Saturday at the Big 12 Championships. Results for the entire meet can be found at www.big12sports.com

However, what happens after this season ends still remains a question for the eight-time national champion.

"Right now I'm just taking it one day at a time," Kipyego said. "I don't know what's going to happen after indoor nationals, get done with school, but I'm just hoping that things go well."

Although her exact future is not perfectly clear, she said she definitely plans to run professionally.

"I never bet against her," Kittley said. "I think she's the best."

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# Tiger has triumphant return at Match Play

MARANA, Ariz. (AP) — Tiger Woods felt like he had never been away.

He played that way, too.

Woods took five practice swings, slow and measured, settled over the ball and then backed away to make sure he was aiming in the right direction. Then he launched his 3-wood down the fairway and went back to work.

"Walking down the fairway, it felt like business as usual," he said. "I thought I would be more nervous on the first tee. It just came back down to playing the game again, and that felt good."

His game looked as good as ever. Woods made a triumphant return

to golf Wednesday in the Accenture Match Play Championship with a birdie-eagle start and a convincing victory that showed golf what it had been missing in the 253 days since he limped his way to an epic U.S. Open title.

The gentle fist pump returned when he hit 3-iron from 237 yards to within 4 feet for eagle. He struck another familiar pose by slowly raising his putter over his head as a 20-foot eagle dropped on the 13th hole.

The only attention paid to his left knee came after a lengthy wait on the 315-yard 15th hole. Woods stretched his legs, then grabbed a 3-wood and drove onto the green.

He never trailed Brendan Jones of

Australia, closing him out with a par save from bunker to win, 3 and 2.

"He's Tiger," Jones said. "He does freakish stuff."

Woods said he had looked forward to the rush of competing. It was as if all that time away from golf had been bottled up inside him. And then it came gushing out on a scorching day on Dove Mountain, where temperatures approached 90 degrees.

Fans packed into the bleachers around the first tee, with more lined up behind the ropes all the way to the green. Their cheers when Woods walked onto the tee could be heard all the way down the fairway.

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## Tech bounces back in 6-3 win

By MIKE GRAHAM  
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Robert Kilcrease and the Red Raiders got a measure of revenge against the New Mexico Lobos.

Texas Tech (5-1) defeated UNM 6-3 Wednesday at Dan Law Field off strong pitching from Kilcrease and relievers Brennan Stewart and Cory Large to close out a six-game home stand.

UNM gave Tech its first loss of the season 13-10 Tuesday.

Kilcrease (1-0) pitched six innings while allowing just two runs, both of which came in a shaky first inning where he also allowed three hits. From that point on, Kilcrease threw five innings of shutout ball, allowing just one hit and two walks while tossing two strikeouts. He finished the game with four strikeouts.

"That's how we're going to have to win," Tech coach Dan Spencer said. "I'm very proud in the way our guys have shown up in the first six games of the season and the intensity level was good again."

Kilcrease's first collegiate start came against the Lobos (4-2) last season in a losing effort, 7-3.

"I knew New Mexico would be a great hitting team, they're a great ball club," he said. "I just needed to go out there and pitch my game."

Throughout the game, it seemed wherever the baseball went, Tech third baseman Justin Berry was there.

He had 10 assists for put outs and one put out on his own.

Tech designated hitter Scott LeJune hit his first collegiate home run in the bottom of the second off UNM's Jason Oatman (0-1) to start the scoring for the Red Raiders, who at that point, were down 2-0.

Oatman gave up all six of



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TEXAS TECH'S ROBERT Kilcrease allowed four hits and two runs in six innings of work in the Red Raiders' 6-3 win against New Mexico Wednesday at Dan Law Field.

Tech's runs through 4 1/3 innings of work.

After LeJune's homer, Logan Brown was hit by a pitch and a Michael Reed double brought Brown home to tie the game.

From that point, Tech's pitching and fielding dug in allowing just one more run in the seventh inning off Stewart.

Large came in to start the eighth earning the save with two innings of shutout ball.

First baseman Chris Richburg and left fielder Taylor Ashby had an RBI apiece in the bottom of the second to give Tech the lead, 4-2.

In the fifth inning, Richburg had yet another home run, his second in two games and third of the early season to add to the cause. The shot to center field extended Tech's lead to 6-2.

"I feel good," Richburg said. "It's still early. Obviously, being a

hitter that's something that comes and goes sometimes. You just try to do the best you can. Lately, they have been."

Richburg now has 10 RBI on the season and is batting .450, both of which lead the team. He also leads the team in runs scored with 12.

A four-game win streak for the Lobos was snapped by the Tech victory.

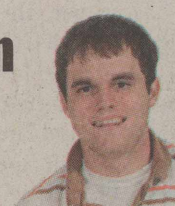
Tech will hit the road today for an eight-game, 11-day road trip in California where the squad will face Cal State-Northridge Friday, Saturday and Sunday before visiting California-Riverside.

Tech and Cal-Riverside will then travel to Palm Springs, Calif., for another game against each other in the Palm Springs Tournament. Tech then will face San Francisco, Gonzaga and Spencer's old team, Oregon State.

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## February sets stage for March Madness

Brandon Aday



February is just days from being over, and if you're a college basketball fan, you probably think the powers that be made February the shortest month of the year for a reason: so we could get to March quicker.

Before we look into this year's potential madness, it should be noted that February storylines such as Notre Dame's collapse and resurgence, all of the Top-10 upsets, the raging "ACC or Big East" debate and the Big 12's chaos at the top did a stellar job setting the stage for college basketball's free-for-all.

Before the NCAA tournament hits and the "sick days" start to pile up, here is what we've learned and what we still need to learn before selection Sunday.

Blake Griffin is hands down going to be the National Player of the Year.

Even in injury he solidified his standing; Oklahoma had won 13 straight before he missed essentially two games — both Sooner losses.

Although Tyler Hansbrough is putting up similar numbers with similar team success compared to last year when he beat out Michael Beasley, he cannot repeat winning the award. The biggest knock on Beasley was even with his efforts, Kansas State was still a mediocre team, whereas this year, the Griffin-led Sooners can stand toe-to-toe with Hansbrough's Tar Heels.

The mid-major teams' performances have added another wrinkle to March Madness.

The major conferences can thank their mid-major brothers for strengthening their tournament outlook.

Recent stumbles by Davidson, Utah State and Saint Mary's mean those three schools must win their respective conference tournaments to reach the Big Dance.

This is part of the reason for the weak bubble this year, as now three spots are opened up for teams from the Big East, ACC and Big 10. Those spots likely will be filled by teams with losing conference records.

College basketball has shifted east this season.

With relatively down years from the Pac-10, Big 12, Big 10 and even the WAC, the ACC and Big East could take almost half of the at-large bids to themselves.

The East Coast is certainly college basketball's 2009 Fertile Crescent because seven of the top eight seeds in ESPN's Bracketology come from the far-eastern United States.

That being said, the western teams could have a decided advantage in securing the final at-large bids to the tournament.

There are several ACC and Big East teams that must finish strong and make a solid conference tournament run to solidify their tournament chances. Simple statistics say when all of those teams must play each other, they all cannot win. This should open the door for an extra Big 12 or Big 10 team to steal a spot by advancing in a decidedly easier conference tournament and thus making a great last impression on the selection committee.

If Kansas can beat Missouri Satur-

day and essentially wrap up a Big 12 championship, then Bill Self deserves Coach of the Year.

Coming off last year's National Championship, it seemed early on that he was at the helm of an NIT team. Even though he was helped by Griffin's injury and a down Big 12, winning the conference would be an unbelievable accomplishment nonetheless.

Which makes me wonder: as down as Kansas fans were about exchanging Roy Williams for Bill Self, is it possible KU came out on top?

Williams is certainly the better recruiter, as evidenced in the teams he has put together at KU and North Carolina. But Self, in my opinion, seems to have a decided advantage as an in-game coach.

When KU pulled the minor, minor upset over UNC in last year's tournament, UNC fans were flabbergasted at how out-of-hand the game got before Williams would call a timeout or make any sort of adjustment. Self, on the other hand, has a "rebuilding-year" team sitting atop the Big 12.

I knew I was ready for March when I was texting a friend and "bracketology" came up as a T-9 word suggestion.

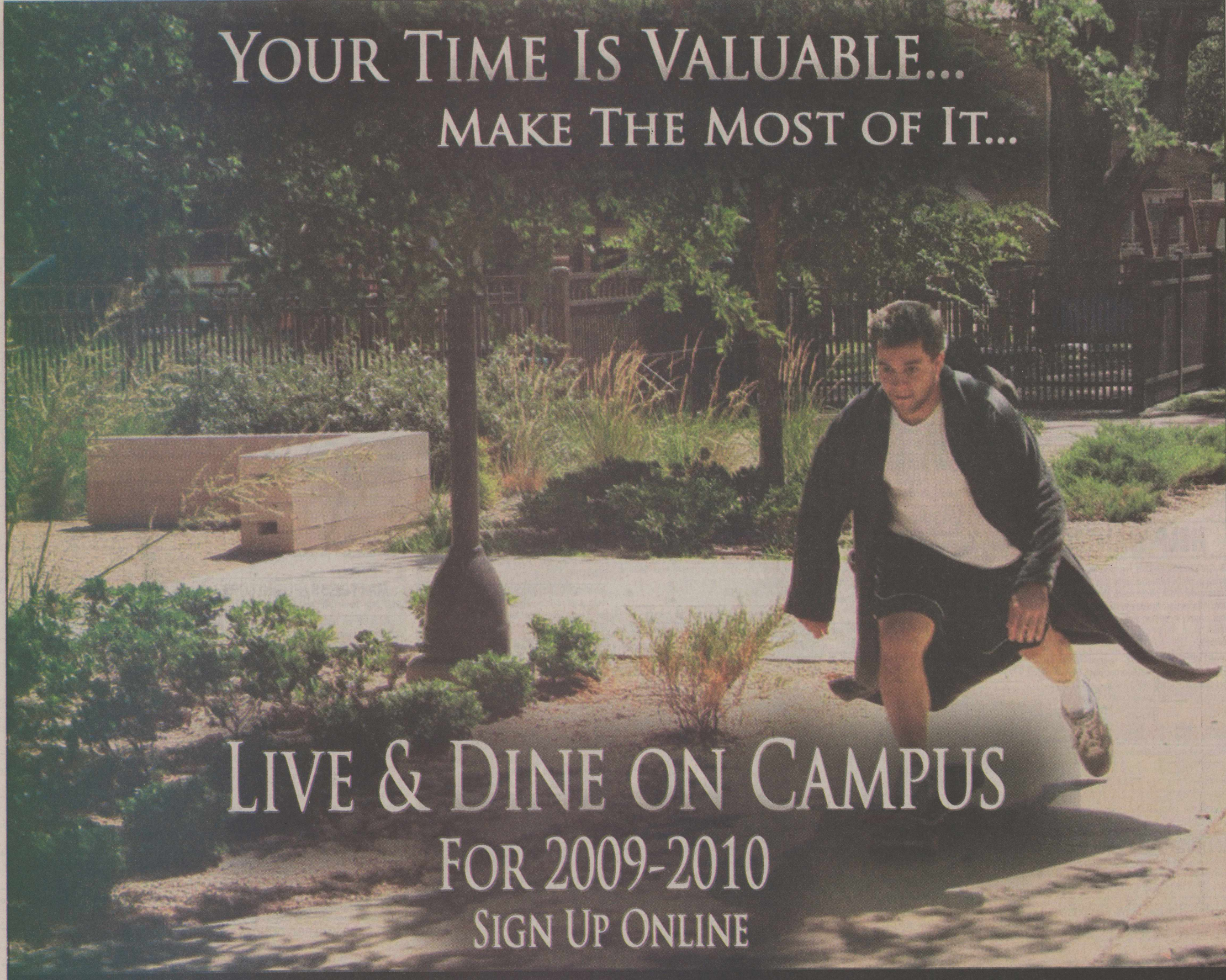
This college basketball season has primed us for what should be an exciting March.

So get settled on the couch and watch as bubbles burst, Cinderellas emerge, and a national champion is crowned.

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